## RUSSIAN OFFICIAL KEEPS TRIP SECRET

Count J. Branick Declares That Americans Are Ideal to Transact Business.

### MUNITION LACK IS SHOWN

Among Original Plans-Abundance of Men and Crops in Russia Reported.

Count J. Branick, of Petrograd, Russia, is in Portland. He is on his way to New York, where he has been transacting business for the Russian government, having come to this city from the San Francisco Exposition.

Just what the "government business" Includes Count Branick did not divulge but a statement from nim to the effect that the Russian army was in dire need

that the Russian army was in dire need of arms and ammunition and that before he came to America he had paid visits to both England and Sweden makes the solution of his "government business" more than a random guesa. "I am not at all surprised at the evacuation of Warsaw by the Russian forces." declared Count Branick, "It was the original intention of the Russian army to let Warsaw go but at that time we did not think that the Germans would violate the neutrality of Belgium and march toward France. of Belgium and march toward France.

Intention Declared Original. "So the original intention of the Rus-sian forces has been carried out. War-saw is too hard to hold, and I am not sian forces has been carried out. Warsaw is too hard to hold, and I am not
surprised at its capture. If you will
look at a map of the war zone you
readily will see why the Germans were
successful. German territory on the
north and Galicia on the south and
the Russian army without ammunition,
there could be only one result. I
think that inside of two months' time
the situation will be different. It is
the last large advance that the Germans will make and Warsaw is the
last large prize that they will capture.
Count Branick declared that the conditions in the Russian capital were
such that it was impossible to tell by
merely being in Petrograd that a war
was being waged. There are still in
the Russian capital plenty of young
men to furnish Russia with a greater
army if she needs one.

If we had ammunition and arms to
aupply them we could raise an army of
15.000.000 men. There will always be
plenty of men in Russia to take care
of the industries and agriculture. And
the crops in Russia have been this year
the best for ten years and there are
plenty of men to harvest them.

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At the beginning of the war Count Branick organized a private Red Cross service and was in charge of it until his departure for England, about the first of May. He has worked most of the time along the Russian lines in Poland and said that some of the situations he had witnessed were beyond description because of their horror.

'In a small village in Poland I was passing a house shattered by a German shell and heard some one shricking piteously. I got out of the automobile and looked in the debris and found an old woman with both legs broken and lying near were her daughter and son-in-law and their four children, all dead. Private Red Cross Service Given

"Another time we were doing relief work after the Germans had been repulsed in their first attack on Warsaw. We came to a big oak tree and the top of it was torn off. Udderneath the tree lay 72 Germans killed by the same shell. They had evidently taken shelter there from a heavy rain, and a passing shell had hit the tree. It is a good example of the destructive power of the modern shell. Men have invented too many destructive agents."

TWO BLUNDERS CHARGED

Austro-Hungarian Note and Proposal to Partition Belgian Congo Reported to Have Precipitated Situation.

Estate Laid Waste by War. Before the opening of the war Count Branick maintained an estate in the province of Plock of about 7500 acres, but it has all been laid waste

## RAIL CONNECTION PENDING

Delay Expected in Oregon Electric Southern Pacific Case.

ALBANT, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—
The result of the Public Service Commission hearing yesterday on the petition for a physical connection of the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific The North German Gazette, commission at Albany probably will not be menting officially on the statement

NOTABLES OF BOTH SIDES IN EUROPEAN WAR IN RECENT PHOTOGRAPHS.



-Photo Copyrighted, Underwood & Underwood. -Kaiser William in Automobile, Conferring With Field Officers, Below-Allies' Leaders in Balfour on Extreme Lett, General Joffre Center, General French to Background,

Amsterdam Hears Foreign Secretary Is to Resign.

TWO BLUNDERS CHARGED

LONDON, Aug. 7 .- The correspondent and his residence burned and all the at Amsterdam of the Exchange Tele-valuable portraits and books that made graph Company hears from Berlin the

waltuable portraits and books that made up his library destroyed.

