

# Americans Perish on British Ships Sunk Without Warning, Announced

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Quality List on Crispin Was Eight. One Hundred and Four Survivors Have Landed—Four, None Drowned Americans, Killed on Snowden Range—Six Americans Were on this Ship.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Official dispatches announce that the British freighters Crispin and Snowden Range, with Americans aboard, have been submerged without warning.

One American was killed on the Crispin by the explosion of the torpedo. The total casualty list on the Crispin was eight, probably including other Americans. One hundred and four survivors have been landed.

There were sixty-eight aboard the Snowden Range and four were killed by the explosion of the torpedo, none of whom are believed to have been Americans.

There were six Americans aboard the ship.

## CONSIDER ORDER TO MUSTER OUT

MILITIA COMPANIES IN CALIFORNIA ARE GRANTED AN EXTENSION OF TIME AND BOREK ANNOUNCES 1000 ADDITIONS

SACRAMENTO, March 31.—Adjutant-General Borek has announced that the order to muster out the state militia companies which are under minimum war strength on March 31 is being reconsidered.

Most of the companies have been granted an extension of time. He said 1,000 enlistments have been made in the state during the past week.

## Reichstag Votes Republic Inquiry

AMSTERDAM, March 31.—Berlin dispatches say that the reichstag voted 227 to 83 to investigate constitutional questions, especially on the representation of the people and the relations of the people and the government.

Returns to Klamath  
Mrs. H. Newnam has returned to Klamath Falls, after being in California and Denver for several months. While away Mrs. Newnam's mother died. She was also quarantined at the home of her daughter, Mrs. I. B. Voorheis, in Denver, where her grand children were ill a number of weeks. They have all recovered and are now at Paandou, where they expect to remain.

## Three Men Who Are Prominent in Russia



Prince Georges Lvoff, long a leader in the Zemstvo organizations, and a revolutionary who refused through many years to countenance bloody measures, has become premier and minister of the interior in the new revolutionary cabinet. Prof. Maniloff of the University of Moscow, is the new minister of public instruction, while former President of the Duma A. J. Guchkoff holds the important post of minister of war and the navy.

## RAIDER BUSY ON SOUTH ATLANTIC

SURVIVORS OF ELEVEN SHIPS REPORT LARGE VESSEL IS ACTIVE IN CHARGE OF COUNT LUCKNER

RIO DE JANEIRO, March 31.—Survivors of eleven vessels sunk by a new German raider say that the vessel is large and cumbersome and is named the "Seeadler." Count Luckner is said to be in command.

HALIFAX, March 31.—A German raider has sunk the schooner Perce in the South Atlantic, the ship's owners have announced. The crew was landed at Rio de Janeiro.

Barnett Reported Better  
Merritt Barnett, who was thrown from his horse yesterday to the pavement in Fairview, suffering severe injuries to his head, is reported to be some better today. Though the skull concussion was severe and a fracture was feared, his mind is said to be clearing and the attending physician believes he will recover.

# Germany May Believe That War Exists

## GORE EXPLAINS ROAD BOND ISSUE

WILL NOT COST PEOPLE ANY MORE MONEY AS BILLS PASSED WHICH PROVIDE MONEY—NECESSARY TO PASS BILL

The benefits and conditions surrounding the \$5,000,000 road bond issue to be voted on this spring by the people of Oregon was taken up and explained from many angles at the Houston opera house last night with W. H. Gore of Medford, who came here for the purpose.

One of the most important phases of the situation touched on by Mr. Gore was the fact that unless Oregon votes this bond issue the state will not be able this year to take advantage of the road moneys provided by the Shackelford bill, a federal bill under which the state must first perform certain acts, and which acts are included in the \$5,000,000 bond bill issue.

The attendance at the meeting was small and it was turned into an informal discussion, the bill being taken up for general explanation and discussion.

