

OFFICIALS PROFIT FROM NEWS "LEAK"

Name One Official Said to Be Known

CHAIRMAN RULES COMMITTEE MAKES CHARGE

Says Relative of High Official Told Him That Advance "Depe" on Wilson Peace Note Enabled Official to Get Big Rewards Following Panic on Stock Exchange When Note Was Published.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Chairman Wood of the rules committee of the house of representatives today declared that he has the trail of the reported "leak" on President Wilson's note to belligerent nations, which caused the severe panic on the New York stock exchange.

"I am informed by a relative of an official high in the service of the national government, now in the brokerage business as a silent partner, who is alleged to have profited immensely by the advance information on the president's peace note," said Chairman Wood.

"Right now I am not in a position to reveal the name, but may do so at any time."

"I have learned also that this government's representatives in Europe have profited by advance information on diplomatic moves to be made by the United States."

SHERIFF LOW GETS \$50 WATCH FROM DEPUTIES

In sincere token of their esteem for him, the deputies of the office of Sheriff C. C. Low presented him on Christmas with a \$50 gold watch. This is the last Christmas they will spend as his deputies, as he is succeeded January 1st by George Humphrey, so they desired to leave him a remembrance.

Society Meets Tomorrow.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian church will meet on Thursday, at 2:30 p. m. at the home of Mrs. B. C. Thomas, 213 Pine street.

Shinn Leaves.

Neal Shinn, who has been employed at the Regal Shoe Store, has left for Ashland, his home town, where he expects to remain.

Open Bids Construction of Railroad on Jan. 15

Although last night was the time set for opening bids for construction of the municipal railroad from Klamath Falls to Dairy, the city council by a two-to-one vote postponed the time for receiving and opening of bids to January 15, 1917. Councilman A. D. Miller and I. R. Struble voted for continuance of the time, Councilman M. R. Doty voted no, and Councilmen R. J. Sheets and O. D. Mathews didn't vote. Mayor Crisler remarked that only three voted, and Struble called for a yes and nay vote. Miller objected, saying a majority of those voting voted yes. Mayor Crisler then declared the motion to continue carried.

VILLA MAY TAKE TAMPICO, MEXICO

HAS TOLD FOREIGNERS IN CHIHUAHUA CITY THAT HE WILL TAKE COAST TOWN TO FORCE COMPLICATIONS

EL PASO, Dec. 27.—The objective of Pancho Villa is Tampico, important seaport on the east coast of Mexico. The bandit chief swiftly is setting the stage for an attack on Tampico.

Villa has told foreigners in Chihuahua City that he is going to take Tampico to force international complications and action by the United States against the Carranza government.

Reports reaching here say Villa's latest town to capture is San Luis Potosi.

Robbers Get \$3,000

TEMPLE, Okla., Dec. 27.—Robbers at noon today dynamited the safe vault of the Faxon, Okla. Bank, and escaped with \$3,000.

Tornado's Toll Is Fourteen

LITTLE ROCK, Dec. 27.—Fourteen are dead and sixteen injured as the result of a tornado which swept through south central Arkansas last night.

Snow in California

REDDING, Dec. 27.—It is snowing heavily here, two inches already having fallen. There is a foot of snow at Weaverville, and three feet at Dunsmuir, and many other sections of Northern California.

Installation tonight.

All Masonic orders of Klamath Falls will hold a joint installation tonight in the Masonic hall in the Loomis building at 7:30. All Masons and their wives and all Eastern Stars and their husbands are invited.

Sweden Sends Note

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Sweden today joined the United States and Switzerland in dispatching to belligerents a note in the same phrasing as the Swiss communication.

Need 3,000,000 Men for Defense



Major General Scott, chief of staff of the United States army, told the senate military committee the United States should have 1,500,000 men ready to take the field in case of attack, and that within ninety days 1,500,000 more would be needed. In view of this lesson of the great war he favored universal military training.

ICE SKATING RINK TO OPEN TONIGHT

The new ice rink at Modoc Park, under the management of O. E. Willey and Harry Pool, will be opened to the public tonight. Since the snow Saturday night the park has been flooded, and this water frozen into clear, slick ice. Skates can be rented at the ice rink.

Carranza Ignores Protocol

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—The United States government will wait a day or two longer for the answer of Provisional President Carranza of Mexico to the troop withdrawal protocol, although yesterday was the last day of grace.

CALIFORNIA IS SEEKING PEACE

LOS ANGELES AND OAKLAND CITY COUNCILS INVITE NATIONS AT WAR TO SEND DELEGATES TO CONSIDER PEACE

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—The city council of Los Angeles last night authorized to invite peace delegates from belligerent nations to Los Angeles to end the European war.

Oakland Fellows Suit

OAKLAND, Dec. 27.—The city council of this city passed a resolution last night inviting delegates from warring nations to Oakland to arrange terms of peace.

COUNCIL OFFERS NEW FRANCHISE TO KERNS BROS.

BELIEVED ACCEPTABLE TO MAJORITY OF COUNCIL

New Franchise Ordinance Introduced Last Night is Old One With Amendments Offered December 18th Added to It—Makes Keno Power Company Pay for Election and Put Up Big Bond to Guarantee Service.

The city council last night introduced and passed to its third reading an ordinance granting to the Keno Power company a franchise to distribute electricity in Klamath Falls. The ordinance is identically the same one voted down on December 18th, plus all amendments offered that evening by Councilmen R. J. Sheets and O. D. Matthews. The provisions of these amendments are incorporated into and made a part of the new ordinance.