This is the first visit of Count Branick to the United States and he has found the American people "delightful" and "very hospitable." America is a beautiful country, and I find the American people easy to do business with. I came to the Pacific Count Branick of the exposition at San Francisco and I want to say that it is wonderful."

Count Branick said he was eager for the time to come when the Dardanelles would be opened by the allied fleets so that Russia would be able to get its supplies from France, instead of having to ship them via Japan.

Count Branick will leave Portland today and return to New York, where he will sail for Russia. He expects to be in Russia inside of three weeks be Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, Underber of the time to come when the San France of the Count Branick will leave Portland today and return to New York, where he will sail for Russia. He expects to be in Russia inside of three weeks be Dr. Alfred Zimmerman, Underber of the rumor that

he will sail for Russia. He expects to be Dr. Airred Zimmerman, Underbe in Russia inside of three weeks Secretary for Foreign Affairs.

No confirmation of the rumor that Her Cross work at the Russian front.

Her von Jagow is about to give up the foreign portfolio has been received from any other source.

OFFER TO BUY CONGO MADE

Were Not to Be Violated

Shippers are confident that the petition will be granted. Evidence was introduced tending to show, they assert, that the connection asked for is badly needed.

Britain and Germany regularing controlled in Africa seemed to have reached Parts.

"Jules Cambon, the French Ambassa-dor at Berlin, asked for an explanation of Herr von Jagow, who replied that no French rights were involved, but that perhaps the Congo region would be an appropriate subject for general

FLOWER COUNTY IS PLAN Hood River Floral Association

Launches Planting Campaign. HOOD RIVER, Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—"A valley of beautiful homes and of beautiful highways," is the slogan adopted by the Hood River County Floral Association which launched a campaign to create interest launched a campaign to create interest in planting flowers along public thoroughfares. The association is pro-testing the destruction of trees along the roads of the county.

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"We want to see hollyhocks or some such perennial take the place of weeds," declares W. F. Laraway, president of the floral organization, "and we are going to endeavor to see that the hill-sides now covered with hated poison oak shrubs are golden in the Springtime with California poppies. These plants grow well here."

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The association will distribute literature among ranchers, giving information as to the shrubs and plants that can be grown by them with least ex-

German Editor Says Belgian Rights TRAIL TO DETROIT READY

tion for a physical connection of the Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific Company, who for at least six weeks.

The transcript of testimony will be written first, and after that is filed the plaintiffs will have 20 days to file a brief. The Southern Pacific Company, which is contesting the petition, will then have 15 days to file an answer brief, and the shippers five days thereafter to file a renly brief.

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Virtually No Harm.

ALBANY. Or., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—
Though six forest fires have started thus far this Summer in the Santiam National Forest, not one of them has covered more than a quarter of an acre. This is due to the fact that through the patrol and lookout system of the Government Forest Service, each one has been discovered immediately, and extinguished before it secured.

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F. H. Brundage, supervisor of the Santiam National Forest, with head-quarters at this city, says that owing to the fact that there has not been any continued period of real dry weather, conditions are now good to prevent any large forest fires.

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CHEHALIS, Wash. Aug. 7.—(Special.)—W. J. Livingston, a farmer of Klickitat Prairie, who had made his home in Chehalis the past two years, died of tuberculosis and the body was intered at Mossy Rock Cemetery, yestendently and the fact that Germany tendencies, but the fact that Germany tendencies the fa

Ambassador Tells How Pass of Balmaha Was Taken.

public LONE GERMAN ON GUARD

lease British Prize Crew Concealed Below, in Fear Trouble Would Ensue.

of how a British prize crew of an officer and four men was taken into a German port by one German petty officer on the American bark Pass of

KENNEWICK INVITES PARTY

Commercial Club Seeks Visit by
Rivers and Harbors Committee.

KENNEWICK. Wash., Aug. 7.—(Special.)—The Kennewick Commercial Club has sent an invitation to the members of the Rivers and Harbors Committee of Congress, scheduled to arrive in Portland August 18, to make the trip up the Columbia to Kennewick.

