

WORK ON NEW COURT HOUSE TO START

CONTRACTS GIVEN TO ARCHITECTS YESTERDAY

TWO PORTLAND FIRMS RECEIVE AUTHORITY TO ACCEPT BIDS FOR IMMEDIATE COMPLETION OF BUILDING AFTER MANY YEARS OF DELAY

ORIGINAL SPECIFICATIONS WILL BE MODIFIED—COST HAS NOT YET BEEN DETERMINED—WORK ON THE TEST PITS BEGUN THIS MORNING

Work on the completion of the new county court house here was resumed at 8 o'clock this morning. The news that the County Court has decided to go ahead with this building immediately will be most welcome to the citizens of Klamath County.

Contracts with the architect firms of Houghtaling & Dougan and E. E. McClaren of Portland, authorizing the getting of bids from contractors were signed late yesterday afternoon in the County Court rooms in the court house.

As there will be some modifications made in the original specifications, it is not known what the cost will be, but judging from the average of the estimates submitted by the different architects recently employed, it will be in the neighborhood of \$300,000. Contractor Houghtaling declared yesterday that work would be started on the test pits at the building this morning. It is understood that the bids from the different contractors will be secured as early a date as possible, and that the work will proceed with all speed.

It is believed that the completion of this structure, which has now been under way for nearly eight years, will be a great addition to the appearance of the city. More than a quarter of a million of dollars have already been expended upon it. When completed it will be one of the best in the state.

A great difference of opinion has been advanced by different architects as to the present condition of the building, some claiming that cracks which had appeared were proof that the structure was unsafe, and advising its abandonment. This difference of opinion made it difficult for the

AUSTRIA WOULD CONCLUDE SEPARATE PEACE

BOWLING INTEREST GROWING

MORE TOURNAMENTS ARE BEING ARRANGED, AND INTERESTING MATCHES ARE TO BE PULLED OFF NEXT WEEK

Further interest in bowling circles is being aroused in a second tournament, which starts Monday night on the Palm alleys between the Palm Tigers and the Moose Wolves. "Bill" Lee, the captain of the Wolves, has selected to assist in the Tiger hunt the following: Dr. Boyd, Bill Hurn, W. Henderson, Smith, Patterson and Dr. Leonard.

The captain of the Tigers, "Hans" Nelson, has chosen as his supporters in the collectors of Wolf bounties, Callen, Lorenz, Beck, Grubb, Fritz Markwardt and Dr. Carter.

The opening tussle will be held on next Monday night, the rest of the matches being scheduled for Friday nights.

THE "NARROW TRAIL" UNUSUALLY GOOD

Those who love good horses, fine riding and good fighting appreciated the bill at the Star theater last night, when William Hart appeared on the screen as the hero in "A Narrow Trail." This picture is an "Artercraft" production, and the star's reputation as an actor of the silent drama brought out many fans. His stunts of horsemanship were very exceptional, and he was supported by a strong cast.

CHILDREN'S PARTY YESTERDAY

The primary department of the Emmanuel Baptist church was entertained yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. M. Jensen in Hot Springs Addition. The little tots assembled early in the afternoon and the time was devoted to games and pastimes dear to the hearts of children. Appetizing refreshments were served at the conclusion of the afternoon.

commissioners to know what course to pursue.

There will be a total of \$130,000 in the court house fund this year, so that the county will be in good shape financially to undertake the work.

DRAFT TESTS NOW BEING RUSHED THRU

MEMBERS OF LOCAL BOARD ASSIST NOTICE REACHES MEN QUICKER THRU PRESS THAN ANY OTHER WAY

Owing to the fact that the young men who are listed in the selective draft move about so much and experience difficulty in having their forwarded mail reach them, members of the local exemption board declare that they reach the men better thru the columns of the Herald than any other way. In many cases friends of the men see their names in the paper and get word to them.

It is announced that the physical examinations of the men in Class One are to be rushed until the supply of 320 is exhausted.

The following men to whom notices were sent on January 25th are to appear next Thursday, January 21st, for examination.

