

COYOTE BOUNTY RAISED TO STOP RABIES DANGER

FORT KLAMATH PEOPLE RAISE A PRIVATE BOUNTY

End of 1915 Will See a Reduction in State's Bounty, So to Offset This, the County Court Raises its Bounty an Additional Two Dollars Per Coyote. Infected Coyotes Reported Around Sprague River.

Determined to stamp out the danger of a rabies epidemic in Klamath county by making the bounty sufficient to cause a thorough hunt for coyotes, the county court today signed an order for the payment of additional bounty money for coyotes, beginning January 1. The order follows:

"It appearing to the court that under the provisions of sections 5747-5761, Lord's Oregon Laws; chapter 191, General Laws of Oregon, 1913; chapter 174, Laws of 1915, that the bounty heretofore paid by the county and state, amounting to \$3 on each coyote, will, on the 1st day of January, 1916, be reduced to \$1.50;

"It also appearing to the court that a portion of the county is now infested by wild coyotes which are affected with rabies, and are roaming about the county, spreading disease and death among livestock; also menacing the lives of persons living within the county.

"Therefore, in order to aid in the destruction of such animals, it is hereby ordered by the court that an additional bounty of \$2 be paid by Klamath county in addition to the \$1.50 paid by the state and county after January 1, 1916, on all such coyotes killed within Klamath county, between the dates of January 1, 1916, and March 31, 1916, and presented to the county clerk of Klamath county, for bounty between such dates. Same to be paid as other general fund claims are paid.

"Dated at Klamath Falls, Oregon, this 23d day of December, 1915. Besides the bounty increase by the county, ranchers and business men of the Fort Klamath section have decided to make coyote killing still more profitable to hunters and trappers. They will give an extra \$2 per head for each coyote killed in that section, making the total \$6.50.

"As yet, Klamath county has not suffered to any extent from the coyote menace," said County Judge Hanks today. "But evidences of infected animals have been found in a few places, noticeably along Sprague River. It is reported that an Indian woman was bitten, but this is not confirmed.

"The only way to prevent a spread of rabies, though, is to kill off every coyote, and we feel that our increase of bounty is an 'ounce of prevention' that will be effective. Lake county to the east of us, and Modoc county to the south are both suffering from rabies epidemics, and unless precautions are taken there is danger of diseased coyotes running around Klamath county."

On the Italian Front



Left to Right—Prince Louis Napoleon, the King of Italy, General Zupelli, Italian Minister of war, and General Cadorna, commander in chief of the Italian troops, from one of the heights of Cadorna.

GOLDEN WEDDING IS CELEBRATED

FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE WEDDING OF MR. AND MRS. DAVID CAMPBELL IS MADE A VERY HAPPY EVENT

Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. David Campbell of Lorella rounded out the fiftieth year of their married life, and in honor of the affair, a big reunion and dinner was held, the children of the popular couple attending, these being Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gerber, Dr. and Mrs. George Merryman, Mr. and Mrs. Francis J. Bowne, Mr. and Mrs. Will Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Campbell, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Campbell and Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Campbell.

The couple who celebrated their golden wedding are well and favorably known all over Klamath county. Thirty-one years ago they came to Klamath county, settling in Langell Valley, and they have since been among the most influential people in the county. Mr. and Mrs. Campbell received many beautiful presents as mementos of the occasion.

Card of Thanks

We wish to thank all those who helped make lighter the sorrow caused by the passing beyond of our son and brother, Henry Stoeschler. Mr. and Mrs. Hans Stoeschler. Mrs. George Hahn.

ANOTHER MURDER THIS JUST AVERTED

HUGH L. CLOPTON IS UNDER ARREST FOR ATTACKS UPON A WOMAN AND ATTEMPT TO KILL HER HUSBAND

The fact that a shell lodged and prevented the discharge of the gun is all that prevented a second shooting and perhaps fatality in Klamath county this week. Hugh L. Clopton of Bonanza, who tried to shoot, is in the county jail awaiting the action of the grand jury.

It is charged that Clopton attacked Mrs. H. M. Jalo yesterday evening, but was driven away each time. On the occasion of his last unwelcome visit to the Jalo residence on Ninth street, Jalo was home, and he chased Clopton two blocks.

The latter then pulled out a .35 calibre automatic, and pulled back the rod to load it. In doing so a shell jammed and the effort to shoot Jalo, who was about three feet from the gun's muzzle, failed.

Policemen Baldwin and McCarter arrested Clopton, and put him in the city jail last night. Today he was bound over to the grand jury by Justice of the Peace Gowen.

Away for Winter.

Miss Elsie Applegate has gone to Turlock, Calif., to join her family, who are spending the winter there.

"Dad" Here for Visit.

