

KLAMATH MILLS RAZED BY FIRE

Ruin Is Spread Over Industrial District

Hot Box in Planer Caused Fire Destroying Ewauna Box Company at Noon Today. Klamath Iron Works Ablaze and Big Lakes Company Threatened

One of the most severe blows ever dealt Klamath Falls as a community was received at noon today, when fire from a hot box in the planer broke out in the Ewauna Box company, and spread so rapidly as soon to be out of all control. As a result the entire plant is now a heap of ruins, the Klamath Iron Works plant is a mass of flames, the Big Lakes Box company is seriously threatened and several other big buildings there may be added to the list.

The entire loss will probably total between \$250,000 and \$300,000.

Following the long dry season, the lumber through the yards burned like tinder, and all efforts of the fire department, backed by a large crowd of citizens, were powerless to make any headway against the flames. None of the company officials knew at first in what manner the blaze started, but in a very few minutes from the time the alarm was received, the entire plant was a sheet of flames.

Fortunately the new office building which had just been erected set far enough away from the main plant to permit the securing of the valuable business papers, letter files, etc.

The Ewauna Box company was the first of the box factories to operate in Klamath Falls. It has now been running for about five years. Starting from a small concern, it has developed year by year, and is now one of the city's leading pay rolls. Ninety-three men and a number of women were at work when the alarm sounded today.

The principal stock holders are Mayor C. R. Crisler, Fred Schallack and Claude Daggett. Mayor Crisler roughly estimated the loss early this

afternoon at \$150,000. He intimated that the insurance on the Ewauna holdings would run between forty and fifty per cent of the loss. The Klamath Iron Works, which is also doomed to destruction, has been idle for the past two months. It was a large sheet iron covered building, built a very few years ago.

Martin Brothers suffer their second fire loss within three months, as the walls and concrete forms for their warehouse which they were erecting near the site of their destroyed flour mill, were devoured by the blaze.

Their loss at this time is insignificant as compared with the former, however.

The blaze, which spread out in the tubes below the mills, has given the appearance of a city of flames. The terrific heat surrounding the scene was so intense that it was very difficult to work against the fire.

At last reports the probability of saving the Big Lakes company's plant was strong, and it is also believed that the Standard Oil plant across the street will also remain intact.

A part of the roofing on a barn of the Big Lakes company has been destroyed, but it is not believed that the fire will spread further.

As far as can be learned every one of the factory employes got out without personal injury.

GERMAN OFFICIAL MAY SOON RESIGN

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 9.—There is a growing displeasure in the German parliamentary circles against Dr. Karl Helfferich, and it is reported that he will soon resign from his office of vice chancellor.

Germany Developing Big Air Ship Fleet

STOCKHOLM, Oct. 9.—Germany is now trying to get her army off the earth and wage the future battles of the world war in the air. She is developing gigantic and tremendously powerful airplanes. Already she has probably developed a model capable of trans-Atlantic flight. From reliable German sources it has been learned that this is Germany's answer to America's \$40,000,000 appropriation for aviation.

Those who knew, asserted that if America hopes or expects to compete

in the forthcoming air war she must possess machines capable of flying from Germany to New York—duplicating what Germany is believed to already possess.

During the past fortnight it has been reported that Germany is using Gotha airplanes driven at almost incredible speed by four 360-horse-power engines. These newest engines carry fuel capable of sustaining them in flight for 24 hours. Two pilots operate them, and there are two gunners in the crew besides a captain, who also operates the wireless.

LIBERTY BOND SPEAKERS FROM PORTLAND COMING

FLYING AUTO SQUADS VISIT THIS MONTH

Will Visit Klamath, Lake, Malheur and Harney Counties in Interest of Second Liberty Loan Bonds—State Is to Be Completely Canvassed by Four Hundred Speakers—Speaking Dates From 15th to 20th.

PORTLAND, Oct. 9.—"If you cannot go across, come across."

This will be the dominant note of the great speaking campaign in the state of Oregon on behalf of the Liberty Loan bonds which was announced last night by Milton Miller, chairman of the sub-committee on speakers.

Forty-one speakers will be used all over the state, all counties but four being completely covered. After the regular campaigners have broken the ice, local speakers may carry the campaign to a successful conclusion.

It is declared that in Klamath, Lake, Malheur and Harney counties flying auto squads from Portland will be the speakers on behalf of democracy vs. kaiserdom.

There will be no solicitation for bond sales at meetings. Speaking dates will be from October 15th to 20th.

BRADNACK WILL EXPLOIT KLAMATH

EDITOR OF MERRILL TIMES WILL MAKE KLAMATH EXHIBIT AT CALIFORNIA LAND SHOW WITH PRODUCTS FROM MERRILL

George Bradnack, editor of the Dorris Times and Merrill Times, is in the city preparing to leave tomorrow for the land show at San Francisco.

At this event, which is to be one of unusual importance, Mr. Bradnack is to represent the Butte Valley section, and it is his intention to make a display of some Klamath County products of the Merrill section under the head of a Southern Oregon exhibit. It is believed that the good showing which can be made from the Merrill district this year will be valuable in attracting strangers to this section.

RUSSIANS ARE TO FORM PARLIAMENT

PETROGRAD, Oct. 9.—Ignoring for the time being Premier Kerensky's defiance in naming a coalition cabinet in the face of the ultimatum of the democratic congress, that body has voted to elect members of the preliminary parliament. The vote was 531 to 241. Ballots will be cast for 305 members of the prospective parliamentary body.

