

## County Debt Cut \$103,719 in Last Six Months

### BRITISH CLAIM MOST IMPORTANT VICTORY TODAY

MACHINE GUNS AND ARTILLERY FIGURE IN FIGHTING

Several Advances and Capture of Villages Claimed by British, But Berlin Says Allies Losses Have Been Very Heavy—Fighting is in Many Places and Everywhere Vigorous.

United Press Service

LONDON, July 14.—General Haig reports that the British have captured Longueval. This morning the Trones woods were cleared, the British smashing a four mile front to do the feat. We advanced a mile.

This is the greatest gain made by the British since the combined allied offensive began.

Most violent fighting continues. The French and British simultaneously struck and straightened the Hardecourt-Guilemont line, threatening Maurepas. The German position near Passeres has been rendered most critical.

United Press Service

PARIS, July 14.—Northeast of Verdun heavy artillery fighting continues. Machine guns have twice halted the Germans north of Alene.

There has been no important fighting along the Somme today.

United Press Service  
BERLIN, July 14.—It is announced that the British are attacking East Contalmaison. Fighting is the most violent around Mametz. The fighting there began last night, and still continues.

The heaviest British losses have occurred in the Trones woods. French attacks on Barleux have been repulsed. French counter attacks on Souville and Lauffe also have been repulsed.

ED OWENS STRICKEN WITH HEART FAILURE YESTERDAY

Ed Owens, son of ex-Councilman Ben S. Owens, yesterday was stricken with heart failure, and this afternoon is still in a serious condition. Owens, who is working at the Bean & Fitzpatrick barber shop, was found lying in the rear of the barber shop unconscious. It was some time before he rallied. This is the second attack of heart failure he has suffered.

### American for Canada



LIEUT. COL. R. J. BATES

Lieutenant Colonel R. J. Bates is commanding officer of the new 213th battalion, American Legion, now being recruited in Toronto. Lieutenant Colonel Bates was formerly commanding general of the Michigan national guard, holding the rank of brigadier general. He commanded a battalion throughout the Spanish-American war.

### PARTIAL ECLIPSE OF MOON HERE TONIGHT

Persons who venture out from their homes tonight will be able to observe a partial eclipse of the moon, the second of the present year. It will be visible in all parts of the United States, beginning Friday, and continuing until Saturday morning in some sections of the country.

On the Pacific Coast the moon will enter a shadow before moonrise, will be at the middle of the eclipse at 8:36 o'clock tonight, and will leave shadow at 10:02 p. m.

### CHECK FORGER IS CAUGHT; RELEASED

MAN WHO PASSED CHECKS ON FIRST STATE AND SAVINGS BANK RELEASED BECAUSE HE PLEAD DRUNKENNESS

George H. Lund, who on July 3 passed a check in Klamath Falls on R. I. Hammond, and on July 5 victimized I. P. Taber of Dorris, has been arrested and released in Siskiyou county, California. On July 9 he was given a preliminary hearing at Yreka.

Lund's defense was that he could not remember any of his actions while intoxicated. He came to Yreka on July 7th, and interviewed the county librarian in regard to establishing a branch library at Weed, and also called on the editor of the Siskiyou News and Senator W. B. Shearer in regard to starting a democratic club in Weed. When questioned by the District Attorney in regard to his movements in Yreka and elsewhere, he professed to have a very faint recollection concerning them.

The three saloon keepers at Weed on whom he passed worthless checks, all testified that Lund was sober when the transaction took place, but Justice Haese took occasion to say that when a saloon keeper testified that a man was sober it was a safe bet that he was three-fourths drunk.

After Lund left Klamath Falls Sheriff Low telegraphed to several points north and south, with the result that Lund was captured at Weed.

### DAM SITE BILL BEFORE SENATE

HOUSE PASSES ADAMSON MEASURE THIS MORNING FOR LEASING OF POWER AND DAM SITES BY GOVERNMENT

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.—The Adamson bill, providing for leasing of power and dam sites on navigable streams, passed the house of representatives this afternoon. The bill permits the establishment of federal sites by purchasing improvements after franchise expirations. It gives the government an option on all power and dam sites after franchises to individuals and corporations have expired.

### SHARK MANGLES BODY

MATEWAN, N. J., July 14.—The horribly mangled body of Lester Stillwell, a shark victim, was recovered in Mateawan Creek this morning. The hunt for the shark continues. It is believed that Stillwell is a victim of the same shark that earlier in the week killed four other bathers.

