

AN AMERICAN CRUISER HALTS A GRAIN SHIP

British Steamer, Bound for Hull, Is Stopped by Battleship Florida.

THE VESSEL CARRIES RIFLES

Guns Mounted on Her Stern Reported to be Cause of Being Detained.

New York, Aug. 27.—The Wilson liner Francisco, a British steamer bound for Hull with a cargo of grain, was stopped yesterday as she was leaving port by the United States battleship Florida, which has been stationed in the lower harbor since the outbreak of hostilities in Europe to see that neutrality regulations of the United States were observed by shipping.

The Francisco has two 4.7 caliber rifles mounted at her stern and it was these guns which caused her to be detained. They were in position when the ship arrived from Hull Aug. 12.

The Francisco left her dock at Hoboken soon after 8 o'clock yesterday morning and headed slowly down the harbor. Previously it had been rumored in maritime circles that the United States government would make some objection to her leaving her berth while armed. Officers of the ship, when informed of this rumor, said the guns had been set up only for saluting purposes.

When off the Statue of Liberty the Francisco dropped anchor and the captain came ashore for his clearance papers. He obtained them and returned early in the afternoon to his ship which proceeded down the harbor. As she passed the Florida, however, she was signalled to stop. The order was obeyed immediately.

Agents of the Wilson line here disclaimed any knowledge as to why the steamer was held up.

At the navy yard, however, it was said last night that the commander of the Florida had decided that the Francisco should be detained until certain facts concerning her clearance papers had been determined. It was further said that the ship would not be allowed to leave the harbor until the investigation had been completed. Last night the Francisco was still at anchor close to the Florida.

PHYSICIAN FATALLY HURT IN AN AUTO WRECK

Little Chance for Recovery of Dr. Benedict of Belle Plaine—His Driver Killed.

Cedar Rapids, Ia., Aug. 28.—Speeding in an automobile at sixty miles an hour to the bedside of a patient near Belle Plaine, Dr. B. J. Benedict, a leading physician of Tama county received fatal injuries yesterday when the overland limited on the Northwestern railroad struck his machine as he attempted to get across the tracks ahead of the locomotive. George Stottlemeyer of Chelsea, the driver of the car was instantly killed. Dr. Benedict was rushed to Mercy hospital here.

PARDON OF MURDERER RECALLS OLD CASE TO PUBLIC

Calhoun County Slayer Freed by Board of Parole—John Brown Convicted of Killing His Daughter-in-Law.

Lake City, Ia., Aug. 28.—County Clerk R. C. Gray, yesterday received notice that John Brown, who was sentenced to the penitentiary from Calhoun county six years ago for

murder, had been pardoned by the board of parole.

Brown and his wife lived with their son and his wife at Manson. The son, George Brown, had advanced more than enough money to his father to offset the value of the father's farm, so the parents deeded the farm to the son and moved to Manson to live with him. George Brown was stricken with tuberculosis and died.

The father enraged at the thought that the property would go to the younger Mrs. Brown went into her room and beat her to death with an Indian club, according to the evidence submitted at the trial, which was bitterly fought, Brown alleging that his daughter-in-law was cruel to his wife and had made divers threats upon her life. This defense resulted in a conviction for manslaughter. His case probably attracted more attention than any case ever tried in this county.

DO NOT CONSIDER JAPAN AND AUSTRIA AT WAR

Situation Between Two Countries Described Only as "a Rupture of Relations."

Tokio, Aug. 28.—The situation between Japan and Austria is described here as "a rupture of diplomatic relations, not war."

The Austro-Hungarian ambassador, explained to Premier Kato that Austria felt duty bound to follow her ally and withdraw her ambassador from Japan. Last evening M. Kato sent his secretary to the diplomat, carrying the latter's passport.

The members of the Austrian embassy are hurrying their arrangements so as to sail on the Manchuria for San Francisco Saturday. The German ambassador, Count von Rex, will take passage on the Minnesota for Seattle the same day. The interests of both embassies will be looked after by the American ambassador.

