

GERMANS MOVE ON VERDUN SUDDENLY

AT SURPRISE OFFENSIVE ON IMPORTANT FORT

Man's Hill and Hill No. 304 Again Are Scenes of Bloody Fight—Germans Claim to Have Taken 500 Prisoners and Trenches Along Mile Front—French Admit Trenches are "Penetrated."

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Germany has launched a sudden offensive toward Verdun. Berlin and Paris statements are fighting on the bloody slope of Hill No. 304 and on Deadman's Hill. Berlin claims the capture of French trenches at Moren along a mile front, 500 prisoners.

French statement says "small parties penetrated our advanced trenches." Berlin asserts that French counterattacks last night were unsuccessful. The official German statement says the generals commanding the attacking regiments participating, including the war critics that the attack is a major one. The artillery heavily aided the Westphalian and Prussian regiments in the attacking.

Man While Talking

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—A man addressing a committee of the National Security League here today, Benjamin Blewette, superintendent of the St. Louis schools, was seized by a heart attack and died.

Norris Amendment Killed

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—An amendment to the treasury bill offered by Senator Norris, and which would abolish nine subtreasuries was defeated this afternoon by a vote of 15 yeas.

Man Visits

James T. Henley of the Henley firm on the Merrill road, spent last night in this city.

NO GERMAN BOAT LOST IN BATTLE, OFFICIAL VERSION

GERMANY GIVES ITS SIDE OF NORTH SEA FIGHT

Says German Boat Injured Hit Another Tonnage Vessel in Darkness, But Returned Safely to Port, Although Commander Was Killed. British Destroyer Left Sinking. Says the Statement.

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—The German official version of the North Sea battle declares that immediately beginning the engagement, which occurred in the darkness, a German destroyer was struck squarely, and the commander and several others killed.

The destroyed was heavily damaged to reach Ymuiden safely, yet only after colliding with another German boat.

A German destroyer rammed a British vessel of like type, leaving the enemy ship in a sinking condition.

A third German boat sunk a large hostile destroyer with a torpedo at close range.

The British forces being superior, the Germans returned to port, the official statement says.

GERMAN VESSEL SHELLS ENGLISH COAST; NO DAMAGE

LONDON, Jan. 26.—A small German vessel bombarded the Suffolk coast last night. Only part of the shells reached the shore. There were no casualties and only small damage.

Warns America Against Entangling Alliances With European Powers



WILLIAM E. BORAH Senator From Idaho

Snowstorm in Wyoming Ties Up 20 Big Trains

Eight West Bound Trains Are Stalled at Laramie and Twelve Eastbound at Medicine Bow---Storm Worst in Many Years.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Jan. 26.—Eight westbound passenger trains of the Union Pacific are stalled here because of the heavy snowstorm.

SHELLS FOR U. S. CAN'T BE MADE

MINISTER OF MUNITIONS OF ENGLAND WON'T LET BRITISH FIRM FULFILL CONTRACT FOR PROJECTILES FOR U. S. NAVY

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The British government has refused permission to the Hadfields, limited, to proceed with work on the contract for shells for the American navy, "so long as the exigencies of the war continue."

Officials of the Union Pacific declare the trip is the worst the road ever experienced.

WOMAN GOES ON HUNGER STRIKE

SISTER OF NOTED BIRTH CONTROL ADVOCATE JAILED FOR THIRTY DAYS FOR DISSEMINATING PROPAGANDA

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—If Mrs. Ethel Byrne, who is serving a sentence of thirty days in the penitentiary for disseminating information on birth control, persists in her refusal to eat, the New York penal authorities will have to deal with their first real hunger strike.

BALDWIN OPENS HARDWARE MEET

KLAMATH FALLS MAN, PRESIDENT OF OREGON RETAIL HARDWARE AND IMPLEMENT DEALERS ASSOCIATION

Following the registration of delegates this afternoon, the eleventh annual convention of the Oregon Retail Hardware and Implement Dealers Association got down to business this afternoon at the Imperial hotel.