E. B. Ramsby returned last night from Roseburg to spend Christmas with his wife and children here.

Purchases Mill. C. G. Slack recently closed a transaction with Ada L. Slack whereby he becomes the owner of what is known as the Slack sawmill, located between Langell Valley and Mallin. The consideration amounted to \$1,500.

How They'll Celebrate Christmas in Trenches

By PHILIP KIRBY (United Press Staff Correspondent)

WITH FRENCH ARMY FRONT, via Paris—The shrill whistle of bullets overhead and the roar of artillery in the first line trenches of the western battle front.

It is easy to understand why men do not wish to observe the festival of "peace on earth, good will to men."

"It would only make them homesick," an officer told me. "This is a war to the death. We are not like the armies of old, which proclaimed an armistice for Christmas. It is necessary to forget the home festival and reserve the celebration until victory comes to us."

Yet, there'll be Christmas in the trenches, for the mails for months have been jammed with presents for the men. These have been piled in bombproofs, and will not be opened, by common consent, until Christmas morning. Then an officer in each section will play Santa Claus, and distribute them.

Back of the lines, though, it seems like Christmas back home, though it's a Christmas season with a tug at the heart strings. Many churches behind the trenches, though partly in ruins,

are decorating with firs, evergreens, holly and mistletoe.

At midnight on Christmas Eve, the solitary figure of Cardinal Luçon will enter the Rheims cathedral and pray for the success of French arms and for the rest of the souls of men who have fallen in the defense of their country. Regularly twice a week he prays in a hole in the untouched wing of the ruined church; but he cannot celebrate mass inside the cathedral, so completely it is wrecked.

Solemn high mass will be sung Christmas Eve and several other services will be held Christmas Day in the sacristy of the Spisson cathedral. There a tiny light is burning continuously before the small altar.

"Although the enemy, for no reason, destroyed the outer shell of the house of God, this light, typifying eternal faith in the heart, burns forever," said the priest in charge.

The Christmas spirit isn't what America would know as Christmas spirit—but in its place is a confidence in victory, a firm belief that when the time of "peace on earth, good will to men" again rolls around, the Germans will be broken and French families reunited.

New Commander of British Army



General Sir Douglas Haig

Hailed as the "man of the hour," General Sir Douglas Haig succeeded Sir John French as commander of the British army in France and Flanders December 16th. General Haig is only 54 years old, the youngest commander in the present war. He is a Scotchman, born in Fifeshire, is tall, powerfully built, dour and masterful, and so close a student of his profession that he was nicknamed "von Haig" by his friends.

MEHAFFEY GOING TO STATE MEET

WILL REPRESENT LOWER KLAMATH DRAINAGE AT THE STATE DRAINAGE MEET AT CORVALLIS SOON

A. A. MehaFFEY, one of the officers, and a man prominent in the organization of the Lower Klamath drainage district, is to represent the district at the state drainage congress, to be held at Corvallis January 2-4, in connection with the Farmers' Week at the Agricultural College.

A new drainage law has been enacted as a result of the organization of a state drainage association at the conference last year, and at the coming meeting means of putting it into application most effectively will be considered.

At present there are six drainage districts, each having a representative who is a member of the board of directors of the association.

The conference meeting will be held Tuesday and Wednesday, January 4 and 5. It is planned to have a meeting of the executive board the first day, followed by an address from the president of the association, the state engineer and the members of the board of directors.

The evening and following day will be taken up with various lectures and demonstrations. There will also be an inspection of the college farm drainage system.

Christmas Service.

Episcopalians and all interested in the church, are invited to meet in the library hall at 2:30 Sunday afternoon, for Christmas services.

Arrangements have been made with the German government for wireless communications between Sweden and America via the wireless stations at Huesen, Germany, and the American station at Sayville, N. Y.

SPORTSMEN NAME THE SAME CORPS

ONLY MINOR CHANGES ARE MADE IN THE PERSONNEL OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS—ANOTHER MEETING SOON

At last night's meeting of the Klamath Sportsmen's Association, the old corps of officers was re-elected, only a few changes being made in the directorate, so the officials are now as follows:

President, W. A. Dezell; vice president, J. E. Bodge; secretary, J. E. Swansen; treasurer, J. J. Parker; directors, W. C. Dalton, Mallin; E. A. Wilson, Chiloquin; Dan Driscoll, Bly; Ross Finley, Merrill; R. W. Tower, Keno; L. C. Sisemore, Fort Klamath; H. St. George Bishop, Odessa; F. M. Cleaves, Crescent; J. O. Hamaker, Bonanza.

State Game Commissioner Stone addressed the meeting, and work was started toward securing the herd of eighteen elk for Klamath. Another meeting will be held later to make further arrangements.

