

# German Raiders Cause New Complication Washington Fears Floods as Result of Heavy Snowfall

## Three Cornered Tangles Come Up Over Affair

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—As a result of the arrival of the British steamer Appam here yesterday under the guidance of a German prize crew palced aboard after the vessel was captured by a German raider, some unique complications have arisen as to the ownership and disposition of the vessel.

The British embassy demands the release of the vessel, and its return to its British owners. The United States considers the vessel in the light of an auxiliary warship, and as such a vessel to be interned because it did not leave within twenty-four hours after reaching port. Germany holds it is a German commercial vessel now, and can stay in port if it chooses.

The Appam will not be allowed to leave Norfolk at present. This is the statement of high officials, although no formal decision has been made as yet. If the vessel is not interned as an auxiliary warship, the matter will probably be placed before a court.

The government neutrality board today recommended that the Appam be considered as a German prize of war. The government has instructed the officials at Norfolk to release the civilians aboard the vessel, subject to the immigration laws.

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 2.—In the meantime the Appam will remain a legal and actual prisoner.

British cruisers are reported outside the cape, prepared to seize her, should the German crew seek to flee with the Appam. Only officials are permitted aboard the vessel.

Through the portholes, passengers are vainly calling for newspapers and for newspaper men. These people, it is believed, will be discharged at Newport News.

The port authorities have requested a guard of marines to maintain the status quo.

The commander of the vessel insists that as an auxiliary cruiser, she is entitled to intern, and is not a prize, subject to release. The vessel, flying the German ensign, is anchored off Fort Comfort.

The Appam's wireless apparatus has been sealed and her antennae lowered to prevent the vessel receiving any information regarding the British patrols outside the cape.

**THE LUSITANIA CASE COMES TO "POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING"**

United Press Service  
BERLIN, Feb. 2.—A semi-official statement says that instructions sent to Ambassador Bernstorff give reasonable hope of a "positive understanding of the Lusitania matter."

This was issued because of alarming reports which misrepresent the nature of the German-American relations.

Five French women employed as colporteurs in France have sold in a single year 16,632 copies of the Scripture.

## Medford Business House Moves to Klamath Falls

Klamath Falls is soon to have another large business establishment. H. N. Moe, who has been in business in Medford for the past five years, has leased the commodious store room in the White building, and is now making preparations to open a large dry goods store.

Mr. Moe spent some time here several weeks ago, and decided that Klamath Falls and its equally prosperous surrounding territory was the best location he could possibly select. Accordingly, he began negotiations for the lease of the building.

The deal was finally closed this week. Yesterday carpenters and painters began the remodeling of the interior of the White building to suit the needs of the new tenant.

Moe & Co., in their five years of merchandising at Medford, have built up a good business, and are known in the Rogue River Valley as a reliable, energetic firm. Mr. Moe has been in the dry goods business since boyhood, and he promises the best in goods and prices.

Preparatory to removal here from Medford, Moe & Co. have instituted a big clearance sale there. It is their intention to close out the entire stock of their Medford store, which is to be discontinued, and to begin business here with an entirely new spring stock of the latest and best in dry goods, ladies' ready-to-wear clothing and millinery and similar lines. The new concern will also conduct a dress-making department.

### Choate at 84



Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador to Great Britain, and long a leader at the American bar, was photographed on the steps of his home on his 84th birthday.

## STEAMERS CRASH AND ONE IS HURT

**JAPANESE FREIGHTER SENDS OUT CALLS FOR HELP AFTER IT COLLIDES WITH ANOTHER SHIP ON EAST COAST**

United Press Service  
HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 2.—The marine department has received wireless messages indicating that the Japanese freighter Takata Maru is possibly still afloat, though earlier information reported the vessel sunk in a collision with the steamer Silver Shell.

A wireless from the Silver Shell said: "At 4 o'clock this morning the Takata Maru reports the engine room and stokehold are flooded."

It was also reported that she is sending numerous calls for assistance. The Silver Shell is standing by and all is reported well on that vessel.

## "BATTLE CRY" TO BE HERE FEB. 20

**GREAT MULTI-REEL SERMON ON THE NEEDS OF PREPAREDNESS WILL BE SHOWN IN KLAMATH FALLS MOON**

After much delay in securing a booking, owing to the demand there has been all over the nation for the films, "The Battle Cry of Peace" has finally been booked for Klamath Falls. It will be shown at Houston's

## PRESIDENT TELLS KANSAS OF NEED OF PREPAREDNESS

**SAYS NATION MUST UPHOLD HER IDEALS**

Addressing Thousands at Topeka, Wilson Says Personal Business Rights of the Nation Must Be Maintained All Over the World and That the World Must Be Shown That This Is Our Intention.

United Press Service  
TOPEKA, Feb. 2.—President Wilson spoke this afternoon before 12,000 people. He declared that the country may be called upon to use its instrumentalities in preserving its business rights.

