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THREE SHIPS TORPEDOED IN 24 HOURS

German Submarines Get In Deadly Work On All Vessels in Channel

BRITISH STEAMER OAKLY LAST TO GO TO BOTTOM

Transport 192 Is Sunk And Armed Cruiser Is Also Missing

By Ed L. Keen.

London, Feb. 24.—Three vessels have been torpedoed by German submarines within a few miles of the British coast during the past 24 hours.

It was officially admitted today by the admiralty that the British steamer Oakly had been sunk by the enemy of the submarine.

The submarine which sank the Oakly to the bottom is believed here to have been the same one which sank the Norwegian steamer Regia and the British collier Brankome China yesterday.

While these reports were coming in a dispatch was received from Paris declaring the submarine which fired a torpedo at the channel packet Victoria probably had been sunk by a French destroyer.

The torpedo passed within 30 yards of the bow of the Victoria, which carried a large number of passengers.

An unidentified steamer was reported today to be in distress off Hastings, with her decks awash. Dispatches say she had evidently been torpedoed or had fouled a mine.

The government of Norway directed its minister here to proceed to Dover today and examine the members of the crew of the Norwegian steamer Regia, which was sunk yesterday by a German torpedo.

This action is said to be preparatory to the filing by Norway of a vigorous protest with the Berlin government.

Oakly Is Torpedoed.
London, Feb. 24.—The British steamer Oakly was sunk today off Folkestone, by a German submarine. The crew landed at Dover.

The Oakly was en route to Boulogne from East Hartlepool when she was sunk.

British Transport Sunk.
Berlin, by wireless to London, Feb. 24.—It was officially announced today that British transport number 192 had been sunk by a German submarine off Beachy Head. There are no further details.

Wireless dispatches received via Sarville, Long Island, February 23, stated that the Berlin newspapers of that day were displaying in large type a report that a British transport had been sunk.

Armed Cruiser Lost.
London, Feb. 24.—The British admiral's press office admitted tonight that the escorted cruiser Clan Macdonald had been lost in recent days. The official statement estimated the casualties at 270. All hope for the vessel, the statement said, had been abandoned.

Sinking of Carib Confirmed.
Washington, Feb. 24.—The sinking of the American steamship Carib off the German coast was confirmed today by a cablegram received at the state department from American Minister Van Dyke, stationed at The Hague. He said the Carib was "sunk by a German mine on a route outside that prescribed by the German admiralty."

Although extremely calm, Washington officials admitted privately that the sinking of the Carib had increased the seriousness of the international situation. The greatest secrecy was maintained regarding the latest information forwarded to Germany and England. It was hinted that a note reiterating America's intention to hold Germany "in strict accountability" for loss of American lives and shipping had been sent to Berlin.

MAN WHOSE MIND WENT BLANK RECOVERS TODAY AND TALKS TO DOCTOR

Name Is Rose, His Home Is At St. Joseph, Missouri—Has Been In Hospital

O. J. Rose, the man whose memory quit working in this city Monday evening and who later did an eight mile cross country hike in his night clothes to Pratum, had recovered sufficiently in the receiving ward of the Oregon state hospital for the insane to converse intelligently with Dr. R. E. L. Steiner and Dr. Evans in charge of that ward. He said his name was O. J. Rose and that he formerly lived in St. Joe, Missouri, where he was an auditor in the Swift Packing plant. He was married, he said, and had a wife and two year old daughter now living in that city.

He has been travelling for some time and went from St. Joe to South America, from there to Europe and finally landed in Alaska. From Alaska he came to Seattle and left Seattle with \$100 in cash and in company of two companions. He does not remember a single instance that occurred since leaving Seattle until he was picked up by the sheriff in this city.

As he has only been at the receiving hospital for one day Dr. Evans stated that he was unable to account for the mental lapse until he had investigated the case further. The physician says that there are no evidences of an injury on the man's body nor are there any evidences that he has been dragged, flogged or that he ever drank or used drugs. He says that the large photographs that were found on his person were taken in Los Angeles and denies that he was ever on the stage.

Dr. Steiner says that the man is in excellent physical condition and is going home tomorrow. The patient is none the worse for his eight mile hike except that he says his feet are sore as he was not accustomed to barefoot rambles during the early hours of the morning. He will be kept at the receiving ward of the hospital until he has recovered or his friends and relatives have been informed of his condition. He says he is on his way to San Francisco to take in the fair and that he has traveled extensively over California. Sheriff Bush has written to the secretaries of the two "Tuna" clubs in California to look up the membership record of the man who wore one of these buttons. The headquarters of the clubs are located at Long Beach and at Avalon, on the Catalina Islands.

