

HOLDING one's tongue seems to be too heavy a job for most folk.

POSTSCRIPT

PORTUGAL INTO WAR FOR GRAB OF SHIPS

Captain Rego Seizes 36 Austro-German Vessels.

Central Powers Expected to Declare War at Once.

PORTUGAL SIDES WITH ALLIES

Spain Still Neutral, but Leans Towards Ententes.

Crews Ordered From Vessels; Portuguese Flag Goes Up.

Lisbon, Feb. 24.—Germany and Austria are expected to declare war immediately upon Portugal as the result of the action of the Portuguese naval authorities.

Foreign Minister Costa announced that the vessels were confiscated because Portugal needed transports and because of the fear that they would escape into the Atlantic.

Aided England in Africa. Though no state of war has existed between Germany and Portugal, the Portuguese government, under the terms of an alliance with England, has openly sided with the allies.

Portuguese troops have aided the English in operations against the Germans in Africa.

It is believed that the government's arbitrary action will force an immediate break with both Germany and Austria.

Officials, however, profess confidence that Portugal's action will not induce her to enter the war on the side of the Austro-Germans.

Navy Fires Salute. Captain Rego carried out the decree at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Aboard a gunboat and under the guns of two Portuguese warships, he visited each Austro-German vessel.

The forecast calls for a continuation of good weather. March weather has returned and temperatures are again above normal.

The forecast calls for fair weather tonight and Friday, somewhat colder in the eastern part of the state tonight.

The wind is blowing at the rate of 15 miles an hour from the northwest. The temperature, climbing in the face of the wind, reached 43 degrees at 10 o'clock.

On this date in 1895 the temperature reached 66 degrees, the highest on record. The low record is 4 degrees below zero, established in 1812.

Temperatures today averaged 8 degrees above normal. Following are hourly readings for today, furnished by the weather bureau.

7 o'clock... 38 11 o'clock... 44 8 o'clock... 38 12 o'clock... 47 9 o'clock... 42 1 o'clock... 47 10 o'clock... 43 2 o'clock... 49

Italian Armed Liner Gets Wireless Warning But Did Not See It.

Shapely Dames of U. S. Big Ad for U. S. Corsets

New York, Feb. 24.—American women are more shapely than their sisters in Europe—so much so that the European women took to American corsets to enhance their charms.

WILL GO TO COURT

The Orient Will Ask for a Writ of Mandamus

Mandamus proceedings are to be filed in the supreme court to compel Joseph L. Bristow and the public utilities commission to grant a \$51,941.800 bond issue sought by the Orient railway.

Twice the Orient has come before the commission with requests for bond issues. Refusals of requests, it is claimed, have blocked the reorganization of the railroad and the troubles are to be taken into the courts.

Several months ago the Orient sought approval of a proposed bond issue of \$71 million dollars. Following a hearing, the state commission rejected the application.

The Orient application includes a request for an issue of \$27,573,333 in non-convertible preferred stock, \$13,000,000 in common stock, and \$30,000,000 in first mortgage gold bonds.

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SLIK THRU TOPEKA

Three Hundred Tons on Special Santa Fe Train.

Ten Steel Baggage Cars—\$4,000,000 Cargo.

Rest at ease, girls, the war is not going to put that silk Easter dress into the hands of New York.

The silk, which is valued at nearly \$4,000,000, fills ten of the largest railcars in the United States.

The ten cars that are carrying the material are new steel baggage cars of the Santa Fe railway.

Judge MacFarland Is Denied Payment for Work Done.

Judge MacFarland today turned over to the county assessor a list of the list was concerned, the judge stated that he would compile the list and use for payment and for similar purposes.

Co-Eds To Cut Down On Candy and Dance Less

Madison, Wis., Feb. 24.—The co-ed athletes of Wisconsin have been under the ban of the state athletic commission for feminine athletes.

PETTYCOAT GRAFT EXPOSE BEGINS IN CHICAGO SCANDAL

Women Assessed to Pay Campaign Debts, Is Charge.

Mrs. Rowe Forced Assistants to Split Salaries With Her.

ALDERMEN CAUGHT IN NET

One Charged With Getting a Vice Trust Rakeoff.

Another Accused of Connection With Merriam Murder.

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 24.—Upstart and confusion marked the opening session today of the city council committee investigating the petty-coat graft scandal.

Mrs. Eaton related how Mrs. Rowe had offered a position paying \$250 monthly in the department of public welfare and that she would be obliged to turn over her salary to Mrs. Rowe.

