

AMERICAN BOYS GETTING INTO FIGHT

UNUSUAL ACTIVITY INDICATED NEAR TOUL

MORE ACTION REPORTED MONDAY BY YANKES THAN AT ANY TIME PREVIOUS. FIRES IN HUX CAMP CAUSE EXPLOSIONS.

U. S. BOYS AGAIN RAID GERMAN TRENCHES AND PENETRATE TO SECOND LINE. KILL A NUMBER OF ENEMY. AIR CREW IS CAPTURED.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, March 13.—There was greater activity by the American in the Toul sector on Monday than at any time since the Americans assumed control of that section.

Shells from American guns obliterated at least five groups of the gas projects set up by the enemy, preparing for attack.

Fire back of the enemy's lines caused a number of serious explosions.

The Americans have again raided the enemy lines penetrating to the second line trenches. A number of the enemy forces were killed in the action but no prisoners taken.

The Americans in the Chemin Des Dames district captured a crew of an air raider which landed in that neighborhood. The prisoners were turned over to the French.

LONDON, March 13.—Three Zeppelins participated in a raid over England last night. One of these dropped bombs on the town of Hull where a woman died from the shock. Most of the bombs were dropped in the open country.

WEDDING LAST NIGHT

The wedding of Elmer Wythe Johnson and Miss Ola Caudell both of this city was solemnized last evening by Reverend W. H. Cox at the Baptist parsonage on Tenth street. Mrs. Lina Mathews and L. L. Stein were witnesses at the ceremony and stood up with the bride and groom. The marriage took place at 8 o'clock.

RUSS CONGRESS POSTPONED

MOSCOW, March 13.—The all Russian Congress of Soviets has postponed its meeting until March 14th.

RECRUITING MAN VISITS THIS CITY

OFFICER ARRIVES FROM HEADQUARTERS TO ACCEPT ENLISTMENTS IN DIFFERENT BRANCHES OF THE SERVICE.

Ray Bragg of the U. S. Army Recruiting Service arrived here today from the headquarters of the Northern California district at Redding, California, to accept men for and answer questions regarding enlistments in the regular army, national guard, and national army.

The Aviation Section of the signal Corps is in immediate need of ten thousand additional men with the following qualifications: Mechanics, machinists, chauffeurs, carpenters, bricklayers, electricians, metal workers, painters, vulcanizers, welders, riggers, tailors, and cooks.

The Coast Artillery of the Regular Army is in need of men who have experience along a mechanical or constructional line. These men will be subject to duty "over there."

The 20th Engineers (Forestry) Regiment, the largest regiment in the world, still calls for men having either a sawmill or logging experience.

There are a number of other Engineer regiments open for enlistment such as the 23d Engineers (Highway), 37th Engineers (Electrical and Mechanical), 27th Engineers (Mining), 28th Engineers (Quarry), etc.

The Recruiting Officer is making his headquarters, while here, at the White Pelican Hotel and the Post Office.

PALMS WIN TOURNAMENT WITH ELKS

By winning the last game by the narrow margin of three pins after having lost the first and won the second games, the Palms returned winners in the tournament between the Elks and Palms.

The first game was won by the Elks by 23 pins, the Palms took the second by 67 pins and it required the final balls thrown by Austin Hayden and Dr. Wright to tell the tale. Wright rolled high score of the evening making 303, with Hayden one pin less at 293. Wright also drew high average with 175. Chas. Allen rolled on the Palm team and in spite of three months absence from the game rolled three nice games averaging 171.

ENGINEERS VERY BUSY OVER THERE

LETTER FROM FORMER KLAMATH FALLS MAN TELLS OF ENORMOUS PROJECTS NOW UNDER WAY AND DESCRIBES THE CONDITIONS.

A letter of more than usual interest has just been received from France from T. W. Zimmerman, who will be remembered by many Klamath Falls residents as one of the engineers employed at the local Reclamation Office several years ago.

The letter was written to G. C. Hogue of the reclamation force here. It tells of his trip across the Atlantic, during which a torpedo from Kaiser Hill missed the stern of his boat by about sixty feet. He is now located in Southern France and like all the rest of the boys, very busy. A portion of the letter is quoted below:

HEADQUARTERS BASE SECTION NUMBER 3, A. E. F.—Of this little "muss" that we are having with Kaiser Hill, of course, I have a desire to get up to the front, and hope to be able to do so, if the war continues thru this year. We are all hoping that the end is near and that the German Militaristic Power will soon realize that they are only wasting human life with not a possibility of their being able to gain anything in the process, and that we will be permitted to return to the good old U. S. A. at an early date. I can truthfully say, that France is a wonderful country and the French a wonderful people, and I mean no discredit to them when I say that their methods of doing things are quite crude when compared with the dispatch that the same things would be accomplished, if we were permitted to use American methods.

"My work takes me out in the field quite a good deal and the one thing that has impressed me the most are the roads. I never have driven over such roads in all of my life. For miles and miles they are just as smooth as a floor, with not a depression in them and the ditches are absolutely free from weed or rubbish of any description. They are not hard surfaced, in the meaning of the term as we would use it, but there is some sort of top dressing used that seems to be absolutely impervious to water. Not only are the main thoroughfares in this condition, but also the larger part of the side roads. I made one trip in an automobile, covering about 600 kilometers, and with the exception of probably 75 kilometers, the entire road was like a boulevard. We surely have to hand it to the French Engineers when it comes to building roads.

