

Preparedness and Submarines Bother Wilson

CABINET TO GET TOGETHER OVER PERSIA SINKING

MEETING WILL THEN OUTLINE NEW POLICY

President and Secretary of State Are Silent, While Awaiting Full Details Regarding the Sinking of the Persia.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—President Wilson will call the cabinet together Friday morning, at which time it is expected that the administration's submarine policy will be determined upon.

A hot debate ensued in the senate today over the foreign situation. Senator Stone ended a warm discussion which threatened to embarrass the administration's foreign policy by withdrawing his consent to the consideration of the issue by the foreign relations committee.

At the conclusion of a conference with Wilson today, Secretary Lansing said he was still waiting for facts. He expects advices from Ambassador Penfield at Vienna today regarding the Persia sinking.

Indications are that time will be given for specific requests that Austria aid the administration in determining the nationality of the submarine sinking the Persia.

It seems evident that other negotiations between the two countries are clearing. Lansing said there would hardly be another note regarding the Ancona. He also denied considering a note to Austria regarding the Persia.

Austria's delay in acting is ascribed to delay by the submarine commander in reaching his base. Officials believe that if an Austrian submarine sunk the Persia, Austria will take action without any ultimatum from the United States.

Open to Dancers. The club rooms of the Moose Lodge will hereafter be thrown open to those who participate in the dancing festivities that will be held in the Moose Hall Friday evenings.

ELKS AND DEARS COAST TONIGHT

MEMBERS OF LOCAL LODGE AND LADIES WILL ENJOY SPORT ON THIRD STREET AND ENJOY REFRESHMENTS

The first social function to be held in the new \$40,000 home of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247, B. P. O. Elks, will be the serving of coffee and sandwiches and a short social hour tonight, following a couple of hours coasting.

COYOTE BOUNTY IS RAISED TODAY

COUNTY COURT RAISES EXTRA BOUNTY TO \$5 FOR SIXTY DAYS. WOOD RIVER PEOPLE TO PAY EQUAL AMOUNT

Reports of the discovery of dogs infected apparently with rabies, and of one coyote being found on the porch of a ranch house, have convinced the county court that unusual precautions must be taken to prevent the spread of the rabies epidemic in Klamath County. To make the killing of coyotes profitable enough to occupy the whole attention of hunters, the court this morning amended their recent order for extra bounty by making the extra bounty \$5 per head. This extra bounty is effective until March 1st. This, with the \$1.50 per head paid jointly by the state and county, makes the bounty \$6.50.

Besides this, Fort Klamath stockmen will pay an additional \$5 per head for all coyotes killed west of the Williamson River, north of Klamath Agency and south of the Brown ranch on the Klamath Marsh. They informed the court today that they would make a special bounty of equal amount to that of the court.

"At \$11.50 per head, to say nothing of what may be realized from the pelts, coyote hunting should prove profitable

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SHETLER KILLED IN EXPLOSION OF S. P. PUMP HOUSE

PLANT COMPLETELY DEMOLISHED BY BLAST

Well Known Railroad Man and Musician Loses Life in Mysterious Explosion Which Wrecked the Railroad Pumping Plant at Mt. Hebron, Which Was Under His Charge—Body Found Early Today.

Albert Shetler, well known in Klamath Falls, lost his life early yesterday evening in an explosion which wrecked the Southern Pacific's pumping station at Mt. Hebron. Shetler was in charge of the plant, and shortly before the blast he was heard playing his cornet. The cause of the explosion is a mystery as yet. Communication with Mt. Hebron is anything but direct, but from what has been learned it is believed that gasoline, which was used in the priming of the distillate engines used at the plant, started the blast.

The plant was entirely destroyed by the force of the explosion, say Mt. Hebron advices. Shetler could not be found last night, but early this morning searchers found his mangled remains in the pit at the plant site.

Mr. Shetler was about 60 years of age. He is survived by his wife, who resides here, and three daughters, Mrs. O. Dollarhide of Algoma, Mrs. Marguerite Morgan of Weed, and Mrs. Bennett J. Loftsgaard, who was married during December.

All along the Shaasta division, Mr. Shetler was known and loved by railroad men. He was especially well known in Yreka and Montague, where he and his family resided for years, and his children went to school.

