

# U. S. Makes No Formal Move With Japan

## JAPAN IS CREDITED WITH BEST OF MOTIVES

ANY COMMUNICATION REGARDING THIS SERIOUS QUESTION FROM UNITED STATES WILL BE SENT FIRST TO ENGLAND

JAPANESE GOVERNMENT UNDERSTANDS FRIENDLY POSITION OF U. S. AND ITS DISPOSITION TO TAKE NO PART IN INTERVENTION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—It is authoritatively stated that the United States has sent no communication to Japan on the Siberian action, and it is asserted here that if any view are expressed they will be conveyed to England, thru which the United States has received all its information.

The United States has not assented, dissented, or protested, it is declared. Government officials affirm that Japan already understands the friendly attitude of the United States and its disposition to take no part in the contemplated move. The United States credits Japan with disinterested purpose, if Siberia should be taken. This government is also thinking of the moral effect in Russia of such intervention, and feels that absolute secrecy should be apparent before action is taken.

While it has no direct bearing upon the situation in Asiatic Russia, the news to the Swedish legation that Germany has given notice of her intention to occupy the whole of Finland will hasten an agreement upon Japan's plans. The German explanation to the Swedish foreign office, which has protested against the proceeding that the occupation is to restore order and without intent to take permanent possession is regarded as very clear indication of what the Germans may undertake in any part of Russia, now that the bolsheviks have been forced to accept their hard peace demands.

Officials and diplomats here profess ignorance of what preparations have been made by Japan for the operations about to be undertaken. As a matter of course, secrecy has been observed and a strict censorship in regard to the Siberian question is in force at Tokio. Possibly the next word to come out of Japan on the

## TO CLASSIFY LANDS FOR ASSESSMENT

MAN ARRIVES FROM MONTANA TO START RECLASSIFICATION OF COUNTY UNDER SUPERVISION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR

A reclassification of land in Klamath County for assessment purposes is to be started in the immediate future under the supervision of County Surveyor J. C. Cleghorn.

Lincoln Stephens of St. Ignace, Mont., who has had considerable experience in work of this kind with the United States reclamation service, has arrived to devote his time to this work. The sum of \$2,000 was set aside in the last county budget for this work.

Mr. Stephens is familiar with this country, having spent his early boyhood here.

## TRAIN WRECKER GETS A HEAVY SENTENCE

HOOD RIVER, March 6.—Philip Solem, who pleaded guilty to placing a great spike on the railroad track near Lindsay Creek Friday in an attempt to wreck an O. W. R. and N. train was sentenced to a term of from five to ten years in the penitentiary. Elmer Almer, a sixteen year old boy, who was alleged to have helped him, will be tried by the juvenile court.

## ELKS TAKE TWO GAMES LAST NIGHT

By winning the first and third games last night on the Palm alleys from the Palms, the Elks gained a few points on their rivals. By winning two of the next three games, the tournament finishes in a tie, as next Tuesday's series is the wind-up.

Should the Elks drop two games, the Palms win out, and a straight series won by the Elks would give them the rag. Hayden stepped into the limelight with a score of 323 in the initial game and 265 in the second, and an average of 293.

## IRISH LEADER PASSES

LONDON, March 6.—John E. Redmond, the Irish nationalist leader, died here this morning, due to heart failure, following a recent operation for intestinal obstruction.

subject will be an announcement of something definite accomplished.

In this connection it is recalled that at the beginning of the Russo-Japanese war, the Japanese acted without heralding. Before there was any such formality as a declaration of war, a Russian fleet had been smashed and the war was half won.

## Frenchman Is Accused Of Tremendous Theft

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—Frank J. Goldsull, formerly a private in the French army, has been arrested on a warrant issued by Counselor Bergeron of the French

embassy, charging a larceny of from \$3,500,000 to \$6,000,000 from the French government by means of a truck and automobile contraband. He will be returned to France by the French authorities.

## IRRIGATION MEETING AT LORELLA

LOCAL DELEGATION LEAVES TO BE PRESENT—FARMERS ENTHUSIASTIC OVER PROSPECT OF WATER FROM CLEAR LAKE

To discuss plans for getting water on the lands in Langell Valley from the Clear Lake dam, a meeting of the farmers there is scheduled for tonight at the Lorella school house.

Project Manager J. B. Bond and Assistant Counselor J. T. Hinkle of the United States reclamation service and Secretary Archie Wisard and Attorney Albert E. Elder of the Klamath Water Users Association, are planning to go from Klamath Falls this afternoon, and it is hoped that others here who are interested in this kind of progress will also attend.

The government had made the farmers of the upper country a low price for irrigation from Clear Lake, and it is hoped to devise some means whereby the water may be secured at an early date. The residents of that section are reported to be very enthusiastic over the project.

