

GUNNERS TO BE ON ALL SHIPS

WILL PROTECT MUNITION SHIPS

LANSING ANNOUNCES AFTER TALKING TO WILSON

Passing Steamers and Munition ships to be treated alike—Lansing says action to be taken since Germany announced all ships within certain zones are to be sunk without precautions taken.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 12.—

Armed guards of navy gunners may be placed on board all American merchantmen which will enter the barred zone, Secretary Lansing notified all foreign diplomats today, after a conference with President Wilson.

Not only passenger ships, but munition ships are also to be armed. "In view of Germany's announcement that all ships within certain zones are to be sunk without precaution for the safety of the persons on board, and without crediting the right of visit and search," America is determined to place on board American merchantmen sailing through the barred zone armed guards for the protection of the vessels and the lives of the persons on board," said Secretary Lansing's announcement.

Secretary Lansing believes that the presence of naval gunners will not give the merchant vessels the status of warships.

The naval department has refused to divulge its plans, but it is known, however, that American inventors, including Thomas Edison, are designing methods of sheltering merchantmen from submarines.

Every amateur wireless station in America will be dismantled if war is declared, it is authoritatively stated. Officials admit that the many reports of hidden German wireless stations are causing them more anxiety than bomb plots.

COUNTY SCHOOL FAIRS ORGANIZED

SCHOOL TEACHERS AND PATRONS MET SATURDAY AND DECIDED ON NAME THAT WILL LEAVE ASSOCIATION OPEN

The constitution and bylaws for the Klamath County School Fair Association were adopted Saturday afternoon at the meeting held in the county agriculturalist's office. This name was chosen to leave membership in the association open to all parts of the county. It is planned to hold the fairs in the fall.

C. D. Chorpensing of Mt. Laki, president of the association, presided, and those present were John Hutchins, Midland; M. P. Ford, Spring Lake; Mrs. Frouer, Miller Hill; Mattie Foster, Summer; Jesse P. Ross, Henley; Mr. Miller, Pine Grove; Mrs. Bradburn, Mt. Laki; Frank Stewart and Joe Wright, Miller Hill; and Mrs. Cheyne.

Fourteen Coyotes Killed
Fourteen coyotes have been presented at the county clerk's office for the bounties during the past week. Those bringing in the hides were Ross Bamper, Bonanza, 1; M. T. Arnett, Dairy, 1; Walter Pomeroy, T. D. Stiles and John Neubert, city, each 1; John Cole, Yainax, 7; W. C. Campbell, Lorella, 1; and W. P. Whitney, Merrill, 1.

HILL-S. P. PLAN FOR RAILROADS IS ANNOUNCED

CONNECTION WITH RAILROAD HERE PLANNED

Completion of the Eureka Coast Railroad From Trinidad to Powers and Marshfield and the construction of a line from this city down the Klamath River to Trinidad is announced by San Francisco Paper.

The San Francisco Chronicle printed the following recently regarding the construction of railroads in Northern California and Southern Oregon, which, if done, means much to Klamath Falls. The proposed route leads from this city down the Klamath River to Trinidad, on which route railroad speculation has been talked of for several years. It would place Klamath Falls within a few hours of the coast, and would make this city a central shipping point for a large territory in Eastern and Southern Oregon. The grade down the Klamath River is said to be excellent.

Following is the story:
Revealing a radical rearrangement of the railroad map of Northern California and Oregon, the Chronicle has received information from an apparently authentic source of the plan of the Hill lines to enter San Francisco by the way of Eureka.

Corroboration of this information has been secured, disclosing negotiations for a trackage arrangement by which Hill would assume one-third of the cost of the Eureka-San Francisco line of the Northwestern Pacific.

The new construction involved in this comprehensive readjustment includes:

A Hill line to build south from Bend, Ore., in conjunction with the Strahorn project to Klamath Falls, and thence by the way of the Klamath River to the coast at Trinidad, a few miles north of Eureka, where a junction would be made with the present line through Sausalito.

B—Southern Pacific to build the coast connection from Trinidad to Marshfield, bringing the gap in the proposed coast route to Portland and doing away with the high grade haul over the Siskiyou on the Shasta route.

C—Construction of the detour and tunnel to avoid the present grade over the Willits hill, thus opening the entire coast line as a low-grade route between San Francisco and Portland.

It was a secret trip made by Louis Hill personally to Eureka two months ago that gave the clue which resulted in the discovery of these radical plans. Hill went to Eureka, stayed at the home of a personal friend and left without being recognized. The information which comes to the Chronicle is that he went to Eureka by the Klamath River road and trails.

