

Germany to Stand Firm, Say German Letters
United States Is Losing No Time in National Defense

GERMAN PEOPLE DO NOT WANT TO STOP SUBMARINE WAR

BELIEVE NATIONS DIFFER WITHOUT BREAK IS STATED

CLEAR GERMANY OF ANY FAULT IN CASE OF BREAK

Germany Must Stand Firm in Sense of Letters Received by German Officials From Citizens as Given Out to United Press Correspondent by Under Secretary of Foreign Affairs. Germany's Next Step Undecided.

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BERLIN, July 27.—"Germany must, in her reply to the American note, stand firm," is the portion of a letter read to me by Under Secretary Zimmerman of Foreign Affairs here, which is but one of many that are being written by prominent citizens over the country and received by German officials here. The tones of the letters indicate that they do not want to abandon the submarine warfare.

Another of the letters said: "This is a time when firmness and courtesy are needed. In this day and age it is possible for two great nations to differ without breaking off relations. Germany has never done anything to cause a break. You can assure the Americans of this. We hope that an adjustment of the present situation is possible."

"Our next step is undecided, but Germany will probably remain firm on her previous stand," Zimmerman then asked if I thought that the Americans would support the American note. I said that they would, and he replied: "Well, you can see that the people here will back us up."

BARN BURNS; SHOOTING OCCURS

WOOD HOLLOW NEIGHBORS INTO TROUBLE FOLLOWING BURNING OF E. A. LAWRENCE'S BARN YESTERDAY

Todd, also of Dodd's Hollow, of setting fire, Todd shot Lawrence in the arm here this morning.

Hearing of the accusation, Todd went to the Lawrence place near his own this morning, and on seeing Lawrence and following words, during which Lawrence is reputed to have dared Todd on his place, Todd started toward Lawrence carrying a 22-calibre rifle. He began shooting when about fifty feet from Lawrence, according to the report, stating that he meant to kill.

One shot pierced Lawrence's arm, and during the melee another man jumped onto Lawrence, beating him with his fists, according to the report here. Lawrence is not badly injured. Dr. Patterson of this place dressed his wounds.

Judge Gale and W. A. Renner, attorneys of Klamath Falls, arrived this afternoon to appear for the plaintiff, Lawrence, at the preliminary hearing which is being held.

Lawrence has been having trouble with his neighbors for some time, according to J. Frank Adams, who is in the city today. Considerable feeling has existed between Lawrence and a number of his neighbors. Mr. Adams states that several of his friends informed him last year that Lawrence had killed a number of his cattle, had implicated several others in it by asking them to knock one in the head which he had shot, and then telling them that they were mixed up in it as bad as the others.

ORPHEUS BURNS THIS MORNING

LOCAL THEATER OPERATED BY ARCHIE TINDALL GUTTED IN EARLY MORNING BLAZE—NO CLUE TO ORIGIN

Starting from an unknown cause, with a strong suspicion of carelessness or incendiarism, the Orpheus theater building, owned by Major C. E. Worden of this city, in which the moving picture house was operated by A. Y. Tindall, burned early this morning about 3:45, with a \$5,000 loss to Mr. Tindall. Tindall stated this morning that on July 2 he had dropped \$1,000 insurance on his property, but still retained \$1,000.

When the fire was first discovered the flames were shooting through the rear end of the roof for a number of feet. No fire alarm was turned in, the fire boys being awakened by the blowing of a whistle in the Southern Pacific yards, according to Chief Wakefield. The bell was immediately

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838 CORPSES ARE RECOVERED; MANY LEFT YET

ESTIMATED FROM 100 TO 400 STILL IN HULK

Divers Are Exhausted After Sixty Hours of Strenuous Work—Netting Across River to Catch Floating Bodies—Secretary Redfield Says None Will Be Pardoned in Punishment for Disaster—Ship Packed

United Press Service

CHICAGO, July 27.—The last figures on the greatest disaster in history are 838 corpses recovered. Coroner Hoffman and a diver estimate that there are at least 400 bodies yet remaining in the hulk, while others estimate there are but 100. The divers at work were exhausted last night after sixty hours of diving, but resumed work this morning at dawn. A steel netting has been placed across the river to catch the released bodies.

