

## ALLIES TAKING TRENCHES; TURK TROOPS GAIN

United Press Service  
PARIS, Dec. 17.—The communique today says: "The French advanced in the region of Vermelles, while heavy artillery firing continues along the entire line between Lys and the sea. The French captured several German trenches at the point of the bayonet."

United Press Service  
CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—A statement to the effect that the battles near the eastern frontier are very favorable to the Turkish army has been issued by the war officials. It further says that the town of Wilajet has been taken and that the enemy is now retreating toward Keur.

United Press Service  
PETROGRAD, Dec. 17.—It was announced today that the Russian Black Sea fleet had succeeded in sinking a German steamer off the Turkish coast.

United Press Service  
LONDON, Dec. 17.—The condition of the Kaiser is reported improved.

United Press Service  
ATHENS, Dec. 17.—Relations between Greece and Turkey are strained almost to the breaking point. Greece demanded the surrender of a prisoner, which Turkey refused.

## Von Hindenburg and His Staff Taken in Poland



This is the first photograph of Field Marshal von Hindenburg, considered by military experts to be, with General Joffre of the French army, the greatest genius developed by the war, taken since he has been in Poland. Dispatches show that he has just captured Lodz, a city of 450,000, in Russian Poland. This is the third time he has driven his troops into Russian Poland. It is the second time within a few weeks that he came near Warsaw, one of the greatest Russian cities. If he should succeed in taking it he will have dealt a severe blow to the hopes of the Russians. Von Hindenburg was recently made field marshal by Kaiser Wilhelm for his success in the eastern war. He is shown in the center of the photograph.

## LACK OF WATER PRESSURE IS CAUSE OF THE DESTRUCTION OF THORSEN HOME THIS A. M.

### House and All the Contents Destroyed, Leaving Family With Sick Girl Homeless. Water Co. Gives Explanation

By letting the water run all night to prevent the pipes from freezing, instead of shutting off the water where it enters the house or where the private line leaves the main in the street, Klamath Falls people are imperiling the entire community, by exhausting the water supply.

This is the gist of the statement made today by George J. Walton, superintendent of the Klamath division of the California-Oregon Power company, in answer to a query as to the lack of water for fighting the fire destroying the residence and all of the effects of John Thorsen this morning.

The Thorsen residence is situated at Seventh and Jefferson streets. At 9 o'clock, fire, supposedly originating from a fuse, broke out, and the fire department was called.

After much difficulty a cart from the central station reached the scene, just as the hose from another cart was connected to the hydrant. It was found that the water pressure available was woefully weak for fire fighting purposes, and only by putting on a shut-off nozzle were the firemen able to throw a stream, but this was very thin and ineffective.

With such low pressure from one hose, it was found unwise to attempt to use another line of hose, as that would weaken the pressure still more. To the fact that they were unable to get the water, the firemen ascribe the complete loss of the home.

John Thorsen is a carpenter, who has resided here several years, and who only recently completed his fine eight room residence, doing all the work in his idle time. His furniture was all practically new, the latest piece being an expensive talking machine purchased just a few days ago.

Today's fire not only completely destroyed the house, but it burned up all the family's belongings except those on their backs. Thorsen recently purchased a new suit, and this was destroyed. Mrs. Thorsen wore slippers when she fled from the house, and her shoes were burned.

In addition to their other expenses, the Thorsens have had sickness in their family, one girl being sick with typhoid fever for several weeks. She is just at the stage where she can sit up, and she was carried from the blazing home to the home of a neighbor.

The loss sustained today by Thorsen is partly covered by insurance. The loss of a number of family treasures will, of course, never be recovered from, and it is certainly pretty hard lines to be rendered homeless in chilly December.

"Our pumps are running day and night in order to keep the reservoirs full for supplying the people, and for just such cases as this," said Mr. Walton of the power company this afternoon. "The laziness of people in what is really to blame, for instead of shutting off the water and draining their pipes, there are many in Klamath Falls who let the water run all night."

"The result of this is that the water wasted is more than our pumping plant can supply, and the water runs low in the reservoirs, making the pressure correspondingly low."

"Ever since this cold snap, we have been considerably worried over this, for whatever gain we would make in the daytime in the work of filling the reservoirs, we would lose at night through the drainage by those who leave their faucets open."

