

ALLIES CLAIM A GAIN IN NORTH; NAVIES ACTIVE

BRITISH TO PURSUE THE DRESDEN IN SOUTH

Another Report Is That the Germans Will Send Fleet After the British Squadron in South Atlantic—The Germans Claim Big Advantage North of Warsaw, But Russians Claim They Withdrew for Strategic Purpose.

United Press Service

PARIS, Dec. 18.—The communique reports continued success for the allies offensive in Belgium and North-western France, many trenches being captured.

At the very point where the Germans were massed for an offensive movement, the British delivered a blow which resulted in an advance of practically two miles.

United Press Service

HUENOS AYRES, Dec. 18.—Until positive that the Dresden is sunk, the British are to use the same precautions in shipping as when the Emden was absent.

A persistent but unconfirmed rumor says the Germans are sending another fleet to the South Atlantic to engage the British.

United Press Service

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Desperate fighting has developed within thirty miles of Warsaw. Berlin is celebrating what is accepted there as a great victory in Russia. Petrograd insists that the Russian lines were merely withdrawn for strategic reasons.

United Press Service

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The official statement says: "After approaching the English coast, four cruisers were unsuccessfully attacked by four English torpedo boats. One was sunk and the others retreated, badly damaged."

British Admiral, His Dead Foe and Scene of Battle in Atlantic



ADMIRAL VON SPEE ADMIRAL SIR FREDERICK STURDEE



This map shows the course of the German fleet under Admiral von Spee from its position off Chili six weeks ago, where it sank the Monmouth and Good Hope, British cruisers under Admiral Craddock, to the place in the South Atlantic, where it met the new British fleet under Admiral Sir Frederick Charles Doveton Sturdee. The Dresden was driven into the harbor at Punta Arenas, a South American seaport, where she is undergoing repairs. Out in the Straits of Magellan two British cruisers are lying in wait for the Dresden, should it leave the harbor.

CATTLE RUSTLING CASE SOON TO BE IN JURY'S HANDS

THE CLOSING ARGUMENTS ARE BEING MADE

Attorneys for the Defense Consumed the Morning Session in Their Arguments to the Jury, Alleging That the Three Men Are the Victims of a Conspiracy by R. M. Osborn to Railroad Them to Prison.

As soon as C. M. O'Neill closes his argument for the state, and Circuit Judge Benson instructs the jury, the fate of William Sims, Love Chandler and Ivan Ernst, charged with cattle rustling, will be in the hands of the jury.

The opening argument for the state was made last night by H. M. Manning, and in this he attacked the veracity of several of the defense's witnesses, particularly that of Floyd Brandenburg. He stated that the state's case against the trio was convincing, and for the sake of law and order, he asked that justice be done in the way of a verdict.

This morning's session of the court was occupied by the arguments for the defense. Going over the flaws in the state's case, as they appeared to the defense, Judge Noland stated that the three men were victims of the great Western war between the homesteader and the cattleman.

The argument of Judge Drake attacked the state's case, and classed it as a "wounded bird." He held that it was all built upon a scheme outlined by R. M. Osborn, whom he called the "shorter and uglier" word. Discrepancies in the evidence of the prosecution's testimony, such as a confession by Chandler to Osborn in a snowstorm, while driving cattle, the condition of the hide alleged to have been buried, etc., were pointed out, and the attorney held that the state had utterly failed to prove that Jim Johnson's spotted cow had been killed.

Court adjourned this afternoon at 3 o'clock, when C. M. O'Neill began the state's closing argument. A large crowd is present to hear this speech.

The case will be in the jury's hands tonight beyond a doubt. There are many theories as to the verdict to be returned, but it is the general opinion that the jury will be out for some time.

Mrs. Chandler and Ernst, all prominent in the Sand Hollow country, are charged with killing a spotted cow belonging to J. N. Johnson, selling the meat and burying the hide on the Sims ranch. This was alleged to have been done in December, 1913, and the hide found a year later.

