

Alien Sub-Boat Fires at United States Chaser

SHOT MISSES CHASER IN YARDS WAN INDICATED

Official Wireless Report Received This Morning at Charleston Navy Yard—United States Cruiser Chester, Flagship of Patrol, Reports First Shot to Be Fired in the German-American War.

BOSTON, April 17.—The United States cruiser Chester, the flagship of the Atlantic American patrol service, wireless the Charleston navy yard this morning the following message, which her commander had received from the American submarine chaser Smith:

"At 12:20 this morning we apparently sighted an enemy submarine, fired a torpedo which missed the Smith and passed thirty yards, as seen by its wake. The wake of the torpedo was plainly seen crossing the Smith's bow. The submarine then disappeared."

The message has created a commotion in naval and shipping circles along the Atlantic coast. The Smith is an "H" class boat and was built in 1909. She carries

a crew of 87 men, five guns and three torpedo tubes.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—The navy department announced today that the attempt to torpedo the submarine chaser Smith occurred at 3:30 o'clock this morning.

The announcement said: "The Smith sighted the enemy submarine, which was apparently running submerged. The torpedo launched by the submarine missed the Smith but its wake could be plainly seen crossing the bows of the Smith."

This is the first shot fired in the German-American war and is the first definite word received by the government that a German submarine is on the Atlantic seaboard.

The first island lightship sent in the first word of the submarine. No announcement has been made of the steps taken to meet the menace.

It is believed that the submarine is hovering off the coast between Atlantic City and Asbury Park. It is not known whether the submarine is getting its supplies from a hidden base or is newly arrived from Germany.

NEW YORK, April 17.—It is believed that possibly Germany has obtained information regarding the departure of Hallow, Joffre and Viviani for America. Some officials think that this explains the presence of the submarine in the Atlantic.

COUNCIL LAYS STRAHORN BID OVER ONE WEEK

DOTY OBJECTS THAT DEPOSIT IS NOT WITH BID

Although Included in the Call for Bids, Nothing in Charter, Resolution or Ordinance Requires Deposit With Bids—Bid Could Have Been Accepted Without Binding the City—Pavement Ordinance.

The bid of Robert E. Strahorn on the construction of the railroad from this city to Dairy was laid over one week by the city council last night.

Mr. Strahorn's bid was \$300,000 for the work, construction to begin in thirty days from the signing of the contract and to be completed within ten months from the beginning of the work, to be completed and ready for operation at that time.

Councilman Doty interposed the objection that five per cent of the amount of the bid did not accompany the bid, as the advertisement called for. On being referred to City Attorney Groesbeck he said that so far as he had been able to find, that while the police judge has been accustomed to place deposit clauses in calls for bids, there is nothing in the charter or ordinances requiring that such be made.

It was further found that no such request had been included in the resolution passed by the city council calling for the bids on the work and inasmuch as Mr. Strahorn had probably not seen the call for bids was not aware of the fact that a portion of the construction cost was desired by the council, it was said by Mr. Groesbeck.

Councilman Doty maintained that it was customary to require certified checks with bids always, but sidestepped when it was mentioned that he had taken a contract for moving the city buildings without placing a deposit. It was also stated by Mr. Groesbeck that other contracts have been let by the city without requiring a deposit.

Councilman Miller stated that the council could accept the bid at this time without binding itself as it is necessary to sign the contract first and that a deposit could be asked of Mr. Strahorn for faithful performance of contract and so allowing the introduction of the necessary ordinance one week earlier and avoid any unnecessary delay.

Councilman Sheets had already moved that the bid be taken under consideration for one week and when the question was put there were no negative votes cast.

Mayor Crisler announced that a special meeting can be called if Mr. Strahorn comes to Klamath Falls to hurry the procedure in the acceptance of the bid, signing of contract and other details. Council Matthews said that he will be out of the city until Thursday.

The pavement cutting ordinance requiring a permit from the city or the city engineer in emergency, a certified check of \$100 and the replacing of the cut portion to conform to the surrounding pavement under supervision of the city engineer, was adopted by the council last night.

The question of holes left in a number of places in the sidewalks of the city, where the concrete has been cut and replaced with boards, was brought up by Councilman Miller. It was suggested that action be taken against the party so cutting and leaving the sidewalks and the authority of the city on this point was also questioned. One opinion was that the city had jurisdiction over six feet of sidewalk while another was that the property owners are responsible.

An ordinance was turned over to the council and referred to the judiciary committee for perusal before being introduced, applying to the possession and importing of liquors into the city. The ordinance is a revision of the one had last year and which

They Say Canadian Wheat Is Worth Two Dollars a Bushel



Back row: J. B. Musselman, Saskatchewan; F. J. Collyer, Manitoba; Peter Wright, Manitoba; C. W. Brown, Alberta, and R. M. Johnston, Saskatchewan.

