

CAMPAIGN TO GET NATATORIUM FUND IS BEING RUSHED

Commercial Club Committee is Now Prepared to go Ahead With Work of Securing Money.

PLANS HAVE BEEN FINISHED

Exact Location of Pool Not Yet Decided Upon But Two Places at Round-up Park Are Being Considered—Construction May Begin With Opening of Spring.

The campaign for the raising of the money necessary for the building in Pendleton of the finest public natatorium in the northwest is now fairly under way and will be pushed vigorously by the Commercial Club committee which has for months been laboriously consulting over plans for securing the best possible pool at the least possible expense.

Such a pool, the committee estimates, will cost about \$5000. This amount is more than was first contemplated but, after going thoroughly into the investigation of the swimming pool subject, discussing the matter with competent engineers and others who are familiar with pools in other cities, the committee decided that the cost of maintenance and operation, which will be a fixed and constant one, would be greatly lessened by increasing the original expenditure.

In other words the committee has learned it will cost much less to maintain and operate a pool built of permanent materials impervious to water, heat, steam and cold weather than it would be to build a cheap pool which within a short time would need repairs. From the standpoint of sanitation and convenience the structure of concrete throughout would be indefinitely superior to one of cheaper construction, in the view of the committee.

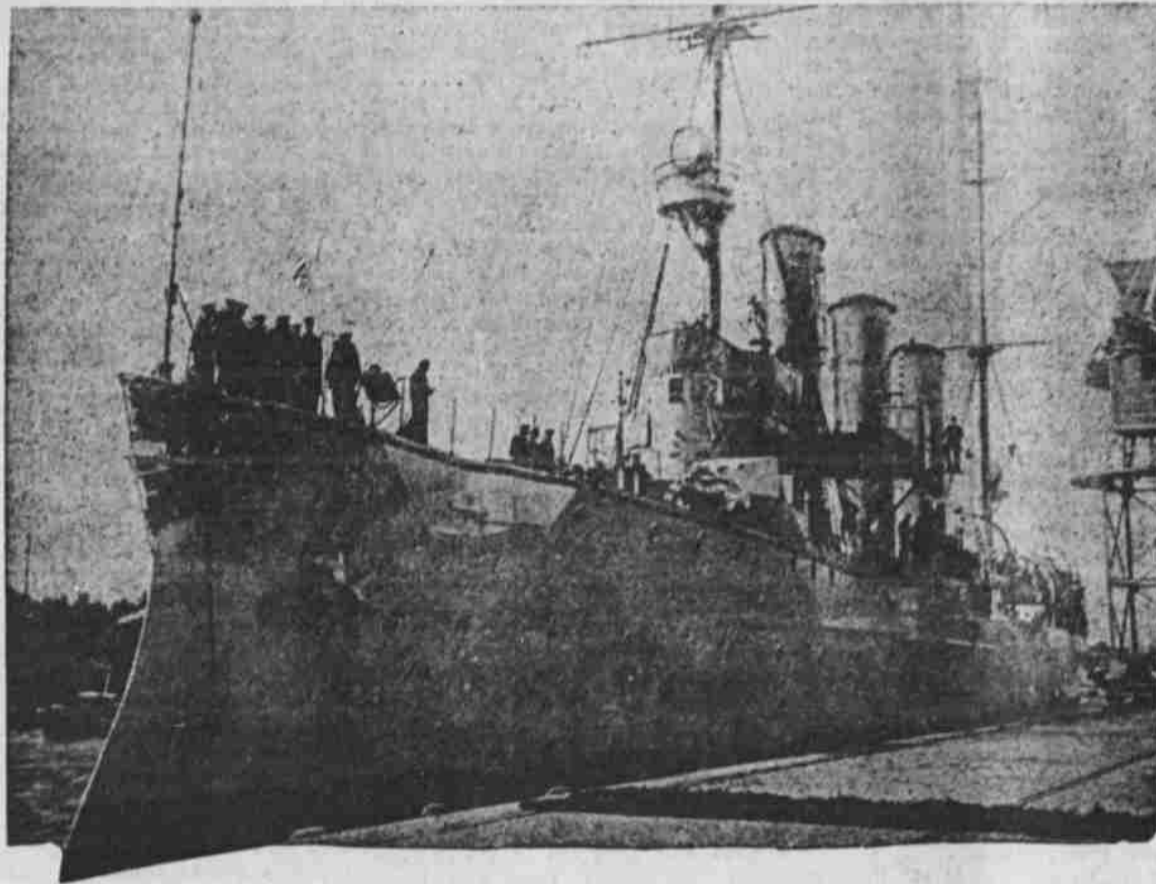
The plans for the pool have been completed by J. O. Conville, superintendent of parks and boulevards in Portland, and, by his own declaration, they will secure for Pendleton a better natatorium than has Portland or any other city in the northwest, because he has taken advantage of the mistakes made by other communities to give Pendleton the best obtainable. The exact location of the pool in Round-up Park has not yet been definitely determined, the committee having two locations picked out.