Unusual as such a trip may appear for the head of a great transcontinental railroad system, friends of Hill say that it is not unusual for him to make such personal reconnaissances of new territory. Furthermore, it has been learned that in the preceding fall he had gone over the Eastern Oregon section of the proposed new construction incognito, and accompanied only by a chauffeur.

In connection with these disclosures the recent meeting of Hill and Strahorn at Del Monte gains significance. Strahorn has secured the rights of way between Bend and Klamath Falls. After the Del Monte meeting Hill gave an interview in which he rephrased himself as "friendly" to the Strahorn project.

But how was Hill to get south to

ALLIES WIN VICTORY AT BAGDAD

Another Outlet to Big Empire



The announcement last week of the Hill-Strahorn-Southern Pacific co-operative plan to make use of the Eureka coast line to Portland and of the connecting up of the Strahorn road here with this coast line by way of Klamath River, can be seen in the above map. The Southern Pacific has completed its line from Eugene to Powers, a point south of Marshfield, and also from San Francisco to Trinidad, a point north of Eureka, Calif., leaving less than 100 miles between the two links. The utilization of the Strahorn road by the Hill lines from this city to Trinidad, as proposed, will mean the construction of a line from this city down the Klamath River, which may easily be traced on the above map, and is over a route about which rumors have been floating for a year or so. This would give Hill and a large section of Eastern and

Southern Oregon territory an outlet on a fine grade direct to the sea at Eureka, and make Klamath Falls a shipping center to and a distributing center from this seaport, placing it within a comparatively few hours of the ocean.
This line would also connect directly with the Middle West and the East. The recent decision allowing the Central Pacific and the Southern Pacific to remain one organization, and the lessening of the burden of cost of construction on the Southern Pacific coast route, is believed, will leave open the way for the Southern Pacific to complete the Natron cut-off. This suit is practically the only reason President Spruells of the Southern Pacific has given for the non-completion of this cut-off. Visitors at Eureka say adequate facilities have been made at Eureka to handle a great amount of shipping.

San Francisco after coming down the Klamath River to the coast. This was the question which, as long as it remained unanswered, left the other discoveries in mystery. And the information that surveying parties, supposed to be working under Hill's orders had been seen in the Klamath River country only added to the mystery.

The solution, which reveals the plan in a much clearer light, came when it was learned that the proposal for a joint use of the Eureka-San Francisco line had been made.

"Hill believes, he can force a trackage agreement from Eureka south," is the explanation which came from one in close touch with Southern Pa-

cific executive offices. "And the Southern Pacific and Santa Fe are quite willing to listen to such proposals. The construction in the Eel River canyon line cost an immense amount of money. If Hill wants to assume one-third of this cost there will be little objection, for it is recognized that the development of the north coast country would come much more rapidly in this way."

It is pointed out that the Northwestern Pacific's new construction between Willits and Eureka is all with heavy rails and steel bridges suitable for heavy traffic, and that the only in-

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JOHNSON WILL RESIGN OFFICE THURSDAY NOON

EXTRA SESSION OF CONGRESS IS GIVEN AS REASON

Says That in Reaching His Decision He Has Considered No Individual Desires, His Own or Anyone's Else. Obligation, and Duty to People and National Situation in Great Crisis Governed Him.

SACRAMENTO, March 12.—Governor Hiram Johnson will resign the governorship Thursday at noon, he announced today.

"I have issued the following statement: "I shall resign as governor Thursday noon. In reaching my decision I have not considered any individual's desires, my own or anybody's else. I have had in mind only my obligation of duty to the people of California who have expressed confidence in me, and treated me with a generosity seldom accorded any man in public life.

"Our nation confronts a great international crisis in which California should play due part. The extra session of congress called by the president for April render it imperative that every representative should lend his presence and aid to the government in this crisis.

"I shall, therefore, resign Thursday and prepare to do my part for California in the nation's councils."

RAILROAD MEN TO MEET SOON

HEAD OF FOUR BROTHERHOODS WITH OPERATING HEADS TO MEET MARCH 15TH, DESPITE SUPREME COURT DECISION

CHICAGO, March 12.—A meeting of the heads of the four railroad brotherhoods with the operating heads of the railroads will be held in New York on March 15th.

The meeting will be held despite the supreme court decision on the Adamson law.

Marriage License Issued
A marriage license was issued to Jos. L. Daly and Miss Gladys Bamber Saturday night at the county clerk's office. It is understood the wedding was to be held today. The groom is employed at the Central garage. They will live in the Pitts flat.

Fort Man Gets Water Right
Victor D. Jones of the Fort Klamath country has filed with the county clerk here his water right secured from the state for seven acres of land in Wood River Valley.

