

## SENATE PASSES BILL TO RAISE ARMY STRENGTH

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY

Only Opposition Is Made by Georgia Senator, Who Would Make Term of Enlistment Two Years, Instead of Four—Gallinger Finally Demands a Vote, and All Vote for an Army of 100,000 Men

United Press Service  
WASHINGTON, March 15.—The senate today unanimously passed the Hay-Chamberlain resolution for immediately increasing the strength of the standing army to 100,000. Hoke Smith made the only fight against the measure, proposing a two year, instead of a four year enlistment.

### PEVNA FARMERS ORGANIZE A CLUB

At an enthusiastic meeting of the farmers and other residents of the Plevna, Orindale and Round Lake Districts yesterday the Southwest Klamath Farmers Development League was organized, with the following officers:

President, C. T. Hunt; vice president, H. A. Talbot; secretary, William Hoag; treasurer, George W. Ager.

The league will carry on work for the betterment of that section, and the improvement of farming and marketing conditions. The work has been divided among committees, with the following chairmen:

Farm production, J. A. Bushong; marketing, James Stanable; farm supplies, R. V. Ess; finance and accounting, H. F. Murdoch; roads and communication, W. L. Himmelwright; educational, Mrs. T. A. Hague.

A luncheon was served at noon, and after the organization was effected, County Agriculturist H. Roland Glaser spoke on the subject of ground squirrel extermination. As a result the league has agreed to take up the work and has appointed Mr. Hoag as poison mixer.

## Men in Pro-German Agitation



Ex-Congressman Richard Bartholdt



Alphonse G. Koelbe

A number of letters sent to Alphonse G. Koelbe by Richard Bartholdt of St. Louis, former member of the house of representatives, concerning pro-German agitation in the United States and the resolutions and bills before congress on the subject of warning Americans from armed merchant vessels, have just been published. The former congressman is one of the leading Germans of the United States. Koelbe is a New York lawyer who has become known through his German affiliations.

## Two Men Passed Away Yesterday

Patriet Scanlon, aged 35, died yesterday afternoon, from tuberculosis. Little is known of his antecedents. He came here several months ago with his mother and two sisters, who are also afflicted, in the hope of benefiting by the change in climate. No arrangements have as yet been made for the funeral.

William Leroy Van Sickle, who has been suffering from cancer, passed away at 9 o'clock last night. He will be buried at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon, services to be held at the grave. Mr. Van Sickle is survived by one son, who also resides here.

## REMNANTS TEAR DOWN A COUPLE

TAGE FIRST TWO OF A THREE GAME SERIES FROM THE HOT SPRINGS ROLLERS IN LAST NIGHT'S MEET

The Remnants added two more victories to their rapidly growing string last night, when they trimmed the Hot Springs team on the Palm alleys. Dale of the Remnants rolled one 210 score, the highest of the evening.

REMNANTS			
	(1)	(2)	(3)
Dale	152	210	177
Hoagland	154	168	131
Upp	177	142	161
	483	520	469
HOT SPRINGS			
Carnahan	157	167	160
Hagelstein	136	143	154
Merryman	135	168	157
	428	478	471

## SHIPPINGTON ROAD MEETING

COMMITTEES APPOINTED LAST WEEK TO MAKE INQUIRIES ARE TO TENDER THEIR REPORTS THIS EVENING

All those interested in the success of the plan for the improvement of the roadway connecting Shippington, Upper Klamath Lake and Pelican City with Klamath Falls' business district should attend the meeting to be held at the city hall tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock.

At this time the committees appointed at the last meeting by Chairman E. B. Hall to investigate important matters in connection with the plan, will make their reports.

Upon these reports depends much of the opportunity to have the road improved in first class manner. The highway is one of the utmost importance to Klamath Falls.

## STATE RETARDED BY POOR POLICY, SAYS STRAHORN

URGES IRRIGATION AND DRAINAGE METHODS

In Address Before Salem Conference, Railroad Man Says State Is Largely to Blame for the Failure in Settling up Unoccupied Land Tapped by Railroads and Thus Discourages Capital.