Liners for Atlantic. The understanding is that most of steamships in the Pacific service will be freighters.

Wisconsin University Instructor Says Cannibalism Short Road to Health.

Madison, Feb. 24.—From a purely physiological standpoint cannibalism would be the best way to provide the human body with protein.

Boxing Bout Is Fatal TO 14-YEAR-OLD YOUTH

Boy Knocked to Earth; Dies as Many Ohio School Children Watch.

Cincinnati, Ohio, Feb. 24.—During a friendly sparring bout between William H. H. and John H. Clark, 14-year-old boy was struck on the jaw and died a few minutes later.

LAST MINUTE NEWS

Uphold War Emergency Act. Philadelphia, Feb. 24.—Judge Dickinson in the United States court today upheld the constitutionality of the act of congress of October 22, 1914, known as the "war emergency act."

Black Handers Threaten Judge. Cleveland, Feb. 24.—Black hand threats caused Judge John H. Clarke, presiding in the U. S. district court here today to withdraw from the trial of four men charged with destroying the postoffice at East Youngstown during the recent strike riots there.

Mauretina Released. London, Feb. 24.—The government has decided that the steamship Mauretina can be released from hospital duty and returned to her owners.

Battle Over War Supplies. Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 24.—A Great Northern freight train loaded with automobiles and war supplies for shipment to Russia was attacked today in the United States by a band of 100 or more men.

Burn \$9,000 in Feathers. Houston, Feb. 24.—Nearly a thousand birds of paradise feathers valued at \$9,000 which the government recovered at Laredo after making a charge of smuggling against Abraham Kallman of New York, will be destroyed.

Navy Needs More Men. Washington, Feb. 24.—Rear Admiral Badger today told the house naval committee that the United States navy would need a war base of 102,815 men to man the fleet which will be in commission in 1917.

Quit Motoring Do Own Work, War Economy

London, Feb. 24.—The national war economy committee which yesterday urged abstention from motoring for pleasure, also issued a series of new recommendations.

FLY U. S. FLAG

Company to Restore American Prestige on the Pacific.

New Company Puts 18 Merchant Ships in Service.

New York, Feb. 24.—Eighteen steamers will compose the fleet of the New Gaston, Williams and Wigmore, steamship corporation organized here to operate lines across both the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

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FOUR QUARTS MILK A DAY

This Aroused Suspicion of City Sanitary Officers.

She Wanted Best Cuts Meat—and City Paid Bill.

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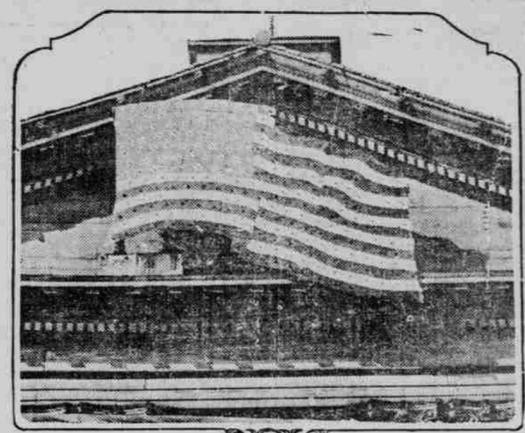
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ELECTRIC FLAG ON TOLEDO COURTHOUSE



The Toledo courthouse was one of the first public buildings in America on which was erected an electrically lighted flag to carry its lesson of patriotism by night as well as by day.

SINK PRIZE SHIP RUINED HER HANDS

Raiders Land Prisoners, Then Pretty Topeka Waitress Wants \$10,000 From Restaurant.

German Prisoners Taken From Gasoline Stove Blew Up—Hurt Many Captive Ships.

MOEWE REPEATS APPAM ACT WORK 17 HOURS A DAY

Takes Steamship Westburn to Canary Island Port.

After Sinking Craft Raider Starts to Sea Again.

Said She Didn't Know Date of Birth—"Wasn't There."

London, Feb. 24.—The British steamship Westburn which yesterday entered the port of Santa Cruz de Tenerife, Canary islands, in charge of a German prize crew, with 206 prisoners aboard, was sunk by her captors outside the harbor today, according to latest reports.

Every so often someone appears with a new definition of the word work. But you Geraldine—you whom it fatigues to play a half dozen rounds of bridge or maybe two sets of tennis—how does this sound for a girl's formula? Out of bed in the morning at 4:30, a half hour to make your toilet and then behind a counter at 5 o'clock (a. m.) in a railroad restaurant serving a starving brakeman or a fireman, "ham-and" or pork and beans.

