

## BERESFORD SAYS SINKING OF U. S. SHIP INTENTIONAL

HOLDS GERMANY WOULD THUS INVOLVE U. S.

British "Fighting Bob" Makes Statement to the United Press—Cathedral at Rheims is Again Bombarded Wantonly by the German Artillery. According to Reports Received at Paris Today

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LONDON, Feb. 23.—"Germany will not sink an American merchantman unless by design. A German torpedo finding its mark in the hull of an American vessel will have in reality been aimed and fired from Berlin.

"If an American merchantman is sunk, it will be for the express purpose of dragging America into war." The man who spoke the above this morning is England's best known and best loved sailor—Admiral Lord Charles Beresford.

His name probably more than any other, carries to Americans the picture of the typical British sea fighter. It is to Englishmen what Fighting Bob Evans was to Americans. Also, he is one of the clearest naval thinkers of the age.

United Press Service

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Norwegian steamer Regin was sunk in the channel yesterday, while en route from Tyn to Bordeaux with coal. The vessel was torpedoed and sank in less than 15 minutes. The crew was saved.

PARIS, Feb. 23.—It is officially announced that the Rheims cathedral one of the structures erected in the Middle Ages, was again severely damaged by shells in the heavy German bombardment yesterday.

The Germans are said to have fired more than 1,500 shells into Rheims, and twenty civilians are reported killed. Later advice say the roof of the cathedral was pierced by several shells and the interior partially wrecked. The cathedral seemed to be the target for the German guns.

The first bombardment lasted all hours, and was later renewed for five hours.

The legislature passed a bill for a 5 per cent preferential on Oregon-made products in public buildings, without a dissenting vote.

## LOCAL ELKS HOME SHOWN IN PAPERS

PORTLAND SUNDAY EDITIONS SHOW VIEWS OF SPLENDID STRUCTURE LODGE PLANS TO ERECT HERE

The Sunday Oregonian and Journal print pictures of the Elks' home to be erected here on the corner of Third and Main streets, known as the Martin property. The Oregonian makes the following comment:

The plans and specifications prepared by Architects Houghtaling & Dougan, of Portland, for the erection of the proposed new Elks temple at Klamath Falls, call for the expenditure of approximately \$50,000. The structure will be two stories and basement over a 50x100-foot foundation and built in the center of a site 80x130 feet in area.

The basement will provide a gymnasium, swimming pool, locker rooms and steam heating plant. A women's parlor, writing, reading, lounging, billiard, card and bar rooms will be located on the first floor, while the second floor will be devoted to lodge and ante rooms and a large banquet hall.

The interior will be decorated snugly with ornamental plaster, the general scheme of architecture being faithful to the Adam and Georgian periods. The exterior will be red brick with terra cotta trimmings and columns. Mason Robers, of Portland, representing the firm of Houghtaling & Dougan, will supervise the construction work at Klamath Falls.

The working drawings are now being rushed to completion in the hope of having the job ready for contractors' bid by March 1.

The building may be heated by electricity, making it one of the few structures of that type in the country.

### Port Magnate Returns

J. J. Otey, who conducts a garage, real estate and insurance business at Fort Klamath, came in Sunday night on his way home to the Wood River valley metropolis, after a visit of several weeks in Portland. Mr. Otey looks for bigger travel than ever to Crater Lake and vicinity this summer.

### Mosler Leaves Service

After being connected with the Klamath project for six years, most of the time as hydrographer, Leland Mosler has resigned, to go into business for himself. W. H. Humphrey, who has been hydrographer on the Sunnyside project, succeeds Mosler, and is here with his wife from North Yekima. Mr. Mosler leaves this week to attend the Exposition, and he will also visit Portland and Seattle before returning.

Welch & Co., Baker undertakers, will erect an \$8,000 building.

A promotion of gas plants has Corvallis on the list.

## German War Zone Which Has Been Established About the British Isles



The shaded portion of this map shows the waters about the British Isles and in the English Channel and the North Sea in which, if the German declarations are to be taken at their face value, it will be dangerous for any American merchant ship, unconvoyed by American battleships, or the merchant ships of any other neutral nation, to sail. Count Bernstorff, German ambassador to the United States has stated that since British merchant ships have been directed to carry guns and to attack German submarines, even when the officers of the submarines are boarding them to learn their identity there will be no time for investigation at sea. Therefore, a ship with an American flag may be attacked. He says: "The safety of neutral shipping in the war zone around the British Isles is seriously threatened. There is also an increased danger resulting from mines, as these will be laid in the war zone to a great extent. Accordingly neutral ships are most urgently warned against entering that area, while the course around Scotland will be safe. "Germany has been compelled to resort to this kind of warfare by the murderous ways of British naval warfare, which aims at the destruction of legitimate neutral trade and at the starvation of the German people. Germany will be obliged to adhere to the announced principles until England submits to the recognized rules of warfare, established by the Declaration of Paris and London, or until she is compelled to do by the neutral powers."