GERMANS ATTACK KAISER'S STAND

"HUMANITY LEAGUE" MAKES REVOLUTIONARY STATEMENTS IN ITS CHRISTMAS MANIFESTO. FORD LEAVES PARTY

ROTTERDAM, Dec. 23.—The German Humanity League has issued a Christmas manifesto, calling upon the German soldiers to quit the trenches and depose Kaiser Wilhelm "from the throne he has betrayed."

"The soldiers are shedding their blood while the monarchs are exchanging good will," said the statement.

"This campaign is not being waged in lawful defense of Germany," it concludes. "Instead, it is only to satisfy the insatiable savage greed of the Russian conspirators."

CHRISTIANA, Dec. 23.—The whereabouts of Henry Ford is unknown. His physician explains that it is necessary for him to detach himself from the peace party and obtain rest.

Organically he is sound, but he is suffering from exhaustion. He will remain in Norway several days. Norwegian officials refuse to accompany the peace party to Stockholm. They say the time is not ripe for peace movements.

Ford is being strongly mentioned here for the Nobel peace prize.

Sunday Schools Ready for Santa's "Annual"

Great are the preparations going forward at the various churches of Klamath Falls, for Christmas exercises tomorrow night for the Sunday school children. To all of the exercises the public is cordially invited.

The Presbyterian Sunday school will render a varied musical and literary program of appropriate numbers, beginning at 7:30. There will be no Christmas tree, but there are strong hints of an exceedingly pleasant surprise for each child in attendance.

"Santa's Elvies" is the title of a cantata to be given at the Christian church, and another number on the program there is entitled "Christmas Feeding," in which a number of children will participate. "A Search for Happiness" is another cute number to be given, and the Christian program includes also music by a quartet and other entertaining features. A tree will also be in evidence, with a real live Santa Claus on hand to distribute candy and other goodies to the children.

Methodist Episcopal Sunday school will hold its Christmas exercises to-

WOMAN SAYS SHE KNOWS LAWRENCE THREATENED LIFE

AFFIDAVIT AT SALEM FILED TODAY BY MRS. TODD

Neighbor of Woman Killed in Dadd Hollow Tragedy Monday Sends Affidavit to Salem Saying Mrs. Kuehn Told Prosecutor Last Spring That Lawrence Threatened to Kill Her Young Kuehn Wanted.

United Press Service SALEM, Dec. 23.—Mrs. Lydia Todd of the Merrill county today filed an affidavit charging that A. Ernest Lawrence, who is accused of killing Mrs. Alma Kuehn in the Dadd Hollow shooting Monday, threatened last March to kill Mrs. Kuehn.

Mrs. Todd wrote to Governor Whitcomb about the occurrence a week ago. At that time Governor Whitcomb wrote District Attorney John Irwin at Klamath Falls, who advised him that Mrs. Kuehn was bringing civil suit against Lawrence.

A warrant of arrest was issued today for Andrew Kuehn, son of the dead woman. This charges him with assault, being armed with a dangerous weapon, and was sworn to by the Hunter, who was shot in the arm by young Kuehn at the beginning of the fatal fight.

Evankoff Plaintiff Through R. C. Grossbeck, C. Evankoff has started action against M. Pankoff and John Chernoboff, to recover \$381.25, alleged due on a note, and \$75 attorney's fees.

Philanthropic Room Open Friday. The room of the Woman's Library Club, east of the postoffice, will be open tomorrow afternoon, instead of Saturday. Anybody in need, clothing or other assistance, will be helped if they apply at headquarters.

To Portland. "King Oscar" Larsen was among the outgoing passengers this morning. "Svea" is headed for Portland to remain until after Oregon jumps into the day column.

County Court Fixes Tax Levy at 27.7 Mill Mark

At today's session of the county court the tax levy for the ensuing year was fixed at 27.7. Owing to the fact that mortgages are exempt from taxation this year, it was necessary to raise the levy, bringing it past last year's levy of 24.1 mills. By funds, this year's levy is divided as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Rows include General School (4.03), Road (3.00), Total (27.7), and various levies for general, high school, extension work, court house, school library, general school, road, and school library.

War Bulletins

United Press Service BERLIN, Dec. 23.—It is claimed that the Germans have recaptured Hartmannswellkopf, attacking the French on the northern slope.

United Press Service PARIS, Dec. 23.—It was reported today that the Germans had made several attempts to retake Hartmannswellkopf, but were repulsed. The French left wing made further progress there.

United Press Service LONDON, Dec. 23.—Paris dispatches say the lined Sada Maru was sunk in the Mediterranean by either a German

or Austrian submarine. It is believed this is the Japanese liner Yasaka Maru which left here recently.

A French warship rescued nearly 300 of the passengers aboard the liner. These included one American. Agents claim the vessel was not warned, and they say it remained afloat an hour, enabling all to leave safely.

United Press Service NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—According to an American aviator, William Thaw and others arriving here, over 1,100 French aviators have been killed in air battles or captured since the beginning of the war.