THREE BRITISH WARSHIPS SENT TO GULF OF MEXICO

English Vessels Hurrying to Protect Cotton and Oil Traffic Against Germans.

Galveston, Tex., Aug. 28.—An official statement from the British consulate here yesterday said three British warships have been sent at full speed to protect cotton and oil traffic in the Gulf of Mexico.

The statement said: "It is rumored that the French cruiser, Conde, has sunk the German ship Allancia and the British cruiser, Donegal, has captured the North German Lloyd steamship, Brandenburg."

Sending of the British ships to the gulf is probably the result of reports of the presence of German warships in those waters. Several British tank steamers are engaged in the oil trade between Mexico and the United States.

Consul Perceval said: "Our information is official, and not from private sources."

Further than this, he would make no comment.

FARMER TAKES HIS OWN LIFE

Dawson Man Hangs Self When Son Leaves Home.

Perry, Ia., Aug. 27.—The funeral of Ludley Kelsey, a prominent farmer living south of Dawson, was held at the home Monday. Kelsey ended his life in a tragic manner, although no reason for the suicide is known. He was apparently in his usual health and spirits, and was working in a field nearby when his son left the place to go to town. Shortly afterward he went into the barn, fastened a hay rope to a cross beam about twenty-five feet from the floor, tied the other end around his neck and slid down a pile of hay. He was dead when found an hour or so later.

SUPERVISORS PROCEEDINGS

Final report of engineer in Epard drainage district No. 106 being on file, the board on motion au-

Bridge No.	Description of Location	Material	Clear Width of Road way	Depth of Fill	Clear Length of Span	Drainage Area Acres	Estl. of Cost
1	268 ft. East of NW Corner Sec. 18 Lincoln Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	5 ft.	3 ft.	220	\$ 315.00
2	728 ft. South of NW Corner of Sec. 18 Lincoln Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	4 ft.	4½ ft.	460	425.00
3	1500 ft. East of NW Corner of Sec. 33 Lincoln Twp.	Concrete	20 ft.	¼ ft.	15 ft.	3900	1200.00
4	600 ft. North of W¼ Corner of Sec. 32 Lincoln Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	2 ft.	9 ft.	1760	616.00
5	600 ft. North of W¼ Corner of Sec. 18 Lincoln Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	3 ft.	6 ft.	750	770.00
6	½ mile East & ¼ mile South of NW Cor. Sec. 23 Lyon twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	8 ft.	850	630.00
7	1100 ft. West of NE Corner Sec. 17 Lyon Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	8 ft.	1300	630.00
8	297 ft. East of NW Corner of Sec. 1 Lyon Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	3 ft.	6 ft.	700	615.00
9	260 ft. South of W¼ Corner of Sec. 36 Lyon Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	12 ft.	2 ft.	50	400.00
10	350 ft. East of N¼ Corner of Sec. 36 Lyon Twp.	Concrete	20 ft.	½ ft.	50 ft.	33000	3826.00
11	580 ft. West of N¼ Corner of Sec. 4 Lyon Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	1 ft.	6 ft.	320	363.00
12	1200 ft. West of NW Corner of Sec. 36 Lyon Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	1 ft.	12 ft.	2250	1155.00
13	1317 ft. South & 410 ft. West of Center Sec. 20 Webster Twp.	Concrete	18 ft.	¾ ft.	48 ft.	5600	1774.50
14	710 ft. South of Center of Sec. 3 Webster Township	Concrete	26 ft.	2 ft.	7 ft.	1500	1200.00
15	300 ft. West of S¼ Corner Sec. 19 Marion Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	9 ft.	700	638.00
16	300 ft. East of S¼ Corner Sec. 19 Marion Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	8 ft.	770	512.00
17	200 ft. North of SE Corner of Sec. 20 Marion Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	4 ft.	150	344.00
18	175 ft. West of S¼ Corner of Sec. 14 Clear Lake Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	12 ft.	1700	915.00
19	300 ft. South of NE Corner of Sec. 20 Ellsworth Twp.	Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	8 ft.	400	400.00
20	At E¼ Corner of NE¼ of Sec. 10 Williams Twp.	Steel & Concrete	18 ft.	0	63 ft.	19840	2160.00
21	N¼ Cor. Sec. 15 Williams Twp.	Steel & Concrete	24 ft.	0	90 ft.	17000	2500.00
22	800 ft. East of SW Corner Sec. - Liberty Twp.	Steel & Concrete	24 ft.	0	60 ft.	7000	2000.00
23	At Center of East Half Sec. 20 Cass Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	1 ft.	12 ft.	2700	1885.00
24	Near Center of East½ Sec. 3 Fremont Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	11 ft.	4 ft.	160	565.00
25	At Center of SE¼ Sec. 2 Fremont Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	9 ft.	3 ft.	80	357.50
26	About 1000 ft. W. of SE Cor. Sec. 26 Independence Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	2 ft.	8 ft.	2500	1079.00
27	About 500 ft. East of SW Cor. Sec. 25 Independence Twp.	Concrete	20 ft.	0	20 ft.	8000	1339.00
28	Near East¼ Cor. Sec. 10 Independence Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	2 ft.	8 ft.	1000	936.00
29	Near Center of Sec. 10 Independence Twp.	Concrete	26 ft.	2 ft.	12 ft.	3300	1131.00