Mr. Gore explained that to receive hard surfaced roads under this bill the counties desiring the roads must prepare the grades and make the roads ready for the hard surfacing. Any county desiring this must petition the state highway commission. Post roads, consisting of a good surfaced roads, are also provided under the bill.

Mr. Gore also explained that the state highway commission has the entire matter in charge and has the distribution of the use of all the money.

He said that the voting of this bond issue will not cost the residents of Oregon another cent as the automobile license increase has already been made by the legislature and the special tax which is to take care of a large portion of it, is already in vogue.

Mr. Gore said that a member of the state highway commission is expected to come to Klamath Falls before election time to further go into the details of the bond issue.

He left this morning on his return to Medford.

## POSTMASTERS ARE NOW IN SERVICE

ALL IN FIRST, SECOND, THIRD-CLASS UNDER CIVIL SERVICE BUT ONES GIVING SATISFACTION NOT TO BE DISTURBED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—Postmaster General Burleson has officially announced the president's order placing first, second and third-class postmasters under the civil service.

Postmaster Burleson also announced that present incumbents giving good service will not be disturbed but at the same time postal regulations must be more rigidly enforced.

## MAYOR GILL ACQUITTED

SEATTLE, March 31.—Mayor Hiram Gill and the five other defendants in the Seattle boot-legging and graft cases, were acquitted today by the jury. Gill and his two lawyers wept when the verdict was announced.

## MANN WILL BE CANDIDATE FOR SPEAKERSHIP

STEERING COMMITTEE HOLDS A MEETING

North Dakota Republican Congressman Stricken by Appendicitis Cut Republican Vote to 212—Democratic Organization State Is Practically Assured and Program Will Be Carried Out.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—It was announced following a meeting of the steering committee that Mann will be the Republican candidate for the speakership.

Helgesen, a Republican from North Dakota, has been stricken with appendicitis, cutting the Republican vote to 212 and practically assuring the Democratic organization state.

Discussion arose this afternoon late in the Republican caucus. Gardner, of Massachusetts, left when resolutions declaring that the caucus does not bind individuals in their vote for officers, failed. He declared that he would vote for Leuroot instead of Mann.

## HIGH SCHOOLERS ENTERTAIN MANY

LARGE CROWD TURNS OUT AT HENLEY HIGH TO WELCOME KLAMATH COUNTY HIGH MUSICAL ORGANIZATION

HENLEY, March 31.—Twenty-seven members of the orchestra and glee club and of the faculty of the Klamath County high school gave one of the most entertaining programs ever heard at the Henley high school.

About 150 people were present at the school to hear the musicale and interesting program. Following the entertainment refreshments were served and a social time held.

The music by both the orchestra and the glee club, under the directorship of Mr. Taylor, was a surprise and that real talent is included in their membership is not doubted.

## NAVAL OFFICER HERE TUESDAY

POSTMASTER DELZELL HEARS FROM COMMANDER BLACKBURN, WHO WILL BE IN KLAMATH FALLS NEXT WEEK

Postmaster Delzell is in receipt of the following telegram this morning: Marshfield, Or., March 31.

Postmaster Klamath Falls, Ore. Have one more stop to make before Klamath Falls. Arrive there Monday or Tuesday. Please give all publicity possible. Inform mayor and all interested parties.

LIEUT.-COM. BLACKBURN. All men who wish to enlist should leave their names with the postmaster and be ready to present themselves when the officer arrives. The recruiting officer for the navy will come at any time there are applicants in waiting and will furnish transportation for all acceptable recruits.

The postmaster will give such information as has been supplied him in regard to the requirements for enlistment in the navy and will forward all names to the proper officer.

## INCOMES MAY PAY WAR COST

WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE HAS PLAN TO SADDLE COST OF WAR ON INCOMES AND LIMIT PERCENTAGE PROFITS

NEW YORK, March 31.—The committee on war finances of which Amos Pinchot is the head, has announced a plan to place the burden of financing the war on incomes of over \$5,000.