## HISTORIC CASES DROPPED TODAY

CRIMINAL CASES SO FAR BACK THAT CIRCUMSTANCES ARE FORGOTTEN ARE THROWN OUT OF CIRCUIT COURT

When Circuit Judge Noland stated a couple of days ago that he would clean the criminal docket today, he spoke advisedly. As a result, more than a score of old criminal cases that have been hanging fire for as long as seven years, were dropped from the roll.

Many of the cases concern affairs in which the defendants have been serving sentences, broke jail or escaped before arrest.

The following criminal cases were dropped from the docket:

- State vs Garrett, indicted December, 1911, on charge of obtaining money under false pretenses.
- State vs Fay Melbourne; indicted December, 1911, on charge of conducting bawdy house; trial resulted in disagreement.
- State vs Timothy Kouts; indicted June, 1910, on charge of assault with dangerous weapon; now serving sentence on similar charge.
- State vs Leo Henderson; indicted December, 1910, for forgery; two charges.
- State vs Buckmaster; indicted 1908, on charge of larceny.
- State vs Goodlow & Norcross; indicted 1908, on charge of larceny; Goodlow serving time on another charge; Norcross never arrested.
- State vs Charles Walker; indicted

1908, on charge of larceny of horse; is now serving time on another charge.

State vs Charles Hamaker; indicted 1908, on charge of larceny; escaped jail before trial.

State vs J. J. Hjort; indicted 1908, on charge of larceny of a steer; never arrested.

State vs Fred Collins; indicted 1908, on charge of larceny of a horse; serving time on another charge.

State vs Leo Henderson; indicted 1910, on charge of forgery; now serving time on another charge.

State vs J. W. Norris; indicted 1911, on charge of obtaining property under false pretenses; now serving time on another charge. Two cases.

State vs E. M. Speagle; indicted 1911, on charge of larceny; never apprehended.

State vs John D. Carroll; indicted 1913, on charge of stealing horse; now serving time on another charge.

The cases dismissed by order of are district attorney were:

unwholesome meat. Williams now unwholesome meat. Williams now serving life sentence.

State vs T. E. Butts; indicted for breaking down a fence; insufficient evidence.

State vs Johnson and White; indicted for larceny; same issues tried in burglary case.

State vs F. A. Williamson; indicted for wanton injury to an animal; insufficient evidence.

State vs Mike Rodien; indicted 1914, on charge of pointing revolver at another; insufficient evidence; plead guilty to similar charge and served jail sentence.

The charge of perjury on which Clarence Harris was indicted in 1911 was continued for the term.

Civil cases dismissed this morning were: Van Ripper vs Ward; Rabbes vs Hector.

## MOTORISTS MUST SECURE LICENSE

POLICE FORCE ISSUES A "WAR ZONE" ORDER AGAINST UN-NUMBERED AND NOISY MOTORCYCLES AFTER MARCH 1

The latest "war zone" mandate is issued by the Klamath Falls police department. The extent of the zone is over Klamath Falls, and the order goes into effect March 1, when all autos and motorcycles without licenses will be gathered in.

"The motorists have had two months to secure licenses in, and it is up to us to enforce the law," said Chief of Police Smith today. "After the first, we will arrest all drivers whose cars or motorcycles are not licensed. Licenses do not cost a fortune, and certainly if motorists can buy gasoline and oil to run around the streets for pastime, they can certainly afford the license fee."

Another thing that is to be ended by the police is the noisy manner in which motorcycles are run around on Main street. The state laws and city ordinances both prohibit excessive noise, and the cyclists who are running around with the exhaust wide open must use mufflers or pay a fine.

There has been much complaint made against some motorcyclists who are wont to noisily fly down the street, their machines emitting noise and smoke enough for a battle, disturbing even those in offices on second floors.

## TO INVESTIGATE SUGAR INDUSTRY

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE DIRECTORS, AFTER DISCUSSION, DECIDE TO PLACE MATTER IN HANDS OF A COMMITTEE

A committee is to be named by the Klamath Chamber of Commerce to make a complete investigation of the sugar beet industry, the proposal of F. S. Bramwell and his associates, and the attitude of Klamath county farmers toward the project. This was decided at an enthusiastic meeting last night.

The committee will be named later by the chair. The members will be supplied with the data at hand, and will also correspond with communities where factories are located, asking as to the amount of beets one farmer can profitably raise, labor entailed, expense of cultivation, form of contract with sugar companies and other similar matters. They will take up the Bramwell proposition with Mr. Bramwell, and when they report to the Chamber of Commerce, they will have matters in such shape that the farmers and others will know exactly what to expect in the way of acreage, profits, expenses, etc.

