

## LUSITANIA MESS WORSE THAN IT HAS BEEN BEFORE

### GERMAN REFUSAL TO DISAVOW CAUSES STRAIN

Administration Frankly Admits That the Matter is in a Somewhat Hopeless State, and the Confidential Report of Colonel House Does Not Help Matters—Germany Hopes for an Amicable Settlement.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 5.—

The refusal of Germany to disavow the sinking of the Lusitania has created the gravest form of situation. The matter is being given careful attention, and no decisive step is planned for today.

President Wilson has the confidential report of Colonel House, secured in Berlin. It is understood that it says German public opinion bitterly opposes a disavowal.

Wilson will probably await House's full report before a diplomatic break will be seriously considered. All of Wilson's engagements have been broken, and he is giving his entire attention to the situation and its solution.

A point has been reached in negotiations where a shutdown is necessary. The administration has clearly indicated that it will not back down in its requests.

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## ATTEMPT MADE TO WRECK BRIDGE AT VICTORIA TODAY

### SUSPECTED PLOTTER SHOT BY SOLDIERS

Canadian Cities Are All Conducting Round-Ups of Aliens—Germans Are Generally Blamed for the Destruction of the Parliament House by Fire Yesterday—All Who Left Ottawa Are Being Traced by Police.

United Press Service OTTAWA, Feb. 5.—An attempt to wreck the Victoria bridge was frustrated early this morning. Troops fired on a man seen creeping over the ice toward the bridge before daylight. Searchlights spotted him, and the man sank into the water and perished.

He first appeared at midnight, but fled when challenged. The bridge is one of the largest on the American continent.

A round-up of aliens has been started. Dominion police have been ordered to apprehend all foreigners who left Ottawa on the night of the fire, and this is being done through the railway offices.

Germans are generally suspected. Fred Kline, representing the Heller-Kline Dry Goods company of San Francisco, is in this city transacting business.

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## American Fighter Loses an Arm



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This photograph, taken somewhere in France, shows Sergeant Jack Munroe of the Princess Patricia's Canadian light infantry, since the famous ex-pugilist has received his first wound. Jack fought with the famous Princess Pats in the front trenches in France and Flanders for nine months before he received a scratch. Now he is convalescent after a three months' stay in hospital, but is doubtful whether there is a haymaker left in his bandaged right arm.

After his brief fame in Montana during his ring career, Jack Munroe drifted to Elk Lake, Ontario, and became first mayor of that mining town. He has been with the Patricia's since the 'day in August, 1914, when the Princess presented the original regiment with the colors worked by her own hands. When he was wounded less than fifty of the original 1,100 Pats were left in action.

## COYOTE SEEN IN A LOCAL STREET

### WOMEN OF FAIRVIEW DISTRICT STATE THAT ANIMAL, ACTING QUERULY, WALKED IN THAT SECTION TODAY

A coyote was seen in the Fairview district this morning, according to women residing there. These women say that the animal acted queerly, and they believe it had rabies.

"The animal came into town between the Catholic church and our house and those of Harrison's and Matt's," said Mrs. F. R. Hamilton, in a signed statement, telling of the affair. "It was seen by all the women and children at these houses."

"The coyote came toward the cemetery from the church, acting queerly, as though bewildered or lost. A big dog from the Ray residence ran at the coyote, which stood still. The dog stopped, as though afraid, and the coyote then ran toward the paved street leading to Shippington."

"Other dogs then joined in the pursuit, and the coyote swiftly passed from our view. I feel it my duty to notify the public regarding this."

Captain O. C. Applegate this morning notified the authorities of the occurrence, and men were sent out to kill the coyote if possible.

Malin Couple to Wed.

A marriage license was issued today to Rudolph Klina and Annie Krotchvil. Both reside in Malin.

## DALY'S OPINION DOESN'T DECIDE PRINTING ISSUE

### GIVES HIS OPINION, BUT MAKES NO DECREE

Litigation Between the Merrill Record and Evening Herald Over the County Printing Contract for the Year of 1915 is Still Unsettled—Apparently the Appeal Should be Dismissed on Findings.

Judge Bernard Daly of Lake county, has filed his opinion in the appeal of the Merrill Record from the decision of the county court in awarding the printing contract for 1915 to the Evening Herald.

The case was submitted to the Lake county court on stipulation for a decision of the main contention of the two parties to the suit. Judge Daly renders his opinion on the points involved, but does not enter a decree on the findings of fact, and it is probable that the case will have to go back or a request made of the judge for a court order either sustaining or dismissing the appeal.