SCHOOL CENSUS SHOWS A GAIN

WHILE ALL OF THE DISTRICTS HAVE NOT SENT IN REPORTS, IT IS BELIEVED THERE ARE 2,690 CHILDREN

Although there is one school district that has not yet submitted its enumeration, and while a number of children are enumerated in more than one district, and it is necessary to have these matters straightened out before anything definite can be given out, it is believed that there are 2,690 children of school age in Klamath county.

Last year's enumeration was 2,547. The gain this year is still larger than the figures indicated, as all 20 years of age were eliminated this year, but were enumerated last year.

WASTING WATER CAUSES INJURY

MRS. R. VANCE HUTCHINS FALLS ON ICE-COVERED SIDEWALK AND INJURES TENDON IN LOWER LIMB

Besides the complete destruction of the John Thorsen home yesterday morning, another mishap is laid at the door of those who, instead of shutting off water to keep it from freezing, leave the faucets run all night. This is an injury sustained by Mrs. R. Vance Hutchins, wife of the news editor of the Northwest.

Water from an outside faucet near the corner of Second and Washington streets has formed a sheet of ice across the sidewalk, across the street and into a vacant lot on the other side. Stepping on this ice in the darkness, Mrs. Hutchins sustained a hard fall, resulting in the injury which today makes it impossible for her to walk.

MILLING CO. IS SUED IN COURT

J. J. MORTON BRINGS ACTION TO FORECLOSE A MORTGAGE ON PLANT OF THE MUTUAL MILLING CO. AT CHLOQUIN

Suit to foreclose a mortgage for \$2,207.85 on the plant of the Mutual Milling company, and for \$225 attorney fees was commenced today in the circuit court by J. J. Morton.

W. H. Shaw is attorney for the plaintiff. The sawmill is located at Chloquin.

TO HANG PHOTO OF OLD JURIST

JUDGE HANNAH, THE SECOND CIRCUIT JUDGE OF THE OLD FOUR-COUNTY DISTRICT, WILL BE HONORED LOCALLY

Following the hanging of an enlarged portrait of the late Henry Keesee in the circuit court room by the Klamath County Bar Association, another attorney much associated with the local courts is to be so honored. This is Hon. H. K. Hannah, for thirty-five years on the circuit bench in Southern Oregon, and presiding here when Klamath, Lake, Jackson and Josephine were all in the same district.

A portrait of Hannah has been enlarged, and will grace the court room. Hannah was the first district attorney in the district, and was the second judge. He is well known to all of the old timers, as he prosecuted and defended a number of cases here in the early days.

"Big Jim" Sullivan Is Back to Post



Ambassador "Big Jim" Sullivan, the New York city lawyer, who was named minister to Santo Domingo by Secretary Bryan some months ago, and who came to the United States after Walker W. Vick had criticized his administration, has been sent back to his post by Secretary of State Bryan. Now newspapers have begun an attack on him, alleging that he might aid financial interests, which wish to exploit the island.

Mr. Vick was commissioner of customs on the island, having been appointed by the president. He returned and offered his resignation because he did not care to work with Sullivan.

GRANT INCREASE IN RAIL RATES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—The Interstate Commerce Commission today granted the application of 1225 Eastern railroads for a flat increase of 5 per cent in rates except on coal, coke, iron ore and "lake-and-rail" joint shipments.

This will increase the revenues of the roads affected about \$50,000,000.

Motschenbacher Wedded

Married, at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Fred J. Williams, on Washington street, Thursday night, Vernon Theodore Motschenbacher and Miss Marguerite Williams.

There isn't a person in Klamath Falls who did not know that this happy event was to take place some day, but it is certain that in having the ceremony performed last night, these well known young people outwitted even their most intimate friends. The wedding, most people believed, would be solemnized in the spring, but others were listening for the nuptial chimes Christmas.

Yesterday a few—oh, very, very few—of those close to the happy man in the case, were given reason to believe that the ceremony was to be solemnized today at noon. Even the "know-it-all" newspaper men had to give a gasp of astonishment when he called the Williams home after the noon hour today, and learned that instead of calling just as the ceremony was ended, he called several hours afterward.

