

# Three American Ships Are Sunk and Believed Captain Is Prisoner on Sub

## SITUATION TOO GRAVE TO TALK SAYS LANSING

DRAMATIC STEP BY PRESIDENT EXPECTED SOON

Over Twenty Persons Off Three Ships Are Missing—Submarine Cruised Among Lifboats Looking for Captains and Belief of Survivors Is That He and Nine Sailors Are Held Prisoners on Board Submarine.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The president is urging the speeding of shipbuilding, and a dramatic step is expected soon.

Secretary Lansing said after a conference with President Wilson that the situation is too grave to discuss.

LONDON, March 19.—Three American steamships, the City of Memphis, the Illinois and the Vigilance, have been sunk.

Fourteen are missing from the Vigilance and nine from the City of Memphis.

The Vigilance was torpedoed without warning.

The City of Memphis was shelled and torpedoed after the crew had put off in small boats.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—American Consul Frost, at Queenstown, has cabled that he fears Captain Hornum and nine seamen from the City of Memphis are prisoners aboard a German submarine.

The lifeboat in which Captain Hornum left his ship has been found, and indicates that it was abandoned nearby by the captain and nine sailors with him.

Survivors of the City of Memphis say that the submarine cruised among the lifeboats after their ship had been sunk, looking for the captain of the ship.

Twenty are missing from the City of Memphis and Vigilance.

Third Degree Bill Killed SACRAMENTO, March 19.—Assemblyman Doran, whose "anti-third degree" bill was killed in the assembly, has secured favorable report from the assembly committee on prisoners and reformatories on another bill which carries certain features of this defeated measure. It provides for a \$1,000 fine, a year's imprisonment and forfeiture of office for any police officer to deprive a prisoner of sleep or food in order to get a confession.

Boy Is Bought Information is wanted as to the whereabouts of Clarence D. Nickelton, according to a card received today by Chief of Police Baldwin. The boy is 17 years of age, five feet eleven inches in height; 140 pounds in weight; medium complexion, gray eyes, brown hair; has circular scar on left wrist and scar on his right leg just above the knee from a burn. A reward of \$25 is offered. "Help a mother who is sick and her boy," says the card. D. B. Henderson, sheriff of Waterloo, Iowa, should be notified.

## ADAMSON LAW IS UPHELD BY SUPREME COURT

LAW WORKABLE IF "CANDID EFFORT" MADE—WHITE

Chief Justice White Said Decision Is Based on "Authority Begotten of Public Interest"—Says Contention That Congress Acted Hastily Is Wrong—Government Has Right to Meet Situation.

WASHINGTON, March 19.—The supreme court of the United States upheld the constitutionality of the Adamson law in a decision handed down today.

Chief Justice White read a lengthy opinion upholding the law. Justices McReynolds, Day, Pitney and Van Devanter gave dissenting opinions.

Justice White declared the law to be based on "authority begotten of public interest." He said he saw no merit in the contention that congress acted without proper consideration.

The controversy was before the public for a long time before the president took action, and before the question was discussed by congress and action taken, said the chief justice.

Justice White declared the law to be workable if a "candid effort" is made to abide by it.

He held that congress holds the power to adopt the act because, although the fixing of wages is a matter of private right, the railroads and their employees had failed to agree.

"In view of the appalling situation which the president pointed out, to say that the government did not have the right to remedy the situation would be to declare that private right had destroyed public right," said Justice White.

His opinion declares that the law merely sets the eight hour day as the standard day, and leaves the amount of wages open to the employers and employees for settlement.

## NAVY TO RUSH SHIPBUILDING

PRESIDENT AND DANIELS CONFER AND WILL TAKE STEPS TO RUSH PROGRAM, USING \$115,000,000 APPROPRIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The navy department has appealed to the shipbuilders to provide immediately 200 additional 100-foot motor boats and submarine chasers. The bids will be opened Wednesday.

The government is preparing to commandeer private motor boats of sufficient size and speed to act as submarine patrols.

Naval militia and enlisted volunteers in a reserve force, composed largely of Atlantic fishermen, will be used for crews.

Threats to seize certain munition factories which fall to give American orders precedence over European orders, and for asking unreasonable prices, are made by the government, following a conference between the president and Secretary Daniels today.

It is announced that their names

# RAILROAD STRIKE SETTLED TODAY

## How British Took Bagdad of Arabian Nights



The British army of the Tigris, the arrow, followed the old caravan route from Persia, which Alexander the Great used, and helped form the wedge which pushed the Turks west. In the meantime an army from the Suez, as indicated by the arrow, has entered and took possession of the place. The Russians, as shown by

# LAND OPENING WILL BE HELD APRIL 25

## Lakeview and Sacramento Offices to Handle Applications—Commissioners to Be Provided

Word was received today at the United States Reclamation office stated that it is now planned to hold the Tule Lake land opening on April 25th.

The Lakeview and Sacramento land offices will handle the land office part of the work, but it is not necessary

for the applicants for the land to make their applications at land offices.

United States commissioners are to be empowered to take such applications, it being understood that one is to be in Klamath Falls and one at some California point.

Man Has Leg Broke W. L. Norris of Bly suffered a compound fracture of the leg last night, when he was kicked by a horse at the O. K. Livery barn in this city. He will be operated on tomorrow by Drs. Truax and Hunt at the Blackburn hospital.

Water Users Meet Today The board of directors of the Klamath Water Users Association met Saturday and adjourned until today, meeting again this afternoon. No announcement has been given out by the board as yet.

Father Seriously Ill Mrs. Al Duncan of Bonanza was brought here this morning by E. B. Henry in an effort to catch the morning train for Dunsmuir, where her father is not expected to live. Mr. Henry left last night at 10 o'clock to bring Mrs. Duncan, but was unable to catch the train on account of the roads.

