

ATTACK BY GERARD ON SPEAKER CLARK ROUSES SON-IN-LAW

James M. Thomson of New Orleans Offers to Refund Envoy's Campaign Coin.

New York, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—Offering to repay to former Ambassador Gerard the contribution made by Gerard to the Champ Clark fund in 1912, James M. Thomson, publisher of the New Orleans Item, and son-in-law of the speaker, has made the following public statement:

"Before making any statement regarding Mr. Gerard's gross violation of the proprieties at the American Newspaper Publishers' association banquet on Thursday evening, awaited the official action of that body, who, along with myself, was Mr. Gerard's host. I presented the situation in a letter which late Friday was read before the association and instructions were given by the association to be communicated in the official bulletin to all members.

"I wish to indorse fully and, so far as Mr. Gerard is concerned, assume personal responsibility for the speaker's characterization of his remarks.

"The Clark campaign fund was so pitifully small as a total that I personally feel warranted from my impression of Mr. Gerard, in offering him his money back.

"In this connection, I learn that, while engaged in attending banquets in New York, he is still holding on to his salary as ambassador to Berlin.

"This money, if waived by Mr. Gerard, might well go toward payment of American soldiers who will, I trust, be even more successful in a diplomatic way in Berlin than was Mr. Gerard."

People of Coquille Valley Favor Roads

Proposed State Bond Issue of \$6,000,000 for Highways Is Heartily Supported and Coos Will Give Majority.

Coquille, Or., April 30.—Citizens of this city and farmers throughout the Coquille valley are enthusiastically in favor of the proposed \$6,000,000 state road bond issue and are sure to give a good sized majority to it on June 4. Aside from other benefits which arise from the construction of good roads generally, it is realized that Coos will be one of the first counties of the state to receive state aid in constructing roads, as the \$32,000 county bond issue voted last year is now being expended throughout the county to bring the roads to line and grade.

State highway engineer Nunn, who recently visited this section, was somewhat reticent on the question, as he said he was not thoroughly familiar with all conditions and was here for the purpose of gathering data. However, he stated that a federal appropriation of \$15,000 was recommended by United States engineers in Portland to be expended on a portion of the east military road between Myrtle Point and Roseburg, a crew of 12 men under orders of the state highway commission are at work surveying this road and expect to be through about May 1.

It is stated in the road bond act that as soon as Coos county shall prepare for paving "20 miles or more" of the post road between Marshfield and Roseburg, the state shall immediately pave the same. And Commissioner Adams is authority for the statement that 20 miles will not be the limit; in fact, the commission stands ready to immediately pave all that shall be put on line and grade by Coos county. It is expected the first section to be paved by the state should the road bond act carry is the stretch between Coquille and Marshfield, contracts for the grading of which were recently let by the county court.

Rancher Killed by Train

Marysville, Cal., April 30.—(P. N. S.)—The mangled body of James Dagherty, a prominent rancher, was found on the cattle guard at a Southern Pacific railroad crossing near here early Sunday morning. It is believed he stumbled into the cattle guard and fell in front of the train.



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Famous Gardens of Windsor Castle Are Now Potato Patches

London, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—The royal gardens of Windsor castle are being used for potato patches. Princess Mary is personally taking charge of the digging and planting of a plot of ground.

Wartime economy is making itself felt in the royal family. They are setting their subjects a good example. Their latest restrictions are five potatoless days and one meatless day a week.

No royal guest is supplied with liquor, which was banned by the king more than two years ago. War bread is eaten, as well as a great deal of porridge and herrings.

BOND ISSUE BOOSTERS WILL HOLD MEETINGS FOR VOTERS OF POLK

E. J. Adams Is to Speak at Falls City and Monmouth, Independence and Airlie.

Dallas, Or., April 30.—Meetings in the interest of the \$6,000,000 road bond issue will be held in a number of places in Polk county this week by E. J. Adams of Eugene, one of the state highway commissioners. He will speak at Falls City on the evening of May 3, at Monmouth in the afternoon of May 4, at a banquet given by the Business Men's club of Independence on that evening, and at a general meeting at Independence on the afternoon of May 5, Saturday evening Mr. Adams will speak at Airlie.

DeArmond to Be Flyer

Dallas, Or., April 30.—Ray DeArmond, a former member of Company L of this city, has taken a transfer to the aviation corps of the regular army and left Vancouver in tracks last week for the dirigible balloon school at Omaha, Nebraska.

Albany Youth Given A Military Funeral

Over 1500 Persons Attend Services for Elmer R. Churchill, Member of Fifth Company, Coast Artillery Corps.

Albany, Or., April 30.—Over 1500 people attended the military funeral of Elmer R. Churchill in the armory here Sunday. Dr. J. R. N. Bell of Corvallis delivered the address. The Hammer quartet sang. Following the services, the body was viewed by a large crowd.

Churchill was a member of the local coast artillery company, and eight of his comrades acted as pallbearers. Eight others formed the firing squad and walked to the Masonic cemetery on each side of the hearse. Following were members of Fifth company, commanded by Captain Roy R. Knox, and then came members of the family and hundreds of citizens in carriages and automobiles.