Disquieting news has been received from the capital of Finland. The Finnish senate proposes to introduce a new political order. The senate's recent advocacy of complete separation of Finland from Russia foreshadowed this plan.

London Warehouses Stocked With Food

LONDON, Oct. 9.—All the cold storage warehouses in the London district are filled to capacity with foodstuffs, and have announced to dealers and shippers that they cannot accept any further custom. This is having a marked effect on the markets, forcing down prices and bringing incoming supplies onto the counters. A large shipment of Tasmanian apples arrived the other day at a time

Roosevelt Fought Cattle Rustling

HELENA, Mont., Oct. 9.—Thirty years ago cattle rustlers were the object of attack by Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, according to an old-minute book of the Montana Stock Growers' Association, which recently was brought here. The entry of Colonel Roosevelt's cattle brand, filed in 1885, has also been found in the office of the recorder of marks and brands here. The Roosevelt brand was an elk-

WILL VISIT SICK FATHER

FLOYD O. ANDERSON WILL RETURN FROM CAMP LEWIS FOR SHORT VISIT WITH HIS FATHER AT OLENE

In response to a wish of his father, D. W. Anderson of Olene, who is now seriously ill at that point, Floyd O. Anderson who recently left with the army men for the camp at American Lake, has been granted a leave of absence of eight days to return here. It is expected that he will arrive during the next day or two.

REDISTRIBUTION OF CANTONMENTS

WAR DEPARTMENT ORDERS THE NATIONAL GUARD FILLED TO WAR STRENGTH IN ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTRY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.—A redistribution of the forces of the national army cantonments in the South, Middle West and East has been ordered by the war department to fill the National Guard to war strength, and to provide for the organization of additional divisions composed of negro troops.

YREKA PASTOR VISITS Rector Arthur William Bell of the St. Marks Episcopal church at Yreka, is in the city for a few days, looking over the Klamath district.

JAMES SLEVIN COMING TONIGHT

MAN WHO HAS BROUGHT MANY BELGIANS INTO STATE WILL STOP ON WAY EAST TO INVESTIGATE KLAMATH

James Slevin of Portland, who has been responsible for the importation of the large number of Belgian immigrants during the past few months is expected here tomorrow evening for a brief visit on his way East.

He comes at the solicitation of H. R. Reynolds, a large land owner here, who has been anxious to see a colony of Belgians brought to the Klamath section since he became interested here, something over a year ago.

Mr. Slevin will be taken over the irrigated sections of the Klamath Basin, and the agricultural opportunities here exploited.

SCHOOLS TO AID IN SAVING FOOD

JUDGE GEORGE T. BALDWIN RETURNING FROM PORTLAND CONFERENCE, SAYS MOVEMENT WILL BE FORWARDED

Judge George T. Baldwin has returned from Portland, where he attended a conference called by State Food Administrator Ayer, regarding food conservation of the state. He reports that this work is to be taken up now thru the schools of the state and pushed zealously from now on. Owing to illness, County School Superintendent Edna Wells of this county was unable to attend this meeting.

MORE TRAINING CAMPS IN PACIFIC NORTHWEST

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—Additional army training camps will probably be located in the Pacific Northwest, it is officially announced. The engineering corps of the United States army have been ordered to investigate sites at Hackstaff, Calif., Reno and Tobar, Nev., Boise, Idaho, Warm Springs, Oregon and Tenino, Wash.

ADDITIONAL LOAN MADE TO ALLIES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 9.—Additional loans of \$40,000,000 each to England and France have been made by the United States. The total now loaned to the allies is \$2,613,400,000.

NEW YORK, Oct. 9.—Postponement of the third game of the World's Series was announced here at 12:30. A heavy rain fell here all last night. Games will be played at the Polo Grounds tomorrow and Thursday.

BUENOS AIRES, Oct. 9.—The Argentine government is unprepared to follow the action of Uruguay yesterday in severing relations with Ger-

THE ALLIES SMASH AGAIN NEAR YPRES

HAIG DETERMINES TO FOLLOW UP VICTORY

Berlin Paper Gives Outline of More Peace Terms to Be Submitted to Allies Soon—Would Surrender Belgium and French Territory—No Indemnity on Either Side—Germany and Austria Agreed.

AMSTERDAM, Oct. 9.—Germany and Austria-Hungary have agreed to make another peace offer to the allies, according to the Tageblatt, a Berlin paper.

The offer will have as a basis: No territorial aggrandisement; the surrender of Belgium and French territory; the renunciation of positive territorial acquisitions for payment in money, and no indemnity on either side.

DATELESS—Regardless of unfavorable weather, the British and the French in Belgium launched another heavy attack to the east and north-east of Ypres.

The British report satisfactory progress everywhere. The French declare the struggle is continuing and developing favorably.

It is believed that Haig is determined to deliver another heavy blow while the crown prince is still staggering from the first.

BRITISH FRONT, Oct. 9.—The British have pushed the Germans back thru Poelcapelle and advanced to the Oeschendaele ridge. They have rested a thousand yards southwest of France and crossed the Jansbeek and Brownbeck rivers.

In many places the allies have advanced 1,200 yards.

FEDERAL RESERVE DIRECTORS NAMED

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 9.—The following directors of the Seattle branch of the Federal Reserve Bank have been announced: C. J. Houser, acting manager; M. F. Backus, N. H. Lattimer, Charles E. Peabody and Charles Hicks.

NO GAME TODAY

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Argentina Will Not Break With Germany

many, according to the foreign minister. She has not pledged her support, but is attempting to safeguard her interests.