As a musician Shetler was also widely known. He has taken an active interest in band and orchestra work wherever he has been stationed in his long connection with the Southern Pacific, and he played a cornet in the Klamath Falls band this summer. His last local appearance was during the recent Feldman meetings at the M. E. church, when he rendered cornet numbers.

As yet no arrangements have been made for the funeral.

FIREMEN ANSWER 27 CALLS IN '15

FIRE CHIEF'S REPORT SHOWS THAT 7,760 FEET OF HOSE WERE LAID, AND FIRE LOSSES TOTALLED \$11,500

According to Fire Chief Wakefield's annual report, the Klamath Falls volunteer fire department answered twenty-seven alarms during the year 1915. At these they laid a total of 7,760 feet of hose.

The property damage caused by these fires aggregates \$11,500. Of this, \$5,460 was covered by insurance.

The council has authorized the purchase of a complete fire record for Wakefield's use. This makes it possible to tabulate all details regarding every fire, its cause, damage, etc., information that is valuable for underwriters and local builders seeking to minimize the fire danger in buildings they construct.

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CONSCRIPTION INTRODUCED IN COMMONS TODAY

IRELAND IS ONLY EXCLUDED TERRITORY

All Single Men Between Eighteen and Forty-One Years, Unless Engaged in Indispensable Occupations, Are Liable to Enlistment—Italians and Bulgarians Nearing Each Other in the Balkans.

United Press Service LONDON, Jan. 5.—Premier Asquith today introduced the conscription bill. Ireland is alone excluded from the provisions of the bill at present.

The bill exempts bachelors and widowers who are engaged in "indispensable occupations," such as munitions making and railroading, those supporting relatives, and those who are conscientiously opposed to war, as the Quakers.

All single men between 18 and 41 are declared liable to draft. Widowers without dependents are also liable between the same ages.

United Press Service ATHENS, Jan. 5.—Late advices say the Italians may soon be fighting the Bulgarian army. Forty thousand Bulgarians are moving westward, and are now within twenty-eight miles of Durazzo, which is held by an Italian garrison.

United Press Service PETROGRAD, Jan. 5.—Dispatches say that the Russians have re-occupied Czernowitz. Russian guns are shelling the south bridge heads in an attempt to ford the River Pruth north-east of Czernowitz.

United Press Service LONDON, Jan. 5.—Under War Secretary Tennant today stated that the British casualties in the September battle of Loos were nearly 60,000 men. Over 2,000 English officers were lost.

KLAMATH PINE IS SOUGHT FOR U. S.

LOCAL PRODUCT MAY BE USED IN FLOORING AND INTERIOR FINISH OF FEDERAL BUILDINGS OF COAST

The following letter has been received from Senator Harry Lane, and the matter taken up with local lumber concerns by Secretary Fleet:

The government is making use of southern yellow pine for flooring and other inside finish for public buildings to be erected in Oregon and other Pacific Coast states. I have been informed by those who seem familiar with the subject that Oregon produces as good a quality of yellow pine as any of the Southern states. I see no reason why Oregon yellow pine should not be used in public buildings erected in Oregon.

I would esteem it a favor if you will kindly ascertain for me whether the mills in your locality could furnish a good quality of yellow pine, and also whether or not it could be furnished the government at a price which would meet competition from the manufacturers of such material in the Southern states. It seems to me that the charges for freight across the country

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Huerta Reported Very Ill --U. S. Guard Is Doubled



VICTORIANA HUERTA

United Press Service EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 5.—Victoriana Huerta, former dictator of Mexico, is reported as rapidly sinking here, following three major operations. His family and the family priest are at his bedside, and reports say his death is expected at any hour.

Huerta's physician is in constant attendance this week. Today he issued a statement that the third operation was performed last night, and a large

PEOPLE TO TALK OF BAR CLOSING

PUBLIC QUESTIONS ARE TO BE DISCUSSED AT MEETINGS AT THE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH EACH WEDNESDAY NIGHT

A meeting of more than ordinary interest is to be held in the Presbyterian church tonight, beginning at 7:30. The pastor, Charles T. Hurd, is busy today inviting the people to attend and take part in what promises to be a live discussion of the subject, "The Problems Growing Out of the Closing of the Saloons in Klamath Falls."

The discussion will have as a more specific phase of the subject, the conditions which may call for some adequate substitute for the saloon for the men who used to frequent these places. A large attendance is expected, and the public is cordially invited to attend.

