

NAVAL BATTLE REPORTED ON ATLANTIC

HEAVY FIRING HEARD OFF OF EAST COAST

Three Coast Guard Stations Report Hearing of Heavy Firing—Theory That It Was Salute to Some Friendly Craft Exploded by War Department—Naval Engagement Believed to Have Taken Place.

BOSTON, April 18.—The commandant at the United States navy yards here announced this morning the receipt of official reports from three coast guard stations to the effect that heavy firing was heard at the stations off the coast this morning.

All of the stations reported several shots fired from heavy guns. No firing was heard then for fifteen minutes, when the firing resumed. The reason for the firing is not explained, and it is believed to either have been a naval engagement or a welcoming salute to foreign warships expected to arrive here shortly.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—In a statement issued by the navy department this afternoon it was stated that the firing heard off the Atlantic coast could not have been a salute, as all warships have been ordered not to fire salutes.

This strengthens the belief that a naval battle of some nature has occurred.

FINANCIERS FEAR WAR BOND ISSUE

SUGGEST CHANGES BE MADE IN INTEREST AND BE MADE SUBJECT TO TAXATION—ADMINISTRATION PROCEEDS ON PLANS

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—J. P. Morgan and other New York financiers who are here in consultation, expressed the fear that the floating of the war bond issue may cause investors to unload their other securities and thus upset the market, and cause difficulty in the final distribution of the bonds.

They declare that the bonds should carry a higher interest rate and should be subject to taxation.

The administration has taken no action as yet. The amount of the first issue will be determined when the estimate commissioners arrive.

When the bonds are offered, \$1,000,000 will be spent in a national campaign in advertising to inform purchasers how to secure the bonds.

German Party Members Resign Austrian Positions

BERLIN, April 18.—It is announced that the Austrian Minister of Commerce Urban and Minister without Portfolio Von Barnreither, both members of the German party, have resigned their official position.

Argentine Seizes German Ships To Prevent Damage

BUENOS AIRES, April 18.—The Argentine government has seized all interested German ships in the country's harbors. The explanation given

GUARD OFFICER CAUGHT TRYING TO JOIN MEXICANS

WASHINGTON, April 18.—Lieutenant Robert H. Hall, of the Indiana National Guard force, has been sentenced to twenty years imprisonment for negotiating for a commission in the Mexican army.

ARREST WARRANT OUT FOR OXMAN

WITNESS IN MOONEY TRIAL ARRESTED AND ADMITS WELL-KNOWN CATTLEMAN OFFERED HIM MONEY

SAN FRANCISCO, April 18.—A warrant has been issued for the arrest of F. C. Oxman, wealthy Oregon cattleman and star witness in the prosecution in the trial of Thomas Mooney, alleged preparedness parade bomb murderer.

The warrant charges Oxman with attempting to influence the testimony of another witness, Rigall, who is Oxman's accuser, and who, on his arrival here today, reiterated the charges in detail.

Rigall declared that he was thoroughly rehearsed as to his testimony to be given on the stand and charges that Oxman once suggested that additional witnesses be secured for the prosecution.

Rigall said today that District Attorney Fickert is thoroughly aware of the situation and said that Oxman promised him from \$3,000 to \$4,000 as his share of the reward for a conviction.

Oxman, who resides near Baker, Oregon, left several days ago for San Francisco on hearing of the charges that were being made against him. He resides in a palatial residence near that city and is prominent in the community.

SUB'S PRESENCE CONFIRMED TODAY

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The navy department announced in an official report today that the commanding officer of the "Smith," United States submarine chaser, has reported that the periscope of the alien submarine, which fired on the chaser early yesterday morning while off the Atlantic coast, was plainly seen before the torpedo crossed the bows of the "Smith."

This dispels any doubt that the diver attack occurred.

BRITISH FORCES CENTERING ON CAMBRAIWORKS

ENGLISH LINES PARALLEL TO GERMAN FOR 15 MILES

Announced that Villers Guislain Has Been Captured and the Allied Positions at Lagucourt Have Been Improved—Germans Make Statement That 3,000 Prisoners Were Taken During Battle at Aisne.

LONDON, April 18.—The British forces are centering their attack against the Cambrai fortifications now.

It is officially announced that Villers Guislain has been captured and that the allied positions at Lagucourt have been improved.

The British lines are now parallel with the German communications for a distance of fifteen miles between Cambrai and St. Quentin.

An advance has been made between Gouzecourt and Villest, and Wancourt tower has been recaptured from the Germans.

PARIS, April 18.—The French forces have taken Chivi and are advancing on Brayen and Leannois, it was announced today.

They have captured a wood east of Villa Au Boise. The Germans in the Champagne district have retreated behind their second line, following a violent bombardment by the French. The French are reported within two miles of Laon.

