

# U. S. SHIP SUNK BY GERMANS

## DIVER OPENED FIRE BY SHELLS AT THREE MILES

THE BOAT COMMANDER REFUSED TO TOW SURVIVORS

Algonquin Owned by American Mar Line of New York—Was Carrying Million Dollar Cargo of Meat, Drugs and Machinery—Official Circle in Washington Say Does Not Mean War.

LONDON, March 14.—The American steamer Algonquin, running from New York to London, was sunk by a German diver early today.

Shell fire and bombs were used to sink the ship. The diver opened fire at a distance of three miles, and fired every shot.

The steamer was then boarded, and bombs were placed on the ship, which damaged the vessel.

The crew put off in small boats. The commander of the submarine refused to assist the survivors when he was asked to tow the lifeboats.

NEW YORK, March 14.—The Algonquin was owned by the American Mar line, and carried a million dollar cargo of meat, drugs and machinery. Practically all members of the crew were Americans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—It is generally agreed in official circles that the sinking of the Algonquin does not mean war, although it is regarded as a demonstration that Germany will carry out her threat of the ruthless warfare.

It is declared that the government is doing all that is possible at this time to arm American merchantmen.

### Germany Take Census

NEW YORK, March 14.—United States government agents say that German agents are taking a census of German-Americans in this country. The information is said to come from two American agents who worked for Germany as supposed spies. The department of justice is watching the census takers.

## WATER USERS BOARD TO MEET

A meeting of the board of directors of the Klamath Water Users Association will be held in this city next Saturday, according to Albert E. Elder, secretary of the board, of this city.

Mr. Elder said this morning that he expects the matter of the leasing of the Kono canal to the California-Oregon Power company will come up at that time.

Mr. Elder said that at the meeting of the irrigation engineers held here last October it was agreed by those present and a resolution passed at the time stating that it was not advisable to lease this canal.

Those in attendance at the meeting were a state engineer, a reclamation service engineer, Project Manager Camp and representatives of the Water Users Association. The board of directors understood that the canal was not to be leased, according to Mr. Elder.

Mr. Camp said today that he had no information to give out on the leasing of the canal, and had not been authorized to give out any.

## SOME CHANGES IN IRRIGATION LAWS WERE EFFECTED

LEGISLATORS DID NOT ENTIRELY OVERLOOK SITUATION

Assistant State Engineer Tells of Work Accomplished by State Legislature Towards Perfecting Laws for Projects in This State—Most Important Addition to Old Statutes Relates to Certification of Bonds.

By PERCY A. CUPPER Assistant State Engineer

It cannot be said of the legislature which has just adjourned that it entirely overlooked the importance of irrigation development in Oregon. On the other hand, this industry asked for little in the way of legislation, in which other sections of the state were interested. In fact, the only phase of irrigation which may be said to be of general interest, throughout the state is an appropriation for the carrying on of irrigation work.

The most important legislative act as far as irrigation is concerned was the re-enactment of the irrigation district law under house bill No. 158. Irrigation districts in general are organized for the purpose of reclaiming arid land or for operating irrigation systems and to enable the land owners to issue bonds for the payment of construction charges, levy assessments on the land and to enter into contracts with the United States for the reclamation of the district lands.

The irrigation district law became so involved, complicated and unworkable with useless provisions through ill-considered amendments which were made session after session, that further amendment of the statute would have rendered it almost unworkable. However, numerous changes were deemed necessary in order to meet the new conditions, and the United States reclamation service was anxious to have the act so amended as to make it applicable to conditions on United States reclamation projects. In view of this condition, an entire new code was submitted to the legislature, and all sections of the old law were repealed.

The new code changes a number of minor details relative to organization, the most important perhaps being the substitution of three directors for five and the provision that no land owner in the district shall be entitled to vote unless he owns one acre or more of land. Under the new statute the state engineer is required to either approve or disapprove a project, and is authorized to make a field inspection. He is also required to approve the works of the district before final payment to the contractor is made. Changes were made in the sections relative to the issuance of bonds. While the old statute made it mandatory that a bond election should be held, it is optional under the new law, and the time of maturity of bonds is left to the discretion of the district. The provisions of the statute relative to the making of assessments were changed in order to make it possible to assess irrigated lands within the district in proportion to the benefits they received from the construction of the irrigation works.

