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THIRTY-EIGHTH YEAR

### DRAGER FRUIT CO. PLANT BURNS WITH LOSS OF \$40,000

Entire Structure Solid Mass of Flames When Residents Send In Alarm

PLANT MAY BE REBUILT FOR COMING SEASON

Workmen Will Begin At Once To Clearing Away Debris From Site of Plant

### RUSSIAN LOSSES TOTAL 10,000 IN THREE DAYS

Severe Fighting In Poland and East Prussia Reported By Berlin Office

Berlin, via wireless to London, March 30.—Russian losses during the last three days fighting in Poland and East Prussia have totalled 10,000 in killed, wounded and captured, official dispatches to the war office stated today.

### DESTROYERS ESCORT LINERS TO GUARD AGAINST TORPEDOES

Orduna Takes Warning From Fate of Falaba In Mine Planted Waters

186 LOSE LIVES SINCE BLOCKADE IS DECLARED

Seventeen Survivors From Aquilla's Crew Are Picked Up In Open Boat

### THE WAR LINE-UP.

England.—Newspapers refer to the sinking of the liner Falaba resulting in heavy loss of life as a "massacre." Liner Orduna arrives safely from Halifax.

Russia.—Bucharest dispatches confirm Austrian claims that Bukovina have met with reverses. Lull in Carpathian fighting.

Turkey.—Russian fleet again sails Bosphorus defenses. Long range bombardment of Dardanelles resumed by allied fleet.

France.—Rheims violently bombarded. Aviators drop bombs upon city, one striking cathedral.

Germany.—Claimed Russian losses during last three days' fighting in Poland and east Prussia will total 10,000 in killed, wounded and captured.

Holland.—Public opinion regard submarine attacks on Dutch shipping cooled. People now disposed await investigation as result of reported charges against Germans exaggerated.

### ENGLAND MAY GO "DRY" TO HASTEN WORK IN SHIPYARDS

Great Britain May Follow Example Set By Russia During War Crisis

LIQUOR BLAMED FOR DECREASE IN OUTPUT

Will Either Impose Severe Restrictions of Absolute Prohibition

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The Drager Fruit Co.'s plant at the corner of Trade and Cottage streets was entirely destroyed by fire which was discovered at 2:45 this morning, causing a loss of \$40,000. The packing plant contained, in addition to the machinery, 200 tons of prunes, 10,000 pounds of dried loganberries, 12,000 pounds of potatoes and 22,000 empty boxes. With the exception of the potatoes the building and contents were fully covered by insurance. The cause of the fire is unknown, but Fred Drager, manager of the company, stated as his opinion this morning that defective wiring short-circuited by the removal of the fuse was the cause.

The fire was discovered by Mr. Shery, who resides near the building, and who phoned in the alarm. Mr. Shery said that the flames had broken along the entire roof of the building when his attention was attracted by the building glared. By the time the fire department arrived the entire interior of the building was a roaring furnace and only the hard work of the firemen saved the buildings nearby and the fruit warehouse across the street from the main plant. Two near-by barns caught fire at different times from sparks, and one residence was caught on the roof but the flames were quickly extinguished.

The building was an old wooden structure and dry as tinder, with whole sections piled full of empty fruit boxes, and one pile of 700 bushels was still burning merrily this morning, about 700 tons of wood were piled up around the plant and part of this contained the main structure of the building. The firemen found upon their arrival that there was no chance to save the main building and confined their efforts to saving the warehouse and to keeping the flames down as far as possible. The heavy timbers and other inflammables in the lower part of the structure were kept as nearly water-soaked as possible in order to keep the flames within control.

The building was consumed with such speed by the flames, which seemed to break out at once from every part of the structure, that the entire central part of the tower was as light as day for a space of half an hour. A slight southeast wind aided in fanning the flames but sparks and live cinders were carried to the nearby buildings to their great extent.

In the central part of the structure were two carloads of fancy packed prunes which Mr. Drager was loading for the boat trade, but all the prunes, loganberries and potatoes are ruined, which will only prove a nuisance to the residents of the neighborhood from what they considered their legitimate rights of citizenship.

### THE DEATH LIST.

Since the German blockade of England became effective February 18, 186 non-combatants have lost their lives through vessels being torpedoed. A total of 209 have perished since January 21. The British admiralty has announced that 23 non-combatants were lost between January 21 and February 18. The death list since the blockade became effective follows:

Vessels	Date	Lives
Torpedoed.		
Lambank	Feb. 29	4
Harpallion	Feb. 23	3
Drexford	Feb. 24	1
Fingal	Mar. 15	6
Glenartney	Mar. 16	1
Hyndford	Mar. 16	1
Falaba	Mar. 23	144
Aquilla	Mar. 29	25
Total		186

### CATHEDRAL OF RHEIMS IS TARGET FOR AIRMEN

Battle Scarred Relic Singled Out by Taubes Circling High Overhead

By William Philip Simms.

Paris, March 30.—The ancient cathedral of Rheims, already marred in the fighting that has raged about it, was under bombardment from the air as well as from land batteries today.

The bombardment of the city has been resumed since unusual violence, dispatches reported today. With German guns on the heights roaring and pouring shells upon the city Taubes circled high above and dropped bombs into the streets. The communique from the war office today stated that one bomb hurled from an aeroplane struck the apex of the famous cathedral. Another exploded in the street, wounding two civilians. The German aeroplanes escaped after their bombardment of the city, despite a hot fire directed against them from anti-aircraft guns.