"Today's fire is an illustration of why the city passed an ordinance prohibiting the wasting of water in this way, and providing for the punishment of offenders. The trouble is that it is impossible to catch the winter-time waster of water, as the water runs through his sink into the sewer, and there are no external evidences, as in the summer."

## BASKETBALL ON FOR TONIGHT

### HIGH SCHOOL LADS WILL BUCK UP AGAINST ALUMNI—HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS WILL PLAY OPENING GAME

There will be two basketball games at the Pavilion this evening, for in addition to the game between K. C. H. S. boys and an alumni team, the Blacks and Blues, two high school girls teams, will play a preliminary game. This promises to be bitterly fought, as both teams are scrapping for the honor of representing the high school in games with girls' teams from other high schools.

No small interest is being taken in the game between the alumni and the students, as there has been much speculation as to how the present players will also up against the old stars. The game starts at 7:30.

### New Suits Filed.

A. E. Crance is the plaintiff in a suit filed against J. P. Bonham for \$11.70, alleged due on a note, and \$25 attorney's fees. C. C. Brower is attorney for Crance.

## MODEL INDIAN VISITS IN TOWN

### ALEX WILSON, OLD TIMER ON RESERVATION, HAS ALWAYS STOOD HIGH WITH THE INDIAN SERVICE OFFICIALS

Alex Wilson, one of the most respected old Indians on the Klamath reservation, has just returned to the reservation, after a short visit here, during which time he purchased supplies for the winter.

"Alex has long borne the reputation of being a model Indian," said Captain O. C. Applegate today. "In spite of his years, he has kept away from whiskey and gambling, the Indian's worst habits, and he has never been in any trouble."

"His brother, Hunter Wilson, was the head Indian on the reservation years ago, and Alex always upheld his brother. As a result, he is going toward a ripe old age with the respect of both whites and reds."

The Granite Hill mine near Grants Pass will install a Cyanide plant.

## Brandenburg's Word Takes Up Whole Day

A couple of days ago Floyd Brandenburg and his wife testified that during the time that Sims, Chandler and Ernst were in California with their Wild West show, they saw a light moving about the Sims ranch, indicating that a "plant" of the hide in the cow stealing case was being made.

That night the state sent an auto load of responsible men to the Sims and Brandenburg ranches, to see if a light could be seen from one to the other. These testified late yesterday and today that they could not see a light if displayed at the other ranch, as the Brandenburgs testified.

Furthermore, a number of witnesses were put on the stand to testify that the veracity of Brandenburg is questioned. This comprised nearly all of the rebuttal.

The sur-rebuttal of the defense today developed the fact that two auto parties journeyed to the Sand Hollow country last night, and those who were at the Brandenburg ranch testified that they saw the light at the Sims ranch. Incidentally, the defense introduced witnesses who testified

that Brandenburg's veracity was unquestioned.

As the testimony by Brandenburg and his wife regarding seeing the light in the Sims place is one of the most important bits introduced in the case, the cross questioning of witnesses for both sides has been very intensive, and has been minute regarding details.

When Prosecuting Attorney Irwin's party, which included C. R. Miller, W. C. Dalton, Grover Nail, Dick Turpin, John McFall and J. A. Maddox, went to the Sims and Brandenburg ranches, Irwin's failure to make it clear to Brandenburg's caretaker caused the latter to drive off the investigators, so they were unable to make observations as Brandenburg and his wife did, and as the party sent by the defense did, from an upper window in the Brandenburg house.

In the defense's party were Charles F. DeLap, Sheriff C. C. Low, Catherine Prehm, George Humphrey, E. B. Henry, William Immel, Lloyd Low and others. The defense attorneys stated that they had invited District Attorney Irwin to go, or send a representative.

## MERCHANTS MAKE SMALL TURNOUT

### HARDWARE AND GROCERY MEN ARE WITHOUT ANY REPRESENTATION WHATEVER—RODEO INTEREST IS STRONG

What last night's meeting of the Klamath Falls Business Men's Association lacked in attendance, it made up in enthusiasm, as every business man present made it plain that he desires the Elks to continue the Rodeo, and will do all in his power to help make it a success. Each of the men attending last night promised to see a certain number of other business men, and have another meeting January 6th, to talk the matter further.

