

Ambassador Francis May Be In Danger

RUSSIANS DESTROYING SIBERIAN RAILROAD

GERMANY NOW OCCUPIES ISLANDS IN GULF OF FINLAND AND PREPARES TO OCCUPY FINLAND "TEMPORARILY"

PROTEST MADE BY SWEDEN AND FEELING REPORTED TO BE VERY TENSE—GERMANY DECLARES SHE WILL NOT TAKE PERMANENT POSSESSION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The Russians have begun destroying bridges on the trans-Siberian railroad between Lake Balki and the Chinese frontier, according to a report by John F. Stevens, chairman of the American railway mission, made to the war department.

This activity, it is asserted, may prevent Ambassador Francis from reaching Vladivostok and some apprehension exists concerning him.

It is believed that the Russians are acting to prevent the expected advance of the Japanese, Stevens said in his report, and bridges and other structures are being mined so that they can be easily destroyed.

His reports reached here from Yokohama, and the information undoubtedly came thru Japanese intelligence sources.

The United States has thus far reached no decision as to a joint movement with Japan in Siberia.

Germany has now occupied the Aland Islands, which is to be only a preliminary move to the occupation of Finland.

Sweden has protested vigorously to this move, but Germany has explained that it has been found necessary to temporarily occupy Finland to restore order there. Assurance has been given that the German government has no intention of taking permanent possession.

The Aland Islands are to be made a base for aiding the occupation of Finland.

Five hundred Swedish troops are on the island for police purposes at this time, and the feeling is reported to be very tense.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Later—Ambassador Francis has telegraphed from Volgodia his intention to remain there for the present. The message dated March 2d.

WHEAT FLOUR MUST BE USED HALF AND HALF

RETAILERS REQUIRED TO PLEDGE THEMSELVES TO SELL FLOUR ONLY WHEN EQUAL QUANTITY OF OTHER CEREALS ARE PURCHASED

The state of Oregon has now been placed on a fifty-fifty basis as regards the consumption of wheat flour, according to word received today by Klamath Falls grocers thru J. W. Call, representative of a wholesale grocery firm. This new basis was put into effect in Washington last week, but no official notice has been received here previous to this date.

The Food administration asks every wholesale and retail grocer to restrict his sales of wheat flour by requiring every purchaser of same to buy and use an equal amount of a given list of substitute cereals, including corn meal, corn flour, edible corn starch, hominy, corn grits, barley flour, potato flour, sweet potato flour, soy bean flour, feterita flour and meals, rice, rice flour, oat meal, rolled oats and buckwheat flour.

STORES AT PENDLETON CLOSE EARLY

ALL PLACES OF BUSINESS EXCEPT RESTAURANTS SHUT AT 11 O'CLOCK PROMPTLY, SATURDAY NIGHT EXCEPTED

PENDLETON, March 4.—All business houses except restaurants are closed nightly at 11 o'clock in Pendleton now, under the rulings of an ordinance effective March 1st.

While restaurants can remain open they cannot sell anything except food, and their supplies of cigars, tobacco, soft drinks, candies and bakery supplies are not to be open to the public after that hour. On Saturday night an exception is made, and business places may remain open until midnight.

Big U. S. Ordnance Base For France

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The building of a \$25,000,000 ordnance base in France, which will include twenty large store houses,

twelve shop buildings, a hundred smaller shops and magazines and machine tool equipment costing about \$5,000,000 more, has been announced by the war department.

SPECIAL CALL IS MADE FOR AUTO DRIVERS

ONE HUNDRED CHAUFFEURS AND TRUCK DRIVERS WANTED FROM OREGON IMMEDIATELY. FOUR FROM KLAMATH COUNTY

One hundred chauffeurs and truck drivers are to be inducted from the selective draft list and sent to Kelly Field, San Antonio, Texas, for the aviation section of the signal corps.

Call No. 46, from the adjutant general's office was received Saturday afternoon by Sheriff George Humphrey too late for publication.

Application for voluntary induction will be received by the local board here until March 8th, according to the instructions. In case sufficient inductions are not received by voluntary applications by March 8th, the men are to be inducted by the board from Class One.

Four men are wanted for this service from Klamath County. Only white men and men physically qualified for general military service may be inducted under this call.

Urgent need by General Pershing for the men is responsible for the special call. It is believed at the office of the local board that this will be an opportunity for boys to see early service in France, as it is expected they will be sent across after a very brief training period.

PINE GROVE FARMERS WANT TO GO FISHING

ANXIOUS TO HAVE WATER TURNED OVER LOST RIVER DAM SO THAT CUSTOMARY MULLET FISHING WILL BE AFFORDED

The farmers of the Pine Grove district express themselves as very desirous of having the water turned over the Lost River dam, in order that the mullets, which are known to be in the waters below, may run up into that part of the river.

There have been large quantities of fish caught here every year under previous conditions. It is asserted, and a large amount of meat that would otherwise be consumed has been saved. It is hoped that the water will be turned, so that the usual fishing will be afforded this year, when the scarcity of meat is so great.

LEAVING FOR CANADA

J. C. Patterson of the Farmers' Implement and Supply house is planning to leave for Canada within the next day or so, to superintend the planting of his wheat crop. His ranch of 1,300 acres is located in Calgary, Alberta. Both the seeding and the harvesting is done by tractor. Mr. Patterson expects to return in June.

LEASES RANCH TODAY

A deal was completed this afternoon whereby Ben Southwell leases the Henry Fahrer ranch near Pine Grove, now owned by J. C. Cleghorn, for the coming year. The tract consists of 140 acres.