Because of the greater amount of money needed to construct a desirable pool, the committee has started out upon a new campaign. A previous campaign last summer had resulted in contributions from about 600 individuals and many of these are now doubling and quadrupling their former subscriptions, regarding it as a business proposition to build the better pool. The committee feels very encouraged over the results of the first week's canvass and anticipates that enough money will be raised by the time spring opens to warrant the commencement of construction.

The committee consists of C. M. Bishop, chairman, George A. Hartman, Charles H. Marsh, G. L. La Dow, Leon Cohen and Dr. Guy L. Boyden.

It is estimated that the government's Grand Canyon game refuge, in Arizona, now contains about 10,000 deer.

German Raider Koenigsberg Sunk



The dramatic story of the sinking of the German raider Koenigsberg, on the coast of east Africa, has just been told by Captain Willett of the British merchant ship Newbridge.

The Koenigsberg, which was a light cruiser of about the same class as the Emden, Dresden, and Garterube, mounting only 4-1-inch guns, was in company with a smaller German ship when chased by the British squadron which included, it is believed, several armored cruisers of the County class.

The smaller ship was sunk but the Koenigsberg succeeded in getting behind the Mafia Islands and some distance up the river, where she was completely screened by the bend of the river, and where the British heavier draft ships could not follow her. They also, it appears, landed a detachment who mounted some light guns on the bank as a defense against attack by a British boat expedition.

The British, however, contented themselves with bottling up the Koenigsberg by sinking Captain Willett's ship in the channel. They then waited for the arrival of a seaplane which flew up the river and indicated the position of the German cruiser by dropping smoke bombs.

The Germans had hid their ship close to the bank under cover of some palm groves and had covered her with foliage. The aviator, however, was able to make her out and to direct the fire of the British ships so accurately by signals that the cruiser was completely destroyed.

BELGIANS TO FIGHT TO THE LAST THE ARMY HAS BEEN REORGANIZED KING ALBERT IS AT THE FRONT

BY WILLIAM PHILIP SIMS. GRAND HEADQUARTERS of the King of Belgium, inside the Belgian frontier, via Paris, Feb. 6.—Determined not to yield the remainder of his kingdom, King Albert of Belgium, is here on the fighting line directing the movements of his reorganized Belgian forces along the Yser river. Officers close to the king told me their ruler never would abandon Belgium soil, if the Germans again advance.

"I would enter the trenches inside the frontier of my own kingdom and meet the end with a gun at my shoulder," he said. "The whole Belgian

army is saturated with the same spirit." This is not the same army which fell back, crushed, under the weight of the Kaiser's human juggernaut. It is completely reorganized. It is now equipped with caps and boots. The men have had a rest, and they needed it after fighting 24 hours a day heroically in an effort to stem the German tide flowing through Liege and Antwerp. Today they occupy three times as much of the allied lines as they occupied since the fall of Antwerp. I was permitted to remain all night in the Belgian trenches. Officers escorted me in a tour of ad-

vanced posts. At times I was within 100 yards of the German lines. The country along the Yser is a tragic waste. The most dismal swamp would be a garden of Eden in comparison. Water covered the fields from Dunkirk to Ostend and from the southeast coast to Ypres, crisscrossed by roads built by both armies, and dotted by tiny islands occupied by the ruins of farmhouses. The hottest fighting has taken place for the possession of the roads and islands. The slaughter has been fearful. Numberless decomposed bodies float in the marshes, rotting in the mud and water. The stench is horrible.

More than nine million young trees and 10,000 pounds of seed were planted on the national forests in 1914.

PRICE OF FLOUR ADVANCES 20 CENTS IN NORTHWEST

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 6.—Flour in the Northwest advanced 20 cents today. Patent grades are selling at \$7.20 a barrel. Some millers advanced the price 40 cents a barrel.

BURGESS SAYS APPROPRIATION FOR HOSPITAL WILL PASS BOTH HOUSES OF STATE LEGISLATURE

That the appropriation for the Eastern Oregon State Hospital, in the form advised by the joint ways and means committee is certain to pass both houses of the legislature and will probably get through next week is the belief of Senator J. N. Burgess who came up from Salem this morning and is at his ranch near Pilot Rock today. No opposition is expressed to the measure says the senator and he looks for no serious objection to be made.

