

MARSH OWNERS HAVE PETITION ALMOST READY

LACK ONLY SIGNATURES OF LANDHOLDERS

According to document to be presented to County Court by Klamath Drainage District Landowners, Nearly Thirty Thousand Acres of Swamp and Marsh Will Be Reclaimed by Their Project

Within a very short time the petition for the creation of the Klamath drainage district, which proposes the reclaiming of lands around Lower Klamath lake, will be ready for filing.

The petition is all prepared now, and awaits the signatures of the petitioners. According to the petition, the proposed project will reclaim 27,333.16 acres. The purpose of reclamation is given as public benefit, sanitary purposes, improvement of agriculture, and prevention of the overflow of flood waters and the rise in the level of the seepage surface.

The plan is described as follows: The construction of a series of dykes, levees or embankments along the sides of the waterway known as the Klamath Strait, and around the border or edge of Lower Klamath lake, and the construction of connecting dykes, levees or embankments along the lines of drainage canals to be constructed so that the waters of said Klamath Strait and said Lower Klamath lake will not overflow and inundate the lands to be drained; the drainage canal so proposed, and Klamath Strait to form the channels through which the surplus water is to be conducted to the Klamath river.

BOILER EXPLODES ON U.S. CRUISER; FOUR MEN KILLED

MEASURE DETAILS ARE GIVEN OUT BY NAVY

Cruiser San Diego, Making a Government Test off the West Coast of Mexico Yesterday Afternoon, Suffered an Explosion Caused by Low Water—Vessel Goes Into Harbor at Guaymas Without Aid

United Press Service WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Four sailors were killed and nine seriously injured in an explosion on the cruiser San Diego, off the west coast of Mexico at six o'clock yesterday afternoon. A navy department despatch states that low water in the boiler tube caused the explosion. The dead are: William F. Willott, of Brooklyn; Ambus L. Hardee, Joplin, Mo.; Clifford A. Western, Davenport, California; Oscar Wicatt, El Centro, California.

United Press Service SAN DIEGO, Jan. 22.—The cruiser San Diego, which was the victim of an explosion late yesterday afternoon, in which four were killed, is now safe in the harbor at Guaymas, Mexico, according to reports received by naval officers here. It is announced that the San Diego left Laha yesterday morning on the navy department's annual 24-hour test cruise. This is a most strenuous test, and requires the vessels to maintain a forced draught. It was either during the test, or soon afterwards, that the blowup occurred.

SPORTSMEN SEND OUT RESOLUTION

IN ADDITION TO RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED LAST NIGHT, TELEGRAMS SENT TO SOLONS IN LEGISLATURE

The second step in Klamath's fight against the passage of a bill eliminating the state fish and game commission and the turning of game license fees into the state general fund, was taken last night, when at a mass meeting conducted by the Klamath Sportsmen's Association, the following resolutions were adopted by unanimous vote:

"Be it resolved by the Klamath Sportsmen's Association in mass meeting assembled, that we hereby emphatically protest against any material change being made in the game laws of Oregon at this session of the legislature: "That we hereby express our especial protest against any measure seeking to transfer the game fund and revenue therefrom to the general fund of the state, or to abolish the administration of such funds by the game commission:

"All revenues derived from fish and game licenses are a special tax upon sportsmen alone, such revenues should be used exclusively for fish and game protection and propagation and for the necessary expenses of the commission and wardens in carrying on such work. By such use of the funds, the benefit to the state at large, in attracting tourists and providing recreation for her citizens, more than offsets any minor expense to the taxpayers which may be incurred under the present administration of the game fund:

"Be it further resolved that copies of these resolutions be sent to Governor Withycombe and to our representatives in the legislature with instructions to present the same."

In addition, telegrams were sent the Klamath-Lake-Crook county delegation in the legislature, urging them to vigorously oppose the measure. Furthermore, every business man was asked to write to jobbing firms in Portland that he trades with, asking them to bring pressure to bear for the defeat of the abolition measure.

Steamer Burns in Chesapeake Bay

United Press Service Baltimore, Jan. 22.—Eighty-five persons were rescued, some from icy waters, when the steamer Maryland burned in Chesapeake Bay today. So far as is known, there was no lives lost.

