

## EXTENSION WILL START AT ONCE

and Being Built From Riverside to Crane Creek Gap

EFFORT TO HARNEY VALLEY

ore Settlers Are Wanted in Great Harney Valley

extension of the Oregon-Washington Central and Navigation company's Central Oregon branch from Riverside to Crane creek gap, a distance of more than 30 miles, will be undertaken immediately and completed this week.

Announcement to this effect was made last week by J. R. Holman, chief engineer.

The contract for the construction has been awarded to Twoby Brothers Co., Portland, the low bidders for the work. Assembling of the company's equipment is going forward and actual work will commence in a few days.

Leading the several bridges to be built across the Malheur river, the construction cost of the railway unit to extend westerly from Riverside, the west terminus of the line from Ontario, will be about \$1,500,000, or at the rate of approximately \$50,000 per mile.

With the completion of the extension to Crane Creek Gap, the Oregon-Washington Central and Navigation company's Central Oregon line will traverse the interior of the state considerably more than 100 miles westerly in Ontario, but it will leave a gap of only 300 miles to Bend, on the Deschutes river. Connecting Crane Creek with Bend will be undertaken in the near future, it is declared, thus making the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation a second through line from Portland via the Deschutes to the Idaho border line.

The Oregon Short Line is contemplating the building next year of the Nysa cut-off through the country north of the Snake river in Southern Idaho. Nysa is near Ontario and Buhl at the terminus of the Short Line's Snake Falls branch, which has some construction to be done on it to make through line to Ogden, where begins the double-track line of the Union Pacific to Omaha. These construction activities are part of the Union Pacific's announced project of providing a double track or double line system from Idaho through to Portland and Puget Sound.

Work was begun on the Valley & Siletz railroad from Astoria to Independence this week by a large crew of men.

**Douglas County Wins Audit Suit.**  
Roseburg.—In a decision handed down here Judge Hamilton held that a contract executed between the state insurance commissioner and accountants employed by the state to expert the books of county officers is not binding upon the counties affected.

The decision was rendered on a demurrer filed to the complaint of McKenzie & Sons, of Portland, who sought to collect \$550 for auditing the books of Douglas county. Payment of the bill was refused by the county court here and suit was instituted.

## GERMANS NEARING RUSSIAN CAPITAL

Washington.—The text of the American note on submarine warfare, presented at Berlin, reveals that the imperial government has been informed it is the intention of the United States to regard as "deliberately unfriendly" any repetition by the commanders of German naval vessels of acts in contravention of American rights.

The United States announces that it will continue to contend for the freedom of the seas, "from whatever quarter violated, without compromise and at any cost."

"Illegal and inhuman acts," says the note, "however justifiable they may be thought against an enemy who is believed to have acted in contravention of law and humanity, are manifestly indefensible when they deprive neutrals of their rights, particularly when they violate the right of life itself."

Pointing out that a belligerent should give up its measures of retaliation if unable to conduct them "without injuring the lives of neutrals," the note declares that persistence in such measures, under the circumstances, would constitute an unpardonable offense against the sovereignty of the neutral nations affected.

In official and diplomatic quarters the communication was received as the strongest and most emphatic pronouncement that has come from the Washington government since the beginning of its correspondence with the belligerents of Europe.

All Polk county dogs must be muzzled because of mad dog scare.

The federal trade commission will spend a day in Portland, about August 16.

Two squads of convicts are now at work pulling flax for use in the state retting plant.

Charged with "beating up" a ranch hand, Bert Conklin, rancher, was fined \$10 at The Dalles.

Pendleton's new \$10,000 natatorium, built largely by public subscription, has been formally dedicated.

The Army packing plant at Dallas is installing an improved type of prune processor for rush work this fall.

A \$20,000 bond issue was authorized to construct an addition to Oregon City high school at the special election.

### CAPT. W. H. G. BULLARD



Capt. W. H. G. Bullard, U. S. Navy officer, placed in charge of the German wireless station at Sayville, L. I.

## HUNDREDS DIE WHEN BOAT UPSETS

Excursion Steamer Turns Over in Chicago River

INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEGUN

Cause of Disaster is Still Unknown—Officers Arrested

Chicago.—A thousand persons lost their lives in the Chicago river by the capsizing of the excursion steamer Eastland, while warping from its wharf with more than 2400 employees of the Western Electric company and their relatives and friends on board, bound for a pleasure trip across Lake Michigan.