INJUNCTION AGAINST DOG ORDINANCE IS GRANTED

Though Provisions of Ordinance Are Inactive Dogs Can Still Be Arrested

A temporary injunction restraining Chief of Police J. T. Welsh and his department from enforcing the provisions of the dog ordinance passed by the voters of the city was granted yesterday afternoon by Judge William Galloway in department number 2 of the circuit court.

Chief Welsh said this morning that though the provisions of the ordinance were temporarily inactive, that he could still arrest dogs for disorderly conduct if they nipped at his heels while running at large, and that all dogs who were permitted to run at large on the streets of Salem and who took more liberties than is accorded other citizens of the town, would be subject to arrest for disorderly conduct.

The case was filed under the name of George L. Rose against the City of Salem, J. T. Welsh, city marshal, and E. S. Budlong, street commissioner. Rose alleges that he has a dog worth \$250, and that if the dog is captured while running at large in Salem he will be damaged in that sum. It is further alleged that the city has a right under the provisions of the charter only "to license and tax, impound and sell or kill dogs." It is alleged that the city has no power to make it unlawful for dogs to run at large upon the streets or highways and therefore the petitioner sought temporary injunction, declaring the provisions of the ordinance null and void, and that the injunction be made permanent upon the final decree in the matter. E. A. Turner and John H. McNary are attorneys for the plaintiff.

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MANAHAN ASKS PROBE OF WHEAT SPECULATORS BY CONGRESS COMMITTEE



REPRESENTATIVE JAMES MANAHAN

Washington, Feb. 24.—Charging that speculators are responsible for the advancing prices of wheat, flour and other commodities, Representative Manahan of Minnesota introduced in the house a resolution providing for the appointment of a joint committee of congress to investigate recent fluctuations in prices and to investigate the methods of doing business on grain and cotton exchanges.

MISS EDNA MAY HAWLEY LIBRARIAN OF SUPREME COURT DIES AT HOSPITAL

Was Taken Suddenly Ill Monday Morning and Taken to Hospital Where She Passed Away Today

After a sudden and brief illness Miss Edna May Hawley, supreme court librarian, passed away at the Williamette sanitarium this morning at 10:15 o'clock, aged about 36 years, of cerebral hemorrhage.

She was taken suddenly ill at her home, 1820 Chelmsford street, Monday morning, while some friends were calling upon her, and fainted away in their presence. Dr. Jas. Fairchild was summoned and she was taken immediately to the sanitarium, but she never regained consciousness and passed away this morning. Private funeral services will be held at her residence on Chelmsford street at 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Edna May Hawley was born in Vermont about 36 years ago and spent the early years of her life with her parents in Illinois. As she grew to womanhood she attended college at Evanston and devoted herself to library work. For a time she was engaged as an assistant in the state library at Madison, Wisconsin, under Miss Cornelia Marvin, present state librarian, and later went to Iowa, where she continued her library work until about ten years ago, when she came to Oregon. She catalogued the library at the state university at Eugene, and then the state library. Six years ago, upon the resignation of former State Librarian E. N. Gillingham, she was appointed his successor, and had held the position continuously up to the time of her death.

"In her work as supreme court librarian she had few equals and no superiors," said Clerk J. C. Moreland, of the supreme court, upon receipt of the news of her death this morning. "Her work has given universal satisfaction to everybody. She made friends with all with whom she came in contact. The supreme court feels in her death a personal loss. Her general disposition, untiring work and her ability to comprehend and master the details of her work had made her services indispensable, and had endeared her to every member of the court with whom she came in contact. As soon as her death was announced Chief Justice Moore ordered the flag over the supreme court building displayed at half mast and it will remain so until after the funeral."

So far as is known she had no relatives west of Chicago. Miss Cornelia Marvin, state librarian, has been a close and intimate friend for a great many years, and they were inseparable companions. Miss Marvin was with her at the time of her sudden illness and remained with her almost constantly up to the end.

ERROR IN COMPENSATION MAY DELAY OPERATION OF MEASURE SOME TIME

Last Section States Time That Section Shall Become Operative and Committee Fails To Change Number

Of course, something would have to happen to mix things up a bit. And it did. It happened in the enrolled bills committee of the senate, and over the measure which caused all of the trouble and disunion between the two legislative bodies, the Schuebel compensation act.

It is not such an error as will put the act out of commission but it will cause a lot of trouble in straightening it out and may delay the date of operation of the act, or hasten it into effect prematurely. A prejudicial or extremely technical error would knock the whole act galley west on account of it, and courts have been known to do such things on an even more flimsy pretext.

