

DEMOCRATS VOTE AGAINST LEAK PROBE

ALLIES MUST GET RID OF DESPOTISM

LLOYD GEORGE SO TELLS ENGLISH PEOPLE

British Premier in Speech Today Says Allies Have Not Rejected Peace, but a Trap Baited With Fine Words Says Future Peace Can Be Secured Only by League of All Nations of the Earth.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—"The allies have reached a grim determination to rid the world of unspeakable despotism," David Lloyd George, English premier, told cheering thousands in Guild hall this afternoon.

The premier said President Wilson of the United States had been informed that all the allies desired peace but that war was preferable to Prussian domination of Europe.

"The best security for future peace will come when the nations of the earth are banded together to punish the first to break the peace of the world," continued Lloyd George.

"We did not reject peace terms; no terms were offered. Germany offered only a trap baited with fine words."

RANCHER VICTIM OF HIS OWN HAND

ELMER BOOM TAKES STRYCHNINE AT MERRILL HOTEL AND DIES AFTER FEW VIOLENT CONVULSIONS—WAS DESPONDENT

Elmer Boom, a homesteader on Stukel mountain, committed suicide in the lobby of the Riverside hotel in Merrill late Monday night, according to word brought to Klamath Falls last evening by Dr. A. A. Soule, county coroner. Death was caused by the deceased swallowing strychnine.

Dr. John Patterson of Merrill was called, and soon after he arrived Boom said to him: "I have taken strychnine, I want to die." An empty bottle which had contained this poison was found in his pocket.

W. G. Thompson and R. B. Noble were witnesses of his death, and gave sworn statements as to his identification.

The deceased was about 56 years of age, and a native of Illinois.

Strahorn Confers With Mayor; Seems Satisfied

Every prospect points to a satisfactory culmination of the Strahorn railway project, according to the idea of the promoter himself, Robert E. Strahorn.

Following an extended conference with Mayor C. B. Crisler yesterday afternoon, Strahorn announced himself as confident that the legal matters to be taken up with the city council would be arranged without difficulty.

He feels more certain than ever that the outside capital which he needs for the work will be available, and de-

MAIN COMMITTEE GETS \$475 MORE TO BUY TERMINAL

REX CAFE GIVES \$150 AND OTHERS \$100 EACH

Plus Amount Already Secured From Firms Not in Business Men's Association, Yesterday Subscriptions Make Total Reach \$14,315—Funds Got by Association and Women Boost Total to \$22,472.80

From Klamath Falls business houses not in the Business Men's Association the main committee on the Strahorn railroad terminal fund yesterday secured contracts for \$475. The Rex cafe was the largest subscriber yesterday with \$150, while W. O. Smith Printing company and W. D. Cofer each gave \$100.

Added to the \$13,740 already announced from business firms not in the association, yesterday's subscriptions bring the total to \$14,315. The announcement previously of a \$100 subscription by Klamath Hardware company should have been \$200.

With \$14,315 as noted above and \$4,305 from the Business Men's Association, plus \$3,852.50 raised by the Women's 1,000 Railroad Club, makes total subscriptions for the terminal fund amount to \$22,472.80. This, of course, does not include subscriptions which have not been announced, but which have been promised.

Following are subscriptions secured yesterday from business houses not in the association:

- Tex Cafe 150.00
W. O. Smith Printing Co. 100.00
W. D. Cofer 100.00
F. R. Olds & Co. 50.00
O. L. Fitzpatrick & L. J. Bean 50.00
L. A. Davidson 25.00

China Endorses Wilson WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—China's reply to President Wilson's peace note was received today. It endorses the note.

Wheat Jumps CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Wheat jumped sharply this afternoon when Lloyd George's statement of the allies' demands on Germany reached America.

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C. W. Eberlein is the Biggest Single Contributor for the Proposed Railroad Grounds

He is on Trial for Blasphemy



CHARLES W. EBERLEIN, a Lithuanian lecturer, is on trial in Connecticut on the charge of blasphemy. The statute under which he is accused was adopted in 1642 in the days when the famous Connecticut blue laws were passed. It was hardly known to exist until some one had Mr. Eberlein arrested for statements he publicly made, and took him before a magistrate. The case has been argued before the district court, and was adjourned to give the lawyers time to file briefs.

