

WILLIAMS PLEADS GUILTY

CANAL ORDINANCE MUST BE PASSED AGAIN BY BOARD

MAYOR'S DIAPPROVAL TIES UP MATTER

If the Measure to Have the Council Empowered to Take Over Ankeny Canal Gets on Ballot, It May Have to Be by Initiative Petition—In Order to Go Ahead Now, Bill Would Have to Be Adopted Again

The disapproving of the Ankeny canal measure by Mayor Nicholas makes it necessary to have the ordinance adopted again over this disapproval if the people are to vote on the question of amending the charter to allow the council to take over the waterway.

Whether this will be done or not is problematical. Some of the councilmen are of the opinion that if the people are really interested they should take the matter up by initiative petition.

Asked regarding the matter, City Attorney Rutenic made the following statement to the Herald:

"The opinion of Mayor Nicholas on the advisability of entering into a contract with the Government regarding disposition of the Ankeny ditch of the kind proposed, is unquestionably entitled to great consideration. My position, like his, is merely to serve the city's interests according to my best beliefs, in subordination, of course, to the higher authority of the Mayor and Council. As he stated in his communication to the Council, he is in favor of speedy disposition of the ditch, but personally opposed to the method proposed.

The difficulties of the Committee of the Council, which consulted with me during the progress of negotiations with the authorities, lay in the unwillingness of a few holders of water rights to relinquish them at a figure deemed attainable by the Committee, the insistence of the authorities that the obligations of the Government contained in its contract with the water users shall be conscientiously met.

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Is Sentenced to Imprisonment for Life

LOCAL WOMAN IS HELPED BY U. S.

CONGRESSMAN SINNOTT INTRODUCES BILL FOR INCREASE OF PENSION FOR MRS. EVELYN WAKEFIELD

(Herald Special Service)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 8.—Representative N. J. Sinnott introduced a pension bill in the House for the relief of Mrs. Evelyn Wakefield, of Klamath Falls, providing for an increase of pension on account of her invalid daughter.

Sinnott also introduced a bill making provision for compensation of Watson Edson, formerly superintendent on the Klamath Agency in the sum of \$137.50, for work done by him in invoicing property while winding up the affairs preparatory to turning the same over to his successor, William B. Freer, now superintendent of the Klamath school.

MALIN MAN ASKS FOR A DIVORCE

IN COMPLAINT FILED IN CIRCUIT COURT THIS AFTERNOON, RUDOLPH KLIMA ALLEGES HE WAS DESERTED

Alleging desertion and abandonment, Rudolph Klima today brought divorce proceedings against Mary Klima. O'Neill & Manning are his attorneys.

The complainant lives at Malin. He alleges that his wife left him in 1909.

SERIOUS FIGHTS IN ALL SECTIONS OF BATTLE LINES

GERMANS WRECK THE RUSSIAN AERIAL CORPS

Ten Airships Are Destroyed by Trenches—Release of Imprisoned Cardinal Is Demanded by Vatican—Fighting Is Hot Along the Meuse Front—Russian Army Moving Towards Prussia

United Press Service

BERLIN, Jan. 8.—(Wireless via Sayville, N. J.)—It was announced today that ten Russian air craft were destroyed today, and their crews captured or killed. The Russian aerial corps has been unusually active during the past few days, but are proving easy victims for the aerial gunners.

The situation in Poland remains practically unchanged. By sapping and mining the Germans have made some gains.

The official statement is in direct contradiction to the French reports, and declares that fighting in Flanders is impossible, owing to the rains and mud making transportation impossible.

French attacks in the vicinity of Rheims were repulsed, and further progress of the Germans is claimed in the Argonne region. Reports from Alsace and in the Vosges declare that the French attacks have been checked.

United Press Service

LONDON, Jan. 8.—The request, made in a statement issued by Lord Roseberry, Midlothian lord lieutenant, that the population remain in their homes and leave the fighting to the soldiers in the event of an attack by the Germans, indicates that the fear of a German raid has not abated.

The Rome correspondent of the Daily News says that in a lengthy interview with General von Beulow, Cardinal Gasparri demanded the immediate release of Cardinal Mercier, and his restoration to all rights regardless of his political position in Belgium.

United Press Service

PARIS, Jan. 8.—Serious fighting is now in progress as the result of the attempt of the French troops to retake the fortifications at St. Mihiel, and thus remove the wedge in the right wing in the Meuse district. A series of night attacks resulted in the taking of the outer trenches, and the heavy guns will be brought to bear on the fortifications.

Fierce fighting still continues in Alsace.

United Press Service

PETROGRAD, Jan. 8.—The northern Russian army is moving toward Prussia, and it is said has penetrated the German outer lines and slowly gaining, despite the bad weather.

It is also claimed that Russia now

First Photograph of the Mikado of Japan, Since the War Began



This is the first photograph of the young Mikado of Japan since his government declared war on Germany. He has been as active in encouraging his troops and marines as was his father in the war with Russia.

holds about 50,000 Turkish prisoners.

United Press Service

VIENNA, Jan. 8.—(Via Rome)—Austria is making a supreme attempt to raise a new army for the defense of Budapest and Vienna and attacking Serbia. Many who were rejected in former calls for troops are now being accepted, and only those who are actually unable to shoot are being turned down.

