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SOCIETY

By ALIEN THOMPSON

Of premier importance on today's calendar is the dancing party to be given tonight at the armory by the Cherrians in honor of the legislative assembly. The event naturally will call forth a huge throng of merry makers, and the dance promises to be unusually gay and delightful.

Several interesting features have been planned for the evening. Informality will mark the attire of the dancers and the Cherrians will appear in their uniforms.

Mrs. Oswald West of Portland was the guest of her sister, Mrs. Ben W. Oleott yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Stols have visiting them, Miss Mary McIntyre of Peoria, Illinois, who formerly lived in Salem.

Mrs. Robert McKean (Hazel Elixon) of Seattle passed a couple of days in Salem the first of the week.

Mrs. Ada Zosel will leave Sunday for an extended visit to relatives in Pasadena, California.

Mrs. Ann Gardner and small grandson, Perry Sheldon, of Portland are the week end guests of Mrs. S. A. Manning of 116 Marion street.

Master Perry is the son of Mrs. Sheldon, who is secretary to her brother-in-law, Representative B. C. Sheldon of Medford.

The Salem Woman's club will give a colonial tea tomorrow afternoon at the Y. W. C. A.

Preceding the tea hours at 2 o'clock a business meeting will be held. The calling hours will be from 3:30 until 5 o'clock and all wives of the legislators are included in the list of invited guests.

Ford Tarpley of Portland is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Tarpley, and will be here for several days.

The Ladies Aid society of West Salem will give a pie sociable tonight at the new school house. Following the sociable a programme will be given including the following numbers: Piano

duet, Misses Beth and Ruth Bedford; reading, Mrs. F. Becken; vocal duet, Albert Warren and Delbert Moore; vocal solo, Alida Becken; reading, Rev. W. J. Warren; violin solo, Delbert Moore; piano solo, Johanna James; reading, Ruth Bedford; vocal solo, Mrs. Moore; mandolin solo, Albert Warren; piano solo, Ruth Bedford; vocal solo, Johanna James; reading, Mrs. Bedford; negro selections, Delbert Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. Hay L. Smith have visiting them James L. Boone. Mr. Smith and Mr. Boone were class mates, both having graduated from the Yale law school.

Monday night the sons of veterans will give a programme and entertainment at the Elks club in memory of Abraham Lincoln. All members of the G. A. R. and W. R. C. are cordially invited.

Mr. and Mrs. George Yokes who recently have come to Salem from east Indiana, have leased a ranch north of town and will remain here indefinitely. They came to Oregon on account of Mr. Yokes' health and are accompanied by their brother, A. Thornburg.

The regular monthly meeting of the Highland Mothers club was held Thursday evening at the Highland school. During the evening John W. Todd gave an interesting address.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy O. Smith are being congratulated upon the arrival of a son born today at the Salem hospital. The little fellow will be called Robert Odell.

Washington, Feb. 9.—All German enlisted men on vessels of the United States coast guard service were dismissed Tuesday, it was learned at the coast guard bureau here today.

Mobile, Ala., Feb. 9.—The United States government today began laying mines in the entrance to Mobile harbor. All alarm lighthouse tenders have been dismissed.

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PEACE PROSPECT
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having Austria modify her endorsement of Germany's under-sea campaign.

Third—and last—the expected efforts of German Ambassador Von Bernstorff to preserve peace after he reaches Berlin, provided of course, the "overt act" has not been committed by Germany by that time.

Rumors of this sub-surface "peace maintenance" plan have been prevalent for several days, but not until today did the full text of the move become known.

The two big Trump cards are the secret moves of neutral diplomats here to stall off war between the United States and Germany, and the German envoys known aggressive desire to preserve the peace for which he has long struggled.

Administration officials themselves do not admit that the moves are going on under the surface, but the United Press learned definitely that the neutral program is ambitious and that the state department has been at least unofficially advised of the neutrals' intentions.

The Swiss minister here, Dr. Paul Ritter, is a leading spirit in the conference. He and the other neutrals have conferred among themselves about keeping all the new neutral countries out of the struggle and, it is understood, Secretary of State Lansing sat in with them at one session.

In view of the American hope for neutral support, the proposed conference idea is not unwelcome here. The fact that none of the neutrals is breaking with Germany, although Bolivia and Brazil have threatened to, and the fact that some of the neutrals might be forced into war on the side of Germany makes the plan acceptable, though it is understood that the United States itself is not asking the present action.

One reason why the concerted action of neutrals is not unwelcome to this government is that one of their avowed purposes is to carry on the fight upheld by the United States for two years, to prevent the utter disintegration of international law.