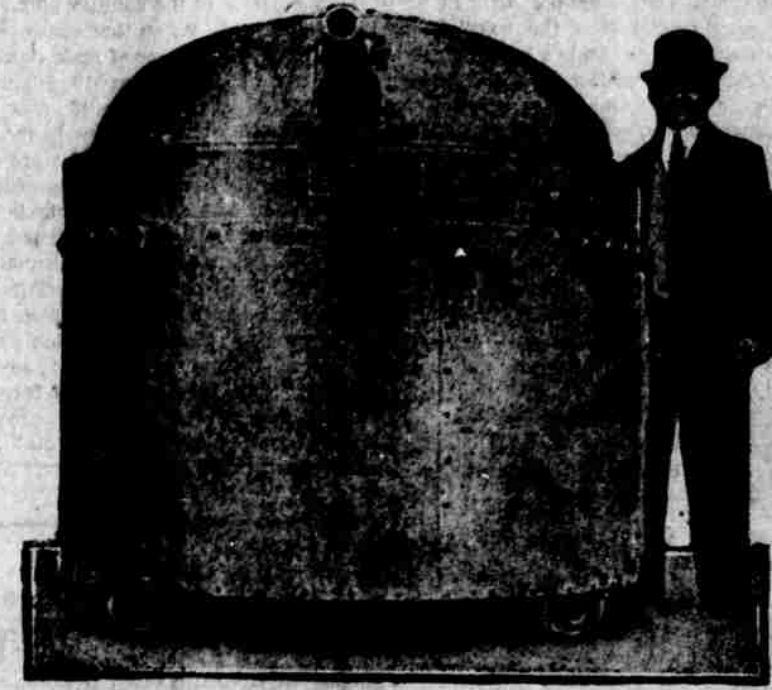
### STREET CAR STRIKE IS CALLED FOR TONIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Organizer Mooney of the Amalgamation of Streetcar Employees declared today that 90 per cent of all platform men will quit work tonight. The fitney bus union has endorsed the strike.

### CARRANZA VICTIMS BURIED

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.—Six soldiers who were killed at the Carrizal battle in Mexico were buried today at Arlington cemetery with full military honors.

### Certain Death in New German Gun



This remarkable weapon is the latest invention of the Germans, and is now being used against the British in their mighty drive against the Kaiser's army. The hood contains a rapid fire gun. It is so thick that it will withstand the shots of mere rifles, and can be punctured only by cannon. The shell is wheeled close to the enemy ranks, and the single man protected inside, fires until cannon destroy the hood and kill him. Once a German goes forward propelling on its wheels this strange engine of war, he knows certain death is before him. He may kill a dozen of the enemy, but he will be smashed to bits by cannon before he can return.

### BEGINNING TO LAY CURB ON ELEVENTH

ACTUAL PLACING OF CURBS WILL BEGIN TODAY—EXCAVATING FOR THEM IS ABOUT COMPLETED

With the excavating for the curbs nearly completed this afternoon, actual laying of the curbs on the first block of the Eleventh street improvement will begin tomorrow, according to W. D. Miller, who has the sub-contract for this work under J. H. Garrett. A large force of men have been at work digging the trenches for the curbs.

### COMPROMISE MAY SETTLE TROUBLE

AT MEETING OF UNION TONIGHT DECISION WILL BE MADE REGARDING OFFER OF EMPLOYERS OF LONGSHOREMEN

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—Following a conference today of longshoremen and their employers it is reported that a compromise has been reached, and that the threatened strike of all longshoremen and stevedores may be averted. Only the endorsement of the employees' union will stand in the way of a settlement.

### Explosion Kills Man

SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—One man was killed and three were injured, one fatally, at noon today, when a tank of acetylene exploded at the California Artistic Metal and Wire Works. Samuel Green was blown to pieces, and Michael Seiger is believed to be dying.

### ESPEE PRESIDENT ASKS NO STRIKE

RAILROAD COMPANY IS TRYING HARD TO AVOID THREATENED STRIKE OF TRAINMEN AND ENGINEEMEN

United Press Service  
SAN FRANCISCO, July 14.—In direct appeal, President Willard Sprule of the Southern Pacific has called upon the 52,500 employees of the company to seriously consider the present agitation and threatened strike over the demands of the four brotherhoods of trainmen and engineemen in the United States for increased wages.

The appeal says: "An appeal by the Southern Pacific company (Pacific system, to its 52,000 employees:

"Thirteen and one-half per cent of your number—the engineemen, conductors, firemen, trainmen and switchmen—are being polled for a strike. "This company is not responsible for the present agitation, and has no desire to change the existing rates of pay or working conditions, unless forced to do so in the adjustment of demands originated by representatives of the men in engine, train and switching service.

"No just reason for this interrupting the service exists. The railroads have offered to arbitrate every question raised by the demands which have been presented.

"The representatives of the men, however, rejected this offer, and have issued strike ballots.

"The management earnestly hopes: "1.—That the men will seriously consider their positions; their personal, their transportation privileges and the welfare of their families.

"2.—That the men recognizing their own interests will vote against a strike.

"3.—That all other employees will use their influence to that end.

"The management favors the settlement by arbitration of all the questions in dispute.

"Such a course will preserve to each one of you unbroken earning power, to the public, uninterrupted service, and to the railroad maintenance of an Alaska by which alone it can perform its public duties."