"At present this office has charge of all construction work in this base section and the work in hand is the construction of a hospital that when it is completed will be the largest in the world and will contain 30,000 beds. We also are constructing a rest camp that will have a capacity of 30,000 men, the supervision of the construction of an Artillery Division camp, another small hospital containing 1500 beds, the construction of an aviation training camp and have in contemplation the erection of 100 warehouses, each 50x250 feet in size. In addition to the above there are approximately six small jobs that we also have under way. So you can readily see that we are kept quite busy.

"According to the papers this morning, Germany has again declared war on Russia. If such is the case, and Russia will really get in and fight the war should be brought to a close.

U. S. LEGATION GOES TO ODESSA

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 13.—The American and Allied legation staffs have left Jassy for Odessa with assurance of safe conduct. Their departure has been delayed by quarantine.

BROTHERHOOD ORGANIZED LAST NIGHT

NEW CLUB FORMED OF SOCIAL AND CIVIL NATURE. OFFICERS ELECTED AND CONSTITUTION ADOPTED.

The Brotherhood of the Presbyterian Church was the name of the new organization effected last night by a substantial group of the men of Klamath Falls, the purpose of which will be to promote the social and moral enterprise of the men of the community and to cooperate for civil betterment.

A. B. Epperson of the First State and Savings Bank was elected as president of the new organization and the following chairs were also filled. Bert C. Thomas, Vice-President, George B. Icenbower, Secretary and E. B. Price, Treasurer.

A constitution and by-laws drafted by a Committee were submitted and adopted.

A social time followed the business meeting which was enjoyed by all present. The club will meet on the third Tuesday of each month at the homes of different members.

WANT CITY WATER RATES ADJUSTED

MEMBERS OF BUSINESS MENS ASSOCIATION ASSENTS PRESENT SCHEDULE WILL NOT PERMIT IRRIGATION OF GARDENS.

About thirty-five business men gathered last night at the Moose Hall for the monthly banquet and meeting of the Business Mens Association.

The usual appetizing supper was served at six-thirty after which the evening was devoted to the discussion of topics of civic improvement.

The present water rates now imposed on the residents of the city was one of the principal subjects of discussion, a number of men alleging that under the present schedule it would be impossible for the average citizen to irrigate a garden this summer, in spite of the urgent call made by the Government for war gardens. A number of plans of relief from the situation were advanced and it was at length decided to appoint a committee to confer with the officials of the California-Oregon Power Company in an effort to secure some sort of adjustment. The men appointed on this committee were Ed. Vignale, Leslie Rogers and Lawrence McHaffey.

CLASS FOR NURSES TO BE STARTED

IN ANSWER TO BIG CALL FOR RED CROSS NURSES, COURSE IS OFFERED TO SIX YOUNG WOMEN IN KLAMATH COUNTY.

A big call for more nurses in the hospitals of the war zone has just been issued and altho the first call made in August of last year received a gratifying response, the number needed for service at home and abroad is far greater than the number now preparing for the work. The army estimates for the number needed is 37,500, about three times the number now enrolled.

To aid in this work, the accredited training hospitals of which the Klamath Hospital is one, will take a number of girls for a course of instruction. It is announced that there is an opportunity for six applicants at this time. The girls will be under the supervision of Miss Mary M. Kelley who recently arrived from Portland to accept the position of Superintendent here. The course offered covers a period of three years.

SEED MEN ACCUSED OF PROFITEERING

HOOVER AND HOUSTON MAKE JOINT CHARGE AGAINST SEED DISTRIBUTORS. SEVERE MEASURES WILL BE TAKEN, IF CONTINUED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Profiteering in seeds has been charged by Secretary Hoover and Food Administrator Houston in a joint statement which said that prompt action in such cases would be taken whenever specific information was submitted. Many complaints of abnormally high prices are being received.

"Without adequate distribution of seed at reasonable prices there is danger that acreage will be lessened and that seed of poor quality will frequently be used," the statement said. "If such conditions were to develop, it would seriously impair our national food program."

Some increases in prices of certain seeds was said to be justified by the shortage of supply and the increased cost of doing business. The two officials were emphatic, however, in holding that this did not justify any one in taking "selfish advantage of the opportunity to the detriment of the country." Speculation in seeds especially was deprecated and dealers under federal license were warned that if they engaged in such practice they would be dealt with severely.

Tribute was paid to "patriotic" state associations of seed growers and the war service committee of the American Seed Trade Association for co-operation in preventing excess profits.

SHIP TIMBERS ORDERED SMALL

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The shipping board has authorized a reduction in the sizes of ship timbers used in the construction of boats in the south in order to expedite construction.

MOISTURE RECORD IS ANALYZED

AMOUNT OF SNOW AND RAIN THIS WINTER IS BELOW NORMAL, BUT GROUND IS WELL SOAKED AