

Germany's Offensive Strong Near Verdun

INFANTRY ATTACKS ARE RAGING ALONG A FIFTEEN MILE FRONT

Crown Prince is in Command of the Army, which is the largest assembled since the terrible fighting at Ypres last spring—Bouche Sugar District is also scene of violent conflicts.

United Press Service

PARIS, Feb. 23.—In the most formidable offensive of the year, the Germans have renewed activities around Verdun. Infantry is attacking along a fifteen mile front with unprecedented ferocity.

French machine guns are mowing down the charging Teutons, but in the face of a withering fire advances are still continued and some points taken. Entire German battalions are being annihilated, according to German prisoners.

The French were compelled to evacuate the forest at Naumont in the face of the German onslaught. They offset this by reoccupying the forest at Caures, which they had evacuated early yesterday.

Violent fighting also continues near Souchez.

United Press Service

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Berlin states that the Germans have captured over six miles of French trenches north of Verdun. Fighting is especially hot near Consenvoye and Azannes, and here the Germans claim captures of prisoners and munitions.

The crown prince is in command of the German army, which is attempting the most formidable smash since last May, when the German drive broke the British lines at Ypres, with fearful loss among the Canadian troops.

Simultaneously, the Germans claim the capture of 700 yards of trenches in Alsace.

The battle on the west front is raging from ten miles from Verdun to the east bank of the Meuse.

United Press Service

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Speaking in the house of commons today, Premier Asquith announced that England will not consider peace until Belgium is wholly restored, Serbia recovers even more territory than she lost, and Prussian militarism is destroyed.

The Marquise de Chambrun, a daughter of Mrs. Bellamy Storer, is studying in France so as to be able to teach the crippled soldiers to use their muscles to the best advantage. She has twenty beds in her hospital.

Earthquakes are most frequent where they are most severe.

Two Cars of Dairy Cows Sold to Yreka Rancher

Klamath has attained a great name all over the coast for producing beef cattle and other livestock, but today the county entered the limelight as a supply source for blooded dairy herds.

Two carloads of Holsteins were shipped out today, consigned to George M. Souza, a well known rancher and dairyman of Yreka. The cattle are mainly from the Swan and Cunningham ranches, and Souza was assisted in getting them by J. L. Beckley.

All of the cows are pure blood Hol-

RAILWAY TO THIS CITY SOUGHT BY MALIN DISTRICT

FARMERS SAY THEY WILL DO ALL GRADING

Commercial Club Is Asked to Take Up the Matter of Proposed Line, and the Transportation Committee Will Soon Begin Figuring Data as to Tonnage, Cost and Other Important Matters.

A short time ago residents of the Malin section met in that city and discussed the matter of an electric railroad from Malin to Klamath Falls, the route to be via Poe valley. Since then they have been persistently working on the project, and they now ask Klamath Falls to help.

At last night's meeting of the Klamath Commercial Club, Catherine Prehm brought up the matter in behalf of the Malinites. The farmers there, says Miss Prehm, are willing to furnish the right of way through their country, and do all the necessary grading for the road down there free of charge, providing Klamath Falls and other affected sections will do the same.

The matter was referred to the transportation committee, which will compile data regarding tonnage, cost, etc., to determine the feasibility of the line, preparatory to taking up the work of interesting capital.

COAST HELPLESS, SAYS STEPHENS

CALIFORNIAN TELLS THE NAVAL BOARD THAT ONLY OBSOLETE VESSELS ARE ON DUTY, AND CANAL BLOCKS AID

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Before the house naval committee, Stephens of California today disclosed the Pacific Coast's helplessness because of the inability of the Atlantic fleet to pass through the Panama canal. He held the Coast is discriminated against, as it has only obsolete or third class vessels to protect it. Admiral Badger spoke for a fleet large enough to dominate the Pacific, superior to the fleet of any possible opponent.

Great Damage of Zeppelins in Paris



What a Bomb Did to the Subway

House Torn in Two by Bomb

These photographs just received from Paris show the great damage done by bombs thrown in the Zeppelin raid on Paris January 29th. One bomb dropped on Rue de Belleville, through which the subway runs. It dug a hole through the cement to the tracks. Another bomb tore a house apart, leaving half standing.

