

U. S. BREAKS WITH GERMANY
WILSON INFORMS CONGRESS AT 2 P. M.

German Ambassador is Given Passports

Decision Arouses Consternation at the Capitol--President Expects All Neutrals to Follow

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—It was officially announced this morning that president Wilson had determined to break relations with Germany on account of that country's resumption of submarine warfare against merchantmen.

The president reached this decision yesterday morning, but withheld public announcement, while he was carefully working out details of future steps to be taken.

The decision of the president aroused consternation at the capitol. Drastic action was expected, but many clung to the belief that the president would not actually break relations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—President Wilson this afternoon told the joint session of congress of the breaking of diplomatic relations with Germany, and called upon all neutral nations to follow the course of America.

What will follow the severance of relations depends upon Germany's conduct. After recounting the events leading up to the severance of relations, Wilson said: "I have, therefore, directed the secretary to announce to the German ambassador that all diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany have been severed; that the American ambassador at Berlin be immediately withdrawn and to hand the German ambassador his passports."

Notwithstanding the unexpected action of the German government and its sudden and deeply deplorable renunciation of the assurances given this

government at a most critical moment, I refuse to believe that it is the intention of the German authorities to do what they have warned. I cannot believe that they will pay no regard to the ancient friendship between their people and ours, or the solemn obligations which have been exchanged. Only actual overt acts can make me believe it now.

"If my inveterate confidence in the sobriety, and prudent foresight of their purpose proves unfounded, and if American ships and lives are sacrificed needlessly in contravention of international law, it is obvious that in the dictates of humanity I shall come again before congress and ask authority to use any means necessary for the protection of our seamen and people in the prosecution of legitimate interests. I take it for granted that all

County Teachers Form Association

Organization is Being Formed Today so as to Secure Representation in State Association

To secure representative council of the Oregon State Teachers' Association, a county teachers' organization is being formed this afternoon at the Central school building.

The constitution of the Oregon State Teachers' Association provides that every teachers' organization in the state having more than fifteen members and meeting more than three times during the year shall be entitled to a delegate in the representation.

BONE DRY BILL SIGNED TODAY

GOVERNOR WITHYCOMBE GIVEN SIGNATURE TO MEASURE PROHIBITING IMPORTATION OF LIQUOR INTO OREGON

SALEM, Feb. 3.—Governor James Withycombe is expected to sign the "bone dry" prohibition law at 4 o'clock this afternoon. It has passed both houses by an almost unanimous vote. The new "bone dry" measure becomes effective immediately following the signing of this bill, and prohibits the shipment of all intoxicating beverages into the state except by licensed pharmacists.

More Pelts From Bonanza

Four coyote and six bobcat pelts were submitted for county bounty yesterday by C. H. Bechtoldt of Bonanza. One coyote was brought in from the Klamath Agency by Guy Schonchin. State and county bounty on coyotes is \$2.50, and on bobcats \$2. Should the new measure introduced yesterday into the state legislature for an increased state bounty become a law it will provide a greater incentive for the extermination of this dangerous pest.

NEW LONDON, Feb. 3.—The cargo intended for the German submarine merchantman, Deutschland caught fire this morning. Only small damage resulted before it was under control.

neutral governments will take the same course.

"I don't desire our people to enter a conflict with Germany. We are sincere friends with the German people, and earnestly desire to remain at peace with the government which speaks for them. I shall not believe that they are hostile to us unless we are obliged to believe it. We propose nothing more than reasonable defense of the rights of our people. We wish to secure no selfish ends. We seek merely to stand true in thought and action to the immortal principles of our people which I sought to express in my address to the senate a fortnight ago. We see merely to vindicate the right of a life of liberty and justice unmolested. These are the basis of peace, not war. God grant that we may not be challenged to defend them by acts of willful injustice on the part of the government of Germany."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Immediately upon returning to the White House from his address to congress, President Wilson called the secretaries of war and navy into a conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—A communication from Austria has arrived. If it is similar to that of Germany's message Secretary Lansing may refuse Count Tarnowski's credentials.

NORTHWESTERN PLANT IS SOLD

ALL OF MACHINERY AND TYPE OF FORMER DAILY NEWSPAPER IS SOLD IN BULK TO SAN FRANCISCO MAN

Dave Jalumstein of San Francisco, has purchased the machinery, type and other printing material formerly owned by the Klamath Falls Northwestern. Mr. Jalumstein is now in Klamath Falls, and will remain here for a week or so superintending the shipping of the plant to San Francisco. It is understood that many of the machines have already been disposed of to California newspapers, and some of the material may be sold locally and the balance shipped.

It is not known what amount was received for the plant, although it is reported that the original investment was something over \$60,000 and probably more than \$100,000 was spent in this venture in the newspaper business.

It is stated that the remaining furniture in the building was not included in the sale to Mr. Jalumstein, and is to be disposed of by Mr. Hotelling's agent.

BENEFIT FUND SHOW THURSDAY

HUGH PERFORMANCE FOR STRAHORN RAILROAD FUND BENEFIT INCLUDES THE "GREAT HAZAN" AMONG FEATURES

To swell the fund for the Strahorn railroad terminals at Klamath Falls, a huge benefit performance will be staged Thursday evening, February 8th, at Houston's opera house, under the auspices of the Women's 1,000 Club.

Unusual public spirit on the part of a number of Klamath Falls citizens has made it possible for the women of this organization to provide an attractive entertainment for the assistance of the railroad movement.

