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YARROWDALE PRISONERS REACH SWITZERLAND

ZURICH, Switzerland, March 12.—Laden with presents showered upon them by the Swiss, fifty-nine Yarrowdale prisoners arrived in Zurich today. Although emancipated from their imprisonment and lack of food since their arrival in Germany on December 31, they are in fair condition.

The captors said they were convinced that the raider which sank their vessel was the Blitz of Bremen. They described her as a brand new vessel of about 3,000 tons, capable of eighteen knots, equipped with one funnel, two masts, one false funnel, four torpedo tubes, seven rapid fire guns and a wheelhouse which was hidden by the sides of the ship. The funnels had a device by which the stripes could be changed at will and the ship's doors were so constructed as to cut off all light when they were open.

Severe Treatment. The men told of the severe treatment to which they had been subjected in the German prison camps at Neustrelitz, Dülmen and Brandenburg, where they had been successively interned after having been brought into Swinemünde on the Yarrowdale and where they, as Americans, they said, were apparently singled out from all others.

Terrible Sufferings. The men tell of the terrible sufferings they underwent during a period of severe cold weather in Germany due partly to lack of fuel but more to the absence of the shoes and clothing which they had lost.

They party includes all of the Americans detained except one seaman named Bullard, of a French-Canadian family, claiming to have been born in Massachusetts, who at the last moment was held in Brandenburg. They were accompanied by one Brazilian and one Spaniard.

SPANISH LIBERALS VICTORIOUS IN ELECTION

MADRID, Spain, March 12.—Interdepartmental elections for members of local governing boards were held yesterday. In the great majority of cases liberals and friendly to the government were chosen.

MEDFORD BOY GETS A GOOD POSITION IN SAN FRANCISCO

The students of the Medford Commercial College were more than delighted on Friday morning to learn through a telegram from W. F. Shann from J. H. Janson of Napa, California, that W. C. Dunton, their fellow worker during the past six months in the shorthand department of the local business college, had secured a fine stenographic position with a prominent firm of San Francisco.

THE HIGHWAY SITUATION.

IT IS authoritatively reported that at least one member of the new state highway commission favors the construction of the forest road from Myrtle Creek via Tiller to Trail with funds appropriated by the state under the Bean-Barrett bill and by the government under the Shackelford bill, instead of constructing the Crater Lake highway.

This road runs through a practically uninhabited country. It has been agitated for a number of years as a short cut for the Pacific highway. As such it would cut off from the Pacific highway the southern part of Douglas county, all of Josephine county and all north of Medford in Jackson county, the thickly populated portion of the country.

The first permanent roads to be constructed should be those benefitting the resident population. While this cut-off should be and probably will be eventually constructed, the first construction work should be upon the established and authorized highways. The construction of the Tiller road would benefit only the through auto traffic and the few property owners whose property it will enhance in value.

The Tiller road was first projected by Forest Supervisor Bartrum of the Umpqua forest reserve, who owns property at Tiller. Its principle advocate is County Judge Masters of Douglas County, also a large property owner at Tiller, who spent considerable county money last year in constructing a portion of this road.

Last year the federal government, co-operating with the state and county, made a complete survey and located the route of the Crater Lake highway. Estimates of cost have been finished and the project is ready for construction upon the letting of contracts.

The building of this highway is very dear to the hearts of the people of Jackson county. They secured a state appropriation of \$100,000 in 1909 for its construction, but the supreme court invalidated it. By public subscription, \$25,000 was raised and spent in eliminating the worst features of the grade.

Now the state is given opportunity to co-operate with the federal government in constructing a magnificent highway and Jackson county expects the state highway commission to definitely set at rest rumors of double-crossing and double-dealing and political frame-ups, by going on record for the immediate construction of this highway.

If definite assurances for a square deal are not forthcoming, there is no incentive for Jackson county's getting behind the proposed \$6,000,000 bond deal for benefitting a state that refuses co-operation and imposes taxation without resulting benefit.

CHURCHES UNITE TO SUPPORT PRESIDENT

NEW YORK, March 12.—Germany, says a statement made public today by the New York Federation of Churches, "should be made aware of the essential unity of our people and of their loyal determination to make all sacrifices necessary to protect our liberty and to maintain our honor."

PRESIDENT GRANTS INDIANA A RESPITE

WASHINGTON, March 12.—President Wilson today granted a second reprieve and April 19 to Edward Mayberry, an Indian, under sentence to be hanged at Spokane, March 29. The reprieve was granted to enable his attorneys to present an application for clemency.

Treasury department officials have decided to allow Mayberry to be hanged on the roof of the Federal building at Spokane. Capital punishment has been forbidden in the state of Washington.

COOS BOOTLEGGER COMMITS SUICIDE

MARSHFIELD, Ore., March 12.—A few hours before he was to have been sentenced for importing liquor illegally, Thomas Madden, former saloon keeper, shot himself twice at his home here today. The second shot was fatal. Madden was recently convicted of importing liquor. Last fall he was indicted on the same charge, and took poison, but recovered.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Wilson of Portland are spending a few days in the city.

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29,420,000 PHONE CALLS PER DAY ON BELL SYSTEM

NEW YORK, March 12.—A daily average of 29,420,000 telephone calls were recorded in 1916 by the Bell system, which was approximately at the rate of 100 calls a year for every man, woman and child in the United States, according to the annual statement of the company made public here today.

It was announced that the pressure of business had been so great that it was planned to spend \$99,000,000 this year for improvements as against \$66,000,000 last year.

The report of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, separated from that of the Bell system, showed net earnings of \$44,743,376, an increase of \$2,625,889 over 1915.

Over the entire Bell system during the year there were added 1,344,779 miles of wire, bringing the total to 19,856,315.

GERARD LEAVES CUBA FOR UNITED STATES

HAVANA, March 12.—James W. Gerard, former American ambassador to Germany, and a party of 54 sailed for Key West at 10:10 a. m. today on the steamship Governor Cobb.

OUTLOOK BRIGHT FOR TURK VICTORY SAYS ENVER PASHA

LONDON, March 12.—Enver Pasha, who has just returned from Asia Minor to Constantinople, has informed the Turkish parliament that the military situation is better than at any time since Turkey's entrance into the war, according to a Reuter dispatch from Constantinople by way of Amsterdam. Enver Pasha is quoted as saying:

"We, and our allies await with calm confidence any offensive which the enemy may launch in the coming spring. The chamber will pardon me if I preserve silence regarding the action which we on our part propose to take."

"The safety of the Turkish coast and the Dardanelles is better assured than ever before. On the Sinai front the situation is unchanged. On the Mesopotamian front we retreated northward for military reasons. For similar reasons we have drawn in toward Kermanshah on the Persian front. The situation on the Caucasus front is unchanged. To sum up, the whole outlook justifies confidence in the future. Thanks to the Almighty we shall obtain the final victory."

BURGLAR ALARM GOES OFF AT FRUITGROWERS BANK

Because the mechanism of the burglar alarm in the Farmers and

Fruitgrowers bank was out of gear a hair's breadth, the alarm on the front of the building began ringing at ten minutes to nine Saturday night and kept it up until officials of the bank arrived, and adjusted the lock. The contrivance, which is one of the most modern in any northwest bank, lived up to its guarantee. To the ordinary citizen the fractional difference in the adjustment would not be noticed. It was on the door on the inside of the main vault. It demonstrated the difficulty a crookman would have to enter the bank without waking up the town. A large crowd gathered on account of the long ringing.

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