- John Perry Amos, Chiloquin.
- Ira Eugene Bernard, Modoc Point.
- Ralph Bull, Algoma, Camp No. 2.
- Walter Blakely, Oakridge.
- Cimoli Pietro, Klamath Falls.
- George Clinton, Klamath Falls.
- Arlie Clarence Edsall, Bly.
- William Pose Hooper, Midland.
- John Georges, Klamath Falls.
- Walter Dickband Lindsey, Klamath Falls.
- Rhinehart G. Moteschenbacher, Enderlin, North Dakota.
- Ariselmo Mernato, Klamath Falls.
- Gerald W. Oden, Klamath Falls.
- Giuseppe Pretari, Klamath Falls.
- Nicholas Panagos, 1778 Haight St., San Francisco, Calif.
- Aikiglaides Stamatelopoulos, Klamath Falls.
- Earl Lynwood Tracy, Copco, Calif.
- Hymen Wechsler, Klamath Falls.
- Leslie Ambrose Wyatt, Klamath Falls.
- James Toukas, San Francisco, Calif.
- Gus Carlson, Klamath Falls.
- Oscar Edwin Erikson, Marshfield.
- Ivan Roy Ernst, Klamath Falls.
- William Thomas Norris, Ft. Klamath.
- Charles A. McPherson, Klamath Falls.

SPIES BUSY IN NEW YORK

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Over a million dollars worth of property was destroyed by a fire believed to have been the work of German spies in the burning of oil barges, pier and warehouses here.

The sergeant in charge of the soldiers guarding the waterfront had his hat knocked off by a bullet from the suspect he was pursuing. The man escaped.

TESTIMONY MADE PUBLIC

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—More secret testimony before the senate investigating committee has been made public, which shows that on December 13th, Pershing was authorized to buy 300,000 British uniforms for American troops and 200,000 blankets in Spain.

ALLIES DANCE AT ST. CLOUD

A Mr. French, Mr. Irish and a Mrs. English being present at the dance at St. Cloud in the Shippington district last Monday night, the affair went on record as an "allies" dance. A fine time was reported.

Bolsheviki Rushing To Aid Of I. W. W.

CHICAGO, Jan. 26.—Bolsheviki leaders will attend the trial of 165 Industrial Workers of the World, soon to begin in the federal court, it has been announced here. One already is in Chicago, two others are in San Francisco, and others are on the way from Russia, it is said.

It is reported that an appeal has been sent to syndicalists of Italy, Australia and Spain to send agents here to attend the trial.

Peter Kidkin, San Francisco, one of the I. W. W. defendants, was discharged today as being hopelessly insane. Nine additional alleged members were arraigned and pleaded not guilty. Judge Landis said he would hear arguments on demurrers and pleas in abatement on February 4.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 26.—Several prominent bolsheviki leaders interested in the trial of 163 Industrial Workers of the World at Chicago, have passed thru this city, and some may be here now, it has been admitted at headquarters of the I. W. W. defense league.

Names and present whereabouts of these persons were not divulged, but it was explained that each incoming ship from Russia brings to this country men prominent in the bolsheviki movement who have been sent to investigate conditions.

Several syndicalists of Italy, Australia and Spain, with whom the I. W. W. were said by defense league leaders to be affiliated, also will be present at the Chicago trials, they said.

France Very Anxious For American Army

NEW YORK, Jan. 26.—Everywhere in France the question is being asked, "How soon will America be here?" according to Major Grayson M. F. Murphy, former head of the American Red Cross work in France, at a reception given in his honor here.

"You do not know what America means over there," he said. "Everywhere you go, whether you are talking to soldiers in the trenches, men in the hospitals, the widows and the mothers in the rear; whether you are talking to statesmen, business men, college professors or what not, the question is always the same, 'How

soon will America be here?' "This war will be won by the nation which has the grit to stick out longer than the other fellow. America has the greatest opportunity and the greatest obligation that was ever given to any nation in history, and I pray to God that we will live up to it."

"The man in this country who for any selfish purpose, personal vanity, pride of party, pride of locality, or pride of consideration, stands in the way of the prompt and effective development of our country to fight this war is worse than a German in the trenches."

