

# WEED LUMBER PLANT BURNING

## TURKISH FLEET DISAPPEARS, TO ALLIES' WONDER

BEHEIVED IT HAD RETIRED TO BOSPHORUS

German Troops Near Prasnysz Have Narrow Escape From Complete Envelopment by Russians, and Escape Only After Desperate Fight, Leaving Wounded—Rheims Is Again Bombarded, According to Paris

United Press Service

LONDON, March 4.—Today's Athens dispatches say that the Turkish fleet assigned to combat the allies inside the Dardanelles has fled. Admiralty officers are puzzled at the mysterious disappearance.

The ships slipped from Niagara Road into the Sea of Marmora, and the reconnoitering flights thus far up the sea have failed to locate them. It is believed that the fleet has withdrawn to a point near Constantinople, prepared to resist the passage of the Bosphorus by the allies.

United Press Service

BERLIN, March 4.—(Via London)—Forty thousand Germans narrowly escaped capture and annihilation by Russians in the recent fighting at Prasnysz.

The corps advanced east from the town, following a victory in the outskirts, when it was surrounded almost completely by 120,000 Russians. Only by the most desperate fighting did the Germans extricate themselves, leaving many dead and wounded.

United Press Service

PARIS, March 4.—The Germans again bombarded Rheims yesterday. All day shells struck at three minute intervals, wrecking many buildings.

Here to Reside.

Mr. and Mrs. L. D. Kossentz, wife and child have arrived from Greenleaf, Kans., to reside here. They will live on the Keno road.

## Dying Congress Confirms the Promotion of Canal Genius



MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE W. GOETHALS

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The senate, in open session, just before adjournment today confirmed the promotion of Colonel George W. Goethals to the rank of major general in the United States army, a fitting tribute to the indomitable genius whose splendid efforts made possible that international dream, centuries old—the Panama canal.

## BOYS BEAT UP GUARD; ESCAPE

REFORM SCHOOL AT IONE SCENE OF JUVENILE BREAK—FOUR RECAPTURED AFTER SHORT CHASE

United Press Service

STOCKTON, March 4.—Ten boy inmates of the Preston reform school at Ione escaped last night, after beating Guard Dan Griffin so severely he may die. They took the guard's revolver and ammunition from him.

Four of the boys were captured early this morning. The other six are supposed to be making their way toward Stockton.

## GREAT PROGRAM AT SHASTA VIEW

PACKED HOUSE ENJOYS PATRIOTIC EXERCISES OF SONGS, RECITATIONS AND DIALOGUES BY THE PUPILS OF SCHOOL

(Herald Special Service)

SHASTA VIEW, March 4.—On Friday evening, February 26, the Shasta View school celebrated Washington's birthday. The school room was tastefully decorated with small flags, and Old Glory was suspended from the ceiling over the platform. A well filled house greeted those who participated in the exercises. Following is the program:

- Song—"Mount Vernon Bells" School Biography of Washington
  - Gertrude Jones
  - "Our Flag" Henry Adamek
  - "Washington and His Hatchet" Hazel Hunt
  - "Which General" Lester Wilson
  - Quotations From Washington
  - Grammar School
  - "Our Native Land" Beulah Hunt
  - Song—"My Native Land" School
  - "Washington's Birthday" Marjorie Jones
  - "The Boys We Need" Ivan Otoman
  - Duet—"Marching Exercise" Hazel Hunt, Mary Kotara
  - "Supposed Speech of John Adams" Joe Micka
  - "If I Had a Hatchet" Josie Micka
  - Song—"Yankee Doodle" School
  - Flag Salute School
- After the literary exercises, the pupils of the grammar grade demonstrated what can be accomplished in parliamentary practice in rural schools. Many favorable comments were heard regarding the drill.

Home From Trip. P. L. Fountain has returned from a trip to San Francisco, where he attended the fair, and to Merced, where he visited his son, Dr. Fountain.

According to the calculations in the navy year book which was issued January 22, by the senate naval committee, the United States will yield third place among the world's sea powers to France with the completion of all ships under construction up to July 1, 1915.

