

VESSELS COLLIDE; SEVENTEEN LOST

LIFEBOAT CAPSIZES

LASCAR CREW FIGHTS WITH PASSENGERS FOR PLACES IN BOATS—\$5,000,000 IN GOLD GOES DOWN WITH VESSEL.

United Press Service LONDON, March 16.—The Oriental liner Oceana collided with the German bark Pisagua off Eastbourne at 4.30 this morning and sank five hours later.

The passengers of the Oceana were rescued by lifeboats. A panic ensued when the lifeboats were lowered, and the Lascar crew fought with the passengers in an effort to reach the boats. Officers threatened to shoot the Lascares, and order was finally restored. The first boat was overcrowded and capsized. About fifteen passengers, mostly women, were lost in this accident.

The Oceana carried \$5,000,000 in gold, and was bound for Bombay. The treasure and cargo is a total loss.

The Peninsular-Oriental officials admit that seven passengers are missing, but refuse to give the names.

Later—London, March 15.—The survivors of the Oceana disaster have arrived, and declare that from sixteen to eighteen passengers perished when the lifeboat was capsized through overcrowding. Many of the survivors are near a collapse. Most of the women wore overcoats over their night dresses, all the rest of their clothing being lost. The men are most all clad in pajamas.

\$75,000,000 BOND ISSUE HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED

The Portland Railway, Light and Power Company Makes Preparations for Heavy Improvements by Action of Directors

PORTLAND, March 16.—At the meeting this week the board of directors of the Portland Railway, Light and Power company formally authorized a bond issue of \$75,000,000 to provide for outstanding bonds and expenditures for improvements in the future. The issue will leave \$41,000,000 for future improvements.

At the annual stockholders' meeting the following directors were elected: J. C. Almsworth, A. C. Bedford, Clarence M. Clarke, Herbert L. Clark, Franklin I. Fuller, Franklin T. Griffith, Frederick V. Holman, Charles N. Huggins, Benage S. Josselyn, William M. Ladd, Orden Mills, Frederick Strauss and Theodore B. Williams.

FIREMEN HAVE BIG SUCCESS

BOYS CLEARED 8150 LAST NIGHT AT THE SEVENTH ANNUAL FIREMAN'S DANCE AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The Firemen's ball that took place last night at the Houston opera house proved to be a great success, both from the financial as well as social standpoint. The boys cleared something over \$150. The decorations and other things that had been so skillfully displayed showed the strenuous efforts to which the committee had gone to make this the leading event of its kind of the season. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, there being some doubt as to whether or not they would be able to accommodate the large gathering. Nevertheless a good time was enjoyed by all, much to the satisfaction of everyone in being able to help the fire boys in this way.

While the orchestra was out to supper a scheme was put into action when it was suggested that some views be thrown on the screen which should illustrate the different fire departments throughout the country and their origin. These proved very interesting, and helped to pass the time till the music should be resumed.

The large crowd which had gathered for the dance did not disband till the early hours began to creep on and fortell the coming day. The music, which was furnished by the White Pelican orchestra rendered the occasion complete in the fact that everybody was satisfied with the results. As is expected, the annual dance of the fire boys turned out to be a good drawing card, and to say that this was the best that they have ever had is something well worth commenting on.

RETURN TONIGHT Sheriff W. B. Barnes and J. D. Carroll are expected to return either this evening or tomorrow from San Francisco. Sheriff Barnes joined the "Oregon First" excursionists in the Bay City, and remained during their entertainment.

VILLAIN CHIEF OF STAFF IN CAPTURED AND SHOT

United Press Service EL PASO, Tex., March 16.—Captured by rebels near Santa Rosalia Friday, Major Adana, Villas' chief of staff, was shot by order of General Orozco, according to Chihuahua advices. Adana had notified Orozco that if Villa captured him he would be executed. An exodus of Jaures began this morning, with no apparent reason.