Through an error in the enrollment of the bill, whether designedly or otherwise, the last section of the new act, the purpose of which was to delay the operation of section 4 of the act providing the manner in which employers and employees may come under the act, until the first day of July, refers to "section 6" of the act, which does not exist, and this will have the effect of placing section 4 of the amendatory act into effect on May 21 whereas the first section, that which provides a readjustment of the rates of contribution for employers, will not go into effect until July 1. As the two sections depend upon one upon the other to bring about the important changes that are sought in the present law this error will have to be straightened out before the act becomes operative.

The two sections delaying the effectiveness of sections 1 and 2 were inserted in the bill for the purpose of holding the change in the rate schedule and the special provisions for employers whose operations are not covered by the fixed schedule up until the beginning of the second half of the year so as not to disturb the schedule since which the commission is now working and, in order to save the law and prevent its conflict with the operation of the present law, it will probably require an order of the supreme court declaring the error in the bill a clerical and unintentional one and holding both sections up to the first of July. On the other hand anyone who has interests to serve that would be benefited in having the amendatory act knocked out could find this error sufficient ground upon which to base an injunction for the purpose of causing trouble and holding it up indefinitely. The error was probably carelessness in copying and proof reading, and nobody has the power to change a single letter or figure in the act and it will have to go through now to its present form.

EARTHQUAKE REPORTED AS DOING MUCH HARM AT TWIN VALLEY, CAL.

Redding, Cal., Feb. 24.—That an earthquake and manifestation of Mount Lassen, the California active volcano, on Sunday night did considerable minor damage in the vicinity of Twin Valley, was the report brought here today by persons living in the vicinity.

The disturbance evidently centered on William Morgan's farm, which has been considered in the danger area since the eruptions of Mount Lassen began last year. Stores in the homes of Ivey-Sampay and John Norris were upset, it is declared, and one side of the Sappay house is said to have sunk five feet.

Here are some of the things persons living in that vicinity declared resulted from the disturbance.

The Weather

Oregon: Rain to night and Thursday; southerly winds reaching gale force along the coast.



GOVERNOR MAKES PUBLIC SANCTION OF 85 BILLS TODAY

Approves Measure Combining State Engineer and Highway Engineer's Office

BILL HAS PROVOKED MUCH PUBLIC COMMENT

Schuebel Compensation Act Also Included In List Approved

Governor Withycombe this morning released a total of 85 bills which had passed the legislature and had received his signature. Of these 81 were senate bills and 44 house bills.

Among the most important of the bills signed this morning was senate bill 255 consolidating the offices of highway engineer and state engineer which, in the minds of some of the state officials, is a marvel in inconsistency and absurdities. In the first place it gives the appointing power of the highway engineer to the governor as chairman of the state highway commission; then it makes the highway engineer a deputy under the state engineer who is responsible for his actions and is required to furnish his bond, and then it places his work under the jurisdiction and control of the state highway commission.

"If there ever was a conglomeration of ridiculous and senseless legislation this is a model," said a state official in commenting upon the situation this morning. "It is understood that Governor Withycombe is very much embarrassed over the situation and has made the statement that, while he has the power of appointment, he will have it implicitly understood that the actions of the highway engineer shall always be subsequent to the state engineer and that, in the event his services are unsatisfactory to the state engineer or the highway commission, he will be summarily removed. This assurance, however, does not put the state engineer and the members of the highway commission completely at their ease, it is understood, and it is probable that an effort will be made to have this condition put in writing.

Other important bills signed by the governor this morning include the Schuebel compensation act; the bill appropriating \$50,000 for promoting the flux industry; senate bill 60, providing for a special referendum election in November, 1915; changing the name of the railroad commission to "Public Utilities Commission"; providing for creation of county high school trustees; and a total of 36 general and special appropriation bills. The governor still has a number of bills on his desk pending final disposition and he expects to dispose of all of them either today or tomorrow. On a great many of them, which passed on the last day of the session he has until Friday evening to hold under consideration if he deems it necessary.

WOMEN MAY JUDGE JUVENILES

Denver, Feb. 24.—Colorado may have a women juvenile court judge. A bill has been introduced in the legislature at the request of Judge Ben E. Lindsey, to make Mrs. F. Gregory "associate judge" of the court which has become famous throughout the country. Mrs. Gregory now assists Judge Lindsey in the trial of cases, and advises him, but she is not legally authorized to render judgments.

Picket fences were torn apart and wire fences snapped; wires previously that were loosened three feet; a number of spring appeared.

Twin Valley is a sparsely settled spot 20 miles east of Redding, 20 miles north of Mount Lassen. On the Morgan place it is declared that the earth cracked in a number of places and that two small ponds of clear water sank several feet.

