

WIMER OF WALDO PIONEER MINER CROSSES DIVIDE

W. J. Wimer of Waldo, Oregon, died Monday night at the Good Samaritan hospital at Grants Pass, after an illness of two months. He was one of the early pioneer settlers of the Willamette and Rogue river valleys. His father, Jacob Wimer was a millwright and operated a large flour mill in Iowa before coming to the Pacific coast. Here he operated the Eagle mills just outside of Ashland, Oregon, for a number of years, after which he and two of his sons, George W. Wimer and W. J. Wimer, operated the Phoenix Flour Mill. Following this W. J. Wimer removed to McMinnville, Oregon, where he lived for a number of years and was engaged in the mercantile business. Jacob Wimer, in the early 70's established the present settlers' store at Waldo and later George W. Wimer and W. J. Wimer, his sons, entered into a partnership with him in the mercantile business.

Pioneer Placer Miner.
At that time Waldo was one of the largest and most active placer mining camps on the Pacific coast. Prior to this time a number of salaried men had deserted from a ship at Crescent City, California, and made discoveries of rich placer deposits practically at Waldo, and at what is known as Sailor's Gulch. The excitement created by these discoveries drew miners from all sections. Soon approximately five thousand people were engaged almost exclusively in mining in that immediate section and on the various streams outflowing into the Illinois river, Allen Gulch, Butcher Gulch, Fry Gulch and the Rough and Ready.

In 1876 Jacob Wimer and his two sons, George W. Wimer and W. J. Wimer with George and Walter Simmons acquired a portion of what was afterwards known as the Wimer mine in Butcher Gulch, and which is situated about a mile from Waldo, where they engaged extensively in placer mining operations. Afterwards the Wimers succeeded to the interest of George and Walter Simmons, and George Simmons with Zach and Tod Cameron opened up the adjoining mines which are now known as the Simmons or Logan properties.

Formerly an Editor.
W. J. Wimer remained actively engaged in the operation of the Wimer properties until about the year 1883 when he removed to Oakland, California. Later he returned to Josephine county and for some years was the proprietor and editor of the Grants Pass Courier, a weekly publication. In the latter part of the 80's he and his brother, George W. Wimer returned to the Waldo placers and again engaged in hydraulic mining. In the year 1889 or 1890 A. E. Reames became associated with them in the ownership of the property and new and additional property was acquired and in 1900 they organized the Deep Gravel Mining company which has since that time been engaged in the operation of these properties. Later George W. Wimer retired from the corporation and removed to Tumalo, Oregon, where he engaged in stock raising. Since then W. J. Wimer has remained actively in the management of the affairs of the company. He installed on the property one of the first hydraulic elevators installed in any of the mines in southern Oregon.

Active in Public Affairs.
Mr. Wimer wrote and read a great deal and was always deeply interested not only in modern mining methods and appliances but in the affairs of state and politics. He was a life long democrat but in local and even in national affairs he was a strong believer in putting the public good above political requirements. For many years he was an important factor in Josephine county politics although he never sought or accepted office.

He was a man of very high principle and very strong conviction as to right and wrong and ever ready to defend his position; with these characteristics he was naturally a man of very strong friendships and of very strong dislikes. He was of the sturdy type that helped to bring this country out of the wilderness and his loss will be mourned by a very large circle of friends and acquaintances.

He leaves a widow, Annie Dawes Wimer, who is at this time ill at her home near Waldo. Four children survive him: Mrs. William Fallen, Mrs. W. J. Maloney and Evan Wimer, of Grants Pass, and Mrs. Mary W. Peacock, of Crescent City, California.

The funeral services will be in charge of the I. O. O. F. lodge at Grants Pass, Oregon, but the date has not yet been announced.

Miss Louise Burke returned yesterday after spending the winter at Pasadena, Calif., where she visited her sister, Mrs. John Wilson.

AMERICAN GENIUS PRODUCES WEAPON WHICH MAY DECIDE THE WORLD WAR

Admiral Fiske Perfects Scheme to Launch Torpedoes From Aeroplanes—Chance Seen to Force Kiel Canal and Enter Germany.

BY J. H. DUCKWORTH.
NEW YORK, April 24.—In the torpedoplane, a war instrument just invented by Admiral Bradley A. Fiske, U. S. N., America may have the long sought invention that will decide the world war.

Victory, it is claimed, will go to the side which brings forth the most formidable new engines of destruction. It is claimed this new weapon will make a \$20,000 seaplane a worthy match for a \$20,000,000 battle cruiser.

After German Fleet.
War experts agree that the war could be decided in short order if the allies could put out of commission the German fleet which is bottled up in the Kiel canal, and enter Germany by land from the north.

