

Wilson Issues Formal Statement And Will Arm U. S. Merchantmen

CO-OPERATION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC IS ASKED

DECISION IS REACHED ON LEGAL ADVICE

NAVY DEPARTMENT ANNOUNCES IT IS PREPARED TO FURNISH GUNS AND GUNNERS TO MERCHANTMEN—PRESIDENT HAS NOT ANNOUNCED WHETHER GUNNERS ARE TO BE USED—CABLE OFFICE AND NEWSPAPERS NOT TO PUBLISH NAMES OF ARMED SHIPS

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—President Wilson issued a formal statement yesterday announcing his decision to arm merchantmen.

He did not state whether gunners will also be furnished.

The president desires the co-operation of the press and the public in taking all the precautionary measures to preserve life.

He reached his decision after receiving legal advice from Secretary Lansing and United States Attorney General Gregory.

The navy department announces that it is prepared to furnish gunners as well as guns.

Secretary Daniels has requested the cable office not to send statements of ship movements, and the newspaper not to publish the names of the armed ships, nor what ports they are bound, or sailing dates.

President Franklin of the International Mercantile Marine company has announced that his ships will sail as soon as he receives the authority to arm them.

Secretary Daniels of the navy has taken no direct action as yet, but is expected to within a few hours.

Fair Meeting Held
Those interested in the forming of a Klamath County School Fair Association met this afternoon at the county agriculturist's office at 1:30 o'clock, to complete the organization. A change may be made in the name of the organization to the "Klamath County School Fair Association," which change is included in the constitution to come up for adoption today.

PERU IS AFLAME WITH REBELLION

INFORMATION SMUGGLED ACROSS THE BORDER TELLS OF ABANDONMENT OF ADMIRAL GRAUSSON

BUENOS AIRES, March 10.—Information has been smuggled across the border that Peru is aflame with rebellion.

Admiral Grausson has been abandoned. The government has dismantled its warships to prevent the capture of them by rebels. The government quarters at Lima is surrounded with troops, and it is predicted that the president will resign soon.

The reasons for the outbreak is not known.

REDUCED RATES ON PORTLAND HAY SECURED BY CLUB

COTTONSEED MEAL BEING FURNISHED SHEEP MEN

Klamath Commercial Club, First National Bank and Fred Murphy Working to Aid Stock and Sheep Men to Provide Feed for Animals. Reduced Rate of \$6 a Ton on Hay From Portland Secured.

PORTLAND, March 10.—I obtained a reduced rate of \$6 a ton from Portland and Willamette Valley points.

Alber, Brothers can furnish as follows: Any quantity of chest hay at \$13 a ton at Portland; oat and vetch, \$15 at Portland; alfalfa, \$15.50 at Portland, and oat hay, \$14.50 at Portland.

The above telegram was received today from Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the Commercial Club, who is in Portland, and is the result of a request sent him yesterday by Secretary Fred Fleet to secure reduced rates for shipping hay.

Secretary Fleet has wired Assistant General Passenger Agent Hinshaw of the Southern Pacific at Portland to confirm the rates, and have the local office of the Southern Pacific notified of the change.

It is believed the securing of these rates will materially aid in helping the acute hay situation in this county which exists, owing to the unexpected long winter spell.

The First National bank and Fred Murphy of the O. K. Transfer company of this city, have ordered and sold a carload of cotton cake, and have telegraphed for another to be sent as soon as possible from San Francisco to aid the feed situation.

It is said that two ounces of this cake will keep a sheep a day, and that it takes less than two pounds for a horse. A carload constitutes twenty tons of the meal.

G. W. McCormick, who has 1,300 head of sheep in the Lava Beds, was in the city today after securing the Merrill country without success, looking for hay, and is going to bring his sheep out of the beds. He says there is four inches of snow there.

It is customary for sheep men to take the sheep into the beds early, as the snow usually disappears there first. Mr. McCormick says there are 4,000 head of sheep in the Lava Beds. It is reported that there is no hay in the Merrill country to be had at any price, past prices running from \$25 to \$35 a ton.

