

TROUBLE SEEN IN CUBA AND MEXICO

Whitlock Cut Off and Belgium Workers Held

AMERICAN FLAG DEMANDED LOWERED AT BRUSSELS

Attache of American Embassy at Bern Arrived at Bern With Stories of Germany's Actions—American Helicopter Submarine—Crew Land of Safety—Austrian Submarine Is Released.

BERNE, Feb. 14.—German authorities in Belgium have ordered that Brand Whitlock, American minister in Belgium, lower the American flag over the legation at Brussels.

The Germans have stopped Whitlock's attempts to communicate with Washington, and are holding American relief workers as prisoners.

Gustave Herter, an attache of the Berlin embassy of the United States arrived here today bringing this word to Ambassador Gerard.

He declared that Germany hopes to frighten America into remaining neutral. Herter was arrested at the border and thrown in jail at Metz. He was later released and ordered to leave Germany within twelve hours. He reached Bern exhausted.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The American schooner Lyman Law has been submerged in the Mediterranean Sea, the state department is advised.

The American crew of ten was landed safely. Messages state that an Austrian submarine stopped the schooner and set her afire with bombs. The Law was enroute to Palermo with a cargo of lumber.

Gerard Leaves Tonight
BERNE, Feb. 14.—Ambassador Gerard is forwarding to Washington a full report of conditions attending the German administration in Belgium, including a report on the deportation of Belgium workmen by Germany.

SUPERVISORS ARE NAMED BY COURT

THIRD MEMBER APPOINTED ON KLAMATH COUNTY FAIR BOARD ALSO—PLAN ORGANIZE PERMANENT FAIR ASSOCIATION

James Bell of Bly was named road supervisor of District No. 2, and Thos. Dixon of District No. 1 by the county court in session today.

F. W. Snyder of Swan Lake was also named third member of the Klamath county fair board, to take the place of L. C. Stearns of Fort Klamath, whose term has expired.

Mr. Dixon's district includes all roads in the county except the Bly district and the Langell Valley district, a supervisor for which has not been appointed yet.

The other two members of the county fair board are Geo. T. Baldwin and J. Frank Adams. It is planned to organize a fair association. Stock may be sold, if necessary, to finance the fair, making the fair association a permanent organization.

The county court is expected to wind up its business late today or tomorrow.

Ministers May Be Recalled



AMBASSADOR E. C. PENFIELD
AMBASSADOR A. I. ELKUS
MINISTER C. G. VOPICKA

Following the order to Ambassador Gerard to quit Berlin, it was momentarily expected in Washington that complications with Germany's allies would become such that it would be necessary to recall also Ambassadors Frederick C. Penfield at Vienna, Abraham I. Elkus at Constantinople and Minister C. G. Vopicka, sent to Bulgaria and Roumania. Since Minister Vopicka makes his official residence in Bucharest, Roumania, such an order would mean he would remain there and sever his relations with Bulgaria.

GERMANY READY SEND SUB HERE

"ESPECIALLY TO PANAMA," SAYS ACKERMAN AT BERNE—ALSO EXPECT TO HAVE ALLIES AT MERCY IN SIX MONTHS

By CARL ACKERMAN
BERNE, Feb. 14.—Germany is prepared to send a submarine to Panama waters, and especially to Panama waters.

German officials have carefully considered the possibility of America entering the war. Nevertheless they expect to have the entire allies at their mercy within six months, regardless of developments in America.

They are confident that the submarine warfare will paralyze the allies' industries and meanwhile are preparing to launch a gigantic offensive on land, air and by torpedo boat fleets.

Germany is stronger as a military nation today than at any time since the war began.

COUNCIL TAKES IMPORTANT STEP ON RIGHT OF WAY

RESOLUTIONS FIRST STEP IN CONDEMNATION PROCEEDINGS

Council Censures Holes Left in Pavement from Cutting—Present Condition of Sidewalks Said to Be Bad. County's Bill Left Over—Requests That Speeding in City Be Curbed. Other Matters Taken Up.

Resolutions designating that fourteen pieces of property in this city and between here and the Olens Gap are needed for the proposed Oregon, California & Eastern railroad were unanimously passed by the city council last night when presented by Chas. E. Eberlein.