The new franchise ordinance is expected to be passed by the council, if acceptable to the Keno Power company, as it is understood to have the support of Councilmen Sheets, Mathews and M. R. Doty, a majority of the council. It contains in the additions to it certain features that the Keno Power company may object to and refuse to accept.

To the surprise of many citizens at the meeting last night, the resolution adopted at the mass meeting December 19th was not presented to the council last evening. This resolution demanded passage of the ordinance voted by the people November 14th or resignation of the councilmen opposing it. B. S. Grigsby and O. A. Stearns of the committee named by the mass meeting were present last night, but did not present the resolution.

The new ordinance, or rather the provisions it includes in addition to the one voted down December 18th, was prepared by R. C. Groesbeck, city

Member of the President's Cabinet



Woman Elected Mayor of Umatilla



Mrs. E. E. Starcher was not only elected mayor of Umatilla, Ore., but she had to defeat her husband to win. He had the temerity to run on the opposition ticket, and the women of the city just rose up and swatted him and many other male candidates. Four women were elected to the city council; another was chosen recorder, and another became treasurer.

Spokane is Seat Farm Loan Bank

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—Spokane has been named as the headquarters for the Northwest district of the federal farm loan bank.

RAILROADS WILL IGNORE STATUTE

SERVE NOTICE ON EMPLOYEES THAT ADAMSON LAW WILL BE IGNORED UNTIL ITS CONSTITUTIONALITY IS DETERMINED

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The railroads of the United States will ignore the Adamson eight hour law in making up their various payrolls and working schedules until the United States supreme court passes on the constitutionality of the law.

Notice to this effect was served on employees of the roads by officials of the companies today.

Business Men Meet. A meeting of Klamath Falls Business Men's Association has been called by Secretary Joe E. Kent for 8 o'clock at the city hall.

Allies Don't Want Peace Meeting Now

WINNIE WAMPLER IS MARRIED HERE

BECOMES BRIDE OF D. M. McLEMORE AT QUIET WEDDING THIS MORNING—SPEND HONEYMOON IN HONOLULU

At a quiet wedding at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Luke Walker, Miss Winnie Wampler was married this morning to D. M. McLemore of San Francisco and Klamath Falls. Only a few intimate friends were present.

Mr. and Mrs. McLemore left on the morning train for San Francisco, from which place they will sail on January 23d for Honolulu to spend a honeymoon of two months. Mr. McLemore will take his big red Pathfinder motor to the island, that he and Mrs. McLemore may see all the island at times convenient to them.

A fine home is now under construction by Mr. McLemore in San Jose, and there the couple will make their home.

Mrs. McLemore is a daughter of H. M. Wampler of Odessa, and has resided here since babyhood, except for the last few years, much of which time has been spent in San Francisco. Mr. McLemore has a large stock ranch in California, and is interested in Klamath county with Luke E. Walker in the livestock business.

Germany May Give Terms

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27.—If the entente powers send to President Wilson their terms of peace, Germany "probably" will furnish to the president her terms also, the German embassy here stated today.

Liner Is 'Hopeless'

TOKIO, Dec. 27.—The liner Sankaku Maru is aground with 400 passengers and crew aboard off Ohefoo China. She is reported hopeless.

Bills Must Have O. K.

All bills against the city of Klamath Falls hereafter must be regularly submitted, and must have the approval of the city official who ordered the purchase of the goods for which the bills are given. This decision was made by the city council when it passed a resolution offered by Councilman A. D. Miller.

Fire Department Asks Chief Be on Full Salary

A fire chief who shall give all his time to superintending the Klamath Falls fire department and shall be hired on a full salary was recommended to the city council last night by the boys composing the fire department.

The department submitted a report made to it by a committee appointed to investigate and report on improvement in the efficiency of the department. The council referred the matter to the fire committee for report next meeting.

The fire department boys recommend a chief on full pay because the assistant chief, Jack Hunsaker, is now

THIS IS BELIEVED CLEAR TO ALL, SAYS LONDON

Feeling is, However, That Germany Has Given Opportunity for Allies to Appear Before the World With Statement of Ideals and Aims in History's Greatest Conflict—Believed That Germany's Strength Wanes.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The allies certainly will not accept Germany's proposals for an immediate peace conference, as made yesterday in her note to President Wilson of the United States and other neutrals. This seems to be entirely clear.

It is believed in London that Germany's reply to President Wilson's peace note has offered a grand opportunity for England and other allies to act before the world by giving a clear statement containing the ideals and aims of the entente in the war.

The English public is grasping to fast more strongly each day that Germany's waning strength is the real motive for her proposals of peace.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—England intends to tell the world exactly what she is fighting for. Her answer to President Wilson's note will be a clear outline of the objects which Britain and her allies hope to attain.

This sort of note is now in process of formation. Presumably it is the business of drafting the reply that has called a conference of the Lloyd George cabinet.

It is known that Lloyd George conferred with the French ministers yesterday. It is probable that all the allies will send one identical note, which will be not only the answer to President Wilson, but the answer to the German proposal also.

Storm Sweeps East

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—A blizzard of snow and sleet is taking a wild path across the East and Middle West, tying up traffic and telegraph service. The storm rages from Florida to the Canadian border.

Frost is Feared

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27.—A killing frost is predicted here tonight. Fruit growers are preparing for smudging. The citrus crop was not damaged by the cold wave of the last few days.