Railroad Incomes Increased

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—The operating income of 185 of the largest American railroads jumped \$63,000,000 during the four months period ending November 1, 1916, over the corresponding period in 1915.

This announcement was made today by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

SINNOTT ASKS MONEY FOR LAND RECLAMATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Representative N. J. Sinnott of Oregon today offered a resolution carrying \$400,000 to begin construction on the Owyhee project for the reclamation of 2,300 acres of Oregon land. The resolution was referred to the irrigation committee.

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CONTRIBUTION IS IN FORM OF MUCH LAND

Charles W. Eberlein, Man Much Interested in Success of Strahorn Railroad Gives Mile and Half Right of Way and All Yards Except Passenger Terminals—Gave This When Hill Would Not Build to Klamath.

Yesterday a citizen of Klamath Falls asked the Herald why Charles W. Eberlein, one of the trustees of the Strahorn railroad terminal fund, has not given anything to help buy the terminals. The citizen remarked that Mr. Eberlein's name so far was not among the list of subscribers to the fund. The question seemed fair, in view of Mr. Eberlein's extraordinary activity in the railroad movement, so this morning the Herald made inquiry and learned the following facts:

Mr. Eberlein alone will give to Robert E. Strahorn one and one-half miles of right of way 100 feet wide up to the city limits, also all freight yards, which will be at least 3,000 feet long, and in addition lands for round houses, shops and stock yards. All of this area lies south and east of the Southern Pacific tracks and extends along the county road, which is an extension of Sixth street.

This donation of land by Mr. Eberlein relieves the people of Klamath Falls of a very heavy burden. In fact, it is believed that if the people had to buy all these lands in addition to the passenger terminals, for which money is now being raised, the burden would be too heavy. This one contribution from Mr. Eberlein is by far the largest single contribution made by any person or business firm.

There is a history to Mr. Eberlein's connection and extreme interest in the success of the Strahorn railroad enterprise that is highly interesting. In 1912, after cessation of construction by the Southern Pacific, Mr. Eberlein had a conference in St. Paul, Minn., with Louis W. Hill, president of the Great Northern Railway company. The occasion of the conference was an effort on the part of Mr. Eberlein to do what he could to induce the Hill lines to go on with their program to build to Klamath Falls. The two gentlemen had all the maps before them. Mr. Hill had made the statement that the Southern Pacific had the town bottled up, and that the Hill lines would have difficulty in securing terminals.

Mr. Eberlein then offered Mr. Hill the land for such terminals as he would need right up to the eastern boundary of Klamath Falls. Mr. Hill expressed his appreciation of the offer, and said he would be glad to accept, but that present conditions in the railroad world were not favorable to new construction, and he hinted strongly at some understanding with the Southern Pacific that temporarily prevented entrance into Klamath Falls by the Hill lines.

Mr. Hill was most flattering in his estimate of Klamath County, but said he was unable to state with any degree of definiteness when building to Klamath Falls would be resumed.

Since that time Mr. Eberlein has held the lands immediately east of this city intact, in expectation of being called upon to furnish terminal sites to the Hill roads. On the advent of Robert E. Strahorn it became apparent to Mr. Eberlein that the Hill lines would not build to Klamath Falls, but that if

Woman Member of Committee



Mrs. Wesley Martin Stoner of Washington is a member of the inauguration committee which will have charge of the induction into office of President Wilson for his second term March 4th. She was one of the organizers of the Women's Wilson Union, which was a factor among women in the recent campaign.

Battleship Torpedoed 13 Missing

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The British battleship Cornwallis was torpedoed and sunk in the Mediterranean Sea Tuesday, the admiralty announced today. The Cornwallis had a capacity of 14,000 tons.

Thirteen of the crew are missing. The admiralty also announces the sinking of the seaplane carrier Benychoe today in Kastelorz harbor.

MOTSCHENBACHER OPENS AN OFFICE

Because of increase of business, V. T. Motschenbacher has rented room 211 in the Willits building, and has opened an office there. Mr. Motschenbacher is local agent for the New York Life Insurance company.

He had planned to leave for Eugene and Corvallis January 1 to write insurance among university and college men, but pressure of business here has caused indefinite postponement of his departure.