AFTER MEMBERS OF ALLEN GANG

FORTY DETECTIVES AND DOZEN FEUDISTS TAKE TO MOUNTAINS AFTER THE VIRGINIA COURT MURDERERS

United Press Service HILLSVILLE, Va., March 16.—Forty detectives and a dozen feudists are seeking sixteen members of the Allen gang.

The outlaws have cut all wires, and are believed to be waiting in the mountains.

The dead so far are: Judge Masie, Attorney Foster, Sheriff Webb, Betty Ayers and Mrs. Sid Allen.

Juror Powler is dying. Sid Allen was captured yesterday in his mountain cabin after his wife had been and he was seriously wounded. It is thought, however, that he will recover.

Three internal revenue officers who are familiar with the Blue Ridge trails are guiding the searchers.

NO MORE REBATE ON COUNTY TAXES

The date on which the rebate was allowed on the payment of the county taxes expired yesterday. Over 700 receipts were issued, and there is nearly 500 addition to be written up for outside parties who sent their taxes by mail. It is announced that the payment of taxes this year has been much slower than last year, which would indicate that money is a little scarce.

Impressive Talk Is Given Students by W. R. Ellis

Friday afternoon the high school had the pleasure of listening to W. R. Ellis, candidate for national representative from the Second congressional district of Oregon, in a brief but interesting talk. He gave forth some good advice concerning the high school student especially as to his future career and welfare, and the position that he might occupy in the walks of life. Mr. Ellis described his early boyhood and the influence which surrounded him at that time, and said that he had the opportunity of going to school only four months while a youth, and that in the country. He wanted to impress the high school students with the fact that very few realize the importance of training the mind. He said that it was not the man who could lift the heaviest load that counted in life, but it was the man who was able to figure out with his brains that would make the brightest mark. Few of us come to think this life of ours to be as serious as it really is, and consequently "take things on the nature of today rather than tomorrow." Education is the essential factor that should be the aim of everybody. If we do not possess ourselves of the opportunity of acquiring the training that is afforded now, we will fall by the wayside. The body is like a machine. That is, if we take care of it and do the things that will set a conservative of energy we will be able to get more out of it in return. The daily life is repeatedly overcome by many obstacles, and if we did not have to overcome something that required mental and physical energy we would not be in a position to deal

SPECIAL MEETING OF JERICHO CLUB

ALL MEMBERS OF L. O. F. AND REBEKAH LODGES INTERESTED IN NEW VENTURE, TO MEET IN CLUB ROOMS TONIGHT

The final steps in the organization of the Jericho Club will be taken tonight in the club rooms in the basement of the L. O. F. Temple, when the incorporation papers will be signed and sent to the capital.

The venture of the part of the members of the Odd Fellows orders is meeting with a great deal of commendation, inasmuch as it is supplying a much needed institution in this city. All members of the orders are welcome at all times in the rooms, and as there are several different forms of amusement to be found by which one may while away an idle hour, the attendance is very satisfactory and is steadily increasing.

Bowling, billiards, pool and cards are to be found there, while in the reading room will be found all the latest magazines and periodicals and the daily papers.

The immense basement has been divided into four rooms, and each furnished for the purpose. In the bowling room are three fine alleys, and these are busy every evening, while in the card and billiard room can always be found a cheerful set enjoying themselves in their own satisfaction.

The reading room and the ladies sitting room are also well patronized, and before long when one wants to find an Odd Fellow when he isn't at home or at work, all that will be necessary will be a trip to the Jericho Club.

LA FOLLETTE AFTER NORTH DAKOTA VOTE

United Press Service BISMARCK, N. D., March 16.—La Follette, as announced, continues stumping this state. John Bass, the leading Rooseveltite, is following La Follette. A record vote is expected on Tuesday.

Otto Dyer is up from Dorris to attend some business concerning the moving picture machine which he is operating at Dorris.