## BIG CATALOGUE FIRM STRONGLY CRITICISED

METHODS OF BIG CHICAGO MAIL ORDER FIRM ARE SUBJECT OF COMPLAINT BY FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 6.—The federal trade commission has issued a complaint against Sears Roebuck & Co. of Chicago, charging unfair competition methods.

It is alleged that this company advertised sugar for 2 1/2 cents a pound, and sold it at an actual loss on condition that certain amounts of other groceries were purchased, on which the profit was to be made up.

## LA FOLLETTE IS CONDEMNED IN HIS HOME STATE

MADISON, Wis., March 6.—A resolution condemning Senator LaFollette has been passed by a vote of 52 to 23 in the state assembly, after a deadlock lasting twenty-four hours, while the members were self-imprisoned.

## TWO VESSELS SUBBED

ATLANTIC PORT, March 6.—The American steamship *Armenia*, formerly a German merchantman, lies beached and badly damaged on the British coast, after being torpedoed. The crew arrived today.

LONDON, March 6.—The British armed mercantile cruiser *Calgarion* was torpedoed and sunk March 1st off the Irish coast. Two officers and forty-six men were lost. There were 110 men aboard.

## MAKES BUSINESS VISIT

A. A. Stull, of the Livestock Health Service, visited the Klamath Agricultural Agent E. R. Olsky.

## THOROBBRED CATTLE ARE IMPORTED

KLAMATH STOCKMAN BRINGS IN THIS LOT OF YOUNG SHORTHORN BULLS—ADVOCATES BETTER CATTLE

An unusually fine lot of young bulls for the Klamath ranges have been brought in by J. H. Beckley from Fossiland, where they were secured at a recent sale.

The animals are of the Shorthorn variety, and are reported to be some of the best stock obtainable. All are considerably under two years of age, and some already weigh as much as the average full-grown animal of the ordinary type.

Mr. Beckley is very enthusiastic over the idea of the Klamath stockman getting a better grade of stock. He maintains that no matter what the first cost may be, the best to the consumer in the long run. Five of the ten bulls now imported are pure white in color, which Mr. Beckley declares will insure good calves. They are being taken to the Klamath Marsh.

## SPECIAL ELECTION HERE SOON

ELECTORS OF KLAMATH IRREGULATION DISTRICT WILL VOTE ON IMPORTANT MEASURE NEXT MONTH—NEW DIRECTOR IS CHOSEN

At a meeting of the directors of the Klamath Irrigation district held here yesterday afternoon, a contract was endorsed for submission to the electors of the district on the 13th of April the question of whether or not the right to enter into a contract with the United States "for the assumption as principal or grantor of indebtedness on account of district lands to the United States under the federal reclamation law, shall be authorized."

The amount of the obligation as stipulated in the proposed contract is \$1,263,036.26. Robert Cheyas was elected as a director of the district to replace Jan. Essel, who recently moved to Oakland.

## ARTILLERY BOYS ARE WELL TREATED

The boys of the 6th Field Artillery, who have been stationed for the past eleven months at Fort Stevens, and have recently been removed to Southern California, all seem cheerful and happy, and report that they are being well treated, according to Mrs. S. B. Turner, who returned recently from Dunsmuir, Calif., after visiting her son, Robert. A receipt was given for the boys at Fort Stevens' baggage at Modesto. The boys were stopped three times a day on the run south in order to give the boys a brief run for exercise.

## DECISION OF CIRCUIT JUDGE IS UPHELD

FOLLOWING EXTENDED LITIGATION WIDOW WHO CONTESTED ALLEGED WILL OF HUSBAND WINS HER CASE

The Supreme Court yesterday handed down a decision in the case of Henrietta F. Melhase vs. Gus Melhase and others, in favor of the plaintiff, upholding the decision of the Circuit Court judge, over which the case was appealed.

This is the case where the surviving widow contested the alleged will of Frederick Melhase, deceased. The will contested was made in 1908, but it appears that the deceased made another will in 1911, although the last will was not produced, and no evidence introduced in the trial of the lower court.

Judge Thomas Drake and Attorney Chas. J. Ferguson represented Mrs. Melhase. The defendant's counsel were Attorney Chas. F. Stone and the firm of Snow, Swenson & Thompson of Portland.

## LUMBERMAN BOOSTS THIS LOCALITY

PRESIDENT OF KLAMATH'S LARGEST MILL WHILE IN PORTLAND TELLS OF PROSPERITY OF THE KLAMATH DISTRICT

A fine boost for Klamath County appears in the Oregon Journal of Sunday's issue by President H. D. Mortenson of the Pelican Bay Lumber company, who is looking after matters of business in Portland for a short time.

Business conditions were never better in Klamath County than at the present time, according to the interview given by this prominent lumberman. Everybody is busy, and the highest wages are being paid in the history of the county. The total output of the mills and logging camps here is about 200,000,000 feet, and the output of the box factories is about 90,000,000 annually.

