

400,000 ACRES IN STATE TO BE OPEN

Tract Is Taken From National Forests.

ORDER SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Land in Deschutes and Paulina Reserves to Be Settled.

BARS DOWN IN 60 DAYS

Entire Area Is to Be Placed Under Jurisdiction of Offices at The Dalles and Lakeview—Other Openings Are Likely.

More than 400,000 acres of land in the Deschutes and Paulina National forests in Crook, Lake and Klamath counties will be thrown open for settlement within 60 days through an order just signed by President Wilson withdrawing this land from the forest reservations.

It is reported that the land will be opened for actual settlement May 9 and that filings will be permitted on and after June 8.

Officials of the Forestry Bureau in Portland estimate that of the aggregate of 419,763 acres thrown open, approximately 130,000 acres are occupied by settlers. These settlers will be permitted to remain. Settlers on the remaining 289,763 acres will be permitted to take up homesteads of 160 acres each in accordance with the Federal land laws.

Transfer Being Made.

The formalities of transferring this land from the Agricultural Department of the Federal Government to the Interior Department now are in progress at Washington, D. C.

The entire area will be placed under jurisdiction of the local land offices at Lakeview and The Dalles. Intending settlers are instructed to make inquiries concerning the lands at those offices.

Of the total 69,893 acres lie within the Deschutes forest and 349,870 acres in the Paulina forest. This land is in the same general locality, since the two forests adjoin.

Large Area Is Near La Pine.

An aggregate of 176,640 acres of the gross elimination lies in the immediate vicinity of La Pine and Crescent. This acreage is covered with lodgepole pine, a timber species which, in this locality, is of low commercial value. Some of this land, however, has already been settled. The precise area that has not been settled and that will be open for the entry of new homesteaders now is being calculated and its location will be described so that settlers will have a minimum of difficulty in locating it.

An aggregate of 221,970 acres, which also includes lands that have been settled and lands not settled, is in the hills about the Fort Rock Valley and is covered with a sparse growth of juniper trees and sagebrush. This land was recommended for elimination largely on account of the low value of the timber and the availability of other National forest timber land nearby for community use for lumber and fuel.

George H. Cecil, district forester in Portland, has not received official confirmation of the dates upon which the land will be opened for settlement and for entry, but it is understood that it will not be later than the early part of June.

Classification Not Made.

The lands have not been finally classified by the Department of Agriculture as to their agricultural character. (Concluded on Page 2.)

BATTLESHIP FIRES GREAT BROADSIDE

RECORD BROKEN AT TRIAL OF ARGENTINE DREADNOUGHT.

Men on Board Forced to Carry Rubber in Teeth, Cotton in Mouths to Endure Detonations.

BOSTON, March 14.—Firing what was said to be the greatest salvo of big guns ever discharged from a battleship, the Argentine dreadnought Rivadavia today completed the trials demanded by the contract. Every requirement was fulfilled, her builders announced.

The salvo was delivered in one broadside. Twelve 12-inch guns and six six-inch guns were trained from the portside of the big sea fighter as she lay off Cape Cod. With the pressure of a single button the 18 guns were discharged, sending as many heavy projectiles out over the waters of the Atlantic. The dreadnought was shaken somewhat, glass was broken, notwithstanding copper shutters, and minor fittings were displaced, but the structure of the battleship, it was said, stood firmly under the strain. The test was repeated without causing any unexpected damage.

During the discharge the men aboard had to carry rubber between their teeth and cotton in their ears to ease the jar of the mighty detonations.

LINER'S RUN 618 KNOTS

Lusitania Makes Record of Almost 31 Miles an Hour for Day.

NEW YORK, March 14.—(Special).—A wireless message received by the Cunard line today from Captain Dow reports that the Lusitania, which left New York Tuesday has broken the record for a day's run on the trip across.

From Thursday to noon yesterday the Lusitania steamed 618 knots, an average of 26.70 knots for 24 hours. This is equal to a speed of almost 31 miles an hour. The best previous record was 23.47 knots an hour, made by the Lusitania's sister ship, the Mauretania, when Captain Dow was temporarily in command of her.

PROFESSOR TAFT DECLINES

Two Reasons Prevent Acceptance of Any College Presidency.

WILMINGTON, Del., March 14.—(Special).—President Taft has declined an offer to become president of Delaware College, which position was offered him at a salary of \$5000 a year. In a letter to a trustee of the institution, he said:

"I am quite content with my position in New Haven, and I could not accept the presidency of any university or college for two reasons—first, because I am not fitted for it, and, second, because I have other work in which I believe I can do more good."

CROWN PRINCE HAS FROLIC

Kaiser's Son Stages French Play and Jest With Actors.