The main contention of the Herald is that the county court had the right to make an investigation for themselves as to the validity of the subscription lists as upheld by Judge Daly, and inasmuch as he did not find that the county court had erred, the natural conclusion would be that the appeal should be dismissed. On this point the court says:

"Answering question IV, the court is of the opinion that evidence outside the lists submitted by rival newspapers may be considered in determining the paper of largest circulation, when charges of fraud are duly made. The statute governing selection of official county newspapers appears in the last three sections of the act appearing at page 140, General Laws of Oregon for 1891. The law plainly contemplates a selection based upon the facts of the lists submitted, when such lists are conceded to be fair. However, when charges of fraud are placed against the submitted lists, the statute says, 'the court shall seek other evidence of circulation.' The gathering of evidence is not limited to the lists filed, but the truth is to be ascertained from any competent, legal evidence within reach of the court and the interested parties. Any other conclusion would necessitate a judicial addition to the plain language of the statutes."

One of the stipulated questions submitted was as to whether subscribers receiving their papers by carrier instead of through the postoffice, were bona fide subscribers, and to be considered in determining the circulation. Judge Daly's opinion on this question is to the effect that "the lists of subscribers . . . should be confined to bona fide subscribers who have ordered the paper for at least one year, and who receive the paper through the United States postoffice."

If this opinion was sustained by the supreme court it would affect more than half of the leading newspapers of the state, as practically all modern newspapers, both daily and weekly, give their subscribers the service demanded by this age of progressiveness by delivering the papers to the homes and business houses, instead of forcing all the people to travel to the post office before they can have an opportunity of reading the news. This interpretation of the law has never been recognized by county court heretofore, and would practically bar from consideration the newspapers of Port-

## Teutons' Ambassadors After Wilson's Preparedness Speech



Baron Zwiadnek Charge of Austrian Embassy Count von Bernstorff German Ambassador

This is the first photograph of the two Teuton ambassadors to the United States taken together. It shows them after the first speech of President Wilson in his campaign for preparedness. The German ambassador wore his usual jaunty air, while the Austrian baron was a little subdued.

## ROUMANIAN ARMY IS READY TO JOIN IN GREAT FIGHT

### WILL BE WITH ALLIES, SAY RUMORS

Nine Tenths of Army's Strength is Now Under Arms, and Are Massed Along Bulgarian and Hungarian Borders—Closing of Belgium to Travelers Believed to Indicate New Offensive by Germans.

By HENRY WOOD (United Press Staff Correspondent)

ROME, Feb. 5.—The Roumanian army is over nine-tenths mobilized. Over half a million men are massed along the Bulgarian and Hungarian frontiers.

Private advices say that Roumania is ready to join the allies at an opportune moment.

Bulgaria has closed her Roumanian frontier excepting at two cities, mistrusting Roumania.

Roumanian artillery from forts along the Black Sea has been sent to the Hungarian border. Austria is also fortifying there.

United Press Service

AMSTERDAM, Feb. 5.—Dispatches say 450 Germans were drowned attacking Dvinsk this week. Russian fire broke the ice in the Drina, and the men were thus thrown into the water.

It is announced that Belgium's frontier has been completely closed to travelers. This is believed to mean important concentration preparatory to a new German offensive.

United Press Service

ROME, Feb. 5.—It is reported that Roumania is preparing to float a \$20,000,000 foreign loan immediately. This, according to the Roumanian press, is for war purposes.

United Press Service

BALNE, Switzerland, Feb. 5.—It is reported that riots have broken out at Leipzig, and troops have been sent to restore order there.

Here from Mexico.

R. F. Setzer is here from Madero, Mexico, visiting his brother, Curtis F. Setzer. He tells some thrilling tales of conditions in Mexico, and says he left just eleven days before the American mining men were murdered by the bandits.

## Industrial Commission Declares an Exemption

(Herald Special Service)

SALEM, Feb. 5.—The state industrial accident commission yesterday declared an exemption of payments for the month of February of all employers and the workmen of these employers who have paid their contributions for the past six successive months.

This action was taken in accordance with section 19 of the amended law, the commission having found that the fund amounts to a sum sufficient to meet all payments and liabilities accrued, together with a surplus of 30 per cent thereon.

The commission has set aside as a segregated fund the sum of \$277,359.36 in the hands of the state treasurer, who has invested same in Oregon school and municipal bonds drawing 5 and 6 per cent interest; and the above fund, and interest to accrue thereon, is an irrevocable fund which will be used exclusively to pay pensions already awarded on settled claims in fatal cases and for permanent disability. It has also invested \$74,569.73 of the general funds in school bonds drawing interest, which will accrue to the credit of the general fund.

In addition to the above, the commission had on hand January 31, 1915, \$209,617.93, and due from the state for the seven months preceding \$68,889.36, and due the commission on January payrolls and accounts receivable an amount estimated at more than \$50,000, making total assets \$298,447.29. The liability of the

commission consists entirely of unsettled claims, workmen who are still disabled and drawing pay for time lost, and fatal cases in process of adjustment, in an amount totalling \$159,077.30; the commission thus has net resources over all liabilities amounting to \$143,370.09.