The tremor is declared by persons who live in the vicinity to have been intermittent for several minutes.

MISS FERN HOBBS KEEPS PROMISE TO SENATE BY HANDING IN RESIGNATION

Willing to Leave Office When Schuebel Compensation Act Takes Effect

Miss Fern Hobbs this morning tendered her conditional resignation to Governor Withycombe, as a member of the Industrial Accident Commission, to take effect on May 21, "or the date the Schuebel House Bill 222 becomes a law", which, she states, is in keeping with her promise made to the senate through Senator Garland, on February 20. Governor Withycombe placed the resignation on file without comment or acceptance.

In the event the governor signs Senate Bill 212, giving him the authority of appointment and removal of all offices under his control, which carries an emergency clause, and it is understood that he does not contemplate the veto of any measure that is before him, it will give him the power of removing the heads of all departments that are now appointive, including the Industrial Accident Commission, and whether or not he will take official cognizance of Miss Hobbs' resignation at this time and permit her to remain in office until May 21, is but a matter of conjecture. It is not certain, however, that he will remove anybody from office unless he finds good reasons for doing so, or for the promotion of harmony in the administration.

The full text of Miss Hobbs' resignation follows: "In accordance with my promise given the senate on the 20th inst. I hereby tender my resignation as a member of the Industrial Accident Commission, said resignation to become effective on the 21st day of May, the date the Schuebel House Bill 222 becomes a law."

BAD RUPTURE BETWEEN BERLIN AND WASHINGTON SOON SAYS PAPER

Statement Made Following Conference Between American and Berlin Officials

London, Feb. 24.—"A grave incident, involving a rupture between Berlin and Washington, may come at any time."

This statement was contained in a dispatch received tonight from Berlin by the Exchange Telegraph.

The message said: "American Ambassador Gerard held a long interview with Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg this morning with regard to the exchange of notes between the United States and Germany. It is believed that negotiations are deadlocked, both sides adhering to their former views.

"Everything depends on the discretion of German submarine commanders. The American colonies in Berlin, Munich and Dresden are most anxious. "Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg held several audiences yesterday with the Kaiser over the American negotiations."

EDUCATORS IN CONFERENCE

Cincinnati, Feb. 24.—Public school superintendents from many cities of over 10,000 to 25,000 populations gathered here today in response to a call by the Federation Education commissioner. The meeting is in connection with the convention of the N. E. A. superintendents.

Effect of German Strategy on Russia Discussed by Expert

By J. W. T. Mason.

New York, Feb. 24.—Earl H. Von Wiegand's brilliant description of the Masurian battle gives the first adequate picture of the German strategy and its demoralizing effect on the Russians.

SLAVS TO BE REINFORCED VERY SOON

Western Theatre of War Very Quiet Says Berlin War Office Report

RUSSIANS PUSH GERMANS BACK FROM GRONDO

Austrian Government Confiscating All Grains of That Country

THE WAR LINEUP

North Sea and English Channel—Three vessels torpedoed in past 24 hours. British steamer Oakly sunk today, crew saved. Collier Brankome China and Norwegian steamer Regia sunk yesterday. Admiral's dispatch denies report of British transport sunk.

England—Cabinet met for important session. Believed plans announce concerted attack by allies to force Germany to abandon submarine warfare.

Prussia and Poland—Further details of Von Hindenburg's recent battle with Russian show Slav crushing defeated in East Prussia. Kaiser personally witnessed battle. Two-thirds of Russian army of 165,000 annihilated. Russians reinforcing for renewed offensive.

United States—Ambassador Gerard reported that American steamer Evelyn struck two mines before she sank in the North Sea. Only one fatality. Minister Vanduyke at The Hague confirmed sinking of American steamer Carib.

France—Except engagement near Perthes, no activity in France reported today.

By Henry Wood

Paris, Feb. 24.—Except for a slight advance by the allies north of Perthes there has been little fighting in the western war theatre during the past 24 hours.

The Germans, according to the French war office, were forced to retire from a point near Perthes following an allied bayonet charge. Unsuccessful German attacks also were reported from a number of other points.

Russians to Reinforce Slavs

Berlin, via London, Feb. 24.—Fresh Russian troops are coming to the support of the crushed Slav armies which were decisively defeated in attempts to assume the offensive about Pruznyts, it was officially announced here today. Twelve hundred prisoners were taken near Pruznyts, according to the statement. The Russians have also been checked west of Grondo.

Engagements at Perthes, the statement said, have been favorable to the German lines in the Vosges have been advanced and five hundred prisoners taken.

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