Under misty skies 7000 women, men and children had wended their way to the wharf to fill five large steamers with holiday mirth in a trip to Michigan City.

Rain began to fall as the wharf superintendents lifted the gang plank from the Eastland, declaring that the government limit of 2500 passengers had been reached. White dresses peeped from raincoats along the shore rails as those aboard waved good-bye to friends on shore waiting to board the other vessels.

Then the passengers swarmed to the left side of the ship as the other steamers drew up the river toward the wharf. A tug was hitched to the Eastland, ropes were ordered cast off and the engine began to pump. The Eastland had not budged, however.

Ropes Snap as Vessel Lurches.

Instead the heavily-laden vessel wavered sidewise, leaning first toward the river bank. The lurch was so startling that many passengers joined the large concourse already on the other side of the decks.

The ship then heeled back. It turned slowly but steadily toward its left side. Children clutched the skirts of mothers and sisters to keep from falling. The whole cargo was impelled toward the falling side of the ship. Water began to enter lower port holes and the ropes snapped off the piles to which the vessel was tied.

For nearly five minutes the steamer turned before it finally dived under the swift current of the river, which, owing to the drainage canal system, flows from the lake. During the mighty turning of the ship with its cargo of humanity, lifeboats, chairs and other loose appurtenances on the decks slipped down the sloping floors, crushing the passengers toward the rising waters.

Many Go Down Never To Rise.

Then there was a plunge, with a sigh of air escaping from the hold, mingled with the crying of children and shrieks of women, and the vessel was on the bottom of the river, casting hundreds of its passengers into the water. Many sank, entangled with clothing and bundles, and did not rise, but scores came to the surface, giving the river the appearance of a crowded bathing beach. Many seized floating chairs and other objects. Those on shore threw out ropes and dragged in those who could hold their lifelines.

Boats were put out, tugs rushed to the scene with shrieking whistles, and many men snatched off their coats and sprang into the river to aid the drowning. With thousands of spectators ready to aid and the wharf within grasp, hundreds went to death, despite every effort at rescue.

Cause of Accident Sought at Once.

Moves toward sweeping investigations of the disaster were under way long before the bodies had been taken from the hull of the overturned vessel.

Federal Judge Landis ordered a jury impaneled to investigate the catastrophe. State's Attorney Hoyne prepared for a county grand jury. Coroner Hoffman selected a jury to look into the cause of the deaths, and the police arrested all the officers of the Eastland.

Various theories as to what caused the Eastland to turn over still are being discussed, but without prospect of a definite explanation until the coroner's inquest and the federal government's investigation are finished. The most discussed theories are four—that the boat was overloaded; that she was not properly ballasted; that the tug that made fast to warp the Eastland from the docks started pulling too soon; that congestion of passengers rushing to the port side, attracted by some passing sensation, tipped the boat over.

### KNIGHTS HOLD PICNIC.

The annual Knights of Pythias picnic was held last Sunday at the A. H. McGregor grove south of Ontario, and was well attended by about a hundred and twenty-five members of the lodge, including their wives and children. A chicken dinner was served, and everybody reported a good time.

### CONKLIN RETURNS.

E. B. Conklin returned the latter part of last week from his trip to the coast where he went to arrange for the purchase of heifer calves which farmers of this section have agreed to buy and raise for dairy purposes. He reports the trip as successful and says the calves will be shipped in during the fall.

## MAY UPE FORCE ON MEXICAN BORDER

Washington.—Orders were issued with the approval of President Wilson to Major-General Funston to repel with force if necessary any firing into American territory during fighting between the factions in border towns and a note was dispatched to General Carranza advising him of that fact.

Soon afterward advices from Vera Cruz to the Carranza headquarters here said the general had specifically instructed General Calles, his commander before Nogales, not to attack the Villa force there, and gave assurances that the Carranza force which has occupied Naco would withdraw, leaving a civil administration in charge. The garrison marched out.

The situation throughout Mexico, as reported from various sections, was considered discouraging by officials. Mexico City is completely cut off and presumably in the hands of a band of Indians under the control of General Zapata.

### SYNOD INDORSES GOVERNOR

Presbyterians Will Celebrate Passing of Oregon Saloons.

Eugene.—The Oregon Presbyterian Synod closed its annual convention here after a three-day session. The keynote was a demand for closer relations between churches. Dr. John K. Baile, representing the Southern Oregon Presbytery, in an address, advocated church union, not through the loss of the denominational identity, but through co-operative effort and the abolition of the petty sectarian differences.