It is proposed to tax incomes from \$5,000 to \$10,000 two and a half per cent and to use a sliding scale on incomes over \$10,000, making it impossible for any person to receive a net income exceeding \$100,000.

Legislation will be asked to limit war supply profits to three and one-half per cent and the profits on all necessities to six per cent for the period of war.

High government officials have endorsed the plan.

HEALTH CERTIFICATE BILL NARROWLY PASSES ASSEMBLY

SACRAMENTO, March 31.—Wishard's bill requiring brides and grooms to have health certificates, passed the assembly when it came up for a vote the second time, but whether it will get through the senate is problematical.

This was Assemblyman Wishard's pet measure and it kept him on the floor in committee and on the floor of the assembly to have it passed—and then it didn't have a vote to spare. There appears to be no one in the senate to conduct such a vigorous fight for the bill as Wishard put up in the assembly. The bill would prevent the marriage of persons afflicted with certain incurable diseases.

## Accused of Choking Woman to Death



Benny Sternberg, a young fur salesman of Brooklyn, has been jailed by the police on the charge of having choked to death Mrs. Lee Hlair. She was found dead in a room in a New York City hotel. Her diamonds, worth several thousand dollars, were gone. Sternberg admitted he was with her a few hours before she went to the hotel.

## JOHNSON SPEAKS IN PHILADELPHIA

DEMANDS THAT WAR BE DECLARED TO PROTECT NATION'S HONOR AND SAID THAT DESTINY OF AMERICA DEPENDS

PHILADELPHIA, March 31.—Senator Hiram Johnson, from California, addressed a throng in Independence Square this afternoon, demanding that war be declared in defense of the nation's honor.

He declared that the destiny of America and the "ultimate destiny of world democracy" depends upon it.

Senator Johnson cited Russia and China and said they are following the example set by America.

He added that "Democracy to survive must be ready to protect its own."

Leave for Lava Beds  
Mrs. Ivan Applegate and her sister, Mrs. Lizzie Putnam, left this week for the Lava Beds, where they will spend the summer at Mrs. Applegate's home. Mrs. Putnam's home is in Redlands, Cal.

Doctor Is Killed  
SACRAMENTO, March 31.—Dr. J. L. White was instantly killed and Walter Diepenbrock was fatally injured in a collision of their automobile with another machine at the corner of Twenty-first and M streets this morning.

## MINISTER'S TALK INDICATES WAR

PRESIDENT MAY USE THIS AS INTIMATION IN MESSAGE

Farm Loan Board Announces That There Are Over \$200,000,000 to Be Loaned for Purpose of Intensifying Farming in the United States as a Defense Measure During the Present Crisis.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The state department has announced that a speech by German Minister Zimmerman may be taken to indicate that Germany already recognizes a state of war with America.

It is believed the president will use this as an intimation to congress in his war measure.

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Secretary of War Baker announces that the war department has a definite plan to raise an army prepared and will present it to congress next week. "If congress desires to raise an army."

He did not reveal his plans.

## WEST INDIES NOW THE VIRGIN ISLES

NEW NAME IS GIVEN DANISH POSSESSIONS OF TRANSFER TO THE UNITED TODAY WHEN \$25,000,000 IS PAID DENMARK

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 31.—The Danish West Indies were renamed the Virgin Islands when officially transferred to the United States today.

The ceremonies were held at St. Thomas.

The United States treasury department paid the Danish minister \$25,000,000, the purchase price.

## British Occupy Five Villages

LONDON, March 31.—The British have occupied five villages advancing their line over a seven-mile front. Their armies have reached Von Hindenburg's line and the fighting is expected to become fiercer. The French have progressed south of Allette.

In From Olene  
A. L. Marshall, Olene farmer, is in town today on business from his place.

Hobbs Case Starts Monday  
The Hobbs murder trial will resume Monday morning in the circuit court. The jury has been sworn and witnesses ordered to be present at that time.