## MERRILL TREASURY BROUGHT INTO THE COURTS OF COUNTY

CITY TREASURER ORDERED TO MAKE REPORT

Alternative Writ of Mandamus Is Issued Today by Circuit Judge Noland Upon an Application Submitted by T. J. Joseph—The Application Charges Mrs. Merrill With Not Conducting Her Office as Required

United Press Service

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Wilson's signature to the last bill was the signal for the concluding ceremonies. The usual dramatic and historic scenes were enacted, then followed a wild dash for trains by the members.

In the jam of the eleventh hour, the legislation and postoffice and the Indian appropriation bills failed. Emergency resolutions to provide for postoffice and Indian funds were passed.

President Wilson expressed delight at the work of the members. He said his term of office has been a most unique experience. Regarding affairs he stated that not a single communication has been dispatched from the state department without his O. K. on it, and that as a result of prolonged strain, he is rather tired, and longs for a rest.

## CONGER AVENUE PLANS TO PAVE

PETITION TO BE INTRODUCED AT MONDAY NIGHT'S COUNCIL MEETING ASKS IMPROVEMENT OF TWO STREETS

Improvement of Conger avenue from Main to California avenue, and California avenue from Conger avenue to Third street, is asked for in a petition to be submitted to the council Monday night by property owners along the two streets.

The petition calls for improvement by paving with oiled macadam, rock, or some other suitable material, the improved strip to be thirty feet in width.

Besides the street work, the petition also asks for a concrete curbing and a five foot concrete sidewalk along the lower or westerly side of Conger avenue.

Count Karl Starckh, the Austrian premier, has resigned. He probably will be succeeded by Dr. I. von Billinski, the Austro-Hungarian minister of finance.

The Italian government has appropriated the sum of \$5,000,000 for the relief of the earthquake victims.

Spain has decided not to send the battleship Espana to the opening of the Panama canal, because Admiral Dewey will be present at the ceremony.

Stupendous, thrilling, "The Stain," is six parts. Star tonight.

## WILSON DECLARES CONGRESS BRINGS PROSPERITY HERE

PRESIDENT PRAISES THE WORK ACCOMPLISHED

In Eleventh Hour Rush, Postoffice and Indian Appropriation Bills Failed, But Emergency Resolutions Were Passed to Provide for These Funds. Wild Dash for Homeward Bound Train Is Windup.

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The following statement was issued by Wilson from the White House:

"A great congress has closed its session. Its work will prove the purpose and quality of its statesmanship more and more the longer it is tested. Business now has time for calm and thoughtful readjustment before it, disturbed only by the European war.

"The circumstances created by the war puts the nation under a special test of true character and honest self-control. The constant thought of every patriotic man should now be for this country, its peace and order, its just tempered judgment in the face of perplexing difficulties. Its dignity and strength alike will appear, not only in a revival of its business, but also its power to think to purpose and to act with patience, disinterest and fairness."

## BUBB BUTTS INTO MERRILL POLITICS

FORMER KLAMATH FALLS MAN IS CHOSEN TREASURER OF MERRILL—GEORGE OFFIELD AGAIN CITY RECORDER

According to advices from Merrill Ernest M. Bubb, cashier of the First National bank, was elected city treasurer at the election held there this week. Other officers elected at that time were:

Councilmen—W. F. Whiting and J. S. Fruit. Recorder—George Offield. The term of Mayor F. B. Merrill did not expire at this time.

The plant of the Weed Lumber company is burning, and seems doomed to destruction.

Meagre advices received late this afternoon state that the lumber yard is a mass of flames, and that the box factory and other frame structures were catching fire.

The fire was also sweeping along the railroad line on the Klamath branch line, according to the Weed telegraph office. In this case, there is danger of the communication with Klamath Falls being cut off, if the Weed station, close to the lumber company's plants, is not destroyed.

So certain does it appear that the entire plant is going that an engine has been dispatched to Yreka to procure all the dynamite possible.

With this, buildings and structures in the path of the flames will be razed, in the hope of stopping the progress of the conflagration, and its control before every cent invested by the Weed Lumber company goes up in smoke.

The Weed Lumber company gives employment to at least a thousand men and its destruction will mean the loss of a monthly payroll of at least \$75,000.

During the season's run, between \$5,000,000 and \$6,000,000 feet of lumber has been used in the various departments of the Weed Lumber company, which means that the output has been about half a million feet a day.