REGISTRATION IS LIGHT IN COUNTY

PRECINCTS OUTSIDE OF KLAMATH FALLS HAVE VERY FEW ELECTORS ELIGIBLE AS YET FOR PRIMARIES

Following is the registration of Klamath county to date, by precincts: Klamath Falls, Precinct One, 71; Precinct Two, 69; Precinct Three, 63; Precinct Four, 57; Precinct Five, 63; Precinct Six, 53; Precinct Seven, 61; Precinct Eight, 34; Precinct Nine, 48; Precinct Ten, 14.

Langel Valley, 10; Malin, 3; Merrill, 19; Tule Lake, 41; Midland, 15; Worden, 13; Plevna, 7; Mt. Laki, 59; Poe Valley, 11; Lost River, 69; Dairy, 46; Hildebrand, 6; Swan Lake, 5; Pine Grove, 23; Algoma, 5; Klamath Lake, 2; Wood River, 7; Odell, 21; Sprague River, 3.

LAW PROPOSED TO AID DISCHARGED WORKERS

SALEM, Feb. 23.—Declaring that complaints come to his office from laboring men who are unable to obtain their wages from employers after being discharged, Labor Commissioner Hoff said today that he would ask the next legislature to pass a bill penalizing such employers.

VILLA IS AGAIN ON THE WARPATH

REBEL CHIEFTAIN, HERALDED RECENTLY AS DEAD, IS VERY MUCH ALIVE—HAS CITY IN CHIHUAHUA BESIEGED

EL PASO, Tex., Feb. 23.—General Francisco Villa, with 900 well armed men, is besieging Guerrero in Chihuahua. The commander of the garrison there has sent for assistance, saying his command is outnumbered. It is believed here that Villa must have assurance of strong support to attack now, as he is considered an outlaw, and there is a big price on his head.

TREE PLANTING IS TO BE ENCOURAGED HERE THIS SPRING

The latest movement for beautifying Klamath Falls will be the inauguration of a tree planting campaign. This will be under the auspices of the civic department of the Klamath Commercial Club.

All arrangements have been turned over to the department to work out. The campaign will seek to bring about the planting of shade trees along the parking of all of the residence streets, and it is possible that a special price on nursery stock can be secured for those joining in the beautifying movement.

MUCH WORK FOR COMING MEETING

MEMBERS OF COMMITTEES IN CHARGE OF UNION SERVICES ARE ALL WORKING OUT THE MANY DETAILS

Much effort is being made by the various committees having charge of the arrangements for the Mathis-Vessey evangelistic meetings to begin here March 17th.

Chairman Mason of the prayer meeting committee states his committee has been holding almost daily sessions for the past week or ten days, and that their work of districting the city was finished a day or two ago. The city has been divided into seventeen districts, and sub-committees have been appointed, one for each district and upon which will devolve the duty of arranging for the various cottage prayer meetings to be held throughout the city beginning about two weeks in advance of the time for the opening of the meetings.

From the lists of members of the various churches which will unite in these special services, other lists of persons and families residing in each of the seventeen districts, have been prepared. It is hoped that these persons and families will assist in the work of holding the cottage prayer meetings. These persons will be notified by the sub-committee in charge.

The schedule of dates and places of holding the prayer meetings, with names of leaders and other necessary data, will soon be completed.

MAXIMUMS TRIM ATHLETIC CLUB

TAKE TWO OF THREE GAMES FROM HANK FREE'S DELEGATION—THREE KAY AGGREGATION ALSO A WINNER

The Athletic Club's winning streak received a nice little crimp last night when the Maximums took two out of three games. The scores follow:

ATHLETICS			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Premier	148	130	143
Miller	117	149	163
Van Bellen	162	152	207

MAXIMUMS			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Wright	170	137	171
Widdoes	134	158	132
Maxwell	171	150	180

The K K K Store team took two out of three from the Hot Springs trio in last night's sessions. These scores follow:

K K K STORE			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Van Bellen	157	203	182
Carnahan	182	179	187
Ambrose	131	178	161

HOT SPRINGS			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Hagelstein	138	178	168
Merryman	180	135	169
Hayden	179	155	127

AMBASSADOR IS HURT AT MUNICH

GERARD FRACTURES COLLAR-BONE WHILE ENJOYING SKIING WITH A PARTY OF GERMAN OFFICIALS

BERLIN, Feb. 23.—James W. Gerard, American ambassador to Germany, fractured his collarbone yesterday.

