

FEARED LACONIA CASE IS "OVERT ACT" CONGRESS DALLIES OVER GIVING PRESIDENT POWER

CONSUL FROST WIRES LACONIA NOT WARNED

FOURTEEN MISSING AND THIRTY-THREE DEAD

Eight Die of Exposure and Buried at Sea—Six in Hospital, one in Grave Condition—Ship Sunk in Forty-five Minutes After First Torpedo Struck Aft Engines—Ship Was Sunk at Night.

- LACONIA CASUALTY LIST Five Drowned Eight Died Exposure KNOWN DEAD Mrs. Mary Hoy Miss Elizabeth Hoy MISSING Cedric Ivatt, New York LACONIA STATISTICS 284 Passengers Aboard 287 Landed Queenstown 14 Landed Bantry 4 Americans Rescued 15 U. S. Crew Rescued

Admirals Command First Line of Defense



Admiral Henry T. Mayo is in command of the Atlantic fleet, which must bear the brunt of battle in case of war. Admiral William B. Caperton is in charge of the Pacific fleet, which may have work to do, and Rear Admiral A. W. Grant is commander of the submarines of the United States navy.

MONTHLY REPORT COUNTY AGENT IS PREPARED

WORK BEING DONE WITH FARMERS IS REVIEWED

Methods of Extirminating Pests and Manner in Which Klamath Farmers Co-operating Given in Report from County Agriculturist's Office—Organizations Formed in Parts of County for Work.

The February report from the Klamath county agriculturist's office has been completed by R. A. Ward, government biologist, who is in charge of the office at present.

Practically the whole of February was given over to this project on pest control. Some little time was spent in conferences with farmers concerning Farm Loan Associations and assistance was rendered in this matter. Requests for assistance in seed testing were taken care of. Several samples were sent to Corvallis for testing, and one germination test with alfalfa and timothy seed was personally conducted in the county agriculturist's office. Miscellaneous requests for information on various crops, livestock, etc., were taken care of as far as possible. Work was also done on the county organization project and assistance also was given two localities in commencing new organizations, while one old organization was reorganized. Pest Control Project The work of jack rabbit control was prosecuted as vigorously as

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How Funston Looked on the Border



GEN. FREDERICK FUNSTON

This photograph of General Frederick Funston, who dropped dead at San Antonio, was taken in his headquarters on the border. It shows him in the regular frontier uniform which he wore when busy with the affairs of his men.

Liner Sunk With Americans Aboard

HELD NO INVESTIGATION NECESSARY.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The sinking of the Laconia is said to be a "clear cut case" by high officials of the United States government. It is held no investigation is necessary.

This is known to be the administration's attitude following a conference between President Wilson and Secretary Lansing this morning.

The Laconia incident and action is altogether in President Wilson's hands. It is strongly intimated that he does not intend to go before congress again now.

Though the officials did not use the word "overt act," it is believed they consider the Laconia case such.

SIX AMERICAN CREWMEN PERISH

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—The Canadian liner steamship officers announced today that six American members of the crew of the Laconia perished.

SON WANTS ACT AVENGED.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—Arthur Hoy, 28 years old, son of an American business man, called President Wilson today demanding that the death of his mother and sister be avenged, and requested the privilege of being the first volunteer if a citizen army is raised in this country.

Otherwise he will enlist in the British army, he said. Mr. Hoy's father, Dr. Arthur Hoy, 64 years old, collapsed while talking over the telephone to the United Press London office today.

CONGRESS DICKERS ON POWER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The house foreign committee split on Wilson's request for authority in the international situation, and failed to report out the Flood bill giving the president the necessary power.

Several of the committeemen sought to inject amendments. The committee finally voted to send the amendments to the president for his consideration.

The main fight is against giving the president the power to arm American ships carrying war munitions. The senate foreign committee met the same objections.

After a two hour session in the committee meeting ended without reaching a decision.

As a result of the Laconia incident Wilson will probably urge a reconsideration of his resolution.

HOLLWEG SAYS ACT "UNPRECEDENTED."

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—Chancellor Bethmann von Hollweg told the reichstag today that President Wilson's action of breaking off relations was "unprecedented." He characterized the method of terminating friendly relations as "brusque."