Another reason is that the proposed conference is planned to set forth and protect the rights of small countries—another contention of the United States throughout the war.

Belief grows here today that if the expected "overt act" of Germany comes, the United States may merely "drift into a state of war" with Germany, without open declaration of hostilities from either side.

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BELIEF IN BRITAIN
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has there been such a wave of indignation throughout England as that which greeted today's publication of the detailed stories of survivors of the California.

The survivors' stories differ as to the number of submarines concerned in the unwarmed attack. Most of the crew said there were two. Passengers, however, all thought there was but one. Two torpedoes were fired, but only one struck. This hit the liner in a vital spot, with a terrific explosion, tearing her hull so much that she sank within seven minutes.

There were at least three Americans on board the California—a negro fireman and two children of a naturalized American. These last two children, with their mother, were among the 41 persons who were lost.

The same circumstances as to lack of warning and of Americans being aboard obtained in the case of the steamer Turino. Embassy information today indicated that two members of this vessel's crew were American citizens.

Not only were the cases of the California and the Turino cited as examples of German "frightfulness," but the complete story of the attack but the German submarine on lifeboats carrying the Evestone's survivors was believed to give true index of the utter disregard of all principles of international law and the common law of humanity animating Germany.

Satisfaction is generally expressed here at the measures which have been taken by the admiralty to combat the German submarine menace. It was to be expected that the U-boats' initial activity would be large. Ships which were en route to the "barred zone" were not fully prepared to repel attack, nor to have other protection planned. From now on, England expects to see a steady decrease in the total of sinkings. The utmost confidence is expressed in the British government's measures of protection.

ATTITUDE OF NEUTRALS
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to sever relations with Germany, following the example of the United States, unless Berlin guarantees there will be no damage inflicted on Brazilian vessels or Brazilian interests, according to a Rio De Janeiro dispatch featured by the Buenos Aires Herald today.

The dispatch indicated that Brazil not only felt very strongly over the German submarine blockade, but over reports that German vessels were reported off the coast of the state of Parana, apparently using Brazilian territorial waters and having secret stations on Brazilian soil.

Chile Will Demand Rights
Santiago, Chile, Feb. 9.—The Chilean government declares it is free to claim respect of its rights in case of any hostilities to any Chilean ship, was the blunt phraseology contained in the note which the Chilean government today handed to the German minister for its dispatch to Berlin.

Throughout, the note repudiates Germany's right to establish the submarine zone and its terms indicate complete acceptance of breaking relations, of the position taken by the United States.

"The restrictions imposed by Germany in her 'barred zone,'" the note declared, "mean restriction of neutral rights. Chile cannot accept such restrictions. They are contrary to the old principles favoring neutrals and their acceptance by Chile would signify that the Chilean government is no longer neutral."

Brazil Sends Another Note
Rio De Janeiro, Feb. 9.—Brazil today duplicated to the Austro-Hungarian government the note which she has already dispatched to Germany protesting against the Teutonic submarine policy.

Although the text of the note has not yet been made public, it is known Brazil's decision not to accept Berlin's view that her own situation permits abandonment of international laws, is expressed in firm phraseology.

Why Sweden Disagrees
Stockholm, Feb. 9.—Sweden's disagreement with America's plan for neutrals to join against Germany was expressed in a note forwarded today to Washington.

"The proposal," the note declares "indicates its aim to shorten the war but the method suggested by the United States to achieve this end is also largely contrary to the principles which have hitherto guided Sweden's policy."

"The government, supported by the nation's opinion, confirmed by unanimous resolutions of its representatives, intends to follow in the future, as in the past, the path of neutrality toward both belligerents," the note continued.

"It is not disposed to abandon it in the vital interests of the country and the nation's dignity do not force a change of policy."

Bulgaria Stands Pat
Amsterdam, Feb. 9.—Bulgaria has warned the United States that she will support Germany in any eventuality," according to the Berlin correspondent of the Cologne Gazette, quoted in dispatches received here today.

Control of Brown Rot Is Being Investigated
During the past season the extension department of the Oregon Agricultural College carried on under the supervision of Prof. H. P. Barrs extensive experiments in several orchards in the vicin

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ty of Salem for the purpose of determining the best methods of control of row rot and cythodrosporium (leaf rot). Everyone interested in fruit growing and especially prune growing will be pleased to learn that Prof. Barrs will address a meeting in the offices of the Willamette Valley Prune association on Saturday at 1:30 p. m. on the above subject. The experiments have been quite successful, and it is apparent that the above named troubles can be satisfactorily controlled, and to gain this end it is the department's intention to conduct further experiments during the coming season.

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