AMERICANS AND GERMANS ORGANIZE FOR DEFENSE

United Press Service MEXICO CITY, March 16.—The Americans and Germans in this city have organized to defend themselves against an outbreak. Madero has started troops to Tampico, where anti-American demonstrations have occurred. The rebel force is camped five miles from the palace, but no attack is expected until General Orozco arrives.

STAR ATHLETE VISITING CITY

BROWN UNIVERSITY MAN, WHO HAS TRIED CONCLUSIONS WITH BIG COLLEGS OF THE EAST, MAY MAKE THIS HIS HOME

Eddie Pike, a Brown university man and all-round athlete, who is recognized throughout the East as one of the best athletes of the present day, is at present in this city. Mr. Pike is quoted as saying that he has engaged in many athletic contests with Yale and Harvard, and when it comes to any line of sports he does not have to take his hat off to any of them. He has won the admiration of the baseball world by his consistent work on the diamond, and it is to be hoped that the proper kind of inducements can be offered to Mr. Pike to persuade him to remain in this city. Such a man would be a very essential factor in forwarding athletics in this community. Baseball is his particular hobby.

WITH THE SENATORS AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, March 16.—Dark, somber, mahogany doors and the imposing frames thereof affording entrance to the rooms of senators in the ornate marble office building, have an awesome effect upon strangers unfamiliar with the custom in calling at these offices.

Each senator has two rooms, one for his secretary and stenographer, the door of which bears on a bronze plate a number and his name. Con-

HEAR PINE GROVE IRRIGATION PLEA

Meeting in the private office of the senator, also with a door opening into the hallway, but with no sign as to the identity of the occupant.

Big men from the home state who expect and receive distinguished consideration from the statesmen and usually make visits of a couple of hours to busy senators who, they believe, have abundant time for the entertainment of friends, in many cases rap on the labeled door. Strangers interested in bills and other matters also tap on the door to the secretary's room. Regulars stalk into the presence of the secretary without ceremony.

To remove the impression of exclusiveness that seems to be in the minds of persons just arrived in Washington and to save interruption in the work of employees obliged to respond to the use of signs.

Senator Dixon, of Montana, as the pioneer in this respect and for years has had a big placard on his door, inscribed: "Senator Dixon's Office. Walk In."

Recently Senator Martin, of Virginia, fell into line by nailing on his door a card, four by six, bearing the legend, "Walk In."

Senator Chilton, of West Virginia, displays a printed card, neatly decorated, which exhorts the warfarer to:

"Come In Without Knocking; and Leave the Same Way."

WEEKS COMPANY HERE ON MONDAY

FOURTH ATTRACTION IN KLAMATH LYCEUM BUREAU SAID TO BE THE BEST THAT HAS YET APPEARED

The Edwin R. Weeks company on Monday evening will entertain the patrons of the Klamath Lyceum Bureau course at the Houston opera house. This is the fourth attraction in the course, and is said to excel anything that has yet been given.

Edwin R. Weeks, the head of the troupe, is an impersonator of national reputation, and his impersonation of such prominent men as Taft, Roosevelt, Bryan, LaFollette, Hughes as well as of Dutch, Chinese and other racial characters, is said to furnish entertainment sufficient for an entire evening.

There are two ladies in the company, Mrs. Weeks, who is a skilled musician and actress, and Miss Lulu Sinclair, an exceptionally clever violinist. Tickets are on sale at the Bonboniere.

ELLIS TONIGHT AT COURT HOUSE

Ex-Congressman W. R. Ellis, who is making a tour of the Second Congressional district, will address the people of Klamath Falls this evening at 8 o'clock at the court house. All without regard to sex or political affiliations are heartily desired to attend and meet a distinguished citizen of the state on his first visit here.

German Lutheran services will be held at the library building at 3 p. m. Sunday, by Rev. Ed Doering, from Portland. All Germans are invited to attend this meeting.

Mahara's Minstrels Tonight The Mahara's Minstrels, an aggregation of 18 colored people, will appear at the opera house tonight and tomorrow night. Reports from down the line are to the effect that they are the most entertaining company on the road this season. Mr. Houston is so confident that they will make good that he announces that anyone not satisfied will be given their money back on request.