Scarcity of freight cars to handle the output is the only handicap to the progress of the lumber industry in Klamath.

## BRICK HAULED FOR NEW BANK BUILDING

The old McDonald building at the corner of Sixth and Main streets, one of the landmarks of the town, is being moved away today to make way for the construction of the new Klamath State bank, which is to go forward rapidly from this time.

A large part of the brick has already been hauled and piled for its construction. The vault has already been constructed.

## BOYS NEW HOME

Mrs. Nellie Lee has just purchased from C. L. Kelley a two-room addition on Oak Street, formerly occupied by Mr. Shilby. The sale was made thru the Clatsop real estate agency.

## ELKS ELECT TOMORROW EVENING

OFFICIAL FROM ASHLAND WILL BE PRESENT—INITIATION AND UNUSUAL PROGRAM BEING ARRANGED FOR THE OCCASION

Word was received here this morning that Walter E. Newcombe, District Deputy Grand Exalted Ruler of the B. P. O. E., with headquarters at Ashland, is to be on hand at the annual election of officers here tomorrow night.

Arrangements are under way by the committee in charge of the program tomorrow night for an unusually fine time. There will be initiatory work in addition to the election, an excellent program and refreshments. A jazz band is reported to have been formed to add melody to the occasion. Mr. Newcombe in his letter expresses a wish to meet a large number of the brethren at Klamath Falls.

## FORMER RESIDENT DIES IN PORTLAND

Word has been received here of the death last Saturday of Elmer E. Anderson, formerly of this city. He was a cousin of Dr. R. R. Hamilton of this city, and was a member of the Woodmen of the World. He had lived in Portland for several months, and leaves a wife and three children. While in this city he was an employe of the Stille Meat company.

## FAREWELL PARTY

A farewell party for Rex and Roy LaPrairie was given at the home of their sister, Mrs. Harry Booth, at Mt. Laki, last night, at which a large number of their relatives and friends of that section were present. The brothers were two of the first three to enlist as truck drivers in the army when the call came a day or two ago, and they are to leave for the training camp in a few days. They expect to see service in France in a short time, as they are skilled drivers, and after a short period of training will no doubt be put into active service.

## AUTO DRIVER QUOTA FILLED

Roy Nelson of Worden is the last man to apply for induction as an auto driver to fill the Klamath County quota of four men requested by the government. Nelson is known to be a man of considerable experience in handling cars, and it is believed by the local board that he will be a good man for this service. It is expected that the four boys will be entrained for the south the latter part of the week.

## Ashland Road Opened Earlier This Season

That the Green Springs Mountain road between Klamath Falls and Ashland will be open for steady travel much earlier than usual this year, probably early in April, owing to the light snowfall in the mountains, is the opinion of C. S. Howard, who has supervised the road for the last two years, for the last three years, but who came over yesterday to make arrangements for the coming season. Howard will operate the line this year in partnership with E. S. Van Campen of this city, according to an announcement made yesterday. The latter has run the "Yours" Auto Service here for some years. It is believed that with the additional car, a usual week-end service can be maintained.

## BOLSHEVIKI TO SET UP A CAPITAL AT MOSCOW

PETROGRAD BEING EVACUATED BY BOLSHEVIKI AND ALLEGED DIPLOMATS—DEPARTURE OF LATTER HINDERED

WARING ELEMENTS OF BOLSHEVIKI APPARENTLY HAVE UPPER HAND—MAY REFUSE TO RATIFY TREATY NEXT WEEK

Summary by Associated Press  
Petrograd is not being evacuated by the bolsheviks and Moscow is to be the new capital.

The non-peace elements of the bolsheviks now seem to be getting the upper hand, and may refuse to accept the peace treaty next week, causing the downfall of Lenin and Trotsky unless they resign first. The Germans have apparently played into the Russians' hands by granting a respite before the treaty was ratified.

LONDON, March 6.—Special dispatches from Petrograd describe the departure of the British and French embassies and the Belgian, Serbian, Greek and Portuguese legations after a series of hindrances which in the case of the Italian embassy was sufficient to detain its staff in Petrograd after the others had left. The Italians were still in Petrograd Saturday, and also the staffs of the consulates, according to the correspondent of the Morning Post.

The bolshevik foreign office, while permitting the American, Chinese, Brazilian and Japanese delegations to leave without restraint, insisted on endorsing all passports of the others before departure and refused endorsement unless the passport specifically described the owner as a diplomat. Consequently a number of military officials and other members of the various missions were left behind, and, says the correspondent of the Daily Mail, "apparently are held as hostages."

## MEETING POSTPONED

The Baptist Missionary Circle meeting has been postponed until Thursday, March 14th.