Changes Climate. Glen Jester, who has been ill for several weeks, has been taken to Oakland, where he is at Fabiola hospital. The change, it is felt, will be beneficial to the popular young shoe salesman's health. Mrs. Dorothy Luce accompanied the patient to Oakland.

PREPAREDNESS SEEMS DOOMED FOR A DEFEAT

LEADERS OF BOTH HOUSES ARE OPPOSED

Hearings Before the House Military Committee Will Begin Tomorrow. Congressmen Explain Their Opposition to the Measure by Saying It Does Not Suit the Majority of Their Constituents.

United Press Service WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 5.—It was authoritatively learned today that the administration itself believes the president's preparedness program is beaten, unless it is materially modified.

The defection of Senator Kern, the democratic leader in the senate, from the support of the administration seems the final proof. This leaves the program without the support of the majority leaders in both houses.

Wilson is receiving discouraging reports from the centers of opposition, especially regarding Secretary Garrison's army increase plan. The congressmen say their people at home do not like the program.

The preparedness hearings were started today before the house committee on naval affairs. These sessions promise to last for months.

Hearings on the army preparedness plans start tomorrow before the military affairs committee.

The administration is confident that at least two battleships and a number of auxiliary vessels will finally be authorized.

Senator Phelan today introduced a bill for a \$10,000,000 United States naval academy, to be located on San Francisco Bay.

COFFROTH CHARGED WITH ASSAULTING WITH KNIFE

United Press Service SAN DIEGO, Jan. 5.—James Coffroth, the San Francisco fight promoter, was arraigned today on charge of assault with a deadly weapon. H. J. Moore, another promoter, is the complaining witness, and he alleges that Coffroth stabbed him in the neck with a paper cutter. Coffroth denies this. He says the whole affair is a "frame-up."

'Watchful Waiting' Sums Up Russia's Attitude Now

(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PETROGRAD, Jan. 5.—Watchful waiting, that well-known American policy regarding Mexico some months ago, sums up the war situation in Russia today, but watchful waiting in Russia has a meaning all its own.

Whereas Uncle Sam, after experimenting a few pin-pricks in his patience, remained passive, the great Russian bear after sustaining a healthy, life-sized wallop on his tender snout let out a roar that shook the earth continents away. Reduced to plain English the roar was: "Give me munitions; I've got enough men."

That was several months ago. Russia's greatest arsenal, near Petrograd, had been blown to fragments; the armies of Grand Duke Nicholas, yielding

to the Austrian-German steam roller, had been driven from the Carpathians back into Russia and had lost Warsaw and the whole of Poland; there was political dissension in Russia; alarming semi-revolutionary outbreaks were occurring here and there; the ever advancing enemy was threatening even Moscow, and the greatest seaport in the Baltic, Riga, appeared to be about to fall.

In winter bears usually hibernate, but all these things and more which happened to the Russian "bear" in the summer and fall of 1915 precluded any idea of his going into winter quarters this year. Russia is today the most active winter bear extant.

Russia has now mobilized her industries and shells and other munitions in great quantities and have been

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Bill for Klamath Falls Federal Building Is In

True to his promise made to Klamath Falls people during his visit here last summer, Congressman Nick J. Sinnott has taken the initiative in getting the question of a federal building before congress. He has introduced a bill for such a structure, providing for an appropriation of \$100,000 for the site and cost of construction and furnishing.

The bill follows: A Bill Providing for a Site and Public Building for a Postoffice and Federal Court at Klamath Falls, Oregon:

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled: That the secretary of the treasury be, and he is hereby, authorized and directed to acquire, by purchase,

condemnation, or otherwise, a site, and cause to be erected thereon a suitable building for the use and accommodation of the postoffice, the federal court and for other governmental purposes at Klamath Falls, Oregon, the cost of said site and building not to exceed \$100,000.

Klamath Falls' efforts to secure a federal building are being supported by many government officials. Federal Judge Wolverton, who held a term of court here last summer, has volunteered to help out in the fight, and the members of Oregon's senatorial delegation promise to aid the passage of the bill when it comes up to congress.

The agitation for a federal building here has been going on half heartedly for some time. In the last six or eight months, though, efforts have been more tangible, and progress has been noted.