Married by Justice
O. T. Anderson and Mrs. A. E. Gillette were married by E. W. Gowen, justice of the peace, several weeks ago, according to the returns on the license filed today.

HONOR STUDENTS NAMED AT HIGH

CHRISTINE MURDOCH RECEIVES HIGHEST GRADE FOR FIRST SIX WEEKS OF SECOND SEMESTER WITH AVERAGE OF 98.4

The best grade made during the first six weeks of the second semester was that of Christine Murdoch. The total average of her work in six subjects was 98.4 per cent. The students carrying five subjects and all of which were 90 per cent or above were: Bernice Nichols, Miriam Martin, Beatrice Hensley, Florence Dowling and Marjorie Delsell.

Those students who are carrying four subjects or more and who made an average of 90 per cent or above in four subjects were Audrey Gardner, Gladys Poole, Helen DuFault, Pearl Leavitt, Aileen Smith, Dorothy Miller, Ruth Miller, Marie Griffith, Vera Martin, Alma Brookfield, Margaret Worden, Blanche Warren, Neva Faught, Vera Wood, Ruth Masten, Clara Calkins, Margaret Whitcomb, Constance Miller, Mylor Calkins, George Riggs, Lucy Hotchkins, Ernel Stearns, Mildred Thrasher, Margaret Upp, Cecil Adams and Mildred Whitcomb.

ONLY PARTS OF COUNTY HAYLESS

THREE HUNDRED TONS IN WOOD RIVER VALLEY, IT IS SAID, AND ALSO MAY IN OTHER PLACES. SOME PARTS IN BAD SHAPE

Reports coming to the city from various parts of the county indicate that there is hay left in some districts while others are in need of much feed.

There are 300 tons of extra haled hay in the Wood River Valley, according to a prominent rancher who has been in the city for several days.

Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the Commercial Club, who returned from Portland last night, said today that the rates on the railroad hay will be \$1 less a ton from Willamette Valley points south of Portland than was quoted from Portland.

The local office of the Southern Pacific company has received word that J. J. Stubbins has made application to the interstate commerce commission for the special rate for the shipment of hay. It will be necessary to charge the regular rate at this time, but that paid above the emergency rate asked for will be refunded after the new rate is published thirty days, they are informed.

J. Frank Adams, who has just returned from California, says conditions are not much better in California and that there is a shortage of hay there also. He can sell 150 tons which he has with ease there, if he finds that he can get along without it. He said today there is considerable hay in portions of this county, and that it is probably being held for a good price.

To Locate at Algona
Jas. H. Kline, formerly of Bonanza, is in town today, and expects to locate at Algona shortly.

TURKS DESTROY THEIR ARTILLERY

ARTILLERY TAKEN OR THROWN IN TIGRIS

Bonar Law Makes Announcement. Mosul is Next Objective Point of British Force, Under General Maudes—Three Great Forces of Allies Now Encircle Mesopotamia. Survivors of Norwegian Boat Land

LONDON, March 12.—British troops have achieved a brilliant victory at Bagdad, capturing the city, according to details which Bonar Law announced today.

Two-thirds of the Turkish artillery has either been captured or thrown into the Tigris River by the Turks. Mosul is the next objective point for General Maudes troops. Three great forces of the entente allies troops now encircle Mesopotamia.

LONDON, March 12.—Two boat loads of survivors of the Norwegian steamer Storstad which were missing, landed safely on the Irish coast today.

BERLIN, March 12.—Entente forces on the western front lost seventeen aeroplanes and two captive balloons yesterday. It is officially announced.

LONDON, March 12.—The Duchess of Connaught is seriously ill with an attack of pneumonia. Her attending physicians announced today that she is perceptibly weaker.

Will Do Timber Business
Robert A. Johnson, president of the Klamath Manufacturing company, and K. G. Cummings of this city, have filed an assumed business name of the "Johnson-Cummings Timber company," with the county clerk's office, to do a general holding, buying and selling of timber lands business.

WORDEN FARMERS ATTEND MEETING

Twenty farmers of the Worden neighborhood were present at the meeting held Saturday afternoon of the Worden Farmers' Club.

Methods of extermination and control of the squirrel pest were explained by Agriculturist Glaisher. He also showed the poison mixer how to mix the poison and outlined general plans for the year's work.

CYCLONE RELIEF BEING ORGANIZED

NEWCASTLE, Ind., March 12.—The organized relief work for the victims of the cyclone which struck Newcastle yesterday, killing twenty persons and wrecking millions of dollars worth of property, is being organized today.

Indiana cities are sending funds to relieve the destitute. Through the present list of contributions only twenty names have been still missing.