Following the basketball game last night, members of the Motschenbacher and Williams families assembled at the Williams home. At 10 o'clock, Rev. Ernest C. Richards, pastor of the Grace M. E. church, performed the ceremony uniting the couple for life, Will Hurn, a brother-in-law of the bride, giving her away.

HOT WORDS FLY AT NAVAL MEET IN WASHINGTON

COMMITTEEMEN LEAVE ROOM IN ANGER

Tables Are Pounded, and Massachusetts Man Resorts to Unvarnished Language in Denouncing the Attitude of Others That His Request for Investigation of Preparedness is Purely Mercenary.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Decidedly stormy was this afternoon's meeting of the house committee on naval affairs, to which was referred the resolution of Congressman Gardner of Massachusetts, asking for an investigation to determine the nation's preparedness for war.

Gardner, in support of his measure, wrangled loud and long with Congressmen Witherspoon and Gray. In anger, Gardner finally left the room.

All rooms near the committee room knew that a wrangle was on, for all of the men talked in loud voices. There was much pounding of tables.

The trouble came after Gray of Indiana intimated that Gardner's desire for an investigation was induced by mercenary interests. Gardner then became extremely angry.

"I am tired of this sort of talk," he shouted. "Recently there was a story from the White House that war material men back this move. If an admiral tells you we need more of a navy, you say, 'you damned rascal, you're trying to raise your own standard'; if a private citizen urges preparedness, you say he has war material for sale; if it is a congressman, you say 'politics'—got up, Mr. Gray, and prove your case."

Gray denied that he meant any insult. The hearing closed abruptly.

Wild hogs are an Oregon product. Thirty were shipped from Curry Co. to Marshfield to be fattened.

Birds Belong to Oregon

Ruling in Coos Co. Is Against the Federal Law

COQUILLE, Dec. 18.—District Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist won his fight for the supremacy of the Oregon game law prohibiting the killing of migratory game birds from boats propelled or operated by mechanical power over the federal act of 1913, which assumes to take jurisdiction over this kind of game from the states and invest it in the federal government.

This victory came in the shape of a decision by District Judge Coke in overruling a demurrer to an indictment brought a year ago against Hills Short for shooting canvasback ducks from a gasoline launch in Ton Mile Lake in this county. By his decision, Judge Coke follows the recent decision of United States District Judge Treiber of the Arkansas federal court, who held that the congressional act of 1913 was unconstitutional.

Short was arrested by Deputy Game Warden James Thomas, under instructions from District Attorney Liljeqvist, and was indicted.

Short will undoubtedly appeal to the supreme court of the state, and the case probably will go to the highest court in the land.

District Attorney Liljeqvist's brief follows very closely the same line of

logic embodied in Judge Treiber's decision. This decision, which will interest all sportsmen, in part follows: "Are migratory birds, when in a state on their usual migration, the property of the United States? The rule of the law which all the American courts have recognized is that animals ferre naturae, denominated as game, are owned by the states. This principle has had the approval of the supreme court of the United States in every case which has come before it."

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Arnold Kruckman has returned to San Francisco, after having completed a tour of the world. He was engaged by the Panama-Pacific International Exposition to arrange for an aerial race around the world in 1915, as one of the big features of the exposition. Owing to the existing conditions in Europe and parts of the Orient, as a result of the world-wide war, the exposition management was forced to abandon the race, as the greater part of the course was necessarily through the countries engaged in war.

The Booth-Kelley mills have been put on an eight-hour day for the winter.

OVER A MILLION IN CORPORATIONS

STATE TAX COMMISSION SENDS THE TAXABLE VALUATION OF PUBLIC SERVICE CONCERNS IN KLAMATH COUNTY

The valuation of property owned and operated in Klamath county by public service corporations is \$1,008,575, according to the statement just sent County Assessor J. P. Lee by the state tax commission.

Six Inches of Ice. Work of cutting ice for summer use has been started on Upper Klamath Lake by Straw's Dairy. The ice is six inches in thickness, and is affording splendid skating.