

HALIFAX VICTIM OF FEARFUL TRAGEDY

TERRIBLE ACCIDENT DESTROYS LARGE CITY

AMERICAN MUNITION SHIP COLLIDES IN HARBOR WITH ANOTHER VESSEL—TERRIBLE EXPLOSION KILLS LARGE NUMBER OF PEOPLE

NORTHERN PART OF CITY NOW IN FLAMES—FREIGHT CARS BLOWN FROM TRACKS—WIRE COMMUNICATION IS SEVERED. MILLIONS LOST

HALIFAX (via Havana by cable), Dec. 6.—Hundreds of persons have been killed, a thousand others injured and half the city of Halifax is in flames as a result of an explosion of a munition ship in the harbor here this morning.

The property loss has already run into millions, and the north end of the city may be destroyed. The explosion occurred when an American munition ship collided with another vessel at a point called Rockingham. The telegraph and telephone offices for a distance of thirty miles surrounding have been put out of commission, and the details are coming in slowly.

AMHERST, Dec. 6.—It is reported that the American ship was moving out from the pier when she jammed broadside into another vessel. Both ships were destroyed and the crews killed. The concussion caused the roof of the railway depot to collapse, and nearly all the big warehouses were damaged materially, when the fire started.

Freight cars were blown off the tracks for a distance of two miles. Messages were rushed to nearby towns, asking that fire engines, doctors, nurses and supplies be sent with all haste. The towns are preparing to render all the aid possible, as much food is believed destroyed. It will possibly be days before telegraphic communications will be restored.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 6.—It is reported here that there were several transports in the harbor when the explosion occurred. Nothing as to their fate has been learned as yet. It is unknown whether or not there were troops aboard.

TRURO, Nova Scotia, 1:30 p. m.,

Air Raid Made On England Last Night

LONDON, Dec. 6.—About twenty-five airplanes raided England last night, six of them reaching London. Two of the raiders were brought down and a crew of three men on each captured. The bombs dropped by the airman

JURY FAILS TO AGREE ON LOCAL CASE

JURY AFTER DELIBERATING MOST OF LAST NIGHT OVER GUILT OF SECOND HAND MERCHANT, CANNOT AGREE

Following a trial of three days in the Circuit Court, the jury in the case of Fred Plum, charged with receiving stolen goods, returned about 3:30 this morning with the news that they were unable to agree upon a verdict.

Plum, who conducted a second hand store near the postoffice, was charged with having received a number of brass faucets from young boys, knowing at the time that they had been dishonestly secured. The main witness for the prosecution was declared to be absent at the trial. The case went to the jury shortly after 5 o'clock last evening. It has not been announced whether or not the case will be retried.

FORMER KLAMATH BOY IS MARRIED

The friends and classmates of Ord W. Arnold will be pleased to learn of his marriage November 10th, at Oakland, to Miss Ruby Perkins of that city.

Mr. Arnold is now a corporal in the Signal Corps at American Lake, having enlisted in the army in August. He was a member of the graduating class of 1912 of the Klamath County high school.

DR. WESTERFELD AGAIN ABOUT

Dr. Fred Westerfeld, who has been confined to his bed for an extended period with a very severe case of typhoid fever, made his first appearance on the street yesterday afternoon.

While still very weak from the effects of his illness, he is now gaining rapidly in strength, and in a few weeks will be as well as ever.

Dec. 6.—Reports reaching here said that several scores of lives were lost when the railway station at Halifax collapsed. Twenty-five railway workers were killed on the track near Richmond. The number of dead from the explosion is now said to be 300. It is reported that it was a Red Cross liner which collided with the munition vessel.

ST. JOHN'S, Dec. 6.—Nearly half the north end of Halifax is now destroyed, and a great fire is still raging. Dead are lying thick in the streets, and all the hospitals are filled to overflowing. Many of the injured are compelled to walk the streets.

Chiefs of General Staff



General Tasker H. Bliss is chief of staff of the United States Army, and General John Biddle has just been named assistant. General Biddle is an engineer officer, and is one of the few to be named to a high place in the general staff.