German Consul Convicted

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Francis Bopp, German consul, and four of his associates were convicted of conspiracy to violate neutrality here last night. The jury returned after being out five hours. The defense tomorrow will file a motion for a new trial.

any connection was to be had with the Hill line at Bend it must be over the Strahorn road, or not at all. He therefore made the same tender to Mr. Strahorn that he had made to Mr. Hill.

INVESTIGATION IS ABRUPTLY HALTED

BUSINESS MEN IN ASSOCIATION GIVE TO FUND

PARTIAL LIST SHOWS \$4,305 TO DATE

Some of the Heaviest Subscribers Within Association Have Not Decided Just What They Will Give, but Amount Will Be Known Tomorrow. Evans & Sons and O. J. Eskelson Are Biggest Subscribers to Date.

As promised, the Herald today is publishing the list of members of the Klamath Falls Business Men's Association who have subscribed to the fund to buy a terminal site for the Strahorn railroad. The list does not contain the names of a few of the heaviest subscribers, but by tomorrow the amount to be given by these firms will be definitely decided on, and will then be published in the Herald.

"As chairman of the head committee which has charge of raising the terminal fund, I want to thank the members of the Business Men's Association who have given to the terminal fund that Klamath Falls may have a road to Portland," said W. Paul Johnson this morning, when announcing the list published today. "Percy Evans is chairman of the Business Men's Association committee, and he and his assistants have worked hard to make the subscriptions as large as possible."

Following is the incomplete list of subscribers within the Business Men's Association:

- George Wirtz 50.00
Klamath Jewelry Co. 100.00
J. M. Evans & Son 100.00
W. E. Strofeld 150.00
Frank Upp 20.00
A. F. Salficky 50.00
Klamath Fuel Co. 100.00
F. J. Erz 100.00
J. J. Johnston Furniture Co. 125.00
N. E. Bond 150.00
Seehorn Co. 200.00
H. N. Moe Co. 250.00
Van Riper Bros. 250.00
Roberts & Whitmore 250.00
Star Drug Co. 200.00
Link River Electric Co. 50.00
L. T. Shepherd 100.00
L. M. Hannen 50.00
H. E. Hauger 25.00
J. I. Rightmire 20.00
F. M. Garich 5.00
B. L. Yaden 5.00

Bradbury is Honored by Irrigation Body

After being honored by appointment on the legislative committee and election as second vice president of the congress, R. E. Bradbury returned last night from Portland, where he attended the Oregon Irrigation congress.

Mr. Bradbury was a prominent figure as the irrigation congress, and in several addresses gave valuable suggestions to the irrigationists. His election as second vice president is evidence of this.

VOTE IS STRICTLY ON PARTY LINES

Second Resolution Offered by Representative Wood, Father of Probe, to Make Thorough Investigation of Lawson Charges is Defeated—Editor Financial Paper Says Brokers' Wires Gave Tip.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Investigation of the leak on advance information on President Wilson's note to belligerents ended abruptly this morning.

The house rules committee defeated the second Wood resolution providing for a thorough probe of Thomas W. Lawson's charges and refused to consider the resolution for a general probe of the whole affair.

The vote was strictly on party lines. All democrats voted adversely on every proposition to investigate the leak, and all republicans voted for the probe.

James Riley, managing editor of the Wall Street Journal, told the house committee that brokers' wires furnished the original tip on the note.

BRITISH ROUT TURKISH ARMY

CAPTURE 1,600 MOHAMMEDANS NEAR ELASRISH IN EGYPT. ALSO TAKE REDOUBTS AND MANY ENTRENCHMENTS

LONDON, Jan. 11.—Six hundred Turks were killed and wounded and 1,600 made prisoners when the British Tuesday captured strong positions to the northeast of Elarish, in Egypt. The positions taken include six lines of entrenchments, six redoubts. Later Shalal was captured and destroyed.

Life is Threatened MARYSVILLE, Jan. 11.—The life of Chief of Police Smith was threatened today because he recommended to the city council that licenses for five saloons be held up.

- Chas. Fallin 5.00
O. J. Eskelson 500.00
R. W. Browne 50.00
C. B. Browne 50.00
G. C. Lorenz 250.00
C. H. Underwood 200.00

Total \$4,305.00