

WAR CLAIMS AWARDS MADE

Four Hundred and Thirty-Nine Claims Against Germany Amounting to \$14,500,000 Are Paid.

WASHINGTON, (AP).—A recapitulation of the work accomplished by the German-American Mixed Claims Commission since its organization up to the present time, shows that 429 awards aggregating more than \$14,500,000 have been made in favor of American firms and individuals on claims against Germany for losses sustained in the world war through death or property damage. In addition to the principal, Germany will be required to pay five per cent interest on each claim allowed from the date of the award to the time of payment. No payments will be made by Germany, however, until the commission concludes its labors and a funding method is determined upon.

When the commission adjourned recently for the summer it had pending before it 12,416 claims amounting to approximately \$590,000,000, including one by the United States government for \$255,544,810, representing the cost of the American army of occupation. This claim, however, is expected to be settled through other than commission channels. Of the more than 12,000 pending claims, 2,944 have been considered by the American and German agencies of the commission and are ready for final action.

Wilhelm Kieselbach, German commissioner, recently went to Germany for the summer and will return to Washington early in the fall when the commission contemplates resuming its sessions. Robert W. Bonyng, American agent on the commission, and Agent von Lewinski of Germany, accompanied by attorneys and assistants, will sail on separate steamers July 9 for Germany where evidence necessary to adjudicate American claims not obtainable in this country will be investigated.

While Germany is obligated to pay the amounts agreed upon by the Mixed Claims Commission, it remains to be decided where she will get the funds for such payments. Once the question of how the claims are to be met is determined, Germany will pay the American government, which in turn, will remit the amount of the respective awards to the individual claimants.

Prineville Child Hurt in Fall
PRINEVILLE, Ore. — Billy Morse, 11, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Morse of the Ochoco project, fell from an apple tree to the concrete walk at the home of his grandfather, C. F. Smith, in this city and sustained a broken wrist and severe concussion of the forehead. He is recovering.

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The time-honored theory that a wife votes as her husband has been finally exploded—at least in the Pattangall family. Both W. R. and Mrs. Pattangall, Augusta, Me., had votes at the Democratic convention. Pattangall presented the famous anti-Klan plank while Mrs. Pattangall sat calmly back and, acting as her husband's alter ego while he was on the stand, voted against the plank he was presenting, proving that a woman may cling to her political convictions in spite of hubby's attitude.

28 YEARS AGO

La Grande Gazette, July 10, 1896

Joe Jones spent the Fourth in Pendleton.

Frank Slater was over from Union Sunday.

T. S. Aldrich is suffering from a sprained knee.

Reverend J. S. Anderson, of Union is a visitor in the city.

The frequent showers of late fill the farmer with delight.

Born: To Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Berkeley, Thursday June 5, 1895, a boy.

Mrs. J. B. Eaton of the Cove, was visiting friends in this city Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Craig of Union were visitors in La Grande Thursday.

The Elgin branch of the O. R. and N. will be sold at Island City today at noon.

The farmers are very jubilant over the prospects for a large crop this year. The weather conditions have been all that would be desired.

Lee Moorhouse has been appointed clerk of the supreme court at Pendleton, succeeding Henry J. Bean, who resigned to take the office to which he was elected, that of district attorney for the sixth judicial district.

Mrs. Frank Pike and daughter left for Seattle last evening where she will visit her mother for a short time.

Frank Ott of Enterprise is a visitor in La Grande. Mr. Ott is the proprietor of the saloon at Enterprise and it appears from the newspaper reports from that section that the church people are making it hot for him.

Fred, the 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Shilling, died in this city July 4, 1896. The deceased had been a sufferer for about three years from the effects of a fall from a horse. The sympathy of the entire community is with the bereaved parents.

Ed. Reynolds has purchased a new threshing machine which arrived yesterday. Mr. Reynolds is also having his engine thoroughly overhauled and there is no doubt but what that gentleman will have one of the finest outfits in the valley by the time he is ready to begin operations.

J. T. Hutchinson was sworn in as a new recorder vice Charles McDaniel who was defeated for re-election.

J. F. Phyl was re-elected to the office of sheriff.

J. R. Oliver still retains the clerk's office.

Ed. Reynolds, school superintendent; James Stutte, treasurer; Dr. T. V. K. Diering, coroner; J. T. Langrell, county commissioner and W. H. Chandler, assessor, all elected at the last election were sworn into office with the exception of Chandler who does not take his office until the first Monday in January.

A small pile of rubbish in the vacant lot next to the Halston block caught fire from a skyrocket, which after being fired off had fallen amongst it. The fire department responded quickly at the tap of the bell and put the fire out. No damage was done.

CAMP MEETING PLANNED
WYTTAGE GROVE, Ore.—The fourth annual Methodist Episcopal camp meeting will open here July 17 in the tabernacle now under construction. The team of preachers for the 10-day session includes I. M. Hargett, D. D., of Kansas City, Mo., and T. H. Henderson, D. D., of Cleveland.

E. N. Johnson, bishop to Africa, who is taking the place of Bishop Shepard, who is in Africa for six months, will be present and participate.

The tabernacle will have a seating capacity of 1000, and this can be increased to 2000. Dedication exercises will be held Sunday, July 20.

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ELKS TEACH AMERICANISM

BOSTON, (AP).—The extent and scope of the social and community welfare work, being done by the Order of Elks throughout the United States by the 1,500 subordinate lodges, is set forth in the report made today to the national convention of Elks in session in this city by the Grand Lodge Committee on Social and Community Welfare. The report shows that the Order of Elks has entered every social and community activity and that the subordinate lodges are the civic centers of their communities.

The activities engaged in by the local lodges, according to the report are: Americanization, education, flag day observance in conjunction with prize essay contests in public schools; support and encouragement of the Boy Scout, Girl Scout and Big Brother movements; war veterans relief; Thanksgiving and Christmas charities; hospital work, medical aid to the poor, summer recreation camps, parks, playgrounds and swimming pools, outings for poor mothers and children and athletics. Approximately \$2,000,000 was spent in the last year by the Elks in charitable work alone.

The report stresses the need of an intensive campaign in Americanization and devotes special sections to education and the conservation of mother life and baby life. The report calls upon the national Order of Elks to make an intensive, constant and militant campaign on Americanism to awaken the people to the real dangers that confront the country.

"There is no problem at this moment," says the report, "to which Elksdom can address itself with more serious consideration, with graver concern than the question of Americanization. It offers us a fertile field for useful labor along the lines of constructive citizenship and nation building."

Camp Operations Suspended
MARSHFIELD, Ore.—Camp operations in the Coos county district will be suspended until after July 4. The Davis Slough and Black Creek camps of the Stout Lumber company were the last to close. The camps at Powers were closed a week ago and many loggers have left the locality. The workers will attend celebrations at London, North Bend and Lakeside. The mills will operate, it is said, probably continually, excepting on the Fourth. The Bay Park mill is closed and the Western White Cedar company operating at Millington shut down camps and mill until July 7.

Negro Gouge; Pool Play Feared
MARSHFIELD, Ore.—T. F. Pettis, negro, who was chased by officers after he engaged in a gambling game with sailors who were in port Sunday night, has not shown up at home since and Mrs. Pettis appealed to the sheriff of the county for help to locate him. Mrs. Pettis believes her husband has been foully dealt with, but others think he is absconding himself until the storm blows over.

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