AUSTRIA TRIES TO BREAK THRU

TERRIFIC ATTEMPT TO CRUSH LINES OF ITALIANS IN MOUNTAINS—U. S. DECLARATION OF WAR WOULD HELP MATTERS

By Associated Press DATELESS—Austria is taking the lead in an attempt to break thru the present Italian front and compel the retreat of the Diaz armies from the mountains, capture Venice, and permit the invaders to swarm over the wide extent of Northern Italian plains. A break in the Italian line would flank the Piave line, and render the line of Brenta impossible to hold, compelling the Italians to retreat to Adige, thirty miles westward.

The United States declaration of war on Austria would aid the use of American troops in Italy. It is pointed out that the Italians have withdrawn from some more advanced positions between Mount Tonderacar and Mount Nadonoccho, northeast of Asiago.

ELKS INITIATE TONIGHT

It is expected that a large number of Elks will be on hand at the regular meeting of the order this evening, as a class of candidates will be initiated.

WOMEN ENEMIES TO BE PUNISHED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—Attorney General Gregory has recommended an amendment to the alien enemy act to include women over 14 years of age. It is declared the enforcement of this law has been seriously hindered by the exemption of women.

Finland In Desperate Need of U. S. Help

NEW YORK, Dec. 6.—Speedy death from hunger threatens the greater part of the population of Finland unless they can obtain flour from the United States, asserts Dr. Kaarlo Ignatius, commissioner of the Finnish government for negotiating the release of foodstuffs by the United States government, in a statement to the Associated Press. The threat to Finland is not privation, or even chronic starvation, he declares. Concerning Finland's needs and its causes Dr. Ignatius said:

"In regard to food supply, Finland is worse off than any of the European states whose sufferings have been brought before the American public. For months past, our people have been eating bread made out of flour mixed with pine bark and lichens; but even with this expedient we can not hold out, as the flour reserve is virtually exhausted, and even our hardy population cannot eat unmixed bark. The sufferings endured in the summer were terrible; and since I left Finland in September they have become much worse. Nothing can save us except the prompt release by the American government of the flour which we have already ordered and paid for in the United States. Finland has never been self-supporting as regards food. Her three and a half millions of people, scattered over 373,000 square kilometers of territory, have depended largely upon foreign supplies of grain, in exchange for which they exported forestry products. Before the war we imported annually about 400,000 tons of breadstuffs; and of these about 50,000 tons came from the United States. The rest came from Russia. With war, the import from America ceased, and as Russia's own food troubles grew, her railroad service became disorganized, the import from Russia ceased also. Then starvation began.

Big Red Cross Drive To Start December 17

The American Red Cross has launched a great national Red Cross Christmas drive, with the aim in view of making 15,000,000 Red Cross members by Christmas.

"Make it a Red Cross Christmas," is the slogan of the campaigners. The campaign will begin December 17th, and last one week.

The Oregon campaign manager will be Henry E. Reed, Multnomah county assessor, who was appointed by C. C. Chapman, chairman of the Oregon campaign committee, and member of the Northwest division campaign committee of the Red Cross.

For one dollar a membership may be purchased in the Red Cross. The most costly annual membership is \$10. However, the principal drive will be made for memberships at \$1

FIGHT IN ITALY IS RENEWED

TEUTONS BRING UP HEAVY REINFORCEMENTS AND ATTACK WITH FEROCITY—LIQUID GAS TURNED ON ITALIANS

ITALIAN HEADQUARTERS, Dec. 6.—The enemy is assaulting the Italian lines with intense artillery fire here today. Liquid gas has been liberated in many waves around the Asiago plateau. A furious attack of the enemy has been repulsed with severe losses except around Mount Tondercar, where the enemy have succeeded in occupying some advanced Italian lines. Fresh Austro-German divisions from the French and Russian fronts are continually arriving in Italy.

BERLIN, Dec. 6.—Eleven thousand

CITY BASE BALL STAR A SOLDIER

FORMER THIRD BASEMAN ENLISTS IN SAN FRANCISCO—ONE PLUCKY FELLOW TRIES TO ENLIST AFTER TWO FAILURES

That Frank Bowden, the well known Klamath Falls baseball player, has enlisted in the army is the news received this morning by the local exemption board in a wire which asked Bowden's release from the draft list.