Dr. Sheldon Speaks

Dr. H. D. Sheldon, head of the school of education at the state university, spoke to a large number of city and county school teachers and patrons at the Central school this afternoon at 8:30 on "Some Recent Movements in Education." Dr. Sheldon spoke at the Central and Riverside schools yesterday afternoon at the request of Superintendent Dunbar. He leaves in the morning on his return to Eugene after making a trip through California.

Comptroller Calls for Statements

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The comptroller of the currency has called for a statement from all national banks of the country at the close of business on March 5th.

WAR DECLARED ON GERMAN SUBS

The President of the United States



WOODROW WILSON

RAILROADS WIN DIVORCE SUIT

SUIT BROUGHT BY THE GOVERNMENT TO DIVORCE THE CENTRAL PACIFIC AND SOUTHERN PACIFIC WON BY RAILROADS

NEW YORK, March 10.—The railroads won the government suit brought to divorce the Central Pacific from the Southern Pacific, according to General Counsel Blair of the Southern Pacific here.

The suit was instituted in the federal district court of Utah, and it was claimed that the ownership of the Central Pacific by the Southern Pacific was in violation of the Sherman law.

Judge Hook wrote a favorable opinion and Judge Carlin a dissenting opinion.

Hails a Dozen Maxwells

The Howie garage reports that one carload of 1917 Maxwell cars have been sold, and part of another car which has been ordered is already sold, making practically twelve cars sold so far this season. Mr. Howie says the Maxwell has a number of new features this season, important among which is a nine-inch longer spring.

CUBAN SOLDIERS DEFEAT REBELS

PRESIDENT MENCAL INFORMS UNITED PRESS OF SITUATION AND AMERICAN MARINES OCCUPY SANLUIS

HAVANA, March 10.—President Menocal informed the United Press today that his government troops have defeated the rebels outside of Santiago and are now waiting to enter the city.

He added that federal troops must run down the small scattered bands, and that many of them are now surrendering.

The situation will probably clear soon. A detachment of American marines are occupying Sanluis, thirty miles from Santiago, it is reported.

HAVANA, March 10.—An unconfirmed report, which is widespread, indicates that Cuban federal troops have occupied Santiago.

Agriculturist at Worden
H. B. Glazier, county agriculturist, left this morning for Worden to attend the second meeting of the Worden Poison Club, formed there last week.

PORTLAND CLUB BACKS KLAMATH ON TULE LANDS

PASSES RESOLUTION WHICH IS SENT EAST

Contention of Klamath Commercial Club That the Fee Which is to be Charged All Applicants for Tule Lake Land Opening is Too High, and That Opening Should Be Held Like Other Land Openings.

A copy of a resolution passed by the Oregon Development bureau of Portland has been received by Secretary Fred Fleet of the Klamath Commercial Club, upholding the contentions taken by the local club regarding the opening of the Tule Lake lands.

It is believed here, however, that it is probably too late to change the plan now. The resolution has been forwarded to the commissioner of the general land office at Washington, D. C. The resolution is as follows:

"The Oregon Development bureau, representing a large number of commercial organizations throughout the state requests that the regulations governing the drawing for lands in the Tule Lake reclamation of Klamath Falls be the same as drawings in previous years in other places, and that only entry and filing fees be charged applicants for the lands. If the full initial payment of three hundred dollars is collected from each applicant it will prevent many poor men from entering this competition, while unsuccessful applicants will be at great inconvenience in securing a return of their money."

VALLEY DEBATERS WIN FROM LOCALS

DECISION OF JUDGES IS TWO TO ONE IN FAVOR OF ASHLAND TEAM IN DISTRICT CHAMPIONSHIP SHIP CONTEST LAST NIGHT

The Ashland debating team won a victory by a two to one decision over the Klamath county high school team last night in this city for the district championship of Southern Oregon.

Persons attending the contest said it was one of the closest they ever witnessed. The judges were H. D. Sheldon, Fred Peterson and Homer Billings.

The members of the Ashland team were Cleo Kirk and Fred Abbott. The Klamath debaters were Emma Honzik and Beatrice Henley.