The accident occurred while Gerard, with a party of German and foreign officials, was skiing near Munich. During Gerard's confinement, Embassy Secretary Joseph C. Grew is acting as charge d'affaires.

Severance of Bond With Germany Is Now a Suggestion

KLAMATH FALLS WANTS BRANCH OF LAND OFFICE

COMMERCIAL CLUB STARTS THE MOVEMENT

Figures Prepared Show That There Have Been More Entries From the Klamath District Than From Lake County Points—Proper Committee Will Take Up the Work Without Further Delay.

A movement for the establishment of a branch land office in Klamath Falls was started at last night's meeting of the Klamath Commercial Club. The idea is not to remove the office from Lakeview, but to have an office also established here to give quicker attention to the Klamath business.

Charts and other data submitted to the Commercial Club last night show the volume of business transacted from Klamath county entries, etc., is much greater than the Lake county business attended to at the land office. For the convenience of Klamath county, therefore, the branch office is believed a necessity.

ANOTHER MAN OUT AS COMMISSIONER

WILLIAM L. WELCH OF DAIRY FILES PETITION FOR DEMOCRATIC NOMINATION—IS OPPOSING SHORT

A second democratic candidate for the county commissionership appeared today in the person of William L. Welch of Dairy. He filed a petition of candidacy for the democratic nomination.

Burrell W. Short, another Klamath rancher, is also a candidate for this office, filing earlier in the week. Both men are strong in their districts and in town, and one of the warmest fights in the history of the Jacksonian party in Klamath is expected before the nominee is finally chosen.

Dairy Farmers to Form a Club for Killing Rodents

The farmers of the Dairy section are the latest to take up the matter of organized pest extermination work. For the purpose of carrying on this work in a systematic manner, a meeting will be held Saturday afternoon, beginning at 1 o'clock, for the formation of a club.

County Agriculturist H. Roland Glaiser will go from here to attend the meeting. He will also take a part in the organization work.

The Dairy people will take up the matter of rodent extermination. Special attention will be given by them

WILSON IS SAID TO BE THROUGH TEMPORIZING WITH BERLIN

High Administration Officials Freely Predict That President Will Go Before Congress and Discuss the Matter of Breaking Off Relations—Is Ready to Act, But Wants Congress to Know.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—High officials of the present administration today forecasted the appearance of President Wilson before congress within the next few days to announce his desire of severing diplomatic relations with Germany.

Officials say this act is certain, unless there is a tendency on the part of German Foreign Minister von Jagow to work to eliminate further delay in the settlement of pending questions.

It is intimated from German sources that von Jagow has instructed Ambassador von Bernstorff to play for further delay in the settlement of the Lusitania affair, and to bring about a long discussion over the technicalities in the decree regarding the torpedoing of armed merchantmen. If these intimations are correct, the break seems inevitable.

Bernstorff expects to receive instructions from Berlin before Saturday. The president then expects to make an emphatic refusal to temporize further.

Since Germany is not expected to withdraw her armed merchantman decree, it is pointed out that there is but one thing left for the president to do, the severance of relationships. Such a move would mean the issuance of passports to von Bernstorff.

Wilson, it is understood, is committed to a policy of firmness in the matter, but he does not desire to take final action without first presenting the matter to congress.

United Press Service

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Whether or not England has broken faith is the newest question brought out by the dispute over the German decree.

In August, 1914, British Ambassador Spring-Rice wrote Secretary of State Bryan that the British foreign minister, Sir Edward Grey, "gave full assurances" that British merchantmen would not fire upon German submarines unless attacked.

If this pledge has been broken, there may be a new protest.

Dairy Farmers to Form a Club for Killing Rodents

to the eradication of ground squirrels.

The organization of farmers at Lorilla and at Bonanza now have over 100 members and much effective work is expected. An effort will be started soon to have a similar club organized at Mt. Laki, and the work will be spread throughout the county as much as possible.

The largest sponge ever found came from the Mediterranean sea. It was ten feet in circumference and three feet across.