Bowden has been a familiar figure on the local diamond for several seasons, where he has covered the position of third base.

Arthur Glenn Nichols, another man on the Klamath draft list, has telegraphed from Kellogg, Idaho, for a release in order to enlist.

Dan Gerald Hutchins, after trying in vain to volunteer as a regular recruit in the army, and failing twice in the physical examinations, will now attempt to enter the service thru the medical department, according to Glenn S. Callen, chief clerk of the local exemption board.

MANY KILLED BY EXPLOSION

EXPLOSIVE PLANT BLOWS UP NEAR PITTSBURG WITH FEARFUL RESULTS—SURROUNDING BUILDINGS DESTROYED

PITTSBURG, Dec. 6.—At least ten persons were killed and about forty injured in an explosion at Heidelberg plant of the Aetna Explosive company, ten miles from here. The plant where the high explosives were manufactured was completely destroyed and the buildings nearby damaged.

LOCAL WITNESSES

BACK FROM YREKA

Deputy County Clerk Charles F. DeLap and Game Warden Henry Stout have returned from Yreka, where they were summoned to appear before the grand jury of Siskiyou County.

The case under investigation was one in which it was believed that a California bounty had recently been paid on an Oregon coyote at Dorris. Interesting developments from this investigation are predicted.

OLD MAN DIES AT INFIRMARY

Dave Alexander, a well known character, who has resided in and around Klamath Falls for many years, passed away at the county hospital this morning, following an attack of pneumonia. It is reported that he was found sick in a houseboat near the city a few days ago, and was removed to the infirmary.

BIRTH NOTICE

Dr. Warren Hunt reports the birth of a son, Warren Lavern, to Mr. and Mrs. Henry O. Noe, on November 29th. Mr. Noe is an employe of the Klamath Manufacturing company.

NEW BOY ARRIVES

A 10-pound boy arrived this forenoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Smith, at Youth and Jefferson streets. Dr. R. E. Hamilton was in attendance.

NEW COURT HOUSE MAY SOON BE FINISHED

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS HAVE SENT FOR THREE ARCHITECTS TO PREPARE ESTIMATES ON COST OF CONSTRUCTION—TO ARRIVE SOON

REPORTS SUBMITTED TO GOVERNOR COURT'S ACTION REGARDING FUTURE PROCEEDURE—MATTER ONE OF GREAT INTEREST TO TAX PAYERS

That architects from outside points are expected to arrive in the next few days to make an estimate on the cost of completing the new court house here and repairing the damage already done due to its neglect from standing uncompleted, and that in the event of the figure being considered excessive, further procedure will be submitted to a vote of the people, is the information given out by a member of the county commissioners. It is believed that the ideas of the different architects will vary on the estimated completion of this building, on which the tax payers of Klamath County have already expended nearly \$200,000, so it has been decided that each commissioner should name an architect to submit figures. One of the architects, E. E. McClaran of Portland, is already on the ground, and has made an examination of the building today, although no statement has been made as to his findings. The course of procedure in this matter is one in which nearly all tax paying citizens are anxious, and the action of the County Court in regard to it is one of the questions uppermost in the minds of city and county citizens.

HOUSE TO ACT ON WAR RESOLUTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 6.—The house foreign affairs committee report on the war resolution has declared that the United States will probably send troops to Italy. The house will take up the resolution tomorrow and will probably pass it before night.

County Court Buys Big Road Equipment

That a great deal of improvement is planned for the county highways next year is indicated by the fact that a big Yuba tractor from Yuba, Calif., and four 2 1/2-ton trucks have been already ordered, and will be delivered in the early spring. The commissioners plan to put gravel on the roads in many places where the repairs are most needed. The sum of \$49,000 is now declared to be in the treasury for this work, and the usual amount of \$80,000 will probably be set aside in the coming budget for road work. No statement has been made as to what roads will be repaired first.