Secretary of Commerce Redfield arrived today, and said: "No official incompetence will be assumed, and none will be pardoned. We want exact justice." Most of the bodies yet remaining are held in the ball room, and are women and children. Robert Moore, a survivor, testified before the inquest board that he noticed the list of the boat before she turned over, and went to the ball room, "which was too packed for me to penetrate," he said, "when the vessel capsized." Captain Pedersen and other of the boat officials are expected to testify this afternoon.

Many funerals of the victims are being held.

The maimed victims of this horror will receive benefits, according to L. R. Robertson, manager of the local telephone company. The Western Electric company, of which the excursionists were employes, is the manufacturing end of the Bell Telephone system, according to Robertson, and under a plan adopted about a year ago, the workers were all placed under rulings of the company which will give them benefits for accidents which they have received. All employes of the companies are treated alike.

HORSES SCARCE SAYS J. F. ADAMS

PURCHASED FIFTY IN TRIP IN EASTERN OREGON—ENGLISH QUIT BUYING—SAYS PEOPLE OUGHT TO BE SATISFIED

J. Frank Adams of the Adams & Sons horse and cattle station, recently established in Wood River Valley, has returned from a horse buying expedition in Eastern Oregon by way of Paisley, Fort Rock, Wagonway, Christmas Lake and returns, purchasing fifty head on the trip. They will be taken to the horse station on the Wood ranch, where about 400 horses

Steers Torpedo Twenty Miles at Sea



John Hays Hammond Jr., son of the well known mining engineer, has perfected a wireless apparatus by which he can control the movements of a small boat twenty miles at sea from his front porch on the ocean shore at Gloucester, Mass. He has made experiments with this boat in order to learn to control a torpedo to be sent against a hostile battleship, and now he has so nearly succeeded that army officers who have made an investigation think he has provided a means for defense which would make it impossible for a foreign battleship to get anywhere near striking distance of the United States.

Purchase of the wireless torpedo probably will be recommended to congress by Secretary Garrison. The appropriations committees of the last congress were urged to buy the invention for coast protection but no action was taken. Officials of the ordnance and fortifications division believe a

concealed shore station may control a submerged torpedo within the limits of vision, and that an approaching battleship would have little chance of escape. This is based on Mr. Hammond's experiments with the Nathaniel, a wireless controlled torpedo boat, which he directed for twenty-eight miles. This boat has two collapsible masts, which work like plunger elevators, and can therefore avoid the enemy's range. In a recent experiment at Gloucester, Hammond erected a thirteen-foot bamboo pole one and a half inches in diameter three and a half miles off shore. He hit this slender target with torpedoes ten out of fifteen times. Army officers see great possibilities of extending the usefulness of wireless control with the aid of the aeroplane scout. An aviator flying high and out of range, might, by wireless to the operator ashore direct an attack on a hostile ship out of sight of the shore station.

and mules have already been sent, states Adams, who is buying with E. Stewart of San Francisco. The horse market is close, it being pretty well cleaned out, states Adams. The English buyers have withdrawn from the field, he states, but no indication is given as the cause; whether it means an over supply or an abandonment of the war are only guesses. Adams and Stewart are buying for the future market, and do not make a specialty of cavalry horses.

"The people of this section of the country ought to be well satisfied," said Adams today, "with living here. After making the trip I have over this country and seeing the conditions there, I return to my ranch with a new interest and new hopes. We passed cabin after cabin, deserted and abandoned, where homesteaders had been unable to make a living.

"And not only that, but a man located here on five acres of irrigated land is better off than a man there with 320 acres. It is a desert, and this valley looks mighty good to come back to. Some of those people are hauling water from two to eight miles. The men are compelled to leave for other places to make a living, leaving the women folks behind to do more drudgery than should be their lot. "A man would rather face a German battery than such a life, for the death would be quick, while there one would die by inches. Even on homesteads where considerable work has been done, many are abandoned. People here who are dissatisfied would have their eyes opened if they could take a trip through that country.