The resolutions were accompanied by a description of each piece of property and read to the effect that the property described is necessary and desirable for the right of way for the proposed line of railroad of the city of Klamath Falls, proposed to be constructed from First street to Dairy station, and for the maintenance and operation of said proposed line, sidetracks, spurs, laterals and for proper cuttings and embankment, and for proper conveniences for operation of the line.

All of the property described is outside the city limits with the exception of one piece. This is the first step toward taking condemnation proceedings against the property.

The securing of a stencil and letter on for the marking of all property belonging to the city was left by the council to Acting Mayor Doty to supply. All furniture, tools and other articles belonging to the city which might stray or be taken is to be marked in such manner as to insure its return and lessen the possibility of losing it.

Censure was made by members of the council on the manner in which the pavements in the city have been cut and left afterwards, it being said that in a considerable number of places bad holes are left in the pavement. Severe steps were threatened by the council in instances of such neglect.

The general condition of many of the sidewalks, including some stretches on Main street, were censured also by members of the council.

It was decided by the council to leave the matter of a bill for \$500 presented at the last meeting of the council by the county for the maintenance of the ferry across Link River during the construction of the bridge, until Mayor Crisler returns, since arrangements were made through him at the time it was paid. The bill was presented at the meeting of the council a week ago, and was laid aside.

The speeding of automobiles in the city and on Main street to the depot especially, was severely criticized by Councilman Miller, who declared that the members of the police force are not doing their duty.

Chief Baldwin stated that the members of the force are without stop watches, and practically unable to do anything. The council voted to provide the members of the force with stop watches, and ask that arrests be made of all speeders. The leaving of machines on the streets without lights burning also was up. Councilman Miller stated that machines are traveling all the way from 25 to 40 miles per hour on Main street to the depot. He said he could take the council and show them fifteen cars exceeding a speed of 35 miles an hour

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Swiss Minister, Who Now Represents Germany, and Wife



Dr. Paul Ritter, Swiss minister to the United States, has become the German representative in the United States since Count von Bernstorff, German ambassador, has been handed his passports. He and Mme. Ritter are very popular in Washington society. Dr. Ritter is a German Swiss.

Railroad Campaign on With Renewed Spirit

Capt. Siemens Reports Receipt of \$1,135 in Last Few Days—First Step to Taking Condemnation Proceedings Against Needed Land Taken.

The receipt of \$1,135 for the railroad was announced today by Captain J. W. Siemens as being received since he returned from Portland last week.

A renewed spirit in the work of securing subscriptions to the railroad fund this week since Captain J. W. Siemens has taken charge of the campaign to push it through to completion.

This money has been received from the following persons, \$650 coming from persons not desiring their names to be made public at this time:
Dan W. Parker, Bly \$ 50.00
I. P. Tabor, Dorris 50.00
Medford Grocery Co. 25.00
J. A. Gordon 25.00
Ford Williams 50.00
L. O. Mills 50.00
Warren Patterson 5.00
L. L. Gaghagen 5.00
Others 650.00

Captain Siemens said on his return from Portland that the matter of securing the rights of way would be taken up immediately and secured as soon as is possible.

The city council last night unanimously passed resolutions which stated that certain property is desired and necessary for the construction of the proposed railroad.

This is the first step previous to the taking of condemnation proceedings against the property needed for the railroad right of way which Captain Siemens said yesterday will be taken up immediately.

No stone is being left unturned by the members of the committee directing the raising of the needed funds for the railroad and all are working with a determination to raise the balance of approximately \$20,000, which is needed to fulfill Mr. Strahorn's request of this city. Klamath has agreed to raise this money to have work started here first.

The great need of raising this money as quickly as possible is emphasized, as Mr. Strahorn is desirous that this work shall start by March 1st. If Klamath Falls does her part this is promised by Mr. Strahorn, but he must have absolute assurance that all the money will be on hand as quickly as possible.