Three volleys were fired over the grave and a burst sounded taps. It was the largest funeral held in Albany in many years.

Elmer Churchill, who was 22 years old, was the only child of Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Churchill.

Body of Ambassador Saluted by Warships

Yokohama, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—A salute of 12 guns went up from the Japanese warships lying in this port as the cruiser Azuma left its pier Saturday afternoon carrying the body of George W. Gutrie, the American ambassador, to San Francisco.

REFORMED IRRIGATION DISTRICT CONSIDERED FOR KLAMATH FALLS

E. W. Burr, District Councilor of Reclamation Service, Is Viewing Situation.

Klamath Falls, Or., April 30.—To discuss the advisability of forming an irrigation district under the Klamath reclamation project as a substitute for the present Water Users' association, E. W. Burr of Denver, district councilor for the reclamation service in charge of irrigation district organization, has arrived in Klamath Falls. He will go into all phases of the situation with the water users here. The irrigation district law prepared by the Oregon Legislative congress was passed at the last legislature, making an irrigation district possible here if the water users so desire.

Several advantages are pointed out under the proposed change, the chief of which is that water users would probably be able to secure loans under the federal farm loan act, from which they are now barred, as the government holds first mortgage rights for water against their individual property. Under an irrigation district, all lands included are subject to assessment for the cost and maintenance of the project, which condition does not obtain at present. This would lighten the burden of the resident water users who are now carrying the whole cost. The change is strongly recommended by Chief Counsel Will R. King of the reclamation commission.

A series of meetings will be held during the next few days throughout the project to get the facts of the case before the people.

Sawmill Is Assured

Klamath Falls, Or., April 30.—A new sawmill in the Meadow lake region is assured for Klamath Falls in the near future. H. I. Tierney of Seattle has arrived with machinery and will install a mill immediately for sawing the timber of the Higgins tract, about 10 miles east of this city. The mill will have a capacity of 35,000 feet daily. The box men here declare that they now have difficulty of securing box grades from the sawmills here, owing to the high prices offered by the east for raw lumber of all kinds.

Ten Governors Will Attend Conference

Washington, April 30.—(I. N. S.)—Ten state governors, asked by the Council of National Defense to send representatives to Washington next Wednesday for a national defense conference, will attend personally. All the states will be represented.

The chief questions to be taken up are the food situation and the organization of state defense councils to aid the national council. The aim is to coordinate defense work throughout the country, so that national problems may be handled with a minimum of effort and the least waste of time. Survey of the nation's resources will be one of the first tasks undertaken.

Crabtree Man Seeks Army Commission

Crabtree, Or., April 30.—Morris L. Bigbee, son of Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Bigbee, who has been employed by the Lipman-Wolfe department store of Portland, Or., in the accounting department, has taken the examination for first lieutenant in the army reserve corps. He expects to leave soon for San Francisco. Lyle Bigbee, his brother, who accompanied the Portland Beavers to Honolulu and who is now in Spokane, expects to join the aviation corps. Carson L. Bigbee of the Pittsburg Pirates expects to join the officers' reserve.

F. Welsh, Kilbane To Race Tomorrow

New York, April 30.—(U. P.)—Freddie Welsh and Johnny Kilbane, rival champions, who will meet here tomorrow night in a scheduled 10-round bout, have finished training. Welsh is said to be within a pound or two of the 135 pounds he is required to make at 2 o'clock tomorrow. Kilbane has been training industriously at Douglass, L. I. He expects to enter the ring weighing about 128 pounds.

Northwestern League

At Tacoma— R. H. E. Vancouver 2 6 1
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Batteries—Rojas and Cadman; Bonner and Stevens.

At Spokane— R. H. E. Butte 5 7 6
Spokane 8 8 8
Batteries—McGinnity, Leifer and Kofara; Hoffman, Holling and Baldwin.
At Seattle—Postponed, rain.

Braves Release Snodgrass

Boston, April 30.—Fred Snodgrass, outfielder, has been unconditionally released by the Boston National League club. Snodgrass' \$6000 salary contract ran out last fall and the outfielder went into business rather than play for less. He is now selling automobiles at Los Angeles.

Derby and Other Classics Off

London, April 30.—With a view to saving foodstuffs which are now diverted to the training stables, the stewards of the Jockey club, have cancelled all of the 1917 racing fixtures at the suggestion of the government.

Tigers Purchase Chadbourne

San Francisco, April 30.—Outfielder Chester Chadbourne, former Portland Beaver, has been sold to the Vernon Tigers by Manager Del Howard of Oakland. Chadbourne will be the Tigers' lead-off man.

Hunefeld to Meet Farr

Los Angeles, April 30.—(P. N. S.)—Willie Hunefeld, local 130-pound boxer, will tackle Frank Farr of San Francisco in a four-round main event at the Vernon Athletic club tomorrow night.

Intercity Games Called Off

On account of the weather conditions, the Intercity Baseball league contests scheduled for yesterday afternoon were postponed on account of rain.



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