In City From Bray.
Marion Nipe of Bray is in the city for a few days.

Is From Beach Today.
J. H. Wise, who is farming the old Horton ranch, is in town on business.

Armed Ships Will Fire on Submarines on Sight

By ROBERT J. BENDER

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—American merchantmen are to be empowered to fire on German submarines on sight.

Secretary Lansing made this plain when he declared that neutral ships can be presumed not to be subject to search before attack, since Germany announced that her submarines would disregard the international law.

This means that American ships will take no chances.

If Germany fulfills her threat to maintain the "ruthless undersea war" on the high seas, clashes between German submarines and neutral merchantmen are inevitable.

It is officially interpreted that this decision has brought the possibility of war near.

ANTICIPATES WAR UNLESS GERMANY CHANGES.

An international law expert believes that if an American merchantman fires first, it will lose its humanity from attack. He anticipates war unless Germany changes her announced views.

"WHITE BOOK" PREPARED BY GOVERNMENT.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 10.—The government is preparing a "White Book," which will record the German intrigues on the American continent. It will cover all the plots discovered.

The book is expected to aid in the aligning of the Pan-American countries and spur national patriotism in the United States.

GERMAN OFFICERS ARE SENTENCED.

FLORENCE, S. C., March 10.—Eight officers of the German freighter *Liebenfels* were sentenced today to one year in the penitentiary and a fine of \$300 each on a charge of having sunk their ship while interned, following the American-German diplomatic break.

BOMB FOUND IN CLEVELAND STATION

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 10.—Detectives today found a bomb planted in the waiting room of the Union railroad station, with three feet of fuse attached. Officials are convinced that there was a plot to destroy the station.

SAVAGE MUNITION PLANT DAMAGED

UTICA, N. Y., March 10.—The Savage Arms and Munition company's plant here, where machine guns are being made for the allies, was damaged by fire today, believed to have been of incendiary origin.

GERMANS ARRESTED IN CHICAGO.

CHICAGO, March 10.—Several Germans, believed to be sailors from an interned German cruiser, were arrested here today. One is identified as "Fritz Wolf," an employe of the Albert Pick company. Federal officials refused to disclose the reasons for their arrest.

WAR TAXES LEVIED ON GERMAN SUBJECTS HERE.

NEW YORK, March 10.—Federal agents decided today that they have evidence proving that German agents have levied war taxes on German subjects in America for more than a year past. They are now investigating to find if fund collected for German Red Cross has left the country.

YACHTING CLUB WILL OFFER EQUIPMENT

CLEVELAND, Ohio, March 10.—The Inter-Lake Yachting Association, with more than 5,000 members, is holding a session today, and is prepared to pass a resolution offering its entire equipment to the government in case of war.

MEMBER OF SCHOOL BOARD WRITES OF SITUATION

I note by your editorial that the school board is being criticized for not giving more publicity to the facts regarding the proposal to buy the school site.

We called a mass meeting, and at that meeting presented all the facts in our possession. That only a few were present was due, perhaps, to the short notice and its inconspicuous display in the paper. We also read a statement of the facts to the voters, about fifty being present, before opening the polls.

It has been said that we should have carried on a campaign for the purchase. That is a matter of opinion. There were plenty of reasons why voters honestly differed as to the advisability of the purchase at this time, and at the prices asked for some of the property. If we had urged the purchase, how many would have charged that we were interested—that there was graft in it—and how

many would have believed the accusation, no matter how false?

I am not sure that we could legally attempt to influence votes for or against the site, even before election day, without being liable to prosecution.

This is a personal statement, made without consulting the other members of the board, and personally I have no apologies to offer for the course pursued, and with which I agreed in every particular.

Personal matters should not enter into the question of public interest, but some people seem not to be able to shut them out entirely.

C. C. HOOVER

The "inconspicuous display in the paper" mentioned by Mr. Hoover was due to the fact that the notice of the meeting was placed in the *Standard* office on the afternoon preceding the meeting, too late to otherwise get a place in the paper at all.—Editor.