Hollweg called Wilson's attention to the notification he gave congress in 1915 in which he said he would follow "international usage," and put an embargo on the shipment of arms to both sections in Mexico.

"A year later," the chancellor said, "these usages are apparently not considered good."

Hollweg laid stress on the amount of war material shipped by America to the allies.

TWO CRACKSMEN ROB POSTOFFICE

HANDICAPPED LOCK OF PARADISE POSTOFFICE SAFE AFTER CUTTING TELEPHONE LINES INTO VILLAGE—GET \$400 CASH

CHICO, Feb. 27.—Two cracksmen hammered the lock of the Paradise postoffice safe this morning, after cutting the telephone lines into the village, and rifled the safe. They stole \$400 in cash and \$300 in stamps, making their escape on a handcar.

RABBIT SKINS SENT NEW YORK

FIRST COMMERCIAL SHIPMENT FROM THIS CITY TO MARKET OF FAMILIAR JACKS HIDES IS SENT TODAY

The first commercial shipment of rabbit skins from Klamath Falls to the East was made today, when R. A. Ward, local government biologist, shipped 500 rabbit skins to Jones & Lombard of New York city, where they will be used in the manufacture of hair felt goods.

Most of these skins come from Lake county, although a number are from Klamath county. They will be used at the factory to substitute for the Belgian, European and Australian skins, the supply of which is out of sight this war season.

Mr. Ward says that the demand for the skins is practically unlimited, and that he will buy 10,000 at 5 cents each. Eight assistants are now preparing these skins in Lake county for the market, and can handle eight an hour. They are not dried.

FARMERS WIFE HURT IN RUNAWAY

MRS. FRED BECK OF HILDEBRAND HAS LIMB BROKEN WHEN TEAM RUNS AWAY AND SHE IS THROWN UNDER HACK

Mrs. Fred Beck of Hildebrand, was thrown from a hack when the team ran away yesterday about noon near the Pine Grove school house, and suffered a broken limb above the knee.

Mrs. Beck was just returning home from a trip to Ashland, having arrived here the night before, and was being driven home by her son, Frank Beck, at the time of the accident.

Mrs. Beck was brought back to this city and taken to the Washington rooming house, where she received medical treatment.

Wife, Old Patent. Snow Keck, old time resident of Pine Valley, filed two patents issued by the government on his homestead land, now an improved farm in Pine Valley, yesterday with County Clerk Dallas. One of the patents was issued eleven years ago, and had not been filed. Mr. Keck said he had forgotten that it was not filed until he looked it up to get a date from it.

Longfellow Born 110 Years Ago. PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 27.—One hundred and ten years ago today one of the world's best beloved poets was born in Portland. His name was Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

The three story frame building at the corner of Fore and Hancock streets, where he was born, still stands, and has been made an international memorial by the International Longfellow Society, which has been organized for that purpose.

TAX COLLECTIONS COMING SLOWLY

ALTHOUGH KLAMATH COUNTY HAD BUT \$19,000 ON DELINQUENT TAXES, PROBABLY BE MORE NEXT YEAR

Tax collections are starting the slowest this year that they have for years, according to the sheriff's office, but few letters being received and comparatively few taxpayers calling at the office.

The delinquent tax list this year contained but \$19,000 worth of delinquent taxes, not including the Oregon-California grant land taxes, which increases the amount to \$25,000. The sheriff's office fears that if more rapid strides are not made this year Klamath county's delinquent tax list will be much larger next year.

The first half of the taxes are delinquent on April 5th, and all are delinquent on this date if the first half is not paid.

Nineteen Persons Killed in Wreck

Fast Freight Crashes Into Express in Pennsylvania While Making Minor Repairs

ALTOONA, Pa., Feb. 27.—Every passenger, nineteen in all, in a Pullman sleeper at Altoona, was killed this morning when a fast freight crashed into a marauding express on the Pennsylvania railroad. The express had stopped at Mount Union for minor repairs.

To Open Bids for Submarine Guns Navy Department Has Ordered Twenty-Four Hundred One Pound Guns and Others Also

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—The navy department will open bids tomorrow for 2,400 one-pound guns, and 800 three-inch guns. These guns are most effective against submarines.