## REPORT SHOWS THAT TOTAL INDEBTEDNESS IS NOW \$367,991.21

### PUBLIC LIBRARY VISITED BY MANY

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT SHOWS 1,821 VISITED INSTITUTION DURING THE MONTH OF JUNE THIS YEAR

One thousand six hundred and ninety-one persons visited the Klamath Falls public library during the month of June, according to the report of Miss Enola Hawkins, librarian. In that month 622 books were circulated, besides a large number that were read at the library.

The library announces that two splendid books have been placed on the shelves for rent at 3 cents a day. They are "K," by Mary Roberts Rhinehart, and "The Heritage of the Desert," by Zane Grey.

Following are the new books added to the library during June:

- "The Adventures of Joseph Andrews," Henry Fielding.
- "The Boy Knight," Henry.
- "He Fell in Love With His Wife," E. P. Roe.
- Donated by C. L. Crane—
- "Harry Lorequer," Charles Lever.
- "A Young Girl's Wooing," E. P. Roe.
- "The Golden Butterfly," Besant & Rice
- "Her Prairie Knight," B. M. Bower.
- "The Puppet Crown," Harold McGrath.
- "Lost Farm Camp," Harry H. Knibbs.
- Donated by Mabel Bish—
- "My Danish Sweetheart," W. C. Russell
- Donated by Mrs. Boyd—
- "The Colossus," Morley Roberts.
- Donated by Mrs. Frank Ankeny—
- "The Story of Pitcairn's Island," Rosalind A. Young.
- Donated by Maud Carlton—
- "Elsie Venner," Oliver Wendell Holmes
- Donated by E. T. Shepherd—
- "A Son of Hagar," Hall Caine.
- Standard Postage Stamp Catalogue.
- Donated by Mrs. C. P. Stewart—
- "A Hero and Some Other People," William A. Quayle.
- "Camping in the Philippines," C. Irving Faust.
- "Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch," Alice Hagan Rice.
- "The Long Green Road," Sarah McLean Greene.
- "All Sorts and Conditions of Men," Besant & Rice.
- "Alton Locke," Charles Kingsley.
- "Yeast," Charles Kingsley.

Gets Logging Horse.  
Ray Hicks left this morning for the Parks logging camp near Chiloquin, with a large draft horse purchased from William Tingley.

## Carranza and Wilson Talk of a Conference

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.—It was learned here today that President Carranza of Mexico is considering the creation of a commission of three Mexicans and three men from the United States to settle the difficulties between this country and Mexico. It is said he will submit his proposal later to Secretary of State Lansing.

### DECREASE IN EIGHTEEN MONTHS IS \$164,965.81

Strict Economy on Part of the County Court, Calling in of Warrants by the County Treasurer, and Turning in of Warrants for Taxes Have Been Factors in Huge Reduction of Debt

According to the statement of County Clerk C. E. DeLap, just completed, on the financial condition of Klamath county, \$103,719.27 has been repaid of the county debt since January 1, 1915. On January 1, the total indebtedness was \$471,716.25, and on July 1 it was \$367,991.21.

Reduction of the indebtedness has been in all kinds. That of the county house fund is particularly noteworthy as a reduction of \$28,647.57 in the debt against that fund was made. The new court fund on January 1 was \$120,536.15, while on July 1 the debt amounted to only \$4,223.85.

There are many reasons for this remarkable reduction of the county's indebtedness. The county treasurer has called in many outstanding warrants, and hundreds have been turned in for taxes. Strict economy on the part of the county court is another large factor in reducing the debt.

A debt of over half a million dollars faced the county court when it went into office on January 1, 1915. On that date the county owed \$482,957.25. The debt now being \$367,991.21, it shows that in eighteen months the county court has decreased it by \$114,966.04.

On January 1, 1915, the total indebtedness was distributed as follows: General fund, \$474,821.55; new court house fund, \$38,498.57; library fund, \$573.49; road fund, \$12,468.02.

On July 1, 1916, the county court had in cash on hand \$112,978.97, according to the report of County Clerk DeLap.

### Millitamen Nearly Starve

CLEVELAND, July 14.—Famished members of the New York militia, on their way to the border, this morning wrecked and looted delicatessen stores in Cleveland. The police were called but no arrests were made. The men said that they had not tasted food for thirty-six hours.

### Clarke Is Nominated

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 14.—President Wilson this morning nominated John H. Clarke of Cleveland associate justice of the United States supreme court to succeed ex-justice Charles E. Hughes. The nomination went to the senate this afternoon.

## Government to Stop All Munition Sent to Villistas

EL PASO, July 14.—General Bell has been unofficially informed that General Trevino has deserted Carranza. Villia is reported to have demanded the surrender of Chihuahua City, threatening to execute the entire staff of General Trevino.

agents are carefully watching to prevent munitions consigned to Villia from crossing the border.

SAN ANTONIO, July 14.—Army officers heard today that the Ojinaga garrison has renounced Carranza. It is reported that the presence of Villistas in that vicinity afforded the garrison an opportunity to join them, leaving the border unprotected. General Funston has strengthened the patrol in the Big Bend country.