United States Sends Warning to Cubans

THREE NEUTRALS SEND PROTESTS TO BERLIN ALSO

ARE SIMILAR TO ONE SENT BY UNITED STATES

Denmark, Sweden and Norway Deny Right of Belligerents to Obstruct Peaceful Navigation so Far From Coast Lines—Hold Only Coast Subject to Blockade—Recall Previous Protests and Say Must Stand by 'em

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 14.—Denmark, Sweden and Norway have forwarded notes to Germany protesting the establishment of the barred traffic zone, identical to the note sent by the United States.

Their notes deny the right of belligerents to obstruct peaceful navigation so far from the enemy's coast line. They say that only the coast is subject to a legitimate blockade.

They recall their previous protests against the "ruthless submarine warfare, and declare that they must adhere to their previous position.

REBUTTAL HOLDS HOBBS CASE OVER

ARGUMENT EXPECTED TO START IN MORNING FOLLOWING INTRODUCTION OF CHARACTER WITNESS OVER OBJECTIONS

In spite of objections by Attorney Manning, four character witnesses were placed on the stand by the state this morning and two more followed this afternoon. The defense was not allowed to touch upon the character of Way in their direct case, but the state's contention and rulings of the court are that the state can introduce evidence showing the deceased to have been a peaceable, inoffensive man.

Frank Ward, R. E. Hunsaker, Henry Stout and Sam S. Hill have been examined along this line already, and all testified to the good reputation of the deceased.

The rebuttal testimony was taken up this afternoon, and it is expected that the pleas will probably begin the first thing in the morning. The case may go to the jury in the afternoon.

The court ruled yesterday afternoon that testimony relative to the character of Way could not be introduced, Attorney Manning asking for an exception to the ruling of the court, which was granted. E. B. Henry was then placed on the stand by the defense; told of his findings in tests made with a twelve gauge choke-bore shotgun, shooting the same size shot and charge identical with the shell the charge of which killed Way.

He testified at the distances of six inches, one, three, four, five and six feet, and at three and eight-tenths feet distance from the muzzle of the gun barrel. He testified that up to three feet powder marks were noticed

GERMAN BLOCKADED KEEPS SHIPS AT DOCKS

German Haul Been in Organized Revolt in Cuba and in Mexican Territories—Should Carranza Stand Pat, England Forced to Intervene on Account of Oil at Tampico—Most Serious Congestion in History

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 14.—The state department issued a warning today to Cuba, through the American minister, Gonzales, against "government not established through legal and constitutional methods." It is said that the United States is receiving with great apprehension reports of organized revolts now in progress against the Cuban government.

Government officials privately intimated they can see Germany's influence in Cuban and Mexican troubles. Should Carranza act on his own suggestion and prohibit exportations to belligerents, England would certainly act if America did not, as it would interfere with her large oil supplies at Tampico.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—The most serious freight tieup in the history of the country prevailed today here owing to congestion resulting from the fact that few ships have sailed on account of the German submarine blockade.

The Lackawanna railroad announced an embargo today on all freight west of Buffalo following a lead taken by other roads.

Local Boy in Army.
Alfred Turpin of this city, arrived here last night and left this morning for Texas, where he is to be stationed. Turpin was recently enlisted by a recruiting officer of the army who was here, and was sent to Vancouver. He is now on his way to Texas, and stopped here to visit his parents.

Petitions to Be Administered.
A petition to be appointed administrator in the estate of Effie S. Wiley has been filed with the county clerk by W. S. Wiley with the accompanying bond. The deceased died at Washington, D. C., in February, 1916. The estate is valued at \$500.

able on the targets, and above three feet they were not.

At a distance up to five feet the charge occupied the space of a 50-cent piece, or very slightly larger, and that from three feet up but one was found to have gone through the hole made by the charge, the other three having dropped out at the side. Dr. Hamilton, who assisted at the performance of the autopsy verified his former statements that but one was found in the head, and that none of the charge had passed on out of the skull. He also testified that the burned appearance in the mouth was not powder marks.

Following the introduction of a few more witnesses on the character of Hobbs, the state rested at 3 p. m. The state took up its rebuttal testimony, and at closing time had introduced four witnesses to prove that Way had not been drinking at the time he left for his ranch on the afternoon on which he met his death, and also introduced further testimony to show a motive for the act by evidence that Hobbs was angry at Way over being out of work and not having the balance of his timber removed.