The general sentiment was strongly in favor of a beet factory as soon as the necessary data can be prepared.

"I know one man in this county who will donate a site for the location of a factory," said W. T. Lee.

## MISSING TRAPPER IS IN ILLINOIS?

THIS IS A MATTER THAT IS PUZZLING SHERIFF LOW, FOLLOWING RECEIPT OF LETTERS FROM TAYLOR

According to letters forwarded to Sheriff C. C. Low by Babe Taylor, who lives near Barclay Springs, M. R. Johnson, the trapper who has been missing since early in the spring of 1914, is alive and well in Hillview, Illinois. One of these letters is signed by Johnson, the other by his brother, who lives in Stockton, Illinois.

Johnson was trapping around Naylox, and lived in a cabin near Barclay Springs. One night, after supper at Taylors, he set out for his cabin, and has not been seen since. Several days later, search was started, and Sheriff Low made several trips to the cabin. A note was found in Johnson's suitcase, saying he was going to Klamath Falls, and would return in a couple of days, but he never returned.

Except his money none of Johnson's effects were taken. Sheriff

## LUNCHEON TODAY PROVES SUCCESS IN EVERY FORM

OVER A HUNDRED GUESTS ATTEND AFFAIR

As a Result of Efficient Management by Women's Civic League, and the Services of High School Girls, Menu of Merit is Served Without a Blotch—Motion Picture Show This Afternoon for Women

More than a hundred Klamath county farmers and their wives were the guests of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce and the Women's Civic League at a luncheon given at the noon hour in the Bristol building, which proved an unprecedented success in every way, and did much to engender the best of feelings between town and county people.

Mrs. G. W. White, Mrs. Geo. T. Baldwin, Mrs. Louis H. Bath and Mrs. J. P. Lee of the civic league, supervised. The guests were served with a splendid repast made possible by generous donations from Nurm's Bakery, Shive Bros., Klamath Meat Co., Roberts & Whitmore, Roberts & Hanks, Straw's Dairy, Hurn Hardware Co., Evans Bros., Klamath Creamery, Van Ripper Bros., J. V. Houston, Baldwin Hardware Co., Mrs. Joe Moore, Hall Grill, Rex Cafe, Western Transfer Co., M. E. church, E. M. Chilcote California-Oregon Power Co. and many other institutions, besides a number of Klamath Falls women who prepared pies, cakes and other dainties.

Miss Milam was in charge of the serving of viands, assisted by the following high school girls:

Hazel Griffith, Adela Fitzpatrick, Anna Johnston, Jennie Johnston, Bessie Drexler, Katherine East, Katherine Kirkpatrick, Margaret Wood, Marie Zumpfe, Gertrude Staub, Beale Ogle, Maud Miller and Minnie Griffith.

Following the luncheon the guests attended the afternoon session of the short course. At four this afternoon the women registered for the course were the guests of honor at a special matinee, given at the Star theater—this being still another donation by John V. Houston.

The C. A. Smith mills, on Coos Bay, will operate in spite of financial straits.

Low and others are much mystified by the sudden turn in the case, and further inquiry will be made into the matter.

One peculiar incident is the fact that the first time Sheriff Low visited Johnson's cabin, he searched the bed for weapons with no success. The next time he visited, he found Johnson's rifle on the bed.

## Americans in the War

Experiences of Yankees in French Army Are Given

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LONDON, Feb. 23.—"Always ready for a feast or a frolic—the greatest fighting unit in the French army." This was the description applied today to the French-American foreign legion by one of its members, Phil Rader, Chicago journalist, artist and soldier. Back on furlough from the trenches the Chicagoan painted an intimate word picture of the type of men in the legion.

"There are Americans in the service from every part of the United States and from every walk of life," he said. "I think the most interest-

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## Changes in Game Laws

Klamath Now Only County to Enjoy Quail Shooting

(By W. O. SMITH)

Very few changes were made in the fish and game laws by the legislature this year. The open season for deer with horns has been shortened two weeks and hereafter will open on August 15, instead of August 1. The season closes October 31. The open season on ducks, geese, rails, coots and shore birds remains the same, in District No. 2, September 15 to February 15. The open season for sage hens will open July 15, instead of August 1, and close August 31. Klamath county is the only county in the state where quail hunting can be enjoyed. The new law provides: "There shall be no open season for mountain or plumed, California Bob White, and valley quail, except in Klamath county, where the open season shall be from October 1 to October 15. Bag limit is ten of such birds in any one consecutive days. The open season on all the quail, except the mountain quail, shall be from October 1 to October 15, or Western Oregon, or