Second row: J. L. Rooke, Saskatchewan; E. J. Fream, Alberta; James Robinson, Saskatchewan; A. G. Hawkes, Saskatchewan, and W. D. Trogo, Alberta.

Third row: George F. Chipman, Manitoba; C. W. Gurney, Ontario; John Morrison, Manitoba; John F. Reid, Manitoba, and R. J. Avison, Manitoba.

Fourth row: J. E. Wood, Manitoba; J. W. Wood, Alberta; John Kennedy, Manitoba, and Thomas Sales, Saskatchewan.

DELZELL WORKS HERE FOR NAVY

PLACED IN CHARGE AND CAN FURNISH TRANSPORTATION— TELLS OF CONDITIONS AT RECRUITING STATIONS

W. A. Delsell, postmaster, returned last night from Portland, where he visited the army and navy recruiting stations and assisted the large number of Klamath boys in enlisting.

Mr. Delsell now has charge of recruiting for the navy here and will be able to supply transportation to those who pass the preliminary examination here to Portland for further examining and enlistment.

He suggests that boys at outlying parts of the county desiring to enlist will communicate with him first and he may be able to arrange their transportation to this city.

He found Ralph Hurns, of the medical corps of the Third Oregon National Guard, stationed at Vancouver, vaccinating the hundreds of recruits, and the Klamath boys also. Harold Feneo, formerly of this city and a member of the Third Oregon band, in the hospital corps when not on band duty, assisting Hurns.

A few of the Klamath recruits have not been passed, owing to defects usually of the eyes, but one, Cyril Benson, who failed to pass at first on account of his teeth, was taken to Salem by Judge Benson to have his teeth fixed and will return to Vancouver, being assured of passing.

"The examinations are strict, and when a boy passes them he is sure to be sound," said Mr. Delsell. "They are all happy and having a good time. I came down on a car with twenty-four going to San Francisco and they are enjoying it immensely."

Ashland Stage Will Run

Chas. B. Howard and son, who have operated the auto stage line between Ashland and Klamath Falls for the past two seasons, advise that they will be on the job again this season with better and bigger equipment. They plan to start about May 1 if the roads will permit.

LAND SEEKERS ARRIVING HERE

GOODLY NUMBER VISITED TULE LAND TRACTS YESTERDAY. MANY MORE WILL COME AND MAKE FILING

Many people are arriving in the city to investigate and file on the Tule Lake lands before April 25th. A large number came in Sunday and last night and room conditions are becoming crowded at the local hotels.

The Commercial club has a list of places where rooms may be secured and is making arrangements for the entertainment of those here as desired.

Persons who visited the tracts of land Sunday report that a goodly number of people made the trip and that tracks on the lands indicate that many people have been over the lands in all manner of vehicles from horseback to automobiles.

It is possible to drive a machine over much of the land and the trip is not bad at this time, one party returning from Merrill in one hour and ten minutes yesterday.

HIGH WATER REPORTED AT SEVERAL POINTS

The waters of Lost river, Clear lake and surrounding streams are high, according to G. W. Humphries, of the United States Reclamation Service, who returned last night from an inspection trip in those regions.

The damage so far has been slight, according to Mr. Humphries, although several bridges were taken out as a result of the breaking of the dam at the head of Langell valley.

The water has rained three and a half feet on the spillway at Clear lake, but it is not expected to reach the top of the spillway, according to Mr. Humphries.

Carload of Mitchell's Arrive

A carload of 1917 model Mitchell automobiles was received yesterday by the Central garage, the local agent. Ed Vannice has purchased a seven-passenger Mitchell and W. H. A. Renner a Mitchell Club roadster.

BRITISH CLOSE TO IMPORTANT POINTS ON LINE

GERMAN COUNTER-ATTACKS ARE BLOODILY REPULSED

It is Announced in Paris that the French Wedge at Courcy is Advancing Steadily—French Hope that General Nivelle's Offensive is Being Realized—Youths Are Sent to the Battle Front.

LONDON, April 17.—It is announced that the British have captured another mile of positions around Epehy and are advancing closer to Cambrai and the St. Quentin line, while Lens, Laferr, St. Quentin, Cambrai and Laon are menaced.

It is announced in Paris that the German counter-attacks have been bloodily repulsed by the allies and that the French wedge at Courcy is advancing steadily.

The most sanguine French hope that General Nivelle's offensive is being realized. Thousands of French boys are being rushed to the front.

ROME, April 17.—The Italian artillery on the Isonzo front is very active and it is believed that Italy is starting an offensive.

