

## BRITISH TAKE BELGIAN POINTS IN BIG OFFENSIVE

### 1,000,000 POUNDS OF HIGH EXPLOSIVE USED

Greatest Mining Operations of History Threw Germans into Panic—1,000 Prisoners Taken Early in Attack. Haig Launches Long-Expected Blow. Fought Under Summer Sun—Germans Not Rallied Yet.

BRITISH HEADQUARTERS IN FRANCE—(From Staff Correspondent of Associated Press)—June 7.—The British have captured Messines and Wytschaete ridge on the Belgian front, and have reported the capture of the village of Messines, and it is reported Leffer and Zareeba have fallen.

More than 1,000,000 pounds of high explosive were blown up under the German forward positions, which is the most gigantic mining operation in the history of this war. The mines spread panic among the Germans.

The British tanks are in the thick of the fighting.

More than 1,000 prisoners were taken in an early engagement, and the fighting continued under a midsummer sun.

The Germans have not yet rallied for the expected counter attack.

Details—General Haig has launched the expected blow against the German lines in Belgium, striking along a nine mile front on the Messines and Wytschaete ridge and between Ypres and Lille.

Success marks the opening offensive of the British, who went well over the ridge and are now entrenching after winning all of their initial objectives.

Premier Britanno reports that Roumania has reorganized army ready to resume the fight.

### Returns From South.

Joe Moore of the Western Transfer company of this city, returned last night from San Francisco, where he has been recuperating his health, and is improved.

### Back From Reno.

W. J. O'Brien, brother of Joe O'Brien deceased, has returned from Reno, Nevada, where he accompanied the body of his brother, who died here several weeks ago, and where interment took place.

### Best Man is Back.

Edward J. Flannigan, who is in charge of the beet sugar planting and work in this county, returned last night from Montague, in connection with his work in both places for the Utah-Idaho Beet Sugar company.

## KRONSTADT GARRISON RECOGNIZES GOVERNMENT

PETROGRAD, June 7.—The Kronstadt garrison, controlling Petrograd, has recognized the authority of the provisional government and surrendered unconditionally. On June 1st, the workmen and soldiers' delegates at Kronstadt decided to assume control of the fortress, and refused to recognize the provisional government at that time.

## CRISLER ISSUES ANNUAL MESSAGE

### NEW COUNCIL HEARS REVIEW OF WORK DONE IN CITY DURING PAST YEAR AT FIRST MEETING LAST NIGHT

To the Common Council of the City of Klamath Falls:

I herewith transmit to you my annual message, setting forth the present condition of the city's affairs, reviewing the results accomplished during the administration of the past year, and making such recommendations as are deemed worthy of your consideration.

#### Fire Department

Within the year a new combination pump and chemical engine has been purchased at a cost of about \$6,000, and with the assistance of a number of public-spirited volunteers, the fire department has been reorganized. We have, I believe, as loyal and efficient a company of firemen as any city of our population on the coast. To promote immunity from fires, special ordinances have been enacted relative to the condition and inspection of premises from the standpoint of fire hazard. Better apparatus, better ordinances, and an efficient company have greatly lessened fire risk, and to such an extent that insurance rates within the city have been lowered an average of about 20 per cent. The amount saved the city in reduction of rates has already far more than paid for the new apparatus and for the additional expense in maintaining the present fire company. I especially urge our citizens to take a personal interest in looking after the conditions of their premises to the end that Klamath Falls may be a fireless city.

#### Police Department

Our police department has done effective work in enforcing the new "dry" law by co-operating with the county officials. The "dry" ordinance enacted in 1916 is not now adequate.

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#### B. P. O. Elks Meet Tonight

The regular session of Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247, B. P. O. Elks, will be held this evening, at which time a large class of candidates will be initiated.

## NEW COUNCIL TAKES PLACES IN CITY OFFICES

### MAYOR APPOINTS NEW CHIEF OF POLICE

Two Councilmen Defeated at Last Election and One Retiring Leave, and New Members Take Oath of Office. Mayor Makes Appointments—Bills to Extent of Over Two Thousand Dollars Allowed.

The new city council took the oath of office and the members took their seats in the council chamber last night. The old council finished up all old business, and when the order of new business was reached, the oath was administered and the members took their seats. Mayor Crisler then delivered his annual message to the council.

The councilmen retiring are R. J. Sheets, First Ward, succeeded by Harry Telford; O. D. Mathews, Second Ward, succeeded by W. T. Lee, and M. R. Doty, Fourth Ward, succeeded by Mike Lavenik. Councilmen Miller and Struble remain in office. Councilman Doty was absent.

Routine matters were passed on by the council and bills and salaries to the extent of \$2,645.91 were allowed. Salaries amounted to \$1,009.50; bills, \$558.25; light and water, \$462.01; hay, \$22.87; Shippington road, \$530, and fire department expenses \$63.28.

Following the installation of the new members of the council the mayor made his appointments.

Appointment of city officials made by the mayor were as follows: Chief of police, H. S. Wilson; patrolman, Jas. Hilton; city physician, Dr. Warren D. Hunt; city attorney, R. C. Grosbeck; city engineer, Don J. Zumwalt; chief of fire department and electrical inspector, Keith Ambrose; driver, Lee Cornish; teamster, J. S. Rabourn. The council approved the appointments.

Committees in the council were appointed by the mayor as follows:

Judiciary, Miller, Telford and Struble; finances, Lavenik, Miller and Lee; streets, Lee, Telford and Miller; fire, Struble, Lavenik and Telford; water, Telford, Struble and Lavenik; police, Miller, Lee and Telford; light, Struble, Lavenik and Lee; pound, Lavenik, Struble and Miller; wards, Telford, Lee and Struble.

Councilman A. D. Miller was elected president of the council over I. R. Struble by one vote. The first ballot resulted in a tie vote.

## CONGRER FUND FOR LIBERTY BONDS

### SCHOOL BOARD PRACTICALLY DECIDED TO INVEST THE MONEY IN THE MOVEMENT TO AID THE GOVERNMENT

The city school board has practically decided to invest the funds from the Conger estate in Liberty Bonds, following a recent meeting of the board.

There is about \$11,000 in this fund at the present time, and the members of the board feel that it would be an advisable and a patriotic step to invest the money in the Liberty Bonds for financing of the war.

This money has been loaned out, and will soon be in the hands of the board again to be reinvested. The school district receives the interest from the money, which has been a material aid in past years.

Lee Bean is down today from Spring Creek, where he is camped with his family.

Mr. and Mrs. G. B. Cosad and daughter Verda were Klamath Falls visitors today.

H. H. VanValkenburg is a city visitor today from his farm on the Keen road.

## College Students Held in Draft Conspiracy



Charles Phillips, Eleanor Wilson Parker, Owen Cattell

Secret service men arrested two students of Columbia University and one of Bernard College—Owen Cattell, son of Professor J. McK. Cattell, and Charles L. Phillips of Columbia, and Eleanor Wilson Parker of Barnard—on a conspiracy charge. It was declared they had illegally tried to persuade young men from registering June 5th under the selective draft law, in that they circulated a pamphlet entitled, "Will You Be Drafted?"

## BRITISH MARINES ON GERMAN SHIPS

### GOVERNMENT EXPECTS TO HAVE DIFFICULTY SECURING SAILORS. SCHOOLS TO BE OPENED TO TRAIN MEN FOR THE SEA

WASHINGTON, June 7.—British merchant marine officers may man many of the German vessels seized in American ports at the beginning of the war, if enough American officers cannot be found for the ships.

The government expects to have difficulty in finding enough officers and men for the German ships in addition to the great fleet of merchantmen under construction in this country.

To allay this need a number of merchant marine schools are planned in this country.

## PORTLAND WILL BE STOCK CENTER

### DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE OFFICIALS ARE OPENING OFFICES LIVESTOCK NEWS AND QUOTATION HEADQUARTERS

PORTLAND, June 7.—Officials of the United States Department of Agriculture are here arranging to open offices for the free distribution of livestock news and quotations throughout the entire Pacific Northwest.

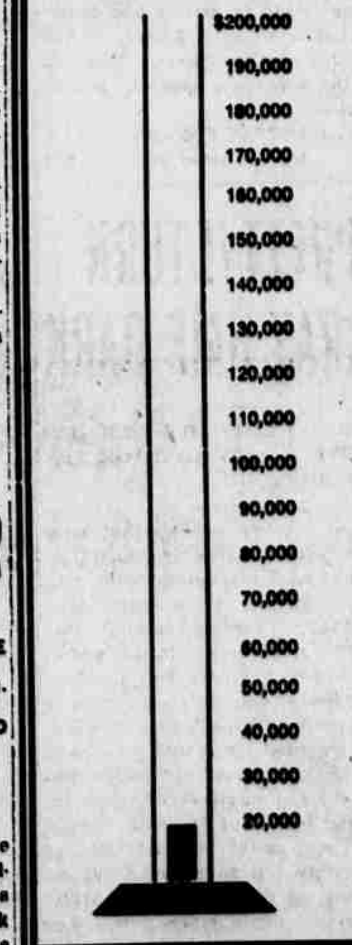
Similar offices are at present maintained in Boston, New York, Chicago, Kansas City, Omaha and Philadelphia.

Mr. Reynolds, former local cigar maker, has moved back to the city from California.

### TWO BOYS LEAVE TO JOIN THE NAVY

Harry McGraw of Schneectady, N. Y., and Marvin Hilton left this morning to join the navy. The members of the Woman's Relief Corps were at the station to see them off. McGraw came here last fall, and Hilton is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hilton of this city.

### Help it Rise



Klamath's share of Liberty Bonds to be bought is \$900,000. A special committee is working, and today reported approximately \$20,000 raised so far. Chairman Robert A. Johnson was expected to return from California last night, and to actively take up the campaign. He will devote his time to it.

## U. S. WARSHIPS ANCHORED OFF FRENCH COAST

### FRENCH NAVY GREET'S FLEET WITH MUCH JOY

Statement Says "New Brothers in Arms Arrive to Participate Until Final Victory in Struggle"—American Naval Collier Unloads Wheat for American Soldiers—Reception Planned—No Families.