Mexican Consulate Destroyed by Fire

United Press Service

GALVESTON, Jan. 8.—Confirmation of the latest Mexican complications received here today in a cablegram from Vera Cruz states that the Mexican consulate was destroyed by fire. It is officially stated that Carranza has annulled all concessions of lands, forest, and water rights, granted since December 1876, promising to return this wealth to Mexican townships.

This means that foreign and American interests will be greatly affected.

Occasionally the charity that does not begin at home has to wind up there.

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BATTLE RAGING NEAR SALTILLO

VILLA REPORTED TO BE RAISING FORCE FOR PACIFICATION OF MEXICO—TREATIES ARE ANULLED BY CARRANZA

United Press Service

LAREDO, Jan. 8.—A fierce battle is in progress between Carranzists and Villists, the former is endeavoring to take Saltillo. Villa is reported to have called 1500 former federal officers, to reorganize Huerta's army and join Villa in the pacification of Mexico.

Shirtsleeve diplomacy may look thin for a cold winter, but it answers the purpose very well.

The war news makes it clear that in these times the Man on Horseback rides in a motor car.

There is always an over-production of things until the consumer goes to buy them.

Europe's war of the cultures is resolving itself into a physical endurance contest.

Still, the soldiers in the trenches do not notice how their winter flannels scratch.

Prisoner Tells of Rancher's Death

Frank Williams will not be tried for the murder of Allen C. McLeod near Midland, August 23. Today he entered a plea of guilty to second degree murder.

He was sentenced by Circuit Judge George Noland to spend the rest of his natural life in the Oregon penitentiary.

A large crowd of spectators packed the courthouse long before the prisoner was brought in. His attorney, W. H. A. Renner, stated that his client was ready to plead guilty to a second degree murder charge, not to one charging premeditation.

District Attorney John Irwin announced that as the death penalty was abolished, there was no difference in the first and second degree sentences, and he held that nothing could be gained by trying a first degree charge, entailing more expense for Klamath county, so in behalf of the state, he said a second degree verdict would be acceptable, providing statements be made for record in case the matter comes before a pardon board at a later date.

The prisoner was then asked to plead. He plead guilty to second degree murder.

Following this, District Attorney Irwin made a statement of the case as viewed from the angle of the state. He introduced a number of photographs of the scene of the crime, in addition to his talk.

Mr. Renner, who followed Irwin, paid the prosecutor a high compliment for his readiness in accepting the second degree plea, instead of trying to wrest glory or gold from trying the case at the county's expense.

"This shows," he said "that John Irwin has risen far above the common expectations of the everyday man, from a moral standpoint. The whole county ought to appreciate this great principle he has shown."

In his talk in behalf of the prisoner, Renner held that the two were close friends, that Williams worked for McLeod and that the latter owed him money which he could not collect. He read a statement written by Williams, in which he said that after they had had hot words about the debt, McLeod hit Williams on the head with a beer bottle, and the two began fighting.

Williams says he was besting McLeod in a fist fight, when the latter cut him several times with a knife. Williams then, according to his statement, wrested the knife from McLeod, and they fought again.

At this time, according to Williams, McLeod grasped a shot gun, and Williams an axe and 22-calibre rifle, and the latter ran for the barn

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District Is Still Alive

Horsefly Project Will Hold an Election Tuesday

If anyone has an idea that the Horsefly Irrigation district, which proposes to furnish water for thousands of acres of land near Bonanza, is an abandoned project, they must get another idea. Far from being a dead one the Horsefly project is very much alive, with a good future in prospect.

Notices have been issued calling for the biennial election. This is to be held Tuesday, and at that time a treasurer, and five district directors are to be chosen.

Just as soon as the county recovers fully from the depression brought about by the European war, the owners of the waterless irrigable land are confident that they will be

able to raise the funds necessary for the completion of the project by the sale of their bonds. As business is regaining its normal volume again, and financial matters are becoming more settled, there is prospect for some action within a year.

While it is not generally known, there has been several concerns figuring on the purchase of the bonds. In fact, it is stated by persons who ought to know, that at the time the war broke out, a deal was nearly closed for the sale of the bonds. The shutting of the stock exchanges and the scarcity of money at the time caused an abrupt cessation in the negotiations, but there is reason to look for these negotiations being resumed later.

What Soldiers Eat

U. S. Newspaperman Looks Into Allies' Larder

By WILLIAM PHILIP SIMMS (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH THE FRENCH ARMY AT THE FRONT, Nov. 30.—(By mail to New York)—Probably no army in the world, actually in the field, was ever better fed than is that of the Allies.

Every French soldier in the field is entitled to 23 1-3 ounces of bread a day; 3 1-3 ounces of rice, beans or peas; 10 ounces of meat; 1 1-3 ounces of sugar; one ounce of lard; 2-3 ounce of salt and a little more than 2-3 ounce of coffee.

These articles constitute the daily ration under ordinary conditions. There are times, however, when circumstances are extraordinary, when fresh meat, new bread, dried vege-

tables and regular coffee can not be delivered daily to the soldiers. Under such conditions the French fighting man falls back on his reserve rations, which are:

Ten ounces of "biscuit" or "war bread" as hard tack in known in the French army; 10 ounces of canned meat; 2 2-3 ounces of sugar, 1 2-3 ounces of soup essence, in cube form; 1 1-4 ounces of essence of coffee, also in cube form, and .0625 litre (1-16 of a quart) of brandy.

Back of the fighting line the French soldier has never had to fall back on his reserve rations. He al-

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