In his annual address, President George Baldwin of Klamath Falls touched upon the conditions of the hardware and implement business, and declared that the war had created conditions that placed the business on extremely unfamiliar ground.

Harbors Bill Passes

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—The rivers and harbors bill, carrying an appropriation of \$39,000,000, passed the house this afternoon.

OREGON MAN SAW BIG BOMB PLACED

STRAHORN ROAD BRINGS \$50,000 INTO KLAMATH

BELLMAN & SON CLOSE BIG LAND DEAL

Big Rancher and Developer of California Comes to Klamath After Hearing of Strahorn Railroad, Investigates, Gathers Enthusiasm and Backs it Up by Purchasing Three Big Ranches.

Nine hundred and twenty acres of Klamath county grain and hay land, comprising three big ranches, have been purchased by Andrew Kern of Sacramento, Calif., as a direct result of the prospective Strahorn railroad.

The deal for this land was closed yesterday through A. A. Bellman & Son and Joel T. Ward. Mr. Kern knew little of Klamath county until he read in the newspapers of the proposed building of the Strahorn railroad from Klamath Falls to Bend. He became interested and after arriving here and being shown over a large part of the county decided this was the place for him.

The 920 acres of land sold for \$50,200. It lies near Dairy, in Yonka valley. One of the ranches belonged to A. A. Bellman and comprised 280 acres. It is in section 34, township 38, range 11 1/2 east. The other two ranches were purchased from G. A. McCarthy and are in sections 28, 29 and 30, same township and range.

KAISER MAY MOVE FOR PEACE ON BIRTHDAY

LONDON, Jan. 26.—It is reported from many sources that Kaiser Wilhelm plans to make his 57th birthday anniversary tomorrow the occasion of another move for peace, with terms more acceptable to the allies.

Klamath to Spend \$4000 on New Road

After Conference With County Judge Hanks, Local Committee Wires Eugene What We Will Do

Although too late for a special appropriation from the county budget for the Klamath Falls-Eugene-Florence highway, and unable to meet Lane county's appropriation of \$11,000 as suggested in a wire received yesterday from the Eugene Chamber of Commerce, Klamath county stands ready to expend \$4,000 on this route this year.

At a meeting of the Klamath-Florence road committee, of which County Judge Marion Hanks is a member, yesterday afternoon, a proposal from the Eugene body to co-operate in this construction and to have county expenditures matched with state and federal appropriations was discussed, and it was decided that Klamath county would expend \$1,000 to open the new route from the summit of the Cascades on the county line down, and \$3,000 to improve the road toward Klamath Falls.

PROSECUTION SPRINGS SURPRISE IN MOONEY CASE

F. C. Ozman of Oregon Goes on Witness Stand and Tells of Seeing Mooney and Other Defendants on Fatal Street Corner During Preparedness Parade, Conveys Briefly and Glances Nervously at Clock

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—The prosecution sprang a surprise today in the trial of Thomas Mooney, alleged preparedness parade dynamiter. F. C. Ozman, an Oregon cattleman, was called to the witness stand, and identified Mooney, his wife, Billings, and Weinburg as the quartette he saw standing on the fatal street corner shortly before the explosion.

Ozman vividly described the placing of the suitcase containing the bomb on the sidewalk.

He said the defendants conversed briefly after placing the suitcase, all the time glancing nervously at the clock.

POISON PESTS IN LANGELL VALLEY

COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT AND F. A. WARD, PEST EXPERT, WILL AID FARMERS OF EASTERN PART OF COUNTY

To institute a campaign against rabbits and coyotes among the farmers of Langell Valley, H. R. Glaisyer county agricultural agent, and F. A. Ward of the United States Department of Agriculture, left this afternoon for Langell Valley. They will remain until Saturday night.

Mr. Ward is an expert on pest extermination. He and Glaisyer will start the farmers and stockmen, and then leave the work of extermination to the residents themselves. Poison will be used on both rabbits and coyotes.

Mr. Glaisyer and Mr. Ward have been operating in the Orindale district. After returning from Langell Valley they will go to other districts to give suggestions and aid to the farmers who want to get rid of rabbits and coyotes.