

## CLUBBED GUNS AND FISTS USED DURING BELGIAN FIGHTING

United Press Service

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Rain, snow and gales are raging in Belgium and Northern France with renewed fury today, the weather being the worst in thirty-six hours.

The trenches are filled with water, and the weather is so bad that even the artillery firing has slackened.

North of Ypres, it is most difficult for the troops to move at all. The ground is icy, and a liquid mud, covering the troops, is putting their rifles out of commission.

At several points, both sides, with their rifles filled with mud, are using these weapons as clubs, or are fighting with fists.

This afternoon's communique says that the Germans are everywhere on the defensive.

It declares that the French have captured many important points in the Artois and Argonne districts.

About Verdun, the French have forced the Germans to retire, taking several trenches.

Despite the terrible weather conditions in Flanders, however, the French wing is steadily advancing.

The German trenches along the heights of the Meuse have been shelled. It is believed that the allies are preparing to attempt the recapture of St. Mihiel.

Important operations are pending in Upper Alsace.

United Press Service

BERLIN (wireless via Bayville, N.J.), Dec. 30.—Today's official statement says: "In the west we are again fighting for the possession of St. Georges in Belgium, from which our forces were driven by a surprise attack in force."

"At other points in the western line there are no changes of moment."

United Press Service

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The inquiry into the explosion of the battleship *Dulwich* has been completed, and it ordered a verdict of accidental death.

It is now believed as certain that spontaneous combustion caused the explosion.

United Press Service

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 30.—An imperial decree made today deprives Prince Hussein Kamel, named as sultan of Egypt, of all decorations and titles.

Should he be captured he will be tried for violation of Turkish sovereignty in Egypt and for aiding the British government.

## CHAMBER TO NAME OFFICERS ON 5TH

## ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS IS TO BE HELD TUESDAY BY THE KLAMATH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

An important meeting of the membership of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce is to be held Tuesday night, when officers will be elected

for the ensuing year, and plans made for the future of the boosting organization. An Exposition Year is to be a big one for this section, the plans to be made will be comprehensive.

Just what changes are to be made in the personnel of the Chamber of Commerce's official roll is not known. It is understood that President Geo. J. Walton will not be a candidate for re-election, as he feels that two years in the harness has entitled him to retire.

Negotiations are pending between the Baker Commercial Club and the Union Pacific Railway to establish in Baker two factories.

## Chairman Hilles Sees a Republican Victory



Charles D. Hilles, chairman of the republican national committee, sees a republican victory in the national election in 1916. A gain of eight states over the election of 1912 has been made, he said. He named them: New York, Maine, New Jersey, Ohio, Montana, Nevada, West Virginia and Washington. He continued:

"The issue in 1914 was the tariff, and every state where the effect of the Underwood bill had time to be felt went republican. Every great manufacturing state and every great labor center repudiated the democratic party and voiced condemnation of its record since it came into full control of the government. The disastrous effects of the new tariff have not yet been fully felt in the great agricultural states of the west, but even there the reaction against democracy was unmistakable. The issue in 1916 will be squarely on the tariff and the legislation of the democratic party. During the next two years the country will have a greater opportunity to study the effect of the present tariff, to note results and to compare them with the republican policy of protection of American industries and American labor."

## CITY TO HAVE A NEW FIRE ALARM

BIDS CALLED FOR BY COUNCIL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF AN ELECTRIC STRIKER AND AN ALARM SYSTEM

An addition soon to be made to the equipment of the local fire department will be the installation of an electric fire alarm system. This will consist of an electric striker, with attachments so that it will ring a general and ward alarm twice by one pull of the lever.

The council has authorized advertising for bids for the purchase of this striker and system, and its installation in the new city hall. The bids are to be opened January 11th.

"With the new alarm system installed, it is our intention to divide the town into fire districts so as to make it possible to locate the fires better, and facilitate the work of getting the equipment to the fires," said Fire Chief Wakefield this morning. "After this is done, in case of fire the alarm telephoned into the fire hall must also give the district number, and to give the general alarm the indicator will be set at the district number, and a hook pulled, starting the electric striker."

Called Meeting. All members of Klamath Lodge No. 137, I. O. O. F., are requested to meet at the temple at 7:30 this evening. Arrangements are to be made for paying the last honors to Brother George McLean.