The exemption declared by the commission means that the state will carry the insurance risks of all operations in the state which are working under the act, and have qualified for the exemption, without cost to either employers or workmen, for the entire month, will pay all bills for care and time loss of injured workmen. Fully 85 per cent of all the hazardous occupations in the state are now protected by the act. In addition, a large number of non-hazardous occupations, including several hundred farmers, are, by application, enjoying the protection and benefit of the act, and will participate in this exemption.

It is, in effect, a dividend paid by the commission, as an insurance company, back to employers and their workmen, of approximately \$50,000, and is the second dividend of this kind declared by the commission under the amended law since the beginning of the present fiscal year, July 1, 1915.

The commission is conducting a campaign of accident prevention, which, if given the co-operation of employers and workmen, will further reduce accidents and make further reductions and exemptions possible.

## BUT ONE ARREST FOR DRUNKENNESS

### FIFTY-SEVEN ARRESTS WERE MADE IN SEPTEMBER, AND ONLY TWO DURING JANUARY, ACCORDING TO THE RECORDS

During the first month of "Dry Oregon" there were but two arrests by the local police. Of these, one man was charged with drunkenness. The arrests for a few months before that time follow:

- September—Arrests 57, for drunkenness, 48.
- October—Arrests 43; for drunkenness, 41.
- November—Arrests 26; for drunkenness, 17.
- December—Arrests 17; for drunkenness, 15.

The gradual falling off in arrests for drunkenness, etc., is generally taken to be the result of the shutting down of work in the mills and woods, and to the departure of men for other sections during the winter months.

May Baby Better.

According to a letter received by Dr. George A. Cathey from Dr. Joseph Bilderbach of Portland, the infant child of Station Agent May of Chillicothe, which was so critically ill here for several months, is improving splendidly in Portland. It was taken there December 20th, and since then it is weighing over 22 pounds.

ladn, Eugene, Salem, Albany, Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, Pendleton, Baker City and other of the large towns of the state, and force the publication of county court proceedings in a few of the small weeklies with small circulation, whose management was not enterprising enough to give their readers the service demanded by the times.

## ROLLER SKATING TO BE REVIVED

### INDOOR PASTIME WILL BE INDULGED IN AT THE PAVILION TONIGHT, AND SEVERAL TIMES A WEEK HEREAFTER

Roller skating is again to return to its own in the Pavilion. Manager Free has secured a quantity of roller skates, and tonight the first session will be held. Skating will be the attraction at the Pavilion two or three nights each week hereafter.

## Committees Are Named to Take Charge of Meetings

Arrangements are being rapidly completed for the Mathis-Vessey union evangelical meetings to be held in this city for a period of five weeks, beginning March 17th. The selection of the various committees to have charge of the work in its different phases has been finished, and some of the committees are already hard at work.

The list of the different committees and their membership is as follows: Executive—Rev. E. C. Richards, chairman, C. C. Hogue secretary, Ida B. Momyer treasurer, G. L. Walton, L. F. Losier, C. R. De Lap, Mrs. B. S. Grigsby, Capt. O. C. Applegate, Rev. J. W. Jenkins, Rev. J. B. Griffith, Rev. Charles T. Hurd. Building—W. E. Seehorn chairman, W. C. Landon, J. R. Lents, Arlie Worrell, C. N. Snow. Personal Workers—Mrs. J. L. Beckley chairman, Mrs. L. F. Losier, J. L.

Yaden, George D. Grizzle, Mrs. R. R. Hamilton. Secretarial—Mrs. B. S. Grigsby chairman, C. E. Widdoes, I. D. Whitmore, Mrs. O. P. Couchman, George Haydon, Miss Rachel Applegate, W. E. Faught, Miss Vera Houston. Publicity—Bert C. Thomas chairman, Mrs. C. R. Miller, Charles F. De Lap, R. H. Dunbar, E. M. Chilcote. Prayer Meeting—J. B. Mason chairman, Mrs. T. J. Telford, Mrs. Gilbert, Mrs. H. E. Peltz, Charles Hunt. Music—V. T. Moteschenbacher chairman, Mrs. Mary Wight, Andrew Collier, Marlon Taylor, Mrs. H. C. Chamberlin. Ushers—J. S. Elliott chairman, A. R. Wilson, Charles Thomas, H. E. Fox, O. P. Couchman. Entertainment—Mrs. C. R. DeLap chairman, Mrs. W. E. Seehorn, Mrs. C. V. Fisher, L. F. Losier, Mrs. C. C. Hogue. Finance—B. S. Grigsby chairman, C. R. DeLap, W. E. Slough, Mrs. A. Wirts, J. G. Camp.