Schuebel Bill Is Passed by House

United Press Service SALEM, Jan. 22.—The House today passed the bill of Schuebel, of Clackamas, doubling the fees to be imposed upon the salmon packers. This is with a view to making commercial fishing a self-supporting industry. The bill also proposes the adjustment of fees exacted of cannery owners and owners of stationary fishing gear so, no state appropriations will be needed to maintain the fisheries hereafter.

Mrs. O'Neill Improves The many friends of Mrs. C. M. O'Neill will be glad to learn that she has taken a turn for the better, following a serious illness of several days' duration.

Go to Seattle Mrs. J. S. Peck and children will leave Sunday or Monday for Seattle, Wash., where they will join Mr. Peck, who is at present employed in the Washington metropolis.

Another Church Shelled

Pope Asks Germans to Be More Moderate in Way



POPE BENEDICT XV

United Press Service PARIS, Jan. 22.—The bombardment of historic Ste. Die by the German artillery has been officially reported. Six shells at least fell in the heart of the city. It is reported, though not confirmed, that one of the shells damaged the cathedral, which was built in the eleventh century. A school erected in the eighth century was also slightly damaged. There is no mention of loss of life. The residents fled in panic. News of the bombardment of the

picturesque city has caused great indignation. United Press Service ROME, Jan. 22.—The Germans should use more moderation in their devastation of cities, and treatment of non-combatants. "I speak now with especial respect to church and to priests." The above statement was made today by the Pope, in a consideration of the reports of the destruction of more cathedrals by the German army. The recommendations of the Vatican on this subject are to be sent to the Kaiser.

Smith Plans Saving State on Printing

(Herald Special Service) SALEM, Jan. 22.—A sweeping change is to be made in the handling of the state printing if a bill introduced by Smith, of Klamath, is adopted. Heretofore, there has been one general fund for printing used by all state departments, and hundreds of thousands of dollars have been wasted by extravagant officials. The bill creates a state printing board, of the governor, secretary of state and state treasurer. All printing must be paid for by each department at cost, and after this year, no appropriation is to be made for the state printing plant. Ten per cent of earnings is to be set aside each year for renewals of outfit, but the plant cannot be enlarged. Publication of voluminous reports and worthless stationery will thus be abolished, and an annual saving of at least \$100,000 over that of years past can be made. Twenty-one bills were disposed of in the House, most of them on report of the judicial committee. When next they come up, they will be ready for passage or rejection. The senate spent the most of the morning on the language of a bill providing for culminative voting shares in stock corporations. The bill was finally made a special order of business for Monday forenoon. No afternoon session of the senate was held. The members went in a body to Albany to attend the funeral of the father of President W. LaR Thompson, who died Wednesday night. The House recessed from 11:30 to 2, out of respect to Thompson's bereavement.

Home from Roseburg W. F. Arant has returned from a visit with friends in Roseburg and Ashland.

Gelinger Returns A. C. Gelinger, manager of the Ashland Fruit and Produce store, returned last night with Mrs. Gelinger and son from a jaunt of several weeks to Coast points. After visiting in Ashland they went to Portland, and from there by steamer to California towns. Mr. Gelinger says business is picking up outside again, but he maintains that Klamath is by no means as bad off as other places.

Stubborn Fights On All Fields In European Fight

United Press Service LONDON, Jan. 22.—It is announced that the British steamer Durward was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine, twenty-two miles north-west of the Bas lightship, near the south of the River Mass. The crew was rescued by a Dutch pilot boat.

According to prominent officials here, the English view is that Germany's ultimate defeat, and is now planning to use the most desperate of war measures.

The torpedoing of the Durward is accepted as the first move in the policy announced for Germany by Grand Admiral von Tirpitz, in his interview with Karl von Wiegand of the United Press, on December 2.

Despatches from Amsterdam report a furious attack by the German troops in the region of Vlasy.

The Teutons repeatedly stormed the Allies' trenches, and, after being forced back, they crept from their own trenches and again attacked. This time, the Allies had withdrawn also and the Germans advanced across quagmire ground covered with barbed wire entanglements.

United Press Service PETROGRAD, Jan. 22.—The bloodiest engagement since the new Russian offensive toward Prussia started, is now developing along the four-mile battle front.

Desperate fighting rages along the Mulne river. Both sides are losing heavily. Yesterday the Russians took Skempe.