"Railways and Reclamation" was the topic of Robert E. Strahorn's address at the irrigation, drainage and rural credits conference at Salem. Mr. Strahorn's address was one of the few really constructive addresses delivered at the conference, and shows clearly how reclamation of wet lands and arid lands would greatly stimulate the state's prosperity. Mr. Strahorn said:

"I have no thought or authority to speak for any railway interests except the one so near my heart in Central Oregon. However, bearing in mind that thousands of miles of railways are largely dependent for their revenue upon privately irrigated lands, that the crops grown in 1915 on government reclamation projects alone totaled 130,000 carloads, and that the prosperity, improvement and extension of our transportation systems are so dependent upon the working out of these development problems, I will necessarily indulge in observations involving them generally. The great and highly profitable agriculture of Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona, which is entirely by irrigation, furnished a large share of the traffic of their scores of prosperous railways.

"With the Southern Pacific's loss of over \$1,000,000 from operation of its Oregon lines last year, with smaller though important losses by the Hill systems in Oregon, and largely diminished earnings on the Oregon lines of other roads, in spite of their important outlays for betterments of a class from which no additional earnings can be expected, and in view of their now almost unbearable load of taxation, they are no doubt all casting around anxiously for some means of relief.

"May they not find an important measure of this in the matter we are here to seriously consider, and I trust to wisely promote? I cannot imagine the creation from any single source of such a tide of prosperity and such a volume of increased traffic as would spring from the doubling of the productivity of Western Oregon's 3,000,000 acres of wet lands. The accruing benefits would seem to be out of all proportion to the cost.

"Engineers roughly figure the cost of drainage of these lands at \$5 to \$10 per acre, and of tiling where the latter may be necessary at from \$15 to \$20 per acre, say \$25 per acre for complete reclamation. Properly issued, state guaranteed long-time drainage bonds would be as sound as gold dollars and sell at such low interest rate and on such liberal terms of repayment that the benefits could readily be utilized to meet them.

"Our expert farmers estimate increased yields after drainage from 50 to 100 per cent, or easily sufficient to pay the entire expense in three or four years. Drainage is the best permanent improvement, ordinarily less expensive for maintenance than irrigation works and means the maximum instead of the minimum yielding and taxpaying ability of the land.

"Providing it can be financed, this looks good for the farmer. But what about its effects on the railroads and development generally? Take the Willamette Valley alone, which is as well served by railroads as average similar areas in Illinois and Iowa.

"Under present conditions this wonderful vale of the Willamette, the pride of the Pacific, deducting its handful of hill lands in fruit and its mere speck of bottom lands in hops, produces less tonnage, acre for acre, for its railroads than the Palouse country or the Walla Walla uplands. Large areas of the wet, sour lands are in close proximity to the railroads.

## Will Quit Congress



Representative I. L. Sherwood of Toledo, Ohio

Representative Isaac L. Sherwood of Toledo, Ohio, and Robert N. Page of North Carolina, disagree with President Wilson on his foreign and military policies, and have, therefore, announced they will not be candidates for re-election. General Sherwood is a Civil War veteran. Mr. Page is a brother of the American ambassador to Great Britain.

Hoff-Schmore. Marty Hoff and Annie Schmore were married today at 12 noon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bell in Mills Addition. Both parties are of the Swan Lake district. Mr. Hoff is a rancher, and Miss Schmore is of a well known family in Swan Lake. The ceremony was performed by Justice of the Peace E. W. Gowen. Mr. and Mrs. Bell entertained the wedding party with an elaborate dinner, and Virgil Hoff of Swan Lake, brother of the groom, will give a wedding dance tonight.

"With an increased production of only 50 per cent on the 1,000,000 acres of Willamette Valley wet lands alone, increased tonnage of that amount from that source and increased prosperity, activities and traffic of all kinds, it is not hard to figure where industrial and general prosperity would be vastly enhanced and an important part of that railroad deficit would be wiped out. What could do more to fill up our over-built cities and create the tonnage that would bring ships to our docks?

"When we built the Portland, Eugene & Eastern it was confidently expected that ways would be devised to drain the great areas of wet lands between Corvallis and Eugene especially. That would have insured a profitable traffic and greatly encouraged the completion and electrification of the entire system.