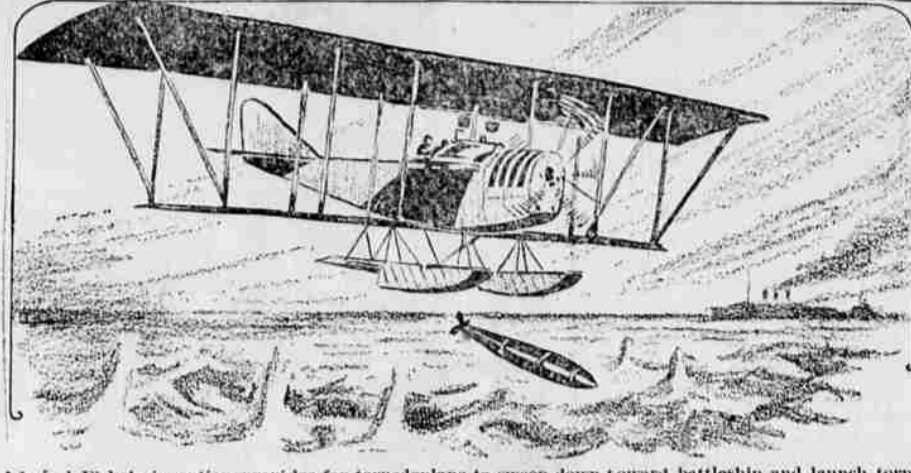
The wonderful British navy, which has the German fleet bottled up, cannot enter the Kiel canal because of the thousands of mines laid by the Germans.

It is argued that the only way to destroy the German fleet is by attack from the air, beyond the reach of mines, and this means is furnished by Admiral Fiske with his scheme of launching torpedoes, like those used by destroyers, from aeroplanes.

Describing his invention, Admiral Fiske says:
"That the torpedoplane will become an important factor in naval warfare in the near future many people have no doubt. It enables the regular Whitehead auto torpedo to be launched from an aeroplane as effectively as from a destroyer.

How it Operates.
"The aviator approaches an enemy ship from a great distance and high up in the air; and when about six or seven miles away he volplanes toward the water, runs above the surface a short distance, heading for his target.

"When ready he pulls a lever, the action of which releases the torpedo, which is rigidly held under the aeroplane, and at the same time throws back the starting lever. The result is that the torpedo takes to the water in exactly the same way as if it had been dropped from a destroyer.



Admiral Fiske's invention provides for torpedoplane to sweep down toward battleship and launch torpedo as effectively as from a destroyer.

"Naval officers agree it would be difficult for the guns of a ship to hit a torpedoplane. Accurate firing from a rolling ship at an aeroplane, especially if that aeroplane is neither overhead nor on the surface of the water is almost impossible.

Hard to Hit Airship.
"The difficulty is to find the range. A rapidly approaching ill-defined

aeroplane makes an elusive target. The sudden changes in the height of the torpedoplane as she swoops down would increase the difficulty.

"For an attack on battleships, such as might approach our coast, the large size torpedo weighing about a ton, would be best. This can be fired from a distance of five sea miles or more.

"For carrying torpedoes like this we now have in this country a number of aeroplanes large enough for the task. This gives, I think, the most ready defense that we can put up at this time.

"Torpedoplanes on either side during the Jutland sea battle would have given tremendous advantage over the other side."

SWEDISH COMMISSION TO VISIT AMERICA

LONDON, April 24.—The forthcoming visit to Washington of Herman Lagerantz, formerly Swedish minister to the United States. It is expected will be followed by the sending to America of a commission composed of representatives of Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, for the purpose of making the fullest arrangements for the importation of foodstuffs and other materials of which these countries are in urgent need.

SARAH BERNHARDT STEADILY IMPROVING

NEW YORK, April 24.—Sarah Bernhardt was better today, her condition showing a steady improvement during the past twenty-four hours, according to a bulletin issued by her physicians.

WOOL GROWERS ASK FOR CHANGE IN RULES

WASHINGTON, April 24.—The National Wool Growers Association, representing wool growers of sixteen states today petitioned the interstate commerce commission to compel the railroads to change their rules governing the baling of wool for eastern markets.

Present rules require that wool be baled to a density of 19 pounds per cubic foot and the growers say that unless a more reasonable density rule can be established, that it will be only a short time until the growers will stop baling wool altogether.

PRESIDENT SIGNS WAR BOND ISSUE

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Wilson today signed the war \$5,000,000,000 in government bonds and \$2,000,000,000 in treasury certificates.

CAPTAIN SWEENEY TO TRAIN AMERICANS

NEW YORK, April 24.—Captain Chas. Sweeney of Spokane, Wash., who has fought in the foreign legion in France, arrived here today and will go to Washington, D. C., to offer his services in the training of the American army. The French government granted him unlimited leave of absence for this purpose. Captain Sweeney's valor won him rapid promotion and the Cross of the Legion of Honor and other honors. He is a son of a former president of the Federal Smelting and Refining company and is a West Point graduate.

SPAIN AGAIN PROTESTS SUBMARINE WARFARE

MADRID, April 24.—The government has sent another note to Germany on the submarine question, according to El Imparcial.



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150 ANIMAL TRAINERS	ONLY REAL WILD ANIMAL CIRCUS ON EARTH EVERY ANIMAL A PERFORMER	506 PEOPLE
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