

AMERICA MAY HAVE TO DECLARE WAR

WESTERN NIGHT IS DECLARED SUCCESS

MUCH MONEY IS RAISED FOR CHARITABLE PURPOSES

Presence of Ladies for First Time May Have Helped Success of Annual Event For Elks and Friends—Wedding of "Stud Poker Pete" and "Liz" Features Evening of Excitement and Laughter.

Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247, B. P. O. Elks, has staged many successful and brilliant stunts during its existence, but it is the general opinion of those attending that nothing heretofore attempted can compare with the success that crowned the staging of the third annual "Western Night" at the Elks Temple last evening.

The main purpose of this entertainment was to raise an ample supply of money for the Christmas charity fund, and last night's affair was such a big success that it will probably be made an annual event, with the ladies included heretofore, of course.

Fully four hundred people were in attendance and took part in re-enacting the scenes of the early western frontier and mining camps. Practically every game heard of in the early days and some entirely new and original, were in operation and liberally patronized.

"Honest John" Houston was there with his cornucopia game and the ladies and a goodly number of men were "easy pickins" for John. The Chinese game conducted by John Foster was a big attraction, especially when Foster and Alex Rosebroug, who acted as "capper," got into a heated argument, which was carried on at great length in Chinese.

Local People Receive More Than They Give

The Klamath Falls postoffice surely is feeling the Christmas spirit. The boys who handle the mail there today must handle mail that filled 115 sacks and 30 packages.

and the blushing bride was no other than Frank Olds, in beautiful and highly colored gown and carrying a magnificent bouquet of celery. Ole Larson, about five feet tall, in Dutch makeup, was best man, and M. J. McDonough, six feet three, was bridesmaid. Dr. Cathey, in long Prince Albert and cowhide boots, was the sky-pilot of the mining camp, who performed the ceremony in most original style.

It was an evening of good, healthy fun, full of excitement and laughs.

MASONIC LODGES INSTALL JOINTLY

THREE ORDERS FOR MEN AND ONE FOR WOMEN WILL HOLD JOINT INSTALLATION DECEMBER 27, ST. JOHN'S DAY.

All the Masonic bodies of Klamath Falls will hold a joint installation on Wednesday evening, December 27th, according to announcement by Will C. Hurn, head of the Blue Lodge.

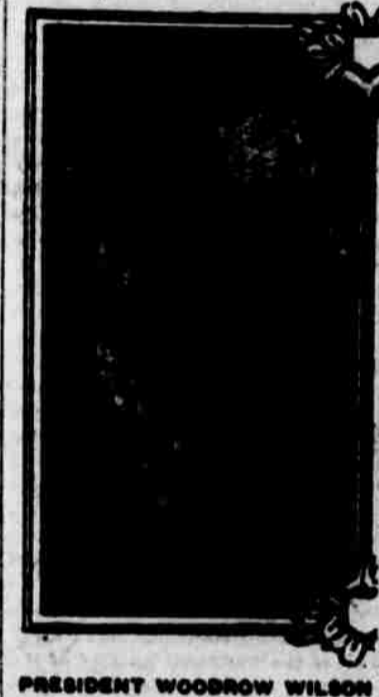
The lodges which will take part in the installation are: Klamath Lodge No. 77, A. F. & A. M. Klamath Chapter No. 35, R. A. M. Cavalry Commandery No. 16, K. T. Aloha Chapter No. 61, O. E. S.

ALUMNI TO PLAY SCHOOL FRIDAY

LAST BASKETBALL GAME BEFORE HOLIDAYS WILL BE PLAYED AT PAVILION TOMORROW AFTERNOON AT 3:30 O'CLOCK

Klamath high vs. alumni will be the basketball lineup tomorrow afternoon at the pavilion in the last game before the Christmas vacation. The game will be called at 3:30 o'clock.

LANSING SAYS OUR RIGHTS CAN BE INVADDED NO LONGER



PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON

BRITISH OFFICIALS INDIGNANT OVER AMERICAN NOTE

PRIVATE MESSAGES TO NEW YORK SAY THIS

This Attitude of Men High in Government Council of Nation Refuse to Allow Contents of Note to Be Printed in London Newspapers or Elsewhere in the Country Controlled by England.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Private messages received here today from London state that men high in the British government councils have expressed intense indignation at President Wilson's action in addressing his peace message to all belligerent governments.

The British government has refused to permit publication of the note in London or elsewhere in England. It is believed that this attitude of the government officials toward the message is responsible.

WILSON DISPATCHES STIFF NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS

Secretary of State Lansing Plainly Hints of Serious Danger of War Because of Disrespect for American Rights—Declines German Peace Proposals and British Answer Are Not Cause of Message.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21. Plainly hinting that there is a serious danger of the United States being drawn into the great European war, Robert Lansing, secretary of state, declared today this was the real reason behind President Wilson's message to the belligerent nations.

The message in reality calls for a showdown by the belligerents because America's rights as a neutral power have been invaded and because this nation feels such invasion cannot continue longer.

"Our rights have been invaded by belligerents on both sides of the European war," declared Secretary of State Lansing this morning. "The situation is becoming increasingly critical."

"I mean by that that we are drawing nearer and nearer to the verge of war, and therefore are entitled to know just what each belligerent seeks, in order that we can regulate our conduct in the future accordingly."

"It was not our material interests that were concerned when we said to the warring nations that the situation might become intolerable to the United States. We have prepared by the war, but our rights have been invaded and for this we cannot much longer remain passive."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21.—The ambassadors representing Great Britain, Japan, Germany, Italy, Bulgaria, Persia and Turkey are closeted with Secretary of State Lansing this afternoon, following announcement of the note sent to all belligerents by this nation.



