

WHITLOCK TO WITHDRAW

MOVE CONSULS TO HAVRE; ALSO HIS RELIEF STAFF

HAS BEEN CUT OFF FROM U. S. BY GERMANS

Action Taken as Forerunner of War. Destruction of Relief Ships by German Submarines Caused the Abandonment of the Relief Work—Protest to Germany Through Spanish Embassy Unanswered.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Ambassador Whitlock has been ordered to withdraw with his staff and consuls to Havre, France, and also to arrange for the withdrawal of his relief work staff.

The state department declares that the Germans have refused to permit Whitlock to communicate with Washington, and that American protests tendered through the Spanish embassy in regard to the sinking of relief ships have been unanswered by Germany.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The state department announces the withdrawal of Brand Whitlock, minister to Belgium, and also the withdrawal of the Belgian relief workers. This action is taken as a forerunner of war.

The destruction of relief ships by German submarines in safety and the barred zones caused the abandonment of the relief work, it is announced.

The Agency for Tractors. Lloyd and Jud Low, two well known local boys, have taken the agency for the Case tractor engine for farm work.

Leave Tomorrow for Portland. Mrs. W. A. Jones and daughter, Miss Maude Newbury, and son, Willie, leave in the morning for Portland and Willamette Valley points.

GERMANY CLAIMS HEALDTON NOT IN SAFETY ZONE

GERMAN PAPERS SAY WAR DEPARTMENT CLEARED WHEN FIRST SUB ATTACKED

Official Dispatches Received at Washington Report Norwegian Steamer Ronald With Portland, Oregon, Man on Board, Sunk—Police Activities in New Bedford, Pa., Start Rumor of Submarine Base Off Coast.

BERLIN, March 24.—Germany maintains that the sinking of the Healdton was not an overt act. The press claims that the vessel was within the barred zone when sunk.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Official dispatches received by the state department announce the sinking of the Norwegian steamer Ronald with George Goldroimer of Portland, Oregon, a sailor, on board.

NEW BEDFORD, Pa., March 24.—Police activities here started rumors today that a German submarine base has been found off the coast near here. Fishermen have reported the presence of strange looking craft.

Wreck Near Tacoma. TACOMA, Wash., March 24.—Three stockmen were injured and two probably fatally, in a collision today between the Spokane Limited and a Great Northern railroad stock freight train at Kanaaket.

Snowslide Kills Two. SEATTLE, March 24.—Two are dead and several missing as the result of a snowslide which crushed the snowbeds on the Great Northern railroad at Embro.

Twenty-five Miles Per Hour. The big fire engine made the Third street hill this morning at a speed of twenty-five miles per hour in a test run with Driver Jack Hunsaker and Chief Ambrose.

Shots Man Near Redding. REDDING, March 24.—Claiming that his companion struck him with a coffeepot, Steve Gaudas, aged 22, shot and probably fatally wounded George Smirniotic, aged 50, at Motion, near here.

Lorelia Woman Gets Patent. A patent from the United States government to Mildred Campbell of Lorelia has been filed at the county clerk's office for 160 acres in sections 11 and 14, township 29, this county.

\$1,000 RAISED BY BUSINESS MEN

A telegram received this morning by Captain J. W. Siemens from the business men's committee working in San Francisco stated that they had raised \$1,000 on the first day's work in the city.

BIDS DISAPPOINT NAVY CHIEFS

Naval Gunners for American Ships in Barred Zone



These naval gunners, each said to be a marksman with a record, have been designated to man the guns on the first merchant ships to leave the United States with proper protection against submarines in the barred zone about Great Britain.

HURD CONCLUDES HIS PASTORATE HERE TOMORROW

Supreme Hour in a Man's Life. The evening service will be held in the opera house, and will be a union service of all the churches.

Rev. Charles T. Hurd will conclude his work as the pastor of the Presbyterian church of this city with the services held tomorrow.

His work in this city is being finished sooner than was anticipated, but because of the health of his family this is necessary, and he will leave on Monday morning for Portland and Seattle, at which latter place he will begin a new pastorate on April 1st.

He will attend the meeting of the Presbytery of Southern Oregon in Medford on Monday evening, at which meeting a formal dissolution of his pastorate here will be effected.

SOCIALISTS ARE BITTER ON KAISER

CALL WILHELM AND HOLLWEG "ORIGINATORS" OF WAR AND PRAISE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION BEFORE REICHSTAG

AMSTERDAM, March 24.—Word received here says that the socialists are bitterly attacking the kaiser and Bethmann von Hollweg in the reichstag.

They are calling them the "originators" of the war. The Russian revolution is being praised.

Indiana Tornado WRECKS HAVOC INDIANAPOLIS, March 24.—Revised figures show that thirty-nine persons are dead and 150 injured in the tornado which swept Southern Indiana late yesterday.