"But efforts for drainage failed, and the railway project still languishes in part. Miles upon miles of that beautiful, level territory is far less productive today than when first settled fifty or sixty years ago, and will continue depreciating under the present conditions.

The Oregon Electric and Southern Pacific are furnishing the best railway facilities in the country to many thousands of acres of such lands almost in sight of the great market of Portland. There are numerous other similar examples in Western Oregon.

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## TROOPS CROSS BORDER, FOLLOWING A FIGHT, SAY UNCONFIRMED REPORTS

United Press Service  
EL PASO, March 15.—Unconfirmed reports brought this afternoon by passengers on the train from Columbus declare that the American troops have entered Mexico, following a clash between the American outposts and Carranzistas at the border.

Nothing can be obtained from American officials here to either confirm or deny the trouble. Passengers said no Americans were killed in the first skirmish.

When the Carranzistas opened fire, say these people, the American troops were at once ordered under arms.

Tom Davis, a rancher, near Columbus, brought the report of the outpost battle to Columbus.

Following the skirmish, General Bernal evacuated Palomas.

United Press Service  
SAN ANTONIO, March 15.—General Funston this afternoon admitted that Colonel Dodd's cavalry has probably crossed the border ninety miles from Columbus.

He virtually admitted that there had been an engagement.

When the United Press informed him that it was reported that the cavalry had started, and was engaged, he replied:

"That is interesting. It may be true. Frankly, I'm out of touch with Dodd's column. He will get in touch with General Pershing via wireless before evening, and I expect details then."

Reports of actual fighting were not expected so soon after crossing the border.

United Press Service  
EL PASO, March 15.—It is reported via Juarez military wires that the American expedition is entering Mexico today.

It is reported at Camp Douglas that one American expedition has started into Mexico from Culbertson's ranch. This is not confirmed.

The Eighteenth, Twenty-second and part of the Eleventh infantry is held in readiness for orders at Camp Douglas. Two sections of the First cavalry, reached there today from California.

United Press Service  
SAN ANTONIO, March 15.—In an interview with the United Press this forenoon General Funston said:

"I hope the people appreciate the fact that this is going to be a hard campaign. It may also prove a long one.

"Our troops are in splendid shape, but Villa has fled to one of the most desolate regions in the world. I believe aeroplanes will be most valuable in finding him.

"It would be sheer folly to start the expedition unprepared."

United Press Service  
EL PASO, March 15.—Military cen-

torship at Columbus and other points along the border is so strict that it is impossible to ascertain the movement of troops. Many believe the expedition has started.

General Pershing's forces have taken control of all wires and mails, and all operators at Columbus are acting under Pershing's orders. Censored United Press dispatches from Columbus this morning stated that the aero squadron had arrived there.

It is announced that the Carranzistas have evacuated Palomas, and are marching toward Guzman. Reliable advices from Casa Grandes say that the Carranza garrison there has deserted to join Villa.

The Mormon colonists there have advised Bishop Hurst that they are safe at Casa Grandes, but they say "Villa is hovering about this vicinity."

There are unconfirmed reports to the effect that anti-American feeling is spreading among the Carranzistas. Drunken Mexicans caused a flurry at Juarez this morning.

A Villista band looted a number of homes on the outskirts of Hachita last night, according to reports over the El Paso & Southeastern wires.

### SIMPSON IS GIVEN YET ANOTHER STAY

Sheriff C. C. Low, who went to California a few days ago with a requisition from Governor Withycombe for Norman Simpson, the youth under indictment here on charge of stealing a horse, returned last night empty-handed. At a hearing before Martin C. Manson, executive secretary to California's governor, Withycombe's requisition was not honored.

According to Low, he had talked with young Simpson, and had convinced him that it was wiser to return, if, as he said, he was innocent, and to be cleared at a trial here. The judge's father, however, intervened, and had Attorney Harry L. Houston make a fight against extradition at the Sacramento hearing.