KLAMATH MEN UNITE STRONG FOR GOOD WORK

OVER 100 PRESENT, AND ENTHUSIASM WAS RIFE

Captain J. W. Siemens States Purpose of Meeting and Gave Brief Statement of the Past—President Chase of City League Bureau of San Francisco Explains the Plans Agreed on for Operation of Commercial Club

That the citizens of Klamath Falls intend to get together for the great constructive work needed to make of this city what its natural advantages call for, and that they are determined to set aside petty personal feeling and past differences, seemed evident to every one of the more than a hundred of the active men and women of the city gathered about the dinner tables at the White Pelican Hotel at the Commercial Club "get together" banquet last night.

It was a notable gathering, the like of which has never been seen in Klamath Falls—and it was for a notable purpose—the accomplishment of which is hoped and expected to be such as has not heretofore existed in this city, and to no higher degree in any other city of the West—the earnest, enthusiastic working together in harmony of the great body of citizens for the common good of this city and Klamath county.

If the same spirit and enthusiasm that was manifested last night prevails throughout the coming year, Klamath Falls will have reason for pride in the people here, and in the things which they accomplish for the community. For they are of the type who do things.

Well Entertained

The dinner provided by the White Pelican hotel was an excellent repast, and it was served in a splendid manner, many remarking the excellence of the dinner and the service. The guests entered to the music of the Peerless Orchestra, led by Professor Howell, and throughout the dinner time the orchestra provided splendid music. Especially pleasing was the violin solo work of Miss Cook, her rendering of the Hawaiian "Aloha" especially eliciting prolonged applause, leading to its being repeated as an encore. "Tipperary" was also called for repeatedly. John Hubbard leading in the singing with his rendering as an encore.

President Gratified

Dr. Johnson, president of the Commercial Club, was master of ceremonies, and spoke briefly at the close of the meal, expressing his gratification on the large attendance of representative citizens on an occasion which means so much to this community. He accepted it as a fine tribute to those who have labored so earnestly in these plans for the citizens to get together for advancing the city and county in all things good. "We have lagged behind in organized effort," said he. "It is now time that we get together for united effort."

Plans Endorsed

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CONFERENCE FOR DEFENSE PLAN IS NOW CALLED

WILL SUBMIT PLAN TO PRESIDENT FOR APPROVAL

Generals and Secretaries Called in Conference—Garrison Denies Heed But Indications Are Otherwise, Removal of Extra Session of Congress for October—President Plans Early Start on Program

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 27.—Secretary Garrison has denied the statement that the "National Defense Program" is being rushed, but every indication is that the department is working on plans with great haste.

Persistent rumors are afloat here that the president desires to get an early start on the defense program. It is thought, however, that if such a session would cause a risk of any misunderstanding abroad that it would be dropped.

Secretary Garrison denies that a secret formula for the making of a deadly shell which would "surprise the Germans" has been discovered for the army.

FOREST FIRES ARE STARTING

SEVERAL REPORTED SUNDAY TO WARDEN CHITWOOD—WORST IS ON HAYDEN CREEK—OTHERS NOT SERIOUS

Sunday seemed to be the opening day for the beginning of the annual forest fire epidemic, according to G. C. Chitwood district warden for Southern Oregon, as a number were reported that day. None, however, were serious, except a report from Hayden Creek, which looks threatening.

A definite report had not been received by Chitwood yesterday as to the extent of the fire. One was extinguished in Langell Valley and several others proved to be smoldering fires.

A huge cloud of smoke could be seen in the direction of Hayden Creek Sunday, but recent indications do not show any considerable increase in the size of the blaze.

Miller's Film Narrowly Escaped

The film taken in the logging district on the McCloud River by G. R. Miller of this city narrowly escaped destruction this morning in the fire at the Orpheus theater. Miller took them from the theater last night after the show.

Leaving for Omaha Today

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