E. B. Hall, one of the directors of the Rodeo Association, stated that there are many things which made the association hesitate about a Rodeo this year. The two principal reasons were the large number of similar shows in other places, causing interest to wane, and the evident scarcity of wild horses this year.

J. F. Maguire, president of the Business Men's organization, and former president of the Rodeo Association, stated that he believed plenty of wild horses could be secured. This matter will be taken up more thoroughly at the meeting in January.

### Back Home Again.

Mr. and Mrs. Austin Becholdt arrived in the city last night, and will leave this afternoon or in the morning for the home of Mr. Becholdt in Bonanza. Austin left Klamath county nearly two years ago and has since been located in Northern Idaho. After his wedding, which occurred recently, he decided to return to the Klamath country.

### Art Department Meets.

The art department of the Women's Library Club meets tomorrow afternoon at the Library Club building, from 2:30 to 4:30. The usual free lessons in needlework will be given, and all women interested are invited to attend.

### Turkeys

For Christmas or New Year, market dressed, 18 cents; ready for oven, 24 cents. F. J. Bowne, Bonanza. 17-2t

## DYING CABARET SCENE ARRANGED

### FINALE OF THE CHRISTMAS VAUDEVILLE PERFORMANCE WILL BE A ROLICKING, LIVELY GRAND ENSEMBLE

All this mystery which has surrounded the finale for the Christmas vaudeville show has finally been penetrated. It is to be a grand cabaret scene, "Klamath Falls, New Year, '15-'16."

That is the time Oregon enters the "dry" column, leaving California the only wet spot on the coast. Around this there has been built up a clever

vehicle for songs, chatter, and all manners of specialties, and the big cast of well groomed men and splendidly dressed women will make this number a veritable style show.

This will by no means be the entire program, as several other skits, numbers and playlets of more than ordinary merit are being practiced, and will be given Christmas night, and the night following at Houston's opera house.

The sale of tickets is brisk these days, according to the young ladies who are in charge of this. There is great rivalry among them for the ticket selling prize, a round trip ticket to San Francisco during Exposition time.

### Eight-Pound Son.

An eight-pound boy arrived this morning at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Aldrich, on Eighth street. Mr. Aldrich is an employee of the Pelican Bay Lumber Company.

## "Calm Deadly Anger"

### This Is Britain's Sentiment, Following the Raid

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A calm, deadly anger is the national sentiment in England toward the German empire, following the attack on Scarborough coast and the shelling of Scarborough, Hartlepool and Whitby by a fleet of German cruisers yesterday.

The full cabinet met this morning to discuss the raid, its effect, and to decide upon measures of retaliation. Premier Asquith, Admiralty Head Winston Churchill and Lord Kitchener, head of the army, arrived early.

The latest reports indicate that 75 civilians were killed and 267 wounded. In the fortress at Hartlepool seven soldiers were killed and twice that number wounded. The majority of people killed at

Hartlepool were women and children. The men got out of the way.

The German cruisers escaped, dropping mines after them to prevent pursuit. As a result of these mines, English commerce has suffered.

The steamer Eltwater struck a mine off Flamborough Head, south of Scarborough and went down. Six members of the crew are missing.

Another vessel, which has not been identified also was mined near there and sank. The crew and passengers escaped in lifeboats.

Six miles off Hartlepool the freight steamer Princess Olga struck a mine while traveling last night. It quickly went down, but the crew is believed to have escaped.

## Falkland Fight Is Told

### Steamer Says Even German Colliers Are Defiant

### United Press Service

BUENOS AYRES, Dec. 17.—The steamer Oriza arrived today, bringing the first complete story of the battle between the British and German squadrons off the Falkland Islands in the South Atlantic a few days ago. According to the Oriza officers, miscalculations of the strength of the British force caused Admiral von Spee to give battle.

Before he discovered he was approaching a superior force, von Spee's ships were within three miles of the British, and the fight began.

The battle raged for two hours before the German cruisers sank.

Though hopelessly outclassed, the Germans proved extremely courageous, and refused to surrender. They fought to the last, the only two escaping being the Dresden and Nürnberg.

Even the crews of the German soldiers refused to surrender. A few shots from British guns sank the soldiers.

Of the crews of the sunken German vessels, only 92 were saved. The British losses were eight killed and four wounded.

The cruiser Cornwall was damaged below the water line. Otherwise the British ships were unharmed.