Commission Is Filed Bert G. Thomas of this city filed his notarial commission with the county clerk today.

## GERMANS SAY EVACUATION IS CARRIED OUT

FRENCH HAVE OCCUPIED 100 TOWNS IN THREE DAYS

London Announcement Given Out From Headquarters Says British Forces Have Occupied 500 Square Miles in Arras and Aisne Regions. Official German Statement Says Movements Prepared Long Ago.

BERLIN, March 19.—"A strip of land between Arras and the Aisne has been systematically evacuated by us," said an official German statement.

"The strategic movements were prepared long ago, and have been carried out without our forces being disturbed by the enemy, who followed in a hesitating manner," says the statement.

PARIS, March 19.—A French official statement says the French have occupied 100 towns in the last three days.

LONDON, March 19.—An official statement given out today says the British forces have occupied 500 square miles in the Arras and Aisne regions.

WITH THE ARMY, March 19.—The German retreat covers a thirteen mile front from Chaulnes to Oise, and is being carried on in a reckless manner. Only machine guns are covering their retreat. The allies are taking many prisoners.

## WESTERN PACIFIC TO ENTER RENO

WILL COMPETE WITH SOUTHERN PACIFIC THERE BY PURCHASING PART OF N.-C.-O., WHICH CONNECTS WITH LAKEVIEW

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—President C. M. Levy of the Western Pacific has announced that the Western Pacific will gain entry to Reno, Nev., in competition with the Southern Pacific by the purchase of 105 miles of the Nevada-California-Oregon railroad.

The California railroad commission will be asked to sanction the deal whereby the Western Pacific will acquire the N.-C.-O. line from Hackstaff to Reno, a distance of fifty-five miles, and forty miles of road between Blairden through Crilecot to Plumas Junction, negotiations for which are under way.

The N.-C.-O. line extending from Lakeview, Ore., to Reno, has been mentioned in connection with the Western Pacific as a possible route by which the Hill interests could enter California.

## COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS TURN OUT WEDNESDAY

NECESSITY OF IMMEDIATE ACTION URGENT

If Work of Organization to Be Continued Before It Is Allowed to Fall in Arrears or Discontinued, Good Support Must Be Had—Future Prospects for Work to Be Undertaken Great—Need Income

Wednesday is the day set by the directors of the Klamath Commercial Club to commence the canvass for new members.

Were it not for the fact that the necessity of immediate action is urgent, the matter would be delayed until the San Francisco and Sacramento delegations of business men, several of whom are board members, had returned from the southern trip.

It is deemed necessary at this time, however, if the work of the organization is to be continued, to secure a sufficient revenue to finance it properly before it is allowed to fall into arrears, or else to discontinue the work altogether.

The myriad matters which should be undertaken this year will require a considerably heavier income than has been necessary in the past, but it is believed that the public spirited business men of Klamath Falls will meet this call with the same sort of response that has always been given.

## PACIFIST NOW WANTS TO FIGHT

GENERAL SHERWOOD, WHO OPPOSED ARMED NEUTRALITY BILL NOW URGES PRESIDENT TO DECLARE WAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—General Isaac Sherwood, a pacifist congressman up to this time, and who opposed the armed neutrality bill in the senate, urged President Wilson today to call an extra session of congress immediately, and declare war on Germany.

General Sherwood offered to resign his seat in congress and fight.

BOX SOCIAL IS NEXT ON THE PROGRAM

The next entertainment to be given in the west hall of I. O. O. F. Temple will be in the nature of a box social, to be given Wednesday night of this week. An admission fee of 50 cents per couple will be charged, while the boxes will be drawn for. Each box, with "supper for two" will cost 50 cents. The boxes will be numbered, and corresponding numbers drawn to determine choice of partners for the refreshments.

## MEDIATORS, CHIEFS MANAGERS AGREE

RAILROAD MANAGERS ASSURE NO STRIKE BE HELD

International Crisis Held Responsible for Quick Settlement of Difficulties Between Railroad Managers and Brotherhoods—Agreement Signed By All Three Bodies Made Subject of Decision of Adamson Law.

NEW YORK, March 19.—The railroad managers authorized the federal mediators early this morning to make the necessary concessions to the brotherhoods to settle the strike, and "assure the nation that there will be no strike."

This action was taken as a result of the international crisis.

The agreement to settle the strike on a basis of an eight hour day and a pro-rata pay for overtime was signed later this morning by the mediators, the brotherhood chiefs and the railroad managers.

The agreement provides that if the Adamson law is held constitutional, the conflicts between the law and the last signed agreement shall be adjusted to the court's decision.

If the Adamson law is found unconstitutional by the supreme court, today's agreement is to govern the railroads and the brotherhoods.

The mediators wrote the railroad managers expressing their "sincere appreciation," and added: "This action, we trust, promises a long period of hearty co-operation between the railroads and their employees."

This specific agreement covers only three classes of railroad service which were represented at the conference, and where unchanged the present schedule stands.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 19.—The Southern Pacific has announced the cancellation of all freight embargoes as a result of the settlement of the strike today.

CHICAGO, March 19.—Instructions for the permanent cancellation of the strike orders have been received at the brotherhood quarters here today.

Collection Taken The sum of \$10.65 was taken at the India illustrated lecture given by W. E. Rambo, pastor of the Christian church, last night, under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor Society. The church was full, nearly 300 being present. The high school octette sang a number of selections.

Guard to Be Demobilized WASHINGTON, D. C., March 19.—The demobilization of the national guards is to continue despite the war danger, the war department announced. The appropriation for this work was held up by the senate filibuster.