## DO NOT EXPECT AN EARLY REPLY

OFFICIALS SAY THAT SERIOUS NATURE OF PROTEST WILL REQUIRE CAREFUL CONSIDERATION ON PART OF BRITISHERS

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 30.—Government officials say that they do not expect an early reply to the protest made by United States against the action of England's war vessels toward United States shipping.

The protest is of a most serious nature, and will require careful consideration on the part of the English statesmen before framing a reply.

United Press Service

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Intense interest is centered in the special meeting of the cabinet now in session to consider the protest by the United States concerning the right of search and seizure on the high seas.

Lord Grey returned from a vacation to be present at the meeting, and went immediately to the foreign office to consider the protest.

He entered the cabinet meeting bearing texts and reports as assistants in answering the points brought out by the United States.

As the protest is based on the interpretation of international law by American legal experts, it is not believed that the protest will be easily disposed of.

## BEATS HIS WIFE; FINED THE LIMIT

SHIPPINGTON BOX FACTORY EMPLOYEE HAILED INTO COURT FOR ABUSING SPOUSE—STUCK FIFTY AND COSTS

"The only regret I have is that the maximum fine is fifty dollars," said Justice of the Peace Gowen at noon, when he fined Joe Ferrara that amount, plus costs, for beating his wife.

Ferrara is employed at the Shippington box factory. Last summer he took one of his small children out for a boat ride, and the little one was drowned in the lake, the father saying that it fell from the boat without his seeing it. Since then his wife has made appeals to the justice court for protection, stating that her husband said he would take her out for a boat ride, and leave her where the baby was, and that he wanted to take the other little child out for a boat ride.

On another occasion Mrs. Ferrara appeared in the court room much bruised as a result of her husband's treatment. She made complaint after 11 o'clock, and before 1 o'clock her husband had been arrested at the factory, brought to the court room, plead guilty and paid a fine of \$50.

## TWO MASKED MEN ROB AN S.P. TRAIN

HOLD UP THE PASSENGERS IN TWO SLEEPERS AND GET OFF WITH CONSIDERABLE LOOT. POSSE IN PURSUIT

United Press Service. SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Dec. 20.—Two masked men held up the passengers in two Pullman sleepers on the westbound Southern Pacific train No. 9 this morning at Cline, a small village about 115 miles west of this city. The robbers secured considerable money and valuables from the passengers, signalled the train to a stop, and escaped. A posse was soon formed and are in pursuit of the robbers.

## Author of the Prohi Amendment



Representative Richmond P. Hobson of Alabama has caused more of a stir in congress than any other member for many months in his fight for a prohibition amendment to the Constitution of the United States. It has not been generally believed that the vote for prohibition would be so large as was shown on the actual vote in the house. But when the question came to the test it was discovered that there were 197 votes in favor of it to 189 against. That, of course, did not mean that the amending resolution was adopted for submission to the states, for to do that would require a two-thirds vote—to say nothing of concurrence by the senate. Mr. Hobson believes in prohibition, women suffrage and the imminence of war with Japan.

## ROBERTS TRIAL SET FOR NINTH

NUMBER OF WITNESSES ARE TO BE CALLED IN INVESTIGATION OF THE ASSAULT CHARGE BROUGHT BY RANCHER'S WIFE

The trial of Homer Roberts, the rancher who was arrested yesterday afternoon on charge of beating his wife, will be held January 9th, before Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen. In the meantime Roberts is at liberty on bonds.

The case was set in January, as there are several witnesses now out of the state who are to be called. Roberts has retained H. M. Manning to defend him, and the case promises to be a warm one.

Manning says his client struck in self defense, after the wife threw a lamp at him. The woman denies this, and says that after she struck him with a small stick on the arm, he beat her up and held her head in a tub of water. She says he objected to her going to a masquerade, and tore her costume off her.

The main trouble occurred some time ago. There was more yesterday, it is said, when Roberts took the children to his parent's home.

Funeral Tomorrow. The funeral of the late Adolph Maler, who was electrocuted while at work at Tonopah, will be held Friday from 814 Lincoln street. The remains will arrive here tomorrow night.

## RUSSIANS DRIVING TURKS, AUSTRIANS OUT OF POSITIONS

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Dec. 30.—Renewed Russian successes in the Caucasus mountains and the Oltink region, important movements between Warsaw and Pressagie and a repulse of the Austro-Germans beyond the frontier are reported.