PORTLAND MAN OFFERS 4 LOTS

MAYOR CRISLER RECEIVES LETTER FROM PORTLAND MAN WHO OFFERS HIS LOTS IN THIS CITY FREE FOR PLANTING

A letter has been received by Mayor C. B. Crisler from Fletcher H. Goudy, of Portland, deputy collector of internal revenue in the United States treasury department, offering the use of lots 10, 11, 12 and 13, in block 1, Second addition to Klamath Falls for use in raising of food products.

He offers the land to any individual or any association that will use it for garden purposes.

Mayor Crisler is working out details for a plan to utilize all spare ground in the city, including city park sites, to aid the movement to have the maximum amount of food products grown in the United States this year on account of the war.

FIRST AID CLASS BEING FORMED HERE

A "First Aid" class has been formed in this city and the first meeting will be held Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at the White Pelican hotel. Meetings will be held for instruction in first aid work.

Dr. George A. Cathey of this city has consented to give a series of lectures on first aid work, which series will probably consist of about eight lectures.

The organizers of the class desire that all ladies of the city who desire to enter the class will attend the first meeting to be held Thursday and all are welcome.

Fort Klamath People Here
D. E. Noah, F. L. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Crawford, C. V. Loosley and G. S. Hoyt came down yesterday from Fort Klamath on business and are registered at the Hotel Hall.

WILSON HOLDS THAT SERVICE BILL IS VITAL

CONFERES WITH REPUBLICANS FOR SUPPORT OF IT

Secretary Baker Tells the House Committee that Administration Will Not Submit to Rejection of the Essential of the Bill and That No Compromise Will Be Acceptable. Republican Caucus Favors It.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17.—Seeking non-partisan support for the universal military training service bill on the basis of selective conscription, President Wilson has invited Mann and Lenroot, both Republicans, to confer with him.

Secretary of War Baker told the house military committee today that the committee must reject all compromises and unwaveringly favor the selective conscription plan. He informed the committee that the administration will yield the minor points, but not the essentials.

The president considers the army bill vital. There is growing opposition to the conscription bill in the house.

The senate Republican caucus has decided to support the conscription bill.

The universal military training service bill was introduced by the president, evidently after he had made a thorough study of England's methods in raising her armies. The English spent many months raising their armies by the volunteer plan largely and then had to undo a great deal of the work because of the need of the specialized labor in her factories, whose members had volunteered. Men were taken out of the trenches and put into the factories and others sent to fill their place, disrupting to a great extent the army organization up to that time.

GERMANY TREATS WITH NEUTRALS

RUMORS IN DIPLOMATIC CIRCLES HEARD AT CHRISTIANA—THE STATEMENT NOT EXPECTED TO VARY GREATLY

By W. G. SHEPHERD

(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
CHRISTIANA, April 17.—It is rumored in diplomatic circles here that Germany will soon give to all neutrals her statement of peace terms.

The statement is not expected to yield many concessions from the unofficial terms previously announced. Scandinavia will be the center of Germany's peace efforts. American diplomats have been formally advised that the Kaiser is backing the socialist movement.

PENDLETON GUARDS CITY RESERVOIRS NOW

PENDLETON, Ore., April 17.—The city's reservoirs are under guard today, following the breaking of the lock on the door of the reservoir building. The city authorities have no clue which would lead to the establishment of the identity of the person who broke into the building, but they are taking no chances.

FLAGS IN CITY ASKED LOWERED

GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS REQUEST TO BE FOLLOWED BY MAYOR ON PUBLIC BUILDINGS AND POLES AT NIGHT

It was recommended by Mayor C. B. Crisler last night, after council meeting, that the American flags hanging on flagstaves on or near public buildings in this city should be taken down at night and not allowed to fly all night, as a number have been.

The government has issued flag regulations which it has asked to have respected at this time, especially on public buildings. The regulations are given below.

It was also suggested to the council that an appropriate daily ceremony to be followed in Klamath Falls would be to have a bugler sound the call at a suitable hour, both in the morning and evening, for the raising and lowering of the flags on the public buildings, flagpoles and in the city by those desiring to co-operate.

A place suggested for the bugler by a member of the council is on the high school steps, where the call could easily be heard over the city.

Different times were mentioned for the ceremony, but 8 o'clock seemed to be the favorite by the general consensus of opinion.

The esthetic side of the bugle call appealed to several of the councilmen, and they commented that it would be a very patriotic and pretty

Reported in Zurich That Turkey and Bulgaria Sever

ZURICH, April 17.—It is reported severed relations with America. here that Turkey and Bulgaria have

Unknown Plane Flies Over Portsmouth Navy Yards

BOSTON, April 17.—An unknown plane has been found to have flown over the Portsmouth Navy Yard this morning. It is rumored