Surprising Number Of Women Now in Service

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—There are approximately 1,266,061 women in the United States engaged in industrial work which is either directly or indirectly necessary to carry on the war, according to an estimate based on surveys made in fifteen states for the National League of Women's Service by Miss Marie L. Obenauer with the sanction and assistance of the Department of Labor.

"These million and more women," said Miss Obenauer, "are in the front rank of the industrial army of defense. They are the important women of the nation. Bands do not play in their honor; they do not wear picturesque uniforms; yet in the business of winning the war it is as necessary to protect their working efficiency as to safeguard the fighting efficiency of the men on the firing line."

HUNS ACT TOWARD WOMEN UNSPEAKABLE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—Italian women in the territory invaded by Austrian troops are being made the victims of unspeakable atrocities, Italian Deputy Gaspatotto, who has been at the front since the opening of hostilities, has informed the chamber, according to an official cablegram from Rome. The deputy told of seeing women swim the Piave River to escape the attacks of soldiers, and of

the cries of women attacked on the banks of the Lower Piave.

Enemy units also have used Italians as shields in advancing into battle, the deputy said, and the native troops are forced to fire upon their own brothers in order to save their country.

GO TO BORNS

Mrs. Thomas McCormick left this morning for Dorris for a visit with their daughter, Mrs. A. F. Padgett, who has been ill for some time.

PACKERS FOUGHT PROBES

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION DIVULGES EFFORTS OF THE PACKERS TO KEEP OUT OF THE INVESTIGATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—The Federal Trade Commission inquiry has brought out the facts as to how the packers worked against the federal investigation of their industry, and when this was proposed by congress, they wrote to Senator Wadsworth, who was a stockholder, to sound out the president.

W. H. Gates of Colorado advised the packers to "keep close" to Senator Thompson of Kansas by giving his law firm some business.

WOULD ACT WITHOUT HUNS AT CONFERENCE

RUSSIAN DEMOCRATIC PLATFORM IS ACCEPTABLE, WITH ONE EXCEPTION—CONTINUED UNREST IS NOTED IN AUSTRIA-HUNGARY

REPORT RECEIVED AT LONDON IS TO EFFECT THAT GRAVE DISORDERS HAVE COMMENCED IN GERMAN CAPITAL WITHIN THE LAST TWO DAYS

LONDON, Jan. 26.—Austria has declared her readiness to conclude a separate peace without Germany, and to accept the Russian democratic platform, with the exception of the self-determination of nations, according to a Petrograd dispatch. The bolsheviki newspapers declare that great demonstrations are taking place all over Austria-Hungary. Workmen's and soldiers' organizations have been formed at Vienna.

LONDON, Jan. 26.—The Amsterdam correspondent for the Express says that extraordinary reports are now current concerning a revolution in Germany, and that there have been grave disorders at Berlin within the last two days. The rioters are declared clamoring for peace. There has been no confirmation of this report.

witnesses, Mrs. Peter Erickson and J. M. Groth, were brought from Bend, which might not be considered very expensive at first glance, but when it is remembered that they were first obliged to go to Portland, then down to Weed, Calif., and north again to Klamath Falls, a distance of over 800 miles, the cost is better realized. One witness, Estelle Clinesmith, was brought from Redding, Calif., and one man, Mr. Kelsey, from San Diego.

Nasty Charges Are Made Against Packers

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 26.—The big packing interests are charged by Francis J. Heney with having attempted to bring influence to bear on the president to have the present investigation into the meat packing in-

dustry by the Federal Trades Commission stopped. He claims that the joint telegram sent to the president by the Detroit bankers, protesting that the investigation was disturbing economic conditions, was inspired by the packers.

Big Time at Elks Party Last Night

It was certainly one grand time that the B. P. O. Elks had last night at the annual ball here, if the reports today are any indication. No one seems to know just what time the festivities were broken up, but a number left just in time to snatch a wink and get to work this morning, have

declared that high links was in evidence when they left. It seems to be the general impression that beyond any doubt this was the most successful party ever given by this popular organization. A large number were present from Merrill, Fort Klamath and other parts of the county.