The move for an appropriation of \$450,000 for irrigation work is dead, according to Senator Burgess and not at any time has the plan had any show for adoption. In the house yesterday the bill could measure but 13 votes out of 60 and consequently there is no chance whatever for any favorable action on the scheme.

The bill providing for a railroad commissioner for eastern Oregon will be adopted by the senate unless a change from present sentiment occurs. The measure had strong opposition from the present railroad commissioners and from various Portland interests but succeeded in getting through the house some time ago. The poll of the senate at present shows the bill will win in the upper house also.

PROHIBITION BILL PASSES HOUSE BY BIG MAJORITY

VOTE IS 58 TO 2—MEASURE WILL NOW GO TO THE SENATE FOR DEBATE.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 6.—By a vote of 58 to 2, with the full membership voting, the lower house of the Oregon legislature passed a prohibition bill late yesterday. The measure now goes to the senate.

Discussion of the bill preceding the passage was brief. Several representatives sent to the desk written explanations of their votes, to be recorded in the minutes. Representatives Louis Kuehn and D. C. Lewis, of Multnomah county, opposed the bill in speeches and cast the two negative ballots. Prolonged applause greeted announcement of the vote. As passed the bill prohibits absolutely the sale or the manufacture of liquor within the state, except for sacramental purposes. It provides that physicians may administer it, and druggists may sell pure grain alcohol for mechanical uses. It permits the importation into individual households of two quarts of spirituous or 24 quarts of malt liquors monthly.

Increasing use of the national forests by local farmers and settlers to supply their needs for timber is shown in the fact that small timber sales on the forests numbered 8,295 in 1914, against 6,132 the previous year.

SERVIANS TO DIE IN LAST DITCH TO PREVENT INVASION

400,000 Austro-Germans Concentrate for Triumph Over the Little Kingdom

FIGHTING FOR ITS LIBERTY

Army to Last Man Determined Not to Yield to Enemy and Will Hold Trenches to the Last in Declaration of Prime Minister in Interview With United Press.

NISH, Serbia, Feb. 6.—Still bleeding from its earlier wounds, Serbia's army is gathering for a heroic defense of her soil. Four hundred thousand Austro-Germans are massed along the northern frontier preparing for a third invasion of Serbia within six months. What is left of the Serbian army is determined to die in the trenches if necessary to repel the invaders. This was the picture painted by Prime Minister Paichtich, in an exclusive interview with the United Press. Serbia does not ask help of other nations, he said, adding, "If other nations offer help, we will gratefully accept their aid. Fighting as we are for liberty, we feel we are entitled to the sympathy and moral support of all fair-minded nations such as we know the United States to be."

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Germany has no intention of interfering with U. S. shipping. Servians prepare to repulse invasion. Belgians will fight to last. Flour price rises in northwest. Local. Burke found guilty of manslaughter within two hours. Senator Burgess says appropriation for State Hospital will carry. Sturgis & Wyrick buy Davis-Harala ranch for \$23,000. C. C. Connor, fraternal delegate to labor convention, makes report. Swimming pool committee starts active campaign to raise \$8000. Hampton chosen president historical society.

Burke Found Guilty of Manslaughter

GERMANY DOES NOT INTEND TO HINDER SHIPPING OF U. S.

Ambassador Von Bernstorff Issues Statement Setting Forth Objects of Extending War Zone.

AMERICA READY TO PROTEST

This Country Will Not Submit in Silence to Order of Berlin Government It is Intimated at Official Washington—Germany Newspapers Cry for Blockade.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—The official text of Germany's warning to neutral shipping, issued Thursday, reached the state department this afternoon in a dispatch from Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin. It shows a 30 mile strip along the coast of Holland by mistake was included in the "war zone."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 6.—German Ambassador Von Bernstorff issued a statement today declaring that Germany does not intend to interfere with American commerce by a new blockade of England and France. Although he said he had not received instructions from his government regarding the admiralty's order extending the "war zone," Von Bernstorff declared Germany simply proposes to destroy ships of the enemies.

"There is nothing new in the communication of February 4 with respect to the attitude of the German imperial navy toward the ships of the enemy or neutral commerce," Von Bernstorff's statement said. "It is absurd to describe the proclamation as 'a paper blockade,' of the British Isles. The communication is simply a statement of what has been, since the beginning of the war, the attitude of all the belligerent powers towards ships of the enemy."

"A few months ago the British admiralty issued a proclamation closing the North Sea," the statement continued, "which is neutral waters

VERDICT RETURNED AFTER TWO HOURS OF DELIBERATION

Trial Ends This Morning When the Attorneys Finish Their Arguments—Instructions are Given.