BERLIN, April 18.—It is officially announced that the prisoners taken by the Germans on the Aisne now number more than 3,000 men.

IT TO BE INITIATED BY ELKS THURSDAY NIGHT

A class of seventeen is being prepared to be initiated by the Klamath Falls B. P. O. Elks No. 1347 Thursday night at the temple in this city.

The Elks' orchestra is practicing regularly and preparing special music for the occasion, as is also a quartette. Other special features are being arranged for the evening's entertainment and a large number of out-of-town Elks are expected to be in.

New York Governor Offers Teddy General's Commission

NEW YORK, April 18.—Governor Whitman of New York states has offered Theodore Roosevelt a commission as general of the New York National Guard. The offer will probably be accepted.

CHURCH PROFFERS USE OF BUILDING

At a called meeting of the congregation at the close of the services Sunday morning at the First Christian church the following actions were taken by unanimous vote of the congregation:

To provide and erect a national flag on the church building.

To recommend to the mayor to order flags on all public buildings in the city to be raised and lowered, according to military regulations.

To proffer the use of the church building to the government for recruiting or other purposes, including the Red Cross work.

CIVIC BEAUTIFUL CONTEST ENTRIES OPENED TODAY

SPECIAL FEATURES TO BE HELD THIS YEAR

May Register Entries for One Month at the Commercial Club—Special Prizes to Be Given for Children's Gardens and Tree Planting—Flower and Vegetable Show Planned. Pictures Will Be Taken.

Preliminary plans were worked out last night at a joint meeting of the committees of the Klamath Commercial Club and the Woman's Library Club for the annual Lawn and Garden contest.

The members of the club committee are O. I. Gregg, Andrew Collier, Miss Ida B. Momyer and Fred Fleet, and of the Library club Mrs. Steiger, Mrs. R. E. Wattenburg, president of the club; Mrs. Fred Mills and Mrs. E. M. Chilcote.

A number of special features will be made this year in the contest which opens today. Any person desiring to enter gardens or lawns into the contest are requested to leave their names at the Commercial club or telephone them in.

Pictures of all entries will be taken immediately, and those of the prize winners after the winners are chosen.

It will be possible to register entries for one month.

One specialty this year will be made for children's gardens and special prizes for the growing of trees are also to be given.

Secretary Fleet, of the Commercial club, announces that the prizes will be worth while and will warrant the work that may be expended on the gardens or lawns, or other means of beautifying the homes in the city.

It is also planned to hold a flower and vegetable show following the contest.

The size of the gardens that may be entered is not restricted, but one necessary qualification is that five varieties of vegetables must be grown in each garden.

The prizes and further details will be announced later, as the details are worked out. The prize winners will be announced by the throwing of their exhibit and the winner's name on the screen at a local moving picture theater after the contest.

KLAMATH MILLS THIS YEAR TO CUT 160,000,000

DELAYED BY WEATHER; NOW GETTING UNDER WAY

Several Mills Have Started Shifts and Others Are Rapidly Preparing for Season's Work—Arrangements Made for Another Large Mill Are Believed to Be Completed, Which Will Increase Output.

The Klamath county lumber mills are preparing for record runs this season and, although prevented by weather conditions from starting in early March as usual, the lumbermen are getting operations under way in good shape.

Arrangements are believed to be practically, if not entirely, completed for the erection of another large sawmill near the city in the immediate future, which, if done, will increase the output considerably.

War conditions will also, it is believed, increase the demand for Klamath lumber of all kinds, while, on the other hand, the starting of the Strahorn railroad, on which some definite announcement is confidently expected within a few days, will open up vast new territories of invaluable timber to the east and west of this city, and practically insures the construction of several new mills in this vicinity soon.

The backers of the Chelsea box factory, for which a site has been secured at the lower end of Lake Ewauna, announce that as soon as the weather permits construction will be started on this mill.

It is estimated by lumbermen that the cut, which amounted to 100,000,000 feet last season, will reach at least 160,000,000 feet this year.

The logging operations of the Pelican Bay Lumber Company, the Klamath Manufacturing Company and the Algoma Lumber Company, which have the three largest mills, are in such condition that there will be no shortage of logs early this season.

The Pelican Bay mill had 7,000,000 feet of timber in the water at its wards, and the Klamath Manufacturing Company has purchased 15,000,000 feet from the Weed Lumber Company. This timber will be shipped in over the Southern Pacific from the north end of the Weed Lumber Company's tract and will enlarge the field of logging operations for Klamath Falls to that extent. The logging trains are now running, a spur having been constructed at the mill to put the logs in the water.

The Algoma Lumber Company has its new extended line of railway all but finished ready for use, and it is expected that the mill will be one of those to use a double shift of men. The cut at Algoma is predicted to be fully a third heavier than was turned out in 1916.

The North and Newhart mill, near Worden, south of Klamath Falls, has been leased to Irving E. Kesterson of Grants Pass, and it will begin operations soon.

Negotiations are on for the sale of the Milburn Knapp mill, standing on the Klamath Indian reservation near Chillicothe, north of Klamath Falls. The Klamath Lumber Company is under new management and will be moved to a location where timber is more available.

A single shift of the Klamath Manufacturing Company was started on March 28 and the Pelican Bay Lumber Company, the largest mill here, started a day shift a few days later. Ice conditions on the Upper Klamath lake have prevented the Lemm-Lem-

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INFORMATION BUREAU

The Klamath Commercial Club is maintaining an information bureau for the benefit of those in the city to investigate and file on the Tule Lake lands. Secretary Fred Fleet can be found there and will be glad to give any information desired and assist any persons in getting located. The Commercial club is located on Fourth street, to the rear of the First National bank, at the corner of Fourth and Main streets. All are welcome.

SUGAR BEET SAID TO MAKE COUNTRY

COLORADO MAN GIVES INDUSTRY CREDIT FOR MAKING STATE AND KLAMATH WILL GET FACTORY WHEN BEET IS GROWN

The proposition put forth by the Utah-Idaho Sugar Company is a good one, and better than most communities get when they first grow sugar beets, according to M. L. Allison of this city.

Under the offer made by this company, the Klamath county farmers stand to lose little or nothing from any angle of the deal, according to Mr. Allison, and inasmuch as it has been demonstrated that sugar beets can be raised here to good advantage, he considers the offer an exceptionally good opening for Klamath county.

Mr. Allison resided in Colorado when the sugar beet industry was starting there, and he gives this industry credit for making that country what it is today. The farmers have made much money in sugar beets and the sugar companies have treated them fairly, he says.

Mr. Allison believes that nothing should be left undone by Klamath county to insure the growth of sugar beets here, and predicts that as soon as the farmers take it up and grow beets, the question of a factory is a minor one, as it will come of its own accord.

ELEVEN GREEK PLACES AS MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

Eleven petitions have been filed with the police judge at the city hall as prospective councilmen.

Those filing in the various wards are: Harry Telford, first; W. T. Lee, C. A. Plath and O. D. Matthews, second; I. R. Struble and J. H. Hamilton, third; E. B. Hall, A. D. Miller and Joe Josephs, fourth; M. R. Doty and M. P. Lavenik, fifth.

Secures Land Patent

Thomas A. McElowney has received his land patent from the United States government and has filed it with the county clerk.

Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey Reported Seeking Peace

LONDON, April 18.—Unconfirmed reports received here say that Austria, Bulgaria and Turkey are seeking a separate peace through diplomatic and secret agencies at work in Switzerland.

Chile Takes Exceptions to Brazil's Diplomatic Action

RIO DE JANEIRO, April 18.—The Chilean government has sent a note to Brazil declaring that the Brazilian action of breaking diplomatic relations with Germany has created a deplorable condition of affairs. It was formerly believed that Chile would at least mildly condemn the action of the Brazilian government.

SENATE PASSES WAR BOND BILL LATE YESTERDAY

HOUSE COMMITTEE STILL FAVORS VOLUNTEER PLAN

It is believed that the Universal Service Bill will pass the Senate quickly and thus force the House to adopt the measure—President Wilson Still Compelled to Urge Necessity of Passing Bill.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The senate passed the \$7,000,000,000 war bond bill last night at the end of seven hours of debate by a vote of 84 to 6.

Several minor amendments were made which will accommodate a conference with the house of representatives. The conference is to be held immediately and no delay is expected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 18.—The senate today in favor of first raising an army of 500,000 volunteers before resorting to the universal service by selective conscription plan.

President Wilson went to the capitol and conferred with Senator Chamberlain, of the senate military affairs committee, insisting on the passage of the administration's bill immediately.

The administration believes that the senate will pass the bill quickly and that the moral effect of the senate's action will force its passage in the house.

The war department has practically completed its plans for the first levy of 500,000 men under the universal service bill and expects to have them in the training camps by August 1st.

It is planned to set a day when the nationwide registration of the men between 19 and 35 years may be made, using the voting precincts as registration areas.

The house has agreed to change the eligible age under the conscription plan from 19 to 21 to 21 to 49 years.

Fifty Filled Yesterday

Fifty prospective settlers in Klamath county had filed their applications for water-rights on the Tule Lake lands at the reclamation service offices up to last night. The settlers rush is beginning to take form now.

File Incorporation Articles

The articles of incorporation of the Chelsea Box Company were filed today with County Clerk DeLap. The incorporators named are H. R. Dunlay, C. R. Browne and H. C. Merryman.