BERLIN, March 14.—(Special).—Crown Prince Frederick William acted as stage manager for a French play which was performed by celebrated Berlin comedians at his palace tonight.

The performance was very successful, but the tone of the play, which is freer than anything the Kaiser sanctions at court, rather scandalized the aristocratic audience, which was further shocked by the Crown Prince supplying the actors and chatting and laughing with them.

SAND SPIT TO BE SOWN

Sea Grass, Bull Pine and Willows to Be Tried at Coos Bay.

MARSHFIELD, Or., March 14.—(Special).—Roy Rozelle, United States engineer in Coos Bay, will start the planting of 25 acres of sea grass next Monday on the north sand spit.

Mr. Rozelle is also expecting to plant bull pine and willows in the sand country.

DEADLOCK REACHED IN HOME RULE ISSUE

Ulster Insists on Permanent Exclusion.

WAR PREPARATIONS GO ON

Orangemen's Efforts No Longer Characterized as 'Bluff.'

CHURCHILL GIVES WARNING

Close Friend Believes Premier Asquith Eventually Will Abandon Nationalists and Exclude Ulster From Plans.

LONDON, March 14.—A settlement of the Irish home rule difficulty apparently has been little advanced by the British government's great concessions to the Ulsterites and, taking the assertions of both political parties at their face value, the deadlock today remains as immovable as before Premier Asquith's conciliatory offer was made in the House of Commons on March 9.

The signers of the Ulster covenant declare strongly that nothing less than the permanent exclusion of the Protestant counties of Ulster from the Irish government at Dublin, instead of the proposed six-year option, will be considered by them.

Entire Province Demanded.

The more radical covenanters demand not only the exclusion of the four counties—Antrim, Londonderry and Down—in which the Protestants are in the majority, but they want the entire province of Ulster excluded. Anything else, they say, would be the desertion of their comrades in counties where Protestants are in the minority and would be treason to their covenant.

Sir Edward Carson, leader of the Ulster Unionists, sent a message to Belfast today, saying:

"So far as our preparations are concerned, the pronouncement of the government, if anything, necessitates a still more forward movement this year. We are going to make good in action all we have been saying and preparing for during the last two years."

Limit Reached, Says Churchill.

On the other side the government representatives assert that Premier Asquith's scheme is the absolute limit of concessions and is not a basis for further negotiations.

Winston Spencer Churchill, first lord of the British Admiralty, speaking at Bradford, Yorkshire, today, said:

"It seems to me that in principle I don't speak of details—that it is the last offer His Majesty's government can or ought to make."

Sir Edward Russell, who is a close friend of Premier Asquith, writing in the Liverpool Daily Post, of which he is the editor, takes a different view. He says:

"In non-political clubs everybody is confident that Premier Asquith has made up his own mind to let the Nationalists go, that sooner or later he will tell Mr. Redmond that the only feasible home rule is one which means the entire exclusion of Ulster."

Some of the Nationalist organs bitterly denounce the Nationalist members for submitting to Premier Asquith's terms.

War Preparations Not Ridiculed.

Little talk is now heard that the Orangemen's preparations to fight are a gigantic bluff. The covenanters say they have 90,000 men drilling in Sir Edward Carson's army, with 60,000 rifles and some pieces of artillery.

The London newspapers are filled with pictures of Ulster men in civilian dress. (Concluded on Page 2.)

QUEEN, IMPATIENT, SNAPS PEARL CHAIN

DRESSER, ON STEPPING BACK, RUINS \$10,000 WORTH.

Mary of England, in Being Disrobed, Piqued at Delay, Attempts to Give Aid Disastrously.

LONDON, March 14.—(Special).—When assisting Queen Mary to disrobe last night after the last court of the season, Miss Selby, the Queen's chief dresser, had difficulty in opening the clasp of Her Majesty's large pearl necklace.

The Queen, who is notoriously somewhat impatient in such circumstances, endeavored to open the clasp herself. She broke the chain and nine pearls slipped off.

Miss Selby in stepping back trod on three of them, accidentally doing \$10,000 worth of damage. The necklace is most valuable, as it was a joint present from Queen Victoria, King Edward and Queen Alexandra.

WOMAN KILLED, 30 HURT

Crumbling Rails Believed to Have Been Cause of Wreck.

ST. PAUL, March 14.—An unidentified woman was killed and more than 30 other persons injured, several probably fatally, when two coaches of passenger train No. 4, on the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis & Omaha Railroad left the rails tonight and rolled down an embankment at Mendota, Minn.

Two coaches in the middle of the train broke from the rear coaches and toppled over. One of them stood almost upright, throwing the passengers to the end of the coach. Only a few passengers in this coach escaped injury. The fact that both coaches were steel probably saved a score of lives.

Railroad men differ as to the cause of the wreck. The general opinion was that the rails crumbled after the engine and first few cars had passed.

HARD GALE HITS IRELAND

Roofs of 100 Houses Lifted and Liners Are Unable to Dock.

QUEENSTOWN, Ireland, March 14.—A severe gale caused heavy damage to property and shipping today. The roofs of more than 100 houses were ripped off by the wind.

The Cunard liner Andania, from Boston, after being delayed for several hours in the inner harbor, was obliged to proceed to Liverpool without landing her passengers. The Havford, for Philadelphia, also was kept in the harbor for several hours.

ALL-WOMAN CHURCH BORN

English Suffragettes Tire of Men-Conducted Worship Places.

LIVERPOOL, March 14.—(Special).—A number of women, including many suffragettes, who are dissatisfied with men-conducted churches, have formed a women's church, to be run by women.

It will be called "The Church of the New Ideal," all preachers will be women. At some of the services women only will be admitted. Men will be allowed to be present at others.

FLEEING YOUTH IS SHOT

Policeman Opens Fire on Supposed Thieves and Hits One.

CHICAGO, March 14.—A 15-year-old boy shot in the head by a policeman today was taken in a dying condition to a hospital. Physicians said he had no chance to recover.

Two policemen heard some one heaving into an elevated railroad station. They gave chase and sent a hail of shots at three fleeing figures. One of them crumpled and fell. The other boys, 15 and 14 years of age, surrendered.

Oldest Member of Elks Dies at 109.

OWOSSO, Mich., March 14.—Daniel O'Connell, 109, known during the last few years as the oldest living member of the Elks, died at his home near here today.

20 AT PENDLETON UNDER INDICTMENT

Wide-Open Gambling Believed Charged.

POLICE DEPARTMENT IN CLEAR

Two Witnesses Thought Facing Perjury Accusations.

SHERIFF SEEKING ACCUSED

Half of Parties Against Whom Bills Are Returned by Grand Jury Are Said to Be Missing From City.

PENDLETON, Or., March 14.—(Special).—Twenty indictments were returned late today by the grand jury after passing the greater part of the week in investigating the alleged charges of gambling, bootlegging and immoral practices under police protection.

Though no arrests have yet been made and no names have been disclosed by the officers, it is believed that no indictments were returned against Chief Kearney or any of his subordinates.

It is understood that 18 indictments are for gambling, allowing gambling in places of business and permitting minors in poolrooms.

Perjury Charges Likely.

The other two indictments are said to be for perjury, it being alleged that two witnesses subpoenaed before the grand jury gave false testimony.

One paragraph of the grand jury's report was ordered stricken out by Judge Phelps. It is reported that this paragraph declared that while there was no evidence of corruption on the part of police officials, these men should be censured for permitting gambling-rooms to be run in almost open violation of the law.

It is said that evidence brought out in the course of the week's investigation tended to show that Pendleton was just as wide open a town, so far as gambling was concerned, last fall as it ever was in her palmiest frontier days.

Gamblers' Exodus Follows.

The months of September, October and November are the ones in which gambling is said to have flourished to the greatest extent. Later many of the gamblers are alleged to have left the city. During a part of the Fall a half dozen houses are said to have been in full swing.

It is also said that fully one-half of those against whom indictments are returned today have anticipated the action of the grand jury and left.

Warrants for arrest were placed in the hands of Sheriff Taylor tonight and arrests will be made as fast as the accused men can be located.

1000 PERISH IN AZOV TIDAL WAVE

WAVE OVERWHELMS TOWNS AS HURRICANE RAGES.

Dam Breaks at Historic Town and 150 Are Drowned in Yuzenkaja. Province Is Storm-Swept.

EKATINADOR, Russia, March 14.—More than 1000 persons perished today in the inundation of the town of Stanitzka and Achtyrskaja by a tidal wave from the Sea of Azov. The wave struck the town during a violent hurricane which swept the province of Kuban.

More than 150 persons also were drowned in floods in Yuzenkaja.

A dam collapsed in the town of Temryuk, on the Tamana Peninsula, 98 miles northwest of this city, flooding the greater part of the city and drowning many persons.

The sea washed away 250 buildings in Achtyrskaja.

Temryuk is a historic town with a population of 16,000. It once was the seat of the Turkish fortress Adana. The towns of Stanitzka, Achtyrskaja and Yuzenkaja do not appear on any available maps and probably are small places bordering on the Sea of Azov.

The province of Kuban, in which the stricken towns are situated, is in Southern Russia and has coast lines on both the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov. The population of the province aggregates about 2,000,000 persons, of whom two-fifths are Cossacks.

The country is extremely fertile and extensively used in the culture of grain. Cattle grazing is also conducted on a large scale.

ACCIDENT CHEATS GRAVE

"Safety-First" Button Swallowed, Reveals Dangerous Appendix.

CHICAGO, March 14.—"Safety first," said Harry Speckerman, an office employe of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad, as he placed one of the company's "safety first" buttons in his mouth today. Then he swallowed the button. It was attached to a brass pin and Speckerman was taken to a hospital, where both the button and his appendix were removed.

The surgeon asserted Speckerman would have died in a month if he had not swallowed the button, as his appendix was treble its natural size and he was in a dangerous condition.

SPELLING "BEE" IS RIOTOUS

Youths Quarrel Over Word, Frenzied For-All Ensues and One Is Shot.

GUTHRIE, Okla., March 14.—At a township spelling "bee" at Marshall, near here, today Ray Blanchard, 13 years old, and Artie Nurse, 17 years old, quarreled over the spelling of the word "Constantinople."

A general fight among spectators followed, in which Nurse was shot and seriously wounded.

HUSBAND PREFERS JAIL

Prisoner Requests Six Months' Sentence So He Can Get Rest.

LOS ANGELES, March 14.—Sentence of six months in jail so he could obtain a rest from his wife was requested today by Alexander Krystosiek, a laborer, when he was taken before Police Judge Frederickson to answer a battery complaint preferred by Mrs. Krystosiek. Sentence was postponed until Monday.

WORKING GIRLS INVITED

Mrs. Waldorf Astor Includes Sweethearts in Ball Plans.

LONDON, March 14.—(Special).—Mrs. Waldorf Astor, formerly Nanette Langhorne Shaw, will give a ball next Saturday at her home on St. James Square for 75 girl employes of her dressmaker. Each girl is expected to bring her sweetheart. They will be received by Mrs. Astor and waited-on by her servants.

THAW APPEALS TO PEOPLE OF STATE

Prisoner Begs Support for Resolution.

HOPE RESTS IN LEGISLATURE

Demand That Prosecution End Pending at Albany.

MOTHER'S GRIEF DEPICTED

Youth Gone, Resources Impaired, Declares Defendant in Letter to All Who Believe He Has Been Punished Enough.

CONCORD, N. H., March 14.—Harry K. Thaw has addressed to the people of the State of New York, in whose name is being conducted the contest to return him to the Matteawan Asylum for the Criminal Insane, an appeal to end the case against him. A statement of the case was telegraphed today by Thaw to newspapers and press associations, calling attention to resolutions which have been introduced in the New York Assembly by John B. Golden, demanding that the prosecution be terminated.

Reviewing his two trials, Thaw sets forth that of the 26 men confined with him in the Tombs in 1906 charged with homicide, 23 are free today, and other men have escaped from Matteawan without being punished.

Desire for Sympathy Denied.

"This statement concludes as follows: 'I do not ask for sympathy, but only justice, which should be the inherent right of every man. For the deed committed, I ask no benevolence. It was done in a moment when sorrow wrecked my home and when I was forced to realize that the happiness of a lifetime, which after marriage should have been mine, was taken from me. The deed was committed; my family, those near and dear to me, publicly exposed to the closest scrutiny; my mother plunged into grief, and myself into a living death, the tortures of which I do not wish to relate.'

People Asked to Write.

"I am now a man, my youth passed; my resources impaired. My parents' charities have been extensive; I myself have assisted many in need. The future holds for me an opportunity to bring some peace and happiness to my aged mother, who in these eight years has known none, and who has spent her declining years in untold sorrow.

"My adversary now seeks to place me in Matteawan—in a living hell—to there spend the rest of my life, never again to take my place in my mother's home in her remaining years; and in respectful confidence I now appeal to the citizens of New York in the power of their sovereignty to stop the prosecution and therefore ask that all people who believe that I have suffered years of punishment commensurate with my deed write the Representatives of their own district at Albany to support and vote for these resolutions."

Bitterness Felt Against Jerome.

Thaw's reference to "my adversary" is to William Travers Jerome, against whom the prisoner continues to feel a personal grudge, such as does not characterize his attitude toward any of the others connected with the prosecution or with his incarceration. This has been intimated by Mr. Jerome's recent vigorous prosecution of the case, more recently when at Concord he criticized the commission which recently decided

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SOME EVENTS IN THE WEEK'S NEWS MOVE CARTOONIST REYNOLDS TO ARTISTIC EFFORT.