INDIAN REMAINS UNMOVED

Prisoner Hears Verdict Read But Shows no Outward Sign of Concern—Case Was Given to the Jury Shortly After the Noon Hour Today.

"Guilty of manslaughter" was the verdict reached by the jury this afternoon at 2:10, just two hours after they had retired to the jury room. It was 2:30, however, before the jurors filed into the court room and delivered their verdict to the bailiff, twenty minutes have been required to summon District Attorney Steiwer and Col. Halsey for the defense.

Richard Burke, the defendant, sat between Col. Halsey and his parents. He heard the verdict read by Deputy Clerk Harry Rees unmoved. His parents, if they understood the verdict, gave no indication of the fact. The verdict agreed with the general opinion formed by the spectators as to what it would be.

The fate of Richard Burke is now in the hands of the twelve men who constitute the jury. To them the case was delivered shortly after the noon hour and they immediately retired to the jury room.

The arguments of the attorneys were completed by 11:30 this morning and Judge Phelps immediately launched upon his instructions upon the law of the case. He advised the jury that it could return any one of three verdicts, murder in the second degree, the penalty for which is life imprisonment, manslaughter, the penalty of which is one to fifteen years in the penitentiary and a fine not to exceed \$5000, and not guilty which carries with it acquittal of the defendant.

It was necessary for the state, he said, to prove all of its material allegations beyond a reasonable doubt. Relative to the wound which was inflicted, he instructed the jury that, if it was not necessarily a mortal wound at the time of infliction, the person inflicting it could be held accountable if it caused death within a year and a day unless it could be shown that death was caused by some other agency such as negligent treatment.

The court, too, dwelt to considerable extent upon the definition of self-defense, explaining thoroughly what combination of circumstances would justify the taking of human life. Because of the seriousness of the case he went into detail in his instructions, carefully explaining such legal phases of the case as entered into it. It was well past noon when he turned the jury over to the bailiff.

Final Arguments. Most of the morning was taken up with the final arguments of the defense and the state. The opening arguments had been made last evening

UMATILLA COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY ELECTS A. C. HAMPTON PRESIDENT AT ANNUAL MEETING

Principal A. C. Hampton is the new president of the Umatilla County Historical Society, having been elected last evening at the annual meeting in the Commercial association rooms. Mrs. John Halley, Jr., was chosen secretary and Mrs. Thomas Thompson, R. Alexander and C. M. Bishop, directors. The meeting last evening was one of a great deal of interest to every one who attended. A program that threw new lights upon the history of this country was rendered, the principal participants being pioneers who helped to make the history of which they were telling. For instance, A. W. Nye told of the original "Happy Canyon," for which the Round-up time replica was named. He told of the dancing parties that were held in

the valley below Barnhart in the early days and of how it was unanimously agreed to name that valley Happy Canyon. Lot Livermore not only recalled the early days of the mercantile industry of Pendleton in which he was engaged but he gave a very interesting sketch of the pioneer experiences of Father Conrady among the Indians of this section. Mrs. W. B. Mays read an absorbingly interesting paper upon her own pioneer experiences as a school teacher and Miss Mildred Berkeley read a poem upon pioneer days. Old songs were sung by the audience with Mrs. G. W. Phelps leading and her father furnishing a fine accompaniment. A very pleasant social hour followed the program, the ladies of the association serving coffee and cake.

ASSUMES PRESIDENCY



Right—General Villa, left, General Pardo. Here is General Villa and General Pardo shaking hands. The latter is Villa's bodyguard and recent rumors were that Villa had been killed by him. Villa denies this. Villa has announced that henceforth he will direct the affairs of the Mexican government. Mexico now has four presidents.

STURGIS AND WYRICK BUY DAVIS-HARALA RANCH

Through a deal completed here today James Sturgis and Guy Wyrick have purchased the Davis-Harala ranch, several miles northwest of Pendleton for a consideration given at \$23,000. The ranch contains 666 acres and is located a mile and a half west of the C. J. Smith ranch now being farmed by Sturgis & Wyrick. The new owners of the land will farm the Davis-Harala ranch in conjunction with the land they already have and the deal gives them a total of over 3000 acres of wheat land, 1899 acres of which will be in wheat this season. They are going on the assumption that with the high price prevailing for wheat it is good business to farm as extensively as possible. It is said they were offered a bonus of \$2900 for their bargain today but declined to take it. Three fourths of the ranch was owned by Samuel Davis and one fourth by Arthur Harala.