The extent of the damage is placed at \$2,000,000. At New Albany, the center of the storm area, thirty-four persons are known to be dead and 100 injured.

FAMILY'S HEALTH CAUSE OF LEAVING EARLY

Leaves Monday With Family for Portland and Seattle, Where He Will Take Up a New Residence. Will Attend Meeting of Southern Oregon Presbytery Monday Night. Union Services Tomorrow Night.

City and County Co-operate. City and county officials both have jurisdiction over the arrest of drunks and persons having liquor in their possession, according to an opinion given by Attorney General Brown to Sheriff George L. Humphrey, who visited the state's legal advisor while on a recent trip to Salem.

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BENSON TELLS OF ASHLAND-KLAMATH LAKEVIEW ROAD

WILL PLACE ON PROGRAM IF IT IS BACKED HERE

Letter Received by Commercial Club. This Road Not on Program at First, But Now Considered by the State Highway Commission—Will Connect Three County Seats—Believed Will Benefit Communities

A letter from Simon Benson, chairman of the state highway commission, received by Secretary Fleet of the Commercial Club, states that improvement of the road from Ashland to Klamath Falls and from this city to Lakeview is on the program of the commission if support is found here for the work.

The work on this road will be done under the \$6,000,000 bond issue to be voted on in June.

County Judge Hanks favors work on this road, if it is done under the bond issue. The letter follows:

"In going over our state road program and maps, in order to outline our plans to meet government requirements in matching federal money under the Shafter bill, I find that the road from Ashland to Klamath Falls and from Klamath Falls to Lakeview is not on the program.

"I think a road connecting three county seats as this will do is of sufficient importance to be included in our program, and I find that the commission has a right to do this. Kindly call on your county court and let me know as soon as possible if there is any objection.

"The outlook at present around this part of the state is that the proposed \$6,000,000 bond issue will carry with a large majority, if so, this will take care of our trunk lines and leave our other funds to take care of connecting roads in different parts of the state. Of course, if the bond issue should not carry most of our funds for some time will have to go on our trunk lines, but, at any rate, I can see no harm in including the above named roads in our state program."

Government Officials Here. Fred Honshaw, district engineer, and R. C. Briggs of the geological department of the United States government, located in Portland, arrived in the city last night, and will go to the Klamath Indian reservation on government business Monday.

Files Business Name. W. P. Johnson has filed a certificate of business name which states that he is the sole owner of the business formerly conducted by the W. P. Johnson company. They handled wood.

Divorce Testimony Heard. Testimony in the divorce case of Shelley against Shelley and Laws against Laws, was heard yesterday by Judge Kuykendall in the circuit court.

Fair Association Meets. A meeting of the Klamath County School Fair Association is meeting today at the county agricultural agent's office to organize, elect new members, and prepare for applications for loans.

ONLY PART OF VESSELS WANTED PROMISED IN BIDS

CIVILIAN CAMP FOR WEST TO BE AT MONTEREY

Chicago, San Antonio and New York Also Prepare for Civilian Camps. Several Millions of Dollars appropriated Will Be Expended—Recruiting in Army is Heaviest, But Increase Not Traceable to Crisis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—The navy department was disappointed today when the bids were opened for the construction of destroyers. It was found but three firms sent in bids, including the Union Iron Works of San Francisco.

The bidders offered to build twenty-four destroyers and the department wanted fifty. They promised no specific date of delivery. The call stated that the "greatest possible expediency" is necessary.

It is believed that congress will increase the size of the general war staff from fifty to ninety-six, and probably increase the number of line officers.

Returns from the army and navy recruiting campaigns being carried on show a net gain for the first four days of this week of 457 recruits for the navy. The enlistment for the army is the heaviest, 27,000 having joined from February 1 to March 20, 2, an average of 300 daily.

The increase in recruiting traceable to the present international crisis is slight.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—It is announced that the Western department of the army is arranging for extensive civilian training camp on the Pacific coast, and it is understood the location is to be at Monterey, where the government has purchased a large tract of land this week.

Chicago, San Antonio and New York are also arranging for civilian camps. Several millions of dollars appropriated for this purpose will be expended.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 24.—Two regiments of the Massachusetts militia have been called out to guard the Fort River shipyards, arsenals and munition plants.

Indications are that the militia of many other states will be called out for guard duty when necessary.

The council of defense is meeting, and the government is considering loaning the contents \$1,000,000,000.

Hobbs Case Starts Monday. The Hobbs murder case will start Monday morning at 10 o'clock in the circuit court, a new venire of jurymen having been drawn. The examination of the jurors will begin immediately. This is the second trial of this case, a former jury having disagreed.

Shelley Team to Start Sunday. A Klamath County school fair will get under way at the White Pelican hotel next Friday night, March 26. The proceeds from the dance will be used to purchase new uniforms for the team members for the coming season. The Peacock orchestra will play for the dance.