A resolution was passed indorsing a report on Sabbath observance, and agreeing to co-operate in an active fight for preserving the Sabbath. The report in part read: "There are great forces at work trying to break down our legal rest day."

The synod went on record as indorsing Governor Withycombe in his announced intention to enforce the liquor laws of the state.

A state-wide revival service, to begin at midnight, December 31, celebrating the passing of the saloon in Oregon, was authorized by the synod in a resolution similar to one passed by the state organization of Christian Endeavor in Eugene last February.

### Paul Farrell is Killed.

The Dalles.—Paul W. Farrell, the 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Farrell, of Rainier, Wash., and nephew to President J. D. Farrell, of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, was fatally injured in the railroad yards here, when he attempted to board a moving work train. He fell to the ground and in trying to get out of the way of the train raised his foot, which was caught by a car, his body being drawn under the wheels. He was rushed to The Dalles hospital, but there was no chance to save his life. His body had been badly mangled and he suffered a deep gash on the head.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Clark and son of Twin Falls passed through Ontario Monday on their way to Vale. Mr. Clark is the cashier in one of the banks in Twin Falls.

## WATER RIGHT HEARING IS ON

State Will Attempt Settlement of Water Right Disputes

MANY LAW SUITS EXPECTED

Hearing Will be Held At Ontario on August 18 to 21

Next Wednesday, July 28th., is the opening date set for the inspection of water right claims in this section of the state, the inspection to open at Burns. Inspection will continue at Burns for the balance of the week, and on Monday, August 2nd., the inspection will be at Riverside. On August 3 and 4 is the date set for Juntura. At Vale August 6th to 17th, and at Ontario August 18th to 21st.

This is the second move in the big task of settlement of water claims by the state, and which is expected to terminate in over a hundred law suits. The first move came when notice was sent out to file claims with water commissioner Cockran.

## CAPTAIN ON BRIDGE AS SHIP SINKS

Chicago.—Captain Harry Pedersen, 57 years old, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who was in command of the steamer Eastland, said:

"I was on the bridge and was about ready to pull out when I noticed the boat began to list. I shouted orders to open the inside doors nearest the dock and give the people a chance to get out. The boat continued to roll, and shortly afterward the hawsers broke and the steamer turned over on its side and was drifting toward the middle of the river.

"When she went over, I jumped and held on to the upper side. It all happened in two minutes. The cause is a mystery to me. I have sailed the lakes 25 years and previous to that sailed on salt water 12 years and this is the first serious accident I ever had. I do not know how it happened."

### Wilson Will Work During Vacation.

Cornish.—Freed from the minor worries incident to his official life in Washington, President Wilson settled down here to a period of hard work on a group of subjects which he has desired to study for some time. He arrived at Harlakenden house Saturday for an indefinite stay.

## INQUIRY ON THE ORDUNA IS MADE

Washington.—Formal inquiry will be made at the Berlin foreign office by American Ambassador Gerard for the German official version of the recent attack by a submarine on the Orduna, as she was bound for New York with a score of Americans among her passengers.

A report on an investigation conducted by Collector of Customs Malone at New York was presented to the state department. It submits affidavits of officers, seamen and passengers, including Americans, declaring that the ship was attacked without warning.

Washington to Build Many Roads. Olympia, Wash.—In addition to the \$1,000,000 road building program of the Washington state highway department for this year, 30 Washington counties have undertaken since January the construction of 197.1 miles of permanent highways, of types ranging from gravel to concrete surface, at a total cost of \$1,219,122, according to statistics compiled by Highway Commissioner Roy.

### Commissioner Wells Resigns a Place.

Salem.—Insurance Commissioner Harvey Wells has notified Circuit Judge Galloway that he finds it impossible to continue as receiver of the Horticultural Fire Relief company of Oregon, Oregon Merchants' Mutual Fire association and the Pacific Home Mutual Fire Insurance company, for the reason that he cannot do justice to the work and the insurance department and give proper attention to the receivership. Wells asks that he be relieved of the receivership August 1, at which time he will make a report.

## LATEST AMERICAN GERMAN NOTE FIRM

London.—German official report of the fighting in Russia says that the army under General von Buelow has defeated the Russian fifth army near Shavil. The Russians are declared to have been "dispersed," and a great quantity of war material is said to have been taken. The report also describes operations north of Warsaw, saying:

"On the Narow river the army of General von Gallwitz stormed irresistibly the fortresses of Rozan and Pultusk and forced a crossing of the Narow between these places. Strong forces are on the south bank of the river. Further north and to the south our troops are advancing toward the river."