America has a right to feed the world with your wheat, said he. "We must prepare to show other nations that we are determined that our ideal must be respected."

The streets in the business section were jammed with visitors, eager to get a view of the president. Wilson was the luncheon guest of Governor Capper just before his speech today.

## PHILIPPINES TO HAVE A GOVT

**VICE PRESIDENT CASTS DECIDING VOTE, BREAKING DEADLOCK OVER THE PASSAGE OF CLARKE AMENDMENT**

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The senate today went on record as declaring for independence for the Philippine Islands within four years by passage of the Clarke amendment.

This was passed after Vice President Marshall cast a vote to break a tie. The senators voted 41 to 41 on the matter.

## WILLARD TO MEET DILLON IN N. Y.

United Press Service  
NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—Jess Willard and Jack Dillon were today matched for a ten-round bout here in April. Articles were signed by both men and their managers this afternoon.

According to the terms of the agreement Willard is guaranteed \$22,000 for his appearance.

opera house February 20th, both afternoon and evening.

John B. Hubbard and Philip J. Sinnott were today advised by telegraph that they had been granted the Klamath rights for the big Vitagraph nine-reeler. They plan an elaborate production here, with special music by a male quartet and a seven-piece orchestra.

## Plan Greatest of American Strikes



W. G. LEE, — RAILROAD TRAINMEN  
W. S. STONE, — LOCOMOTIVE ENGINEERS



W. S. CARTER, — FIREMEN  
A. B. GARRETSON, — RAILWAY CONDUCTORS

These four men, chiefs of four great organizations of railway employees, embracing about 400,000 men, are now planning a strike, or rather demands on the companies which may lead to a strike that would be the most gigantic in American history. W. S. Stone is chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, William G. Lee is president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Austin B. Garretson is president of the Order of Railway Conductors, while W. S. Carter is president of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen. They ask for an eight hour day with increased extra pay for overtime.

## NEAR FIRE AT A LOCAL HOTEL

**MATRESS CATCHES FIRE, EVIDENTLY FROM CIGARETTE, AND SMOKE IS SMELLED IN SOME OF THE HALLS**

Discovery of a fire in an incipient stage at the Hotel Hall last night prevented what might have been a serious blaze, endangering life and valuable business property. The blaze started in one of the rooms, the mattress catching fire evidently from a cigar or cigarette being smoked by the occupant of the room.

Some difficulty was experienced in awakening the sleeper and gaining entrance to the room, but the danger was eliminated by removing the badly damaged mattress from the building. Smoke was smelled by other guests, and this was the first intimation of the danger.

A. Florence, Philadelphia's only woman attorney, handles practically all the legal business of the Chinese in that city.

New Jersey has nearly 150,000 widows.

## NORTH SUFFERS FROM SNOWFALL; TRAINS HALT

**HUGE DRIFTS ARE BEING DYNAMITED OUT**

Worst Snow Storm in Ten Years Ties Up Traffic—Schools Are Closed, Street Cars Are Stalled, and Huge Drifts Are Balling Up the Streets of Seattle and Tacoma—Heavy Floods Are Feared Later on.

United Press Service  
TACOMA, Feb. 2.—The entire Northwest is snowbound as the result of the worst snow storm of a decade. Heavy snowfall continues.

Traffic is practically suspended. Trains and street cars seem unable to move.

Many schools here and in Seattle are closed. Drifts are piling high in the streets. These have all been temporarily abandoned by their owners.

In some places in the Cascades the drifts are twenty feet deep. These are being dynamited in the hope of reopening railroad traffic.

Disastrous floods are feared when the snow melts.

**Trappers Doing Well.**

Many trappers have made recent trips to this city from their quarters in the fur-bearing sections. According to reports, furs are bringing the highest of prices, and catches are fairly good, with the increase in price and the best of the season still left to those who are adept in this line should net a good return from this year's business.

Among the farming people of Japan it is customary for the wives and daughters to work side by side with the men in the fields.

The textile industry in England is badly handicapped owing to the shortage in female workers, who have taken up other lines of work.

## Lorella Organizes for Eradication of Varmints

A big step toward co-operative pest eradication and improvement of farming conditions in that section was taken this week at Lorella, when thirty or more ranchers met and organized the Langell Valley Stockmen's Protective association. The association has twenty-five live members, and more will be added in the next few days.

Organization was affected at an enthusiastic meeting held Monday night. In addition to the Lorella men, County Agriculturist H. Roland Glasys and County School Superintendent Fred Peterson were in attendance, and took an active interest in the outlining and planning of the work.

The club will for the present devote its attention to the eradication of jackrabbits and coyotes, especially the latter pest. Toward this end they will systematically begin a poison campaign.

Alfred Keller has been appointed poison mixer for the club. He will prepare the mixture from formulas furnished by the government, and will distribute the poison to the members for use on their ranches.

Officers elected at Monday night's meeting were: President, Will Campbell; vice president, Charles Smith; secretary-treasurer, Howard L. Bogue.