Testing that she did all this and that if there was anything else to do she did it, Miss Cora Winters, age 29, went on the stand in the second division of the district court before Judge Westall of Sunderland.

ZEP CREW'S FATE

Bottled Notes From Captain Found in North Sea.

Writes Motors Failed and Crew Drowning.

London, Feb. 24.—A bottle has been picked up from the sea containing instructions for the rescue of the crew of the Zeppelin L-19, which was wrecked in the North sea, addressed to the commander's parents in London.

The most sensational fall took place in the price of the May option, which dropped from \$1.24 1/2 to \$1.17, loss of 7 1/2 cents.

The low point was down 10 cents a bushel as compared with figures that were obtained on Monday. For the greater part, the losses took place in the last fifteen minutes of the session and were accompanied by wild efforts on the part of holders to unload.

WILLARD RECOVERS

Champion "Fug" Leaves for N. Y. to Train for Moran Bout.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Jess Willard, champion heavyweight, is cured of the cold which caused the postponement of his bout with Frank Moran and will leave today for New York where he will train for the match.

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Candle Upset in Fight Starts \$200,000 Fire

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Protest to Munition Shippers. San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 24.—The German American alliance of which there are more than 150,000 members in Texas, with state headquarters in this city, has forwarded petitions to Texas congressmen, protesting against the sale and export shipment of arms and munitions of war to belligerent countries in Europe.

JUST as friend husband settles his coal bills, the spring clothes problem appears.

THIS EDITION 2 CENTS

TO PARIS IS AM OF GERMAN'S NEW DRIVE

Offensive Strikes at Heart of French Nation.

Advance Today Within Gunshot of Verdun Forts.

HALF MILLION IN STRUGGLE

Capital Is 132 Miles From Enemies' Big Guns.

Estimate 60,000 Men Fallen in War's Fiercest Battle.

London, Feb. 24.—Under the eyes of the kaiser, the crown prince's army has smashed forward to within gun range of the great fortress and city of Verdun, in one of the greatest battles of the war.

The German war office this afternoon announced the capture of the villages of Brab-Fur-Meuse, Haumont and Herbe woods, within less than eight miles of Verdun, and also the capture of Samogneux, a bare six miles from Verdun's northern outskirts.

The French war office admitted the loss of Brab-Fur-Meuse under the German's scattering attack, and the loss a portion of the Caures wood, just west of Haumont, but claimed the repulse of terrific German assaults against Samogneux.

Both sides reported no cessation in the steady pouring of great guns of all calibers along the 25 mile front north of Verdun.

The French war office claimed the repulse of heavy German onslaughts against Samogneux and reported that enormous losses were inflicted on the attacking forces at Verdun.

The German war office reported not only great gains in the French positions around Verdun, but the capture of a French advance post with aarrison of 50 south of Meumont, north of Verdun.

Not Anxious for Paris. No great anxiety is felt here, however. (Continued on Page 2)

BOMB IN CAPITOL WHEAT IN CRASH

Suspect Plot to Blow Up Nebraska State House.

Explosion in Furnace Leads to Police Investigation.

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 24.—An attempt was made to blow up the Nebraska state capitol building last night, a four-foot bomb, enclosed in a steel casing being exploded in a trash burner furnace in the west wing.

Discovery of three pieces of gas pipe in the waste furnace of the capitol building led to a police investigation today. The janitor said the pipes were filled with explosive.

Whether they were experimental bombs made by the aviation department of the National guard or brought in by outside persons has not been determined.

The pipes were about three feet in length, two inches in diameter and of brass. Each was filled with three inches of cement at one end, next to this nine inches of a light yellowish powder, which Chief of Detectives Antles believes to be an explosive.

WHEAT IN CRASH

Prices Drop 7 Cents on Chicago Market Today.

Rumor of Rupture With Germany Causes Slump.

Chicago, Feb. 24.—Disturbing rumors that drastic consequences would result from tension between Washington and Berlin regarding Germany's submarine policy caused a break in the price of wheat, as compared with value current earlier in the session.

GUNS REMAIN ON SHIP

Italian Liner Verdi Returns From Voyage to Genoa.

New York, Feb. 24.—The Giuseppe Verdi, the Italian liner whose arrival here January 6 with two naval guns mounted on her deck opened the question with the state department of whether she should be allowed to sail with the two guns still conspicuous on the deck.