The most important addition to the old statute is the provision of the new law relating to the certification of bonds. This statute was patterned after the successfully operating statute in California, and provides that any irrigation district may make application to a board consisting of the state engineer, attorney general and the superintendent of banks, to have the bonds of the district certified. This board is required to make an ex-

# R. R. STRIKE ORDERS ARE ISSUED

## Had Bombs for Munition Plants



FREDERICK KOLB

Frederick Kolb, a German, was caught in Hoboken, N. J., with bombs which the police there believe were for the explosion of munition plants. His partner confessed they had placed more bombs near the scene of the Black Tom explosion at Communipaw, N. J., where many millions in ammunition was blown up some months ago. Kolb is also believed to have been employed at the Canadian Car and Foundry company plant at Kingsland, N. J., when the explosion occurred there.

amination of the lands in the district, pass upon the amount of available water supply, the feasibility of the project in general, and determine whether the lands in the district, together with the works to be constructed with the money arising from the issuance of bonds and other assets of the district are equal to twice the amount of the bond issue to be certified. If the board finds conditions satisfactory and all requirements of the statute are complied with, a report is made to the secretary of state, who in turn is required to certify the irrigation district bonds. When the bonds are so certified they become,

"legal investment for all trust funds, and for the funds of all insurance companies, banks, both commercial and savings, trust companies and bonding companies."

While it is difficult to determine in advance how a new statute will operate, almost every feature of the new law has been worked out in actual practice, either in this state or some other state, and the revision of the statute has been such as to eliminate only those features of the old law which have been found unsatisfactory. For this reason it is believed that Oregon now has the best irrigation district law on the statute books.

The organization of a large number of irrigation districts within the past year and the prospect that a

## CHINA BREAKS WITH GERMANY

OFFICIAL MESSAGES RECEIVED AT WASHINGTON STATE SIX SHIPS IN HARBOR AT SHANGHAI SEIZED AND GUARDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—China broke relations with Germany today, according to official navy department messages. The Chinese seized six ships in the Shanghai harbor and are sending the crews ashore, replacing them with armed guards.

## ENDEAVORERS TO HAVE LECTURE

"FAMINE, ORPHANAGE, AND INDUSTRIAL WORK AT DAMON, INDIA," WILL BE SUBJECT OF THE EVENING

The Christian Endeavorers of the First Christian church will put on a lecture next Sunday night, entitled, "Famine, orphanage and industrial work at Damon, India," by the minister, Mr. W. E. Rambo, illustrated by over seventy lantern slides, made from photographs taken on the field, many of them by Mr. Rambo himself. Mr. Rambo opened the station at Damon in 1894, three years ahead of the railroad, crossing a great jungle to reach the place. He took thirteen orphan boys at a nucleus, having started the orphanage previously at Bilaspur.

During his thirteen years in India he saw the institution grow to be one of the largest, best equipped and successful of its kind in India. The lecture is a thrilling narrative of personal experiences in that great field and work. Admission free. Everybody invited. The Endeavorers will take a free will offering for the Damon work, which has been supported almost entirely by them since the beginning.

## GOD RESERVES RIGHT TO TEST SINCERITY

Last night's discourse at the Gospel hall by Evangelist Tupper on "Heaven's Acid Test," was a presentation of man's need of strict conformity to God's demands.

"Any deviation, whatsoever the pretext, is fatal," said the speaker. "That God reserves the right to, and employs a means of, testing the sincerity of every individual in these days, when we are long on profession and short on practice, was strongly emphasized.

Tonight's service will appeal to every lover of liberty and the perpetuation of the country's constitutional rights, it was said.

Cunard Liner Sunk WASHINGTON, D. C., March 14.—Consul Frost at Queenstown reported to the state department that the Cunard liner Follo, with one American on board, was torpedoed on March 10th. There were no passengers aboard. Ten survivors were landed at Dunbar.