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Crew concealed themselves in the

American Captain Refuses to Re-

the trip up the Columbia to arrive in Portland Augustiek.

The committee will pass three days viewing and investigating needs for improvement of the Columbia River, improvement of the Commercial Club has asked the Portland Chamber of Commerce to assist in having the committee visit portions of the Upper Columbia and Snake which need improving.

TRAIL TO DETROIT READY

Road Connection Built by Forest
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Marion County.

The State Department will investigate the seizure of the ship, The German authorities are expected to provide the contend the cotton was contraband intended for Russia and subject to seizure.

Craft Ordered Into Columbia to Take Congressional Party North.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Aug. 7 .- (Spe-ABERDISEN. Wash. Aug. 7.—(Special.)—An official order permitting the use of the torpedo boat Fox to bring the Congressional rivers and harbors committee party from Astoria to Willapa and Grays harbors has been received here by Lieutenant E. A. Bradner from Adjutant-General Maurice Thomson. The Fox is the training with a the The Fox is the training ship of the Fourth Division, Naval Militia, of this Mr. Bradner will take about 30 naval

WASHINGTON, Aug. 7.-The story

## TORPEDOBOAT FOX COMING

militiamen with him to Portland on the Fox. The Fox probably will arrive in Astoria on August 19. Special arrangements for the entertainment of the visitors are being made by both Aberdeen and Hoquiam commercial bodies.

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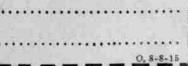
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R. Thomas, inventor of the new process, is being backed by extensive timber interests. He has demonstrated by experiments the feasibility of his process. The Albany Commercial Club has chosen F. H. Brundage, Charles H. Wieder, George Taylor, J. A. Howard, P. A. Young, Senator E. D. Cusick and A. C. Schmitt to aid in the preliminary planning.

The site for the new mill has been selected along a string of lakes just merce, to see if he cannot appoint a committee or delegate one of our standing committees to co-operate with your organization in Klamath Falls. As

Portland, Or.

ROAD WORK GOING AHEAD Pacific Highway Branch Near

Ridgefield Under Way.

The site for the new mill has been selected along a string of lakes just north of this city. Mr. Thomas plans contemplate a \$20,000,000 plant eventually, but it is planned to erect a \$1.500,000 unit at first and enlarge the plant as conditions justify. RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Aug. 7 .- Work on Permanent Highway No. 6, which PORTLAND HELP PLEDGED onsists of 5700 feet of roadway and which is to be macadamized, a trunk Mr. Mills Assures Klamath Falls road leading to the Pacific Highway four and a half miles east of here, is progressing rapidly. The right of way has been cleared and preparations are KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Aug. 7 .now being made to begin grading. Special.)-The new Klamath Commer-The rock will be crushed at Yacolt and cial Club recently had as its guest at a "get-together" luncheon here A. L. is to be furnished the contractors at The stretch of highway when Mills, president of the First National completed will have a flat roadbed 24 Bank, of Portland, Mr. Mills spoke feet wide and a 14-foot center. The

PAPER MILL SITE CHOSEN

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CARRIERS MAY USE AUTOS organization in Kiamath Falls. As soon as I have had a conference with Mr. Colt I will advise you of the re-Already Old at Albany.

ALBANY, Or., Aug. 7 .- (Special)-After automobiles had been used for three years on the rural mail delivery routes from this city the United States Postoffice Department sent out notices only last week saying that it would be permissible in the future to use cars for this purpose provided special per-mission was secured from the depart-

Postmaster Stewart at once applied for this permission for the local car-riers, who have been using automobiles riers, who have been using automobiles constantly in the Summer, not doubting but that this modern method of han-dling the mail was entirely satisfactory to the department.

Elma to Have Commercial Course. EIMA, Wash., Aug. 7 .- At the regular meeting of the School Board this week, it was decided to have a commer-cial business course in the high school