## Chicago Writer Tells of the Wonders of Klamath

An article on Klamath fishing and hunting by Tom Marshall appeared in a recent issue of the Chicago Examiner. Mr. Marshall is one of the nation's best known sportsmen, being the former world's champion shot, as well as the "trap, gun and rod" editor of the Great Chicago daily. Last summer Marshall visited Klamath, and was profoundly impressed.

This is the second story exploiting the Klamath country written for the Chicago Examiner this year by Marshall. He has also written considerable regarding the Klamath Indians and the Modoc war, gathered from interviews with Captain O. C. Applegate.

The article follows:  
Klamath Falls, Klamath Lake and Klamath Indian reservation, all in the state of Oregon, can rightfully be termed wonderful. It is a portion of the wild and woolly West, a portion of God's country that has seen typical Western life, that has been the center of Indian wars, that has been the center of gold excitement when the Mt. Dorado, where gold was sprinkled upon the surface of the ground, was talked of and hunted for. It is one of the richest valleys in the world, where the timber interests are prospering beyond any other point in the West.

For sportsmen, Klamath Falls is the gateway to the Garden of Eden. It certainly is a hunter's and fisherman's paradise. On the shores of Pel-

ican Lake or Bay, E. H. Harriman established Harriman Lodge, his Summer home. The late railway magnate had America to select from for a home, and he selected Pelican Bay as the ideal spot. The site of the lodge is on the bay, ten miles wide at this point, its calm primeval beauty undisturbed by modern progress—this on one side, while on the other the Cascade range of mountains loom into magnificence.

There the cold streams flowing from the mountains, with Mt. Pitt as a centerpiece, are well stocked with rainbow trout. The record breaker, weighing 22½ pounds, was caught from a stream flowing through the lodge grounds. Meadows are full of quail, grouse, doves and snipe, and marshes teeming with ducks and geese, in fact, all aquatic fowls. On Lower Klamath Lake is the federal game preserve made famous by the countless number of white pelican which inhabit that section.

Klamath Falls (the city) is modern and up to date in every particular. Sportsmen will find there the White Pelican Inn, managed by E. B. Hall, one of the best all-around shots and good fellows on the coast, who will devote time to making your trip a success along the lines of securing satisfactory bags of game or fish. It was at Klamath that I met Captain O. C. Applegate, who is a sure enough typical Indian fighter and peace promoter, a combination seldom found in one man.

## Two More Talesmen Are Accepted for Big Case

Two more jurors have been accepted for service by the prosecution and the defense in the trial of A. Ernest Lawrence on charge of killing Mrs. Alma Kuehne in the pitched battle at Dodd Hollow last December. These are:

P. W. Snyder, stockman, Swan. J. L. Gordon, hverman, Fort Klamath.

Gordon was the last man of the regular venire to be examined. Following his acceptance, Circuit Judge Kuykendall adjourned the case until 10 o'clock tomorrow morning, when a special venire of twenty-four men will report for examination.

The acceptance of Snyder late yesterday, and Gordon this forenoon makes eight men chosen as jurors in the case, the others being S. P. Short, Frank Denton, L. W. Copeland, T. R. Patterson, Charles Poindexter and B. H. Van Sickle. These men are under the surveillance of special bailiffs.

Fred Steeman, Edward R. Freuer and Jesse N. Drew were excused by the court yesterday. The state this morning excused Frank Frakes and

T. M. Cunningham, and the defense excused George H. Kiefer, A. E. Bennett, C. M. Kirkpatrick, B. W. Short and S. E. Icenblos.

Steeman yesterday stated that he had formed an opinion regarding the guilt or innocence of Lawrence which was fixed in his mind. He stated immediately afterwards that he thought he could give Lawrence a fair and impartial trial.

"Then your idea of a fair and impartial trial is the sowing of an opportunity to execute your feelings against this defendant, is it?" queried W. H. A. Renner for the defense. The court excused Steeman.

Freuer caused a laugh, when in reply to inquiry as to whether he had heard the case talked, he replied: "Yes, I've heard a whole lot about it; all about it, I guess." He stated that he had heard the case discussed sufficiently to form an opinion, and he was excused.

Andrew Kuehne, the son of the woman whose death caused the present trial, is an interested spectator, attending every session of court.