## MAN WITH MAPS UNDER ARREST

TAKEN IN NEW JERSEY WITH MAPS OF RAILWAY BRIDGES, TUNNELS AND WHAT IS BELIEVED TO BE NAVY YARD

NEWARK, N. J., March 14.—A man giving his name as Edwin Black of Hoboken, was arrested at Millburn, N. J., today, and was found to have maps of railways, terminals, bridges and tunnels in this vicinity in his possession.

He said the maps were given him by a German off the liner Vaterland, which is tied up at Hoboken, and claimed that he used them to find his way. Another map he had is declared by the police to be of the Brooklyn navy yard. Black said he had drawn it from his imagination.

## KLAMATH VISITOR PRAISES SPIRIT

VERMONT MAN WHO VISITED THIS SECTION OF COUNTRY SAYS HE WAS ASTONISHED AT RAILROAD ENTHUSIASM

Praise for the optimism and loyalty of the Klamath territory was voiced by William Goldman, state manager for the National Life Insurance company of Vermont, following a fortnight's trip through Klamath, Siskiyou, Josephine, Jackson, Douglas and Linn counties, says the Portland Oregonian recently.

"I was astonished at the enthusiasm of the Klamath Falls people over the proposed new Strahorn railroad, and their happiness over the prospect of being brought 200 miles nearer Portland," said Mr. Goldman.

"Despite the fact that little attention is paid them by Portland people, the residents of Klamath county have a most kindly feeling for Portland. It takes them ten days to get merchandise from Portland, and only forty-eight hours from California, but they prefer to trade with Portland.

"Klamath Falls has one of the finest hotels for a city of its size in America, yet for every Portlander who registers there are twenty Californians.

"The spirit of Klamath Falls is shown by the fact that they raised \$275,000 to hasten the construction of the Strahorn road, which they already regard as a certainty. There is no car shortage trouble in that locality, and the Klamath Falls people attribute the rush of cars their way to the prospect that a competing road is about to enter that territory."

## ORDERS OUT FOR NEXT SATURDAY

UNLESS COUNTERMAND ISSUED BEFORE THEN

Orders Show That Railroads Carrying the Bulk of Chicago's Freight Will Be Affected First—Merchants Say Food Situation Now is Serious, and That Strike Will Increase It in Proportion Immediately.

CHICAGO, March 14.—Strike orders to members of the four big railroad brotherhoods have been issued, and are to go into effect Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, unless they are countermanded.

The orders show that the railroads carrying the bulk of Chicago's freight will be the first to be affected.

Chicago merchants declare that the food situation is now serious, and that it will be increased in proportion and results immediately on the strike going into effect.

NEW YORK, March 14.—President Wilson has the power to operate railroads in case of war and in the event the strike is declared by the railroad brotherhoods.

Brotherhood officers announced that they are determined to have a peaceful settlement if possible, but both sides are firm in their position so far.

The railroad officials have expressed the hope that President Daniel Willard of the Baltimore & Ohio road, who rose from the position of engineer to the president's office, shall be given charge should the president decide to solve the roads to operate them. It is believed that the president will take a hand in the present situation, possibly prior to the conference to be held and announced for tomorrow.

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—President E. P. Ripley of the Santa Fe railroad, is unaltered in his determination to fight, should the railroad strike be called, he announced today.

Strike is Called BELLEVUE, Ohio, March 14.—Orders calling for a strike on the Nickel Plate railroad has been placed in the hands of the railroad brotherhood officers. The order calls for the strike on Saturday.

Railroad Rumor Afloat A rumor that the Southern Pacific railroad plans to start construction work on the Modoc Northern railroad at Susanville within the next sixty days floated rapidly about the streets today. It could not be confirmed.

Business Men Meet Tonight There will be a meeting of the Business Men's Association at the city hall tonight, at 8 o'clock. Matters of importance to every member are to be discussed, and President Hakala looks for a large attendance.

Hay at Modoc Point There is hay sufficient to feed 100 cattle at Modoc Point, according to word received today by Captain J. W. Siemens from Hunter & Co., Modoc.