The principal feature of the evening is to be the demonstration of mind reading, mental telepathy, magic and psychology by "The Great Hazan," whose success on the Zone at the San Francisco world's fair and on the Orpheum circuit along the lines of his profession are already well known to many Klamath Falls people. It has been reported that W. Paul Johnson, E. B. Hall and Fred Houston are to be placed under hypnotic slumber by this wizard, and it is generally admitted that to see this group together and silent will be worth the price of admission alone.

In addition to "The Great Hazan" a two reel movie comedy is to be shown on the screen. The Feebles Orchestra is to furnish music for the performance.

The music, the ball and the movies have been offered without charge, and Mr. Davis is contributing his services to the Strahorn cause.

ALL CONSULS IN GERMANY ARE ORDERED HOME

SPAIN WILL HANDLE AMERICAN INTERESTS

Bernstorff Given Passport at 2 o'Clock and Names Swiss Ambassador to Represent Germany Here—Gerard to Arrange for Americans to Leave Germany.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Passports were handed to Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, at 2 o'clock this afternoon. He has named the Swiss Ambassador to handle Germany's affairs in America.

Ambassador Gerard has been ordered to notify all American consuls in Germany to return immediately, and to arrange for the return of Americans desiring to leave Germany.

Spain will handle American interests in Germany since the severance of relations was announced. It is expected that Germany will give a period of grace of fifteen or thirty days for Americans to leave. No steps have yet been taken to get Americans from Austria.

ATTEMPT MADE TO SINK DESTROYER

MECHANIC TRIES TO SING AMERICAN VESSEL AT PHILADELPHIA BY OPENING SEACOCKS. TWO FEET OF WATER IN HOLD

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 3.—An effort was made to sink the American destroyer Jacob Jones at the League Island navy yard this afternoon. A mechanic opened the seacocks, and two feet of water poured into the hold before it was discovered by the officers. The man was placed under arrest.

SECURES MORE RIGHT OF WAY

COMMITTEE FINALLY SUCCEEDS IN SECURING RIGHT OF WAY FOR RAILROAD OVER TRACT THAT HAS BEEN HELD UP

Right of way for the Strahorn railroad was secured yesterday through the property of C. N. Myers, which adjoins the government canal on the east. Although involving a short stretch, there has been some difficulty in obtaining a title to it. The right of way committee feels greatly elated at securing the deed.

JURY COMPLETED IN HOBBS CASE

THE EXAMINATION OF WITNESSES AND ACTUAL TRIAL OF CASE WILL BEGIN NEXT MONDAY IN CIRCUIT COURT

With the selection of the last jurors, the panel in the case of the State against Henry Hobbs and wife for the murder of Edwin C. Way at Algonia in November now in progress in the circuit court of Judge D. V. Kuykendall, is completed. The following jurymen have been selected: August Buesing, Geo. W. Maxwell, F. H. Jones, O. B. King, M. J. Lytle, Wm. Hagley, H. J. Lester, J. O. Beardsley, H. G. Fallick, J. K. Struble, S. E. Icenbice and Fiero Combs. The examination of witnesses will commence Monday morning.

WOMEN'S 1000 CLUB WORKING

FOUR NEW CONTRIBUTORS TO RAILROAD TERMINAL FUND SECURED YESTERDAY BY MEMBERS OF THE CLUB

The following donations to the Strahorn terminal fund have been secured by the women of the 1,000 Club yesterday:

Mrs. W. C. Ball \$5.00 Mrs. Dorothy Luce 5.00 Mrs. W. R. Boyd 5.00 A Friend 5.00

Naval Stations Guarded WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 3.—The navy department has issued orders that nobody be admitted to any of the United States naval stations except employees. Guards have been trebled at all stations.

Car of Young Elk Arrives Tomorrow

Local Passenger Will Bring in About Twenty Elk Calves to Be Taken to Wood River Valley

According to a wire received from State Game Warden Shoemaker by Commissioner Stone this morning, the car of elk calves, which have been secured for Klamath county from the state fish and game commission, will arrive in Klamath Falls at 5:50 Sunday evening.

The elk are being shipped by express, and the car, which probably contains twenty animals, is attached to the regular passenger train. Monday morning the car will be taken to Chiloquin, and from there the animals are to be hauled in sleds to the Blaine more ranch and kept in corral until spring.

GENERAL STAFF OFFERS PLANS IN CASE OF WAR

FOUR IDEAS ARE SUGGESTED BY THE ARMY OFFICERS

Plans Do Not Contemplate Sending Troops to Europe for Present Hostilities—One Is Similar to That Followed by Japan, Who Is Speedily Increasing Efficiency.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 3.—Four immediate plans for action contingent upon declaration of war on Germany have been prepared by the general staff. The following ideas have been suggested.

Using the regular army militia as a nucleus with which to train 2,000,000 men yearly. The plan does not contemplate sending troops to Europe during that period.

The immediate passage of a universal military law, which will call out the first three classes.

The extensive establishment of training camps in all states, similar to those opened the past summer, but on a larger scale.

The immediate installation of munition plants and factories, in which sufficient munitions and army supplies can be furnished to equip an army of 2,000,000 men.

It is considered futile to attempt to send our army to engage in the present hostilities in Europe. The new plans call for a hundred army divisions of 20,000 each. Out of 50,000 officers needed, 6,000 are now available. Youths of 18, 19 and 20 years are to be called first. This plan is similar to that followed by Japan, who is steadily increasing her efficiency, although she has sent no troops to Europe.