Many Gift Boxes Sent By Women's Relief Corps

The members of the Woman's Relief Corps of this city announce that they have now sent fifty-one gift boxes to the soldier boys who have left Klamath County. Forty of these have gone to the boys now in France and the remaining eleven to those in different camps in the United States. More are to be sent in the near future and the ladies of the organization are anxious to secure the names and addresses of boys who have not yet been remembered.

Water Improvements Are Turned Down

EUGENE, March 4.—The Sluslaw River from Acme to its entrance will not be improved this year by the government, notwithstanding a favorable report on the project by United States engineers, according to a letter received from Congressman W. C. Hawley. This is due to the decision that

Ninety-Nine Released By Court Decision

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—The Supreme Court has decided that federal courts have no jurisdiction over bribery at general elections for

HOPGROWERS PLOWING UP THE FIELDS

LANE COUNTY GROWERS PREPARING GROUND FOR OTHER CROPS—GRADUAL DECLINE OF HOP BUSINESS CAUSE

EUGENE, March 4.—A number of hop growers in Lane County are plowing up their hop fields preparatory to using the ground for some other crop, according to a well-known hop grower and buyer of this city, Frank Hoyer. He cites the examples of one man who has plowed up twenty acres of his yard near Springfield, and two others who have plowed up ten and fourteen acres respectively.

The gradual decline of the hop business is the reason. Except for a brief period last fall, when the price went as high as 35 cents per pound, the price of hops has been much lower than for several years, it is said, and some growers claim to have lost money. Greater cost of growing hops is said to be the cause.

POTATO GRADES ARE ASKED FOR OREGON

SALEM, March 4.—Oregon potato growers, thru their association, have asked the state public service commission to establish potato grades for Oregon. The growers claim that last year 360,000 bushels of potatoes were produced in this state.

APRIL SIXTH IS DATE FOR LIBERTY LOAN

ANNOUNCEMENT MADE BY SECRETARY McADOO—ANNIVERSARY OF ENTRANCE OF UNITED STATES INTO WORLD WAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has named April 6, 1918, as the date for the opening of the third Liberty Loan campaign.

It is the first anniversary of the entrance of the United States into the war against the kaiser, he has pointed out, and added that the amount, terms and conditions of the loan have not been decided because these three features are dependent upon further legislation. In making the announcement Secretary McAdoo said:

"I expect to ask the congress at an early date to grant the necessary additional authority.

"Of course, the opening day of the campaign is somewhat dependent upon the new legislation, but it is hoped and believed that the matter can be considered and determined in ample time to begin the campaign on the date suggested.

"April 6th will forever be a consecrated date in American history, and it seems peculiarly appropriate that the opening of the second year of our participation in this war for the honor and rights of America and the freedom of the world should be celebrated with a nation-wide drive for another Liberty Loan."

LETTER FROM FRANCE TODAY

KLAMATH BOY SENDS CHEERING NEWS FROM FOREIGN SHORE TO THE WAITING ONES AT HOME

In an interesting letter from "somewhere in France" to his mother, Mrs. Nate Otterbein, Sergeant Lou Hoagland tells of life in the army in a foreign land.

"Everett, Joe, Billie and I are at work in the shops, now, and are kept pretty busy, but we don't get no dollar an hour, nor even 40 cents. All we get is the satisfaction of knowing that we are doing our best to 'get the kaiser' I am inspector of motors and get to take a good many trips on the different planes to test the motors before they are put into active service. The motors are thoroughly tested and the plane gone over entirely after each trip.

"We have good barracks to stay in and plenty of good eats. We are all in fine shape, and no cause for any

HERO OF TRENCHES AWAKENS THIS CITY

COMMUNITY IS STIRRED TO THE DEPTHS BY MESSAGE BROUGHT BY RETURNED SOLDIER. CROWDS FILL OPERA HOUSE

HORRORS, HARDSHIPS AND SUFFERING OUTLINED—APPEAL MADE FOR RED CROSS LIBERTY BONDS AND OTHER AIDS TO THE SOLDIERS

Orator—A public speaker; one who makes an eloquent speech or address. —N. Webster.

In a few brief remarks introducing Sergeant "Doc" Wells to Klamath Falls Saturday night, Chairman E. B. Hall affirmed that the audience need not expect to hear an orator, but rather a plain talk from a fighter given from a fighter's viewpoints. There was no question of the plain talk, as the speaker proceeded with his remarks, but if Sergeant Wells is not an orator our late Mr. Webster was certainly mixed in his dates.

The human character is moulded by the conditions to which it is subjected. Sergeant Wells might have passed his lifetime in Canada without having any unusual powers of working on the emotions of his fellow men, but the terrible life, hardships and suffering of the months in the war zone have so permeated his soul that he can sway his hearers like the grass before the breeze.

In the short space of two hours several hundred Klamath Falls people were taken across the Atlantic Ocean, given glimpses of England and France back of the firing line, placed in the front line trenches, and made to see the famous stand of the allies before Ypres.

The boat left Houston's opera house at 9 o'clock, when Sergeant Wells placed a watch on the table beside a glass of water. Passengers reached home two hours later, with moist eyes and heaving hearts, singing the Star Spangled Banner with the officer standing at salute before the flag.

The trip across to France was made under favorable skies, lightened by

one back there to worry a particle. "It might sound strange, but this is a fact: We haven't been paid for two months, and I'm not broke yet. Life in Uncle Sam's army does a fellow some good, any way."

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German Terms Are Accepted By Russ

By Associated Press
The Russian delegates have now agreed to the German terms, to which provisions have been added requiring Russians to retire from Turkey's Asiatic provinces and from the territory in the regions of Kars, Batoum and Karabagh, taken from the Turks during past wars.

The bolsheviki now retains less than 200 miles of coast line along the Finnish gulf.