The box factory used 250,000 feet a day, besides the big amounts used by the sash and door factory, as the Weed Wedge Dowel Co., inventor and patented by O. E. Evans, manager of the big company, has a business sale all over the nation.

## HINCKS WILL NEED MEN IN A MONTH

COMPLETION OF MODOC POINT PROJECT STRUCTURES AND FLUMES WILL GIVE EMPLOYMENT TO THIRTY OR FORTY

There is still about a three-inch depth of snow on the Modoc Point irrigation project, according to Project Engineer H. W. Hincks, who is here on a business trip, and it will possibly be the 1st of April before construction work is resumed to any great extent.

"When the weather conditions are

right, we will put to work the mass of metal flume, and build the concrete structures in the canal and flumes," said Mr. Hincks today. "When this work is finished, we will start work on the rebuilding of the dam of the Klamath Agency so we will have employment for thirty or forty men."

"I expect to start work next week in a limited way with a few members of the old crew."

Art Club Meets. The Art Department of the Women's Library Club meets tomorrow afternoon at the Library Club building, from 2:30 to 4:30, when the usual instructions in needlework will be given. All interested women are invited.

Frederico Gonzalez Garza has been appointed confidential agent for the convention government of Mexico City to the United States government.

## Freight Rates Discussed

### Southern Pacific Official Talks About Live Issue

Following is a portion of the talk on freight rates, etc., given to Klamath Falls business men at a meeting of the Klamath Chamber of Commerce last night, by J. B. Light, traveling freight and passenger agent for the Southern Pacific:

In answer to a report to the effect that business men in the Klamath territory are complaining of the present freight rate adjustment, I am glad to have this opportunity to present the Southern Pacific's side of the question.

The carriers are now coming before the public in all matters of public policy. They lay their case before them and depend on them for justice. This, we believe, we will get when we are understood. From my experience I can see no reason why this should not have been done long ago.

Rates are made by the same methods that the charges are assessed for service or commodities in any other business. Railroad rates are not a tax, as has been said, but a legitimate charge for a service performed.

Here are the rates on commodities produced here to markets, per hundred pounds:

- Grain (carloads) to San Francisco, 25 cents.
- Hams, to Sacramento, 21 cents.
- Potatoes (carloads) to San Francisco, Stockton, Sacramento, 30 cents.
- Hay (carloads) to San Francisco, Stockton, Sacramento, San Jose, 25 cents.
- New Rates.
- Lumber (carloads) to Sacramento, 10% cents.
- Lumber to other points will be based on above rate.
- Mineral Water (carloads) to San Francisco and Sacramento, 35% cents.
- Same to Los Angeles, 55% cents.
- Wool in gross (carloads) to San Francisco and Stockton, \$1.27 1/2.
- Same to Boston, \$2.25.
- Livestock (carloads) to San Francisco: Horses \$121, cattle \$110, sheep \$25, Hogs \$25, Goats \$25.

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## A Review of Congress

### Resume of the Doings of Session Just Adjourned

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—After a record breaking session, both for amount of work actually accomplished and length of time in actual session, the Sixty-third congress expired by legal limitation at noon today. The first democratic congress for sixteen years, the first big job accomplished was the reorganizing of the tariff laws, to replace the Payne-Andrich schedules.

Wholesale reductions in the duties on wool, sugar and steel had been proposed by the democratic house which had preceded this congress, but President Taft had vetoed them. As the session closed seemed to be a rebuke at President Taft for preventing the enactment of these new tariff schedules, the democrats went to the tariff reform with a vim, and the Underwood-Simons bill, now on the statute books, was enacted.

This was the biggest job problem done by this congress, it requiring the actual rewriting of almost every schedule, complicated not only by

partisan feeling, but by selfish demands made by every state for protection of its own industries, but the trade for articles consumed, though not produced, by its citizens. The democrats had particular results in this respect over sugar, due to the action of the Louisiana delegation, and of the attitude of the man from the beet sugar states.

Next, congress tackled banking and currency reform, and the passage of this bill revolutionized banking methods to an even greater extent than the tariff changed the country industrially. Under the act passed twelve regional banks were established, which would in time stress or of special interest to currency reform, redound the benefit of the national banks.

The veto of President Taft made the reform more difficult, and the Senate