In the Caucasus, the Russians have occupied Merdenek, which was held by Turkish troops. The trenches protecting this city were carried by a bayonet charge.

Russian cavalry are active in the vicinity of Khorassan. It is stated that the Turkish defenders are making a strong fight, and there is much close fighting, with big loss of life.

Reports from territory occupied by the Turks are that they massacred thousands of men and outraged and tortured women and girls.

Late reports from the front say the Austrian force in Southern Galicia was routed, and fled precipitately.

United Press Service

VIENNA, Dec. 30.—Today's official statement denies the reported rout of the Austrian in Galicia. It admits that they were forced to withdraw, but insists that this was done for strategic reasons.

The statement said that the retirement was most orderly. All artillery and transports were taken along.

It is not denied that the loss was heavy. It is held, though, that it was not out of proportion to the number of men engaged.

CETTINE, Dec. 30.—Monday the Austrian forces attacked all along the front in Herzegovina. They were repulsed everywhere.

Three aeroplanes dropped bombs among the Montenegro troops at Cratovo.

United Press Service

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The war office has contradicted the report that the Russians have recaptured Lowitz.

## WILSON'S FLAT HAS NEW NAME

PLEASANT VALLEY IS THE TITLE DECIDED UPON BY RESIDENTS OF THAT SECTION, WHO NOW HAVE A SCHOOL

"Wilson's Flat is now a thing of the past," said Allen Stansbie, who is from his ranch on the Pelican Bay road. "That district is now to be known as Pleasant Valley."

The change in name followed the construction of a school there. This is a part of the Round Lake district, and the second school is four miles from Klamath Falls. It was named the Pleasant Valley school, and the title was also bestowed upon the valley in which it is located, as being more appropriate.

Out of ninety members of the legislature, thirty-eight are lawyers.

## Court Makes Levy

Total Is 24.1 Mills for State and County Funds

After a day of consideration, a night session was held last night by the county court, and the following tax levy for the ensuing year was decided upon:

The total is 24.1 mills. This is divided as follows: General expenses, state tax and general fund warrant redemption . . . 9.8 Carnegie Library . . . . . 2.0 School tax . . . . . 4.0 High school . . . . . 2.0 Agricultural extension work . . . 1.5 Road fund . . . . . 4.5 New court house . . . . . 3.5

The money to be raised for each fund from this assessment is estimated as follows: County, general, \$113,265; state, \$48,413.39; Carnegie Library, \$3,313.28; county school, \$66,265.77; high school, \$33,132.38; state agricultural extension, \$1,656.64; road fund, \$58,078.91; new court house, \$58,758.13.

The high school fund includes the cost of maintaining the Klamath county high school, of making up the deficit from last year and \$4,500 tuition to be paid the Merrill and Bonanza high schools.

A reduction was made in the amount to be raised for the office of county agriculturalist. Some of the money from last year is still unused.

The usual school library levy was not made this year. There is still money on hand in that fund.

The original estimate of new court house expenditures for the year was \$85,000, so a big cut was made. The original road fund estimate was \$45,000.

## Half of Fund Raised

Promise of \$250 Brings Fair Fund Up Past \$750

According to the report of Geo. C. Blower, manager world's fair bureau of Klamath county, another \$250 has been promised to the world's fair fund, this coming in addition to the \$168 raised by the home talent vaudeville makes the total subscription \$750.18. The complete list is as follows:	
Home talent play	\$168.00
Special subscription promised	250.00
Cash	150.00
Special subscription	100.00
Klamath Land & Livestock Co.	20.00
J. V. Houston	20.00
W. R. Blough	5.00
Theodore Case	5.00
M. McAndrews	5.00
James Felton	5.00
J. R. Dixon	5.00
R. C. Short	5.00
T. J. Telford	5.00
Wm. Chayne	1.50
Wm. Greene	1.00
Alex B. Chayne	1.00
A. Alto	1.00
Louis Noll	.50
A. F. Sheriner	.50

Mr. Blower this morning stated that he was hopeful of the \$1,500 mark being reached by the middle of January. He said he had faith in the progressive spirit of the farmers of Klamath county, and that he was quite sure that a great number of them could be counted on for liberal subscriptions.