On motion board adjourned to meet this afternoon at 1 o'clock p. m.

AFTERNOON SESSION—AUGUST 4TH, 1914.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, members present Sexy, Johnson and Bawden.

This being date fixed in notice published by contractors for bids for construction of Wang drain No. 160, Whalen drain No. 163 and Elwick drain No. 2, the board proceeded to open bids on file which were as follows:

For construction of Wang drain No. 160:
Turpin Bros., labor \$1392.36.
Holken & Sweazey, labor \$1490.36.
McCoskey & Wolf, labor \$1697.00.
Kalvig & Finkenhagen, labor and material \$2490.11.
National Sewer Pipe Co., material \$1165.00.

For construction of Whalen drain No. 163:
Geo. F. Widman, labor \$10,771.80.
Turpin Bros., labor \$7251.59.
B. F. Sebastian, labor and material \$33,031.9.

B. F. Sebastian, labor \$480.00.
Chris Haugstad, labor \$8752.50.
Lehigh Clay Products Co., material \$26,500.00.
Evens & Howard, material \$25,657.65.
Sargent Tile Ditcher Co., labor \$9,647.39.

For construction of Elwick drain No. 2:
A. J. Jones, \$1.00 per ton for hauling material, 25c per rod for filling drain.

Geo. F. Widman, labor \$4,789.10.
Turpin Bros., labor \$2,761.50.
Fardal Bros., labor \$4,749.00.
B. F. Sebastian, labor and material \$15,985.00.
B. F. Sebastian, labor \$5,527.80.
Holken & Sweazey, labor \$2,605.12.

Chris Haugstad, labor \$3,442.50.
McCoskey & Wolf, labor \$2,600.
Sam Fiskaa, labor \$2,822.00.
Kalvig & Finkenhagen, labor \$3,790.00.

National Sewer Pipe Co., material \$13,834.78.
Lehigh Clay Products Co., material \$13,927.00.

The bid of Kalvig & Finkenhagen for construction of Wang drain No. 160, being the lowest bid on file, it was moved and seconded that bid be accepted and contract awarded, and chairman and county audi-

thorized auditor to issue warrant for \$50000 as part of balance due contractor for construction of said drain.

On motion auditor is authorized to issue warrant for \$509.90 as balance due contractor for construction of Marvel drain No. 100.