In view of the resumption of the violent bombardment of the city, experts expect important developments about Rheims before the end of the week.

It was officially stated today that the French have renewed their attempt to drive a wedge into the German line in the region of St. Mihiel, the object being to cut the German communications. The Germans were forced to retire from Houdicourt under heavy artillery fire, it was stated.

### DOCTOR TAKES POISON.

Martinez Cal. March 30.—The body of Dr. B. T. Burton of San Francisco was found in his room in the Martinez hotel here today. He had taken poison.

Before ending his life Dr. Burton addressed a note to the coroner of Contra Costa county stating that he was taking twenty grains of morphine and sulphate because he had lost the use of his right arm which would have to be amputated soon if he lived. The note was found in one of his coat pockets and declared that his suicide was not the act of an insane man. Neither was he in financial trouble or involved in any love affair the note declared.

Dr. Burton arrived here Saturday night from San Francisco.

### FORMER BANKER GUILTY SAYS JURY'S VERDICT

Portland, Ore., March 30.—A jury in the federal court here today found T. R. Sheridan, a banker of Roseburg, Ore., guilty on two counts of willfully converting the funds of depositors to his own use. There were eight counts in the indictment. Sheridan was acquitted on the other six. The case went to the jury last night, and the intervening time was spent in deliberation.

Defense was made by Judge Bennett during the morning session yesterday, that Sheridan had authority to take the depositors' funds in seven of the eight counts in the indictment by reason of written statements made by the depositors to a United States national bank examiner to respond to inquiries as to whether Sheridan was authorized to make loans for them.

District Attorney Reames argued that the character evidenced introduced by the defense had no bearing on the case, asserting that it was only by reason of Sheridan's high standing in the community that he had been able to make the alleged conversions of depositors of the funds.

Sheridan, who is well along in years, heard the verdict without emotion.

Judge Rudkin decided that the bond under which Sheridan has been allowed liberty during the trial should stand pending motions for rehearing or appeal, and granted 30 days for the preparation of those supplemental proceedings. Sentence will be withheld at least during that period.

The counts on which Sheridan was convicted involved \$5,230. The six counts on which a verdict of not guilty was returned involved \$11,790.

The government presented evidence to show that the total of the transactions, including those named, was \$67,000, of which \$15,000 was repaid.

The minimum prescribed by law for offenses such as Sheridan is convicted of is five years in the penitentiary on each count with a maximum of 10 years.

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Referring to ex-President Roosevelt's criticism of his policy concerning Mexico and also to ex-President Taft's comment on affairs in the Philippine Islands, the executive said jokingly that it might be timely to draft a code of etiquette for the guidance of "ex-pres." At the same time, he said, he considered that former presidents were justified in criticizing the course of those who follow them.

President Wilson is undecided whether to push the proposed presidential primary law to a conclusion. He said he believed legislation along this line was necessary, but that he feared it would require a constitutional amendment.

To Visit Prison Camps.  
By Carl W. Ackerman.  
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Berlin, via The Hague, March 30.—Germany has agreed to throw open her prison camps for inspection by an American commission. Ambassador Gerra, made this announcement today.

England is understood to have accepted the same offer and the trips of inspection will begin immediately upon the arrival of a commission in Europe.

Ten Americans will constitute the board, according to present plans. They will visit 47 camps in Germany and every effort will be made by the authorities to see that the probe of the condition of military prisoners is free and unhampered. To date the following have been tentatively selected as members of the commission:

J. C. Crew, of Boston, chairman; Charles Edward Russell, Lithgow Osborne, son of the warden of Sing Sing prison; American Consul Michaelson, of Cologne and Dr. Carl Ohnesorg, of the United States navy.

Copies of the commission's report will be forwarded to each belligerent nation.

The report will embody in its conclusions a recommendation that the warring powers adopt a uniform prison policy regarding supplies, correspondence, and treatment by guards, it is expected.

It may be better to lead the procession than to follow it—unless the leader happens to be riding in a black wagon with glass windows.

### ENGLAND NOW CALLS SUFFRAGETTE LEADER "A GRACIOUS WOMAN"

By William G. Shepherd.

London, March 19.—(By mail to New York)—All England is now cheering the militant Pankhurst, leader of the suffragette movement. Newspapers refer to her as "England's most eloquent woman." Their praise of her is unstinted, and in the same column she is now referred to as "gracious woman."

Mrs. Pankhurst speaks nightly at the Pavilion, the identical theatre from two years ago to escape being mobbed. The former hunger striker is on every popular program. She appears in various guises, mostly black, but all of excellent quality. Invariably she wears a long, dark, and from her neck hangs a banner, which, however, she never refers to in her appearance and speech. Her theme is "women and the war."

She refers to the "war" in the past which I appeared here. We were in a warfare on the part of the women, she was denied by the government

### GERMAN CONVERTED CRUISER MUST INTERN OR LEAVE

Washington, March 30.—The German converted cruiser Prinz Eitel Friedrich, which put into Newport News for repairs three weeks ago, must either leave that port within a few days or intern until the end of the European war.

While no definite date has been announced, it was generally accepted today that the period allowed the warship to decide which course it will pursue was rapidly nearing expiration.

The battleship Alabama was due in Hampton Roads today to reinforce the American naval patrol there for the maintenance of neutrality.

But a married man's dollars won't last long unless his wife has sense.

### THE WEATHER

Oregon: Tonight and Wednesday showers west; southerly winds.

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