ROBERT LANSING Secretary of State

BERNSTORFF IS MUCH DISTURBED BY WILSON NOTE

ATTACHES GREAT SIGNIFICANCE TO LANSING'S WORDS

Says He Doesn't Relish Idea of America Going into War Because Her Rights Have Been Invaded—German Representative Says "Our Country is On the Crust of a Volcano."

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21. Count Von Bernstorff, ambassador from Germany to the United States, was plainly disturbed today when he heard of President Wilson's message to the belligerents of Europe and Secretary of State Lansing's statement concerning the message.

Von Bernstorff gave the impression that he attached great significance to Secretary Lansing's remarks on the purpose of the note.

He stated that he didn't relish the suggestion by Lansing of the United States entering into war.

Kahn Says Prepare

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 21. When informed this morning by the statement of Secretary of State Lansing that the United States today is in an "intolerable position," Representative Kahn of California, sitting as a member of the house military committee, rose and dramatically declared: "Gentlemen, this committee must make haste. Our country is on the crust of a volcano."

H-3 Not Saved

EUREKA, Cal., Dec. 21.—The navy department today gave up the attempt to salvage the submarine H-3. A private corporation may be awarded the contract to save the vessel, it is believed.

SANTA AGREES TO BE HERE FOR CHRISTMAS

POSTOFFICE ENLARGED TO GIVE CARRIERS MORE ROOM

To provide more room in which the carriers may work, Postmaster W. A. Dettell is enlarging the work room of the local postoffice and reducing the number of boxes. Since the carrier service was inaugurated many persons have discontinued renting boxes, so that a much smaller number are required.

LANSING WHECKS MANY FORTUNES

HIS STATEMENT ON NOTE TO BELLIGERENTS OF EUROPE CAUSES CRASH ON EXCHANGE IN NEW YORK.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—A crash came on the stock exchange today when the statement of Secretary of State Lansing reached New York and continued until the close.

Despite the support of big banking interests, 2,176,000 shares of stock dumped.

Today was the wildest on the exchange since the Northern Pacific panic in 1901. Thousands of speculators were wrecked.

FIRE TAKES BIG HOTEL BUT NO LIVES ARE LOST

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 21.—Four firemen overcome with smoke, were severely but not seriously injured and fifty guests narrowly escaped early this morning when fire destroyed the three-story Columbia hotel, J street between Seventh and Eighth, at a loss of between \$150,000 and \$200,000. Adjoining buildings were threatened by the flames.

New Cabinet Formed

COPENHAGEN, Dec. 21.—Clem Martinitz has formed a new Austrian cabinet, dispatches from Vienna say.

Prince Donnersmark Dies

BERLIN, Dec. 21.—Prince Guido Donnersmark, age 86, the second richest German, died today.

WILL COME IN DAILY DECORATED AUTOMOBILES

Auto and Children Will March in Parade From Depot to City Square Lighted Tree at Fourth and Main Streets—Streets Will Be Closed to Traffic That Children May Play Without Restriction.

The municipal Christmas celebration around the monstrous tree at Fourth and Main streets is believed by the Business Men's Association, which is behind it, to be assured of success.

Each evening the big tree, festooned with colored electric lights that can be seen for many blocks, is attracting more and more attention. It is beautiful.

The celebration will start next Sunday afternoon, December 24th, at 4 o'clock with a parade from the depot. A big auto parade will form at the depot and behind the one school children will march.

After the parade reaches the great, brilliantly lighted tree, Christmas carols will be sung, addresses made and bags of candy distributed to every little boy and girl present.

Main street for two blocks and Fourth street for the same distance will be closed to all vehicle traffic during the community celebration of the old Christmas time.

Santa Claus has been written to by the Business Men's Association and has promised to be present to "meet all the good little boys and girls to give them presents.

The celebration is especially for the children and adults are requested by the Business Men's Association to remain on the sidewalks and leave the street and all spaces about the tree for the unrestrained use of the children.

Public Invited to Hear Good Christmas Program

Tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock, in the High School Auditorium, will be given the monthly musical program at the regular assembly hour. This will be in the nature of a Christmas program and the parents and friends of the high school students are cordially invited to be present and see something of the work the pupils of the high school are doing in music, as well as to hear some good music by outside talent.

- The following program has been prepared for tomorrow morning: Opening Song—High School Assembly Accompanied with H. S. Orchestra. Selection—High School Orchestra. Vocal Duet—Marie Ramba, Jessie Lee. Piano Solo—Joe O'Brien. Song—High School Assembly. Vocal Solo—Mrs. V. T. Matson. Violin Solo—John Houston. Christmas Address—Rev. C. F. Hines. "America" (new tune)—H. S. Assembly.

The people of Klamath Falls have reason to be proud of the choral and orchestral of the local high school. The girls' chorus, comprising about seventy-five voices, is one of the largest in the state, and is doing excellent work.

These organizations, in order to do the most efficient work, need the cooperation and encouragement of the local people. We believe you can be adapted for showing your interest in your high school activities, and in contributing a few minutes of your time and attending the program, will be prepared for you.

Christmas Giving

By INA GRAMAM, Klamath County High School

CHRISTMAS in America, and also in other parts of the world, seems to have lost its real significance. Did it ever occur to you that about ninety-nine people out of every one hundred do not have the true Christmas spirit? Of course you will say that most everyone gives and receives presents. But with what spirit are these presents given? In most cases are they not merely an exchange from one person to another?

When the wise men took costly presents to the infant Jesus, it was not because they expected something in return for them. Jesus gave more to mankind than anyone else who has ever lived. He gave them, by example, the true meaning of the Christ life. He taught men how to live better and how to know the best things of life. He did not give men these lessons in return for something that had been given to him. Jesus gave more and received less than any other man.