On motion the following resolution was adopted:

Whereas on the 4th day of August, 1914, same being the date fixed

therefore, the board of supervisors terminated the hearing in conformity with the public notice thereof, and passed the statutory resolution of necessity on the 15th day of July, 1914. Now, therefore be it resolved by the board of supervisors of Hamilton county, Iowa, that it now finally determines to construct the bridges and culverts described in said resolution of necessity as follows:

Material	Clear Width of Road way	Depth of Fill	Clear Length of Span	Drainage Area Acres	Estl. of Cost
Concrete	22 ft.	5 ft.	3 ft.	220	\$ 315.00
Concrete	26 ft.	4 ft.	4½ ft.	460	425.00
Concrete	20 ft.	¼ ft.	15 ft.	3900	1200.00
Concrete	22 ft.	2 ft.	9 ft.	1760	616.00
Concrete	26 ft.	3 ft.	6 ft.	750	770.00
Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	8 ft.	850	630.00
Concrete	22 ft.	1 ft.	8 ft.	1300	630.00
Concrete	22 ft.	3 ft.	6 ft.	700	615.00
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Steel & Concrete	18 ft.	0	63 ft.	19840	2160.00
Steel & Concrete	24 ft.	0	90 ft.	17000	2500.00
Steel & Concrete	24 ft.	0	60 ft.	7000	2000.00
Concrete	26 ft.	1 ft.	12 ft.	2700	1885.00
Concrete	26 ft.	11 ft.	4 ft.	160	565.00
Concrete	26 ft.	9 ft.	3 ft.	80	357.50
Concrete	26 ft.	2 ft.	8 ft.	2500	1079.00
Concrete	20 ft.	0	20 ft.	8000	1339.00
Concrete	26 ft.	2 ft.	8 ft.	1000	936.00
Concrete	26 ft.	2 ft.	12 ft.	3300	1131.00

tor be and are hereby authorized to sign a contract with said bidders for construction of said drain. Motion carried.

The bid of Turpin Bros. for labor in construction of Whalen drain No. 163, being the lowest bid on file, it was moved and seconded that bid be accepted and contract awarded and chairman and county auditor be and are hereby authorized to sign a contract with said bidders for labor on said drain. Motion carried.

The bid of Evens & Howard for furnishing all material for construction of Whalen drain No. 163 being the lowest bid on file, it was moved and seconded that bid be accepted and contract awarded and chairman and county auditor are authorized to sign a contract with said bidder for construction of said drain. Motion carried.

The bid of B. F. Sebastian for furnishing all material and labor for construction of Elwick drain No. 2 being the lowest bid on file, it was moved and seconded that bid be accepted and contract awarded and chairman and county auditor are hereby authorized to sign a contract with said bidder for construction of said drain. Motion carried.

Assignment of contract awarded B. F. Sebastian for construction of Elwick drain No. 2 to National Sewer Pipe Company for furnishing material and McCoskey & Wolf for labor on said drain, being on file, the board on motion approved assignment, and authorized chairman and county auditor to sign contracts as per assignment.

Final report of engineer in Pabbeldt drainage district No. 139, being on file, stating contract for furnishing material for said drain is completed and that all labor had been completed on said drain, the board on motion authorized auditor to issue warrant for \$1483.11 to Plymouth Clay Products Co., contractors, as balance due on contract price for material and \$1,128.58 to Larson Bros., contractors, as balance due for labor on said drain.

On motion board adjourned to meet August 6th, 1914.

AUGUST 6, 1914.

Board met pursuant to adjournment, members present, Sexy, Johnson and Bawden.

The board on motion authorized the transfer of \$1000.00 from Domestic Animal fund to county fund.

Whereas Albert Swanson has submitted a bid of \$12.00 per cubic yard for concrete work on bridges and culverts on which the expense of construction is less than \$1000, and,

Whereas, the amount of bid is less than the engineers estimate,

Therefore be it resolved, that chairman be and is hereby authorized to enter into contract with said bidder for construction of items mentioned in resolution of necessity of Aug. 4th, 1914, numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, 24, 25, 26, 28 and culvert, 1300 feet west of northeast corner of section 5, Lyon township. Resolution adopted, all members voting aye.

On motion auditor is instructed to publish notice to contractors for construction of bridges and culverts mentioned in resolution of necessity of August 4th, 1914, numbered 3, 10, 12, 13, 14, 20, 21, 22, 23, 27 and 29.