DECISION IS PUT OFF

REMONSTRANCE HEARD TODAY AND COURT WILL RENDER ITS DECISION NEXT SATURDAY—MAJORITY NECESSARY

At 2 o'clock this afternoon was the time set for the hearing of the petitions for the creation of what is known as the "Pine Grove Irrigation District," by the county court. A large number of the land owners in the vicinity of Pine Grove were present, some as petitioners and others as remonstrants.

It is necessary to have a majority of the land owners under the proposed district as signers of the petition, and it was discovered that some eight of the signers were not land owners of record. Some of them were recent purchasers, and some were owners of the property, but the deeds were not on record in their name. For this reason the county court postponed its decision until next Saturday, to give an opportunity to the petitioners to secure the proper number of names of legal owners.

The court announced that it would hear remonstrances at this time, and requests were filed by the following owners for the exclusion of their lands: Enterprise Land and Investment company, by C. W. Sheridan, president, 140 acres; A. E. Elder, 95 acres; C. M. Adams, 100 acres; Chas. Gray, 87 acres; Eliza K. Smith and Crowson Smith estate, 640 acres.

The reasons given for the requests in most cases were that the lands were much higher than the other lands in the district, and that the lands would be unprofitable, and that the lands could best be served by a private pumping plant. In some cases the lands were already under contract with the United States reclamation service.

The proposed Pine Grove Irrigation district covers approximately 5,000 acres of land, most of which lies above the government ditch. The land would have to be served through pumping stations and the water secured from the government irrigation canal.

FRESNO STRONG FOR WILSON

BAMEN CITY FULL OF SUPPORTERS OF THE NEW JERSEY MAN AND MUCH ENTHUSIASM IS DISPLAYED BY DELEGATES

United Press Service FRESNO, Calif., March 16.—The city is full of Wilson supporters, a big delegation arriving from the south this morning, while other delegations have been arriving all day. The last to arrive being a big delegation from the north.

A big mass meeting will be held tonight, which will be addressed by prominent democratic speakers from this state as well as noted orators from the east. The delegates are much incensed at the attack made last night by the labor union on Wilson, which many resolutions not to attend the meeting tonight because of the speech made by Wilson in 1909 attacking the principles of organized labor.

R. A. M. TONIGHT Klamath Chapter No. 55, Royal Arch Masons, meets in regular convocation tonight at 7:30 sharp. Work in Past Master degree.

WILL ERECT BUILDING ON CORNER OF MAIN AND MAIN

Henry Offenbacher, who owns the lot on the corner of Main and Sixth streets, next to the O. K. Transfer Co., has announced that as soon as the weather will permit he will begin the erection of a one-story, two-story building on the corner.

BUSINESS STOPS IN HONOR MAINE

BATTLESHIP WHICH CAUSED WAR WITH SPAIN IS BURIED WITH GREAT POMP IN THE FLORIDA STRAITS

United Press Service HAVANA, Cuba, March 16.—All business is suspended in this city today as a mark of honor to the Battleship Maine. The government buildings are all closed. The Maine was sunk this afternoon in the Florida straits nine miles from Havana, accompanied by American warships and the entire Cuban navy. The American flag was floating at the masthead and the deck of the vessel was covered with roses when it sank. The bodies of the victims were taken on board the cruiser North Carolina and accompanied the Maine to sea.

HAND RETURN WITH HIS FAMILY

An accident occurred at the Shipington box factory Friday afternoon, resulting in the breaking of a hand saw. As it was necessary to send to San Francisco to replace the broken parts, the mill was closed down until Monday.

L. M. Bradford, who represents the Rambler automobile in this section, left on this evening's train for Sacramento. Mr. Bradford is going to the city to be present during an operation which is to be made on his father. On his return to Klamath Falls he will bring his family with him for the summer.