United Press Service PARIS, Jan. 22.—It is admitted that the Germans continue their check from near Ste. Mihiel, and are now attacking toward the sea. This indicates that the efforts to drive a wedge through the German force failed.

United Press Service AMSTERDAM, Jan. 22.—A despatch today says an Austrian aviator, bearing a message from Przemyel, collided in midair with Russians seeking to intercept him. Both machines fell and the men were killed.

UNION MEETING WELL ATTENDED

INCREASING INTEREST IN THE CO-OPERATIVE EVANGELISTIC SERVICES—PRAYER MEETINGS ARE ALSO BEING HELD

The co-operative evangelistic services are being conducted this week at the Methodist church. The meetings are increasing both in interest and attendance. They are marked by a deep and quiet spirit that is an omen for great good, both to the churches and the city. A spirit of perfect harmony exists between the churches which adds

greatly to the interest of the meetings.

The subject for the week is "Evidences." Rev. Stubbelfield preached Monday night on the subject, "Is There a God." Tuesday Elder Harlan had the subject, "The Bible." Wednesday the subject was "Jesus and the Resurrection." Rev. Simmons being the speaker. Thursday Rev. Richards spoke upon the subject, "The Holy Spirit."

Tonight the laymen of the churches have the meeting, and the general subject for the week will be followed. Sunday night there will be union services at the Methodist church and Elder Harlan will deliver the sermon.

Four prayer meetings are held in different homes of the city each afternoon except Saturday. Those for today are at the homes of Mrs. Grimes, 823 Walnut street; Mrs. Kanaster, next to the Baptist church on Eighth street; Mrs. Beebe, on High street, between 10 and 11; and at the home of Rev. Stubbelfield, near the Presbyterian church. The services began at 8:30.

Horsemen Get \$30,000

Sales to French Government and Buyers Were Big

No matter how much Klamath county may have lost through the European war, in the past week, this section has received \$13,000 just because the nations of Europe are slaughtering each other, and need horses to transport deadly artillery. That is the sum spent for horses here by the French government. But this was not all that was realized from the sale at the Adams ranch, at Merrill. A still larger number of horses were bought by commission men, so the total receipts to Klamath county stockmen and farmers reached about \$30,000. Representatives of the French government wanted good horses, and they were willing to pay for them. Their prices ranged, but the average price was about \$100 a head. A total of 130 horses were purchased for artillery purposes. Just as good prices were paid for the 165 head of horses purchased at the same time by San Francisco livestock commission men. These horses were a little different than the type wanted for the military service, but were excellent for other purposes, so they were purchased at about \$100 a head.

CURIOUS BARRED FROM THE ROOM

NOTICE IS POSTED ON CIRCUIT COURT DOOR THAT ONLY WITNESSES WILL BE ALLOWED IN COURT TODAY

The throngs who went to the courthouse this morning to hear the testimony offered in the Jonas case were confounded to find a notice in the door leading to the circuit court room that stated none but witnesses would be admitted. This was put up by order of the court. The state's case was finished this forenoon, and this afternoon, Jonas' witnesses are being examined. The matter will be in the jury's hands tomorrow.

Carrothers and Villa are Friends

United Press Service EL PASO, Jan. 22.—U. S. Consul John Carrothers is safe at the headquarters of General Villa, according to a despatch received here today. The report that Villa shot Carrothers was ridiculed by friends of both Carrothers and Villa.

Fountain Named for County Job

After considering several applications for the position, the county court yesterday afternoon appointed John Fountain as janitor of the courthouse. His salary is to be \$50 a month. Fountain begins his new duties on February first.

More Jap Restriction

California Legislature Again Ready to Fuss Bryan

United Press Service SACRAMENTO, Jan. 22.—Assemblyman Shartell today introduced in the House a bill to take away from the Japanese and other aliens the right to lease land, which for three years, is incorporated in the present California anti-alien land law. When consideration of this bill comes up, it will more than likely precipitate the hottest kind of debate. It is aimed to take away from the Asiatics the right to lease lands, the addition of which to the 1913 law practically removed serious objection by the United States and by Japan to the Webb bill, passed two years ago over the protest of President Wilson. Shartell is said to have a strong backing in both houses on this measure, and will fight hard to have it placed upon the statutes of this state. As yet, Governor Johnson has refrained from making a statement regarding it, apparently awaiting the time it is considered.