Final report of engineer of construction of C. Brandrup drain No. 151, being on file, the board on motion authorized auditor to issue warrant for \$952.64 as balance due in full.

A communication by Engineer E. S. Boudinot recommending that catch basins be built along road in Fremont township for the purpose of avoiding the expense of building culverts on said road, being on file, the board on motion authorized engineer to have catch basins built as recommended.

Report of benefit commissioners in Classon drainage district No. 152, Leksell drainage district No. 154, Anfinson drainage district No. 153 and Tweed drainage district No. 157, being on file, the board on motion authorized auditor to publish notice of hearing on said reports.

On motion bond of R. G. Austin, engineer in Pabbeldt drainage district No. 139 is released. Minutes of July 15th, August 3, 4 and 6 were read and approved.

On motion board adjourned to meet August 24th, 1914.

A. J. Peterson, County Auditor and Clerk Board of Supervisors.

O. N. Sexy, Chairman Board of Supervisors.

The irresolute man is lifted from one place to another and hath no place left to reason. He flees from one egg to another, so hatcheth nothing, but addles all his actions.—Feltham.

GIGANTIC ARMIES NOW ARE ENGAGED IN BIG BATTLE

As Allies Struggle to Hold Teutons, Russian Host Draws Nearer Berlin.

BRITISH ALTER THEIR POSITION

French Operations, Extending Over Distance of 250 Miles, Necessitate Change.

London, Aug. 28, 1 a. m.—The conflict of millions appears at last to be in progress. Even such news as the sinking of the German steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse pales beside the titanic battle evidenced by the tribute of General Joffre, the French commander in chief, to the British arms, and the realization that the allies are fighting to block the road to Paris, with the Germans hardly farther away than New York is to Philadelphia.

Meanwhile the Russian host is drawing nearer to Berlin. Not even during the first great struggle between Europe and Asia on the far Manchurian plains was the enormous battle fought in such impenetrable silence as far as concerns the outer world.

LITTLE NEWS OF BATTLE.

Only the vaguest generalities are given to the peoples of Great Britain and France by their respective governments. Probably the German people know little more of what their armies are accomplishing.

All the information the British public obtained yesterday was the report from the French, announced by Premier Asquith in the house of commons, that the army was engaged Wednesday against a superior force and fought splendidly, and that he considered his position and prospects in the impending battle satisfactory.

BRITISH CHANGE POSITION.

After midnight the officials news bureau gave further information that the French operations, extending over a distance of 250 miles, necessitated changes in the position of the British troops, which are occupying a strong line supported by the French on both flanks, to meet the Germans.

The impending battle undoubtedly will be an attempt by the Germans, with the hugest army ever employed for a swift attack, to sledge hammer its way through the allies' lines while trying to outflank them between the left and the seaboard.

The Pall Mall Gazette's correspondent says the fighting has been on a front twenty miles along the line between Cambrai and Le Cateau and between the rivers Scheldt and Sambre, while the Germans have steadily been attempting an outflanking movement by forced marches. The allies have the advantage of working on interior lines and have been falling back in the interest of concentration.

The Russians appear to be steadily advancing in east Prussia. They are approaching the great fortress of Koenigsberg and have crossed the river Alle at several points. While they continue their advance with Posen as their objective, they are confronting the Austrians between the Saiester and the Vistula and claim a number of victories along that line.

AUSTRIANS CLAIM VICTORY.

The Austrians assert that they have defeated the Russians in a six days' battle near Krasnik, Russian Poland, repulsing them decisively over the entire front of about forty-three miles. A dozen battles are being fought around a great wall of German and Austrian bayonets, all of which will be considered milestones of history in less overwhelming days.

The sinking of the Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse by a British cruiser and the loss of the German cruiser Magdeburg are small episodes in the chronicles of a day. The British public is becoming restless under the suspense. The newspapers are beginning to demand a loosening of the censorship, while women through the war office for word as to whether their husbands and sons are among the 2,000 British dead and wounded of last week's fighting.

FOR SALE—gas stove. Mrs. Hans Mickelson. 26d3t1f1 Drawing paper at this office.