In addition to having moved heavy forces over the Narow the Teutonic allies have made an advance in the direction of the Bug, with a Warsaw-Petrograd railway as their objective. Some progress is also reported to the south, with the capture of two villages which were taken by storm, lying about 10 miles south of Warsaw.

It is recorded that in the battles between the Niemen and the Vistula since July 14, 14 cannon and 90 machine guns have been captured. The quantity of war material taken cannot yet be estimated. Before Warsaw in minor fighting the Germans have captured in the last few days 1750 prisoners and two machine guns, according to the Berlin estimate. North of the mouth of the Pilurza river the Germans have reached the Vistula.

Petitions bearing the signatures of 352 voters of the county for the recall of Joseph K. Starr, district attorney of Wheeler county, were received by Secretary of State Olcott.

W. E. Young, for several years principal of the high school at The Dalles and last year an instructor in Salem high school, has been elected principal of the Albany high school.

A growers' congress, for the purpose of learning about fire blight, which has taken a hold in Linn county, was a feature at Albany of the morning of public sales day.

The Twoby Brothers company was awarded the contract for the construction of a 30 mile extension of the Oregon Eastern railroad from Riverton to Crane Creek Gap, Harney county.

Cook county will continue to have a county agriculturist. The county court has appropriated the \$1000 necessary to help maintain the office for the next year. The state gives a like amount.

An assortment of Umatilla county wools, containing 17 fleeces of various breeds, mostly of fine grade, were shipped to the Oregon commission at San Francisco for exhibition in the Oregon building at the exposition.

### JAMES M. SULLIVAN



James M. Sullivan, United States Minister to Santo Domingo, who resigned as a result of an investigation.

## BLACK-LEG IS KILLING MANY CATTLE

Crews Working Day And Night Trying to Save Herds

YOUNG STOCK VACCINATED

Calves And Yearlings Only Ones That Are Affected

An epidemic of black-leg has broken out among cattle in the district of Malheur county between the Owyhee river and Succor creek. Reports brought to Ontario the first of the week convey the news that the epidemic has become serious, and is causing the death of many range cattle. Black-leg was first discovered Saturday July 17th., and since that time several crews of men have been working to vaccinate the cattle and check the loss. It is stated that all the vaccine in Ontario, Vale, Parma, Caldwell and Boise has been purchased and is being used.

All calves and yearlings that can be found are being vaccinated, and it is said many dead cattle are found every day. Vaccination is taking place at the Board Carrals, Buck gulch and J. W. Graft's ranch on Succor creek. Among the owners who are vaccinating their cattle are Austin Thompson, Ben Frank, Wm. Isaac, Mr. Stark, Mr. Edwards and others. Several hundred head of cattle have already been vaccinated.

## U. S. WILL PREPARE OWN FOR DEFENSE

Washington.—Announcement from the White House that President Wilson had directed Secretaries Garrison and Daniels to report to him a program of national defense caused widespread comment. It became known that several weeks ago the president discussed the question at length with his cabinet, with the immediate result that both the war and navy departments began secret preparation of plans to meet any emergency and also to establish a permanent policy to be presented to congress for adequate national defense.

The White House statement gave no reason for the announcement, saying merely that the president would confer on his return from Cornish, N. H., with Secretaries Daniels and Garrison "to formulate a sane, reasonable and practical program of national defense."

It was indicated clearly, however, in official quarters, that the determination to expedite such plans was being made resulted from a consideration of the many possibilities of the present international situation.

### Lumbermen Will Meet.

Portland.—The Oregon branch of the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association has accepted the invitation of the Washington branch to hold its July meeting jointly with the latter at Everett, Wash., July 30.

The state industrial accident commission announced that 197 accidents for the week ending July 22 were reported to the department.

Mrs. Sorrena Adams, aged 75 years, and for more than half a century a resident of Douglas county, died at Roseburg after an illness of a week.

About 150 members of the Oregon naval militia left Sunday morning aboard the United States cruiser Albany for 15 days of theoretical warfare.

One hive of bees, owned by Will Dennis, living three miles from Dallas, produced 42 pounds of honey, at the second gathering this season, valued at \$5.75.

Increase in school population without an increase in the interest of the school fund will cause the allotment per capita in the state to be smaller this year than last.