PARIS, June 7.—The ministry has announced that American warships are anchored off the coast of France.

The announcement said: "The French navy greets with joy the arrival of these new brothers in arms, who, under the flag of the great American republic, come to participate in the final victory in the struggle against the common enemy."

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The naval collier Jupiter has arrived in France, Secretary of the Navy Daniels announced today. The ship is laden with 10,500 tons of wheat and other supplies.

PARIS, June 7.—It is officially announced that a large American transport is now unloading wheat for the American troops which are to come later.

The announcement says that preparations are being made for the reception of American troops. The number of bases will be similar to those of the British, which have been organized. No American officers will bring their families.

## BEND FAILS TO ASSIST STRAHORN

### SLOWNESS OF CITY TO DO ITS SHARE, LOCAL INTERESTS, FINANCIAL CHANGES BLAMED FOR NEW DECISION

BEND, June 7.—Robert E. Strahorn has withdrawn his offer to start construction of the Oregon, California & Eastern railway out of Bend this summer if the city will vote \$100,000 in aid of the project.

Inaction on the part of the city as to the offer, changed financial conditions and an unwillingness to stir up a controversy involving local interests are the reasons for the withdrawal. That it is final for this year is indicated by the fact that a request from the directors of the Commercial Club that the matter be held open until June 15th has met with a positive refusal.

That the construction will be undertaken at a later time is indicated by Mr. Strahorn, whether in 1918 or after, depending on financial conditions and a local agreement in favor of the project. The letter of withdrawal was received some time ago by the directors. Feeling that local objection to the project might be removed, Mr. Strahorn was asked to hold the withdrawal inoperative until June 15th, to give time for that purpose. Tuesday, however, his reply was received indicating that it is final.

Mr. Strahorn made his proposal to the people of Bend last March to the effect that if Bend would put up \$100,000 he would begin construction of the road out of Bend this summer, and guarantee forty miles of track built toward Burns or Fort Rock. A committee of the Commercial Club has been non-committal on the subject, and no formal action has been taken by the city council in bringing the issue before the voters.

Chas. Thomas and T. H. Jolly, editor of the Crescent News, of Crescent, arrived in the city yesterday on business.

## KLAMATH COUNTY REGISTERS OVER ONE THOUSAND

### EVERY PRECINCT IN TODAY AT 1 O'CLOCK

War Department Works on Second Step—May Take Ten Days to Complete Tabulation—Volunteer Stenographers Assist in Summarization. Klamath Trying to Do Work at Its Cost—Must Finish in Ten Days.

The registration returns were completely in the hands of the sheriff and county clerk today at noon, Bonanza, Warden and Swan Lake returns coming at noon. Crescent, usually the last to be heard from, arrived yesterday.

The total registration for Klamath county was 1,219, much heavier than was expected by the government or local officials for this part of the state.

Klamath county, including the city, had a total registration of 1,219 men between the ages of 21 and 30, inclusive, nine of which registered as alien enemies, or Germans, and 255 as aliens, giving a total of 264 aliens and alien enemies. One negro registered.

There were 480 men registered an exempt for reason of being a legislative judicial or executive officer; totally disabled; with dependent relatives; or for reason of occupational exemption.

Cards indicating no exemptions totaled 475.

Today the sheriff's office is busy checking the summarization blanks of the war marshals and the county clerk's office is busy making out triplicate reports and copying each one of the registration cards for the final summarization and report. The county clerk must post, within ten days, the final summarization.

But for the running short of registration cards for the copying of the blanks, the county clerk's office would be able to use a number of stenographers and typists tomorrow and next day. These cards have been wired for, and as soon as they arrive a call will be sent out for typists.

Klamath county is endeavoring to take her war census at no cost to the government.

The Woman's Relief Corps is aiding the county clerk's office today with typists. Bert Withrow furnished one yesterday, and the City and County Abstract company is supplying one today. Allen Sloan and George Hayden assisted yesterday, besides the regular forces.

WASHINGTON, June 7.—The war department is at work on the regulations for the second step under the army draft law and the selection by lot of the proportion of men from each state that have registered for service. It may take ten days to complete the tabulation of the registration.

The war department will then prescribe the rules for the drawing of the names of the men who are to be summoned before the local exemption boards.

Officials note in the reports received that over half of the registered men either claimed exemption, or gave facts which may exempt them. It is believed few slackers will have to be dealt with.

### OREGON AND WASHINGTON HOLD GRAIN MEETINGS

SALEM, June 7.—The public service commissions of Oregon and Washington are planning joint meetings at Portland, Tacoma, Spokane and Puyallup on June 18, 19, 20 and 21, respectively, to fix a similar grain standard for the two states.

Yesterday's weather was the warmest day for the present summer, according to the government thermometer at the reclamation office.

E. J. Grant, manager of the Lumber company, is in the city on business.

## No Financial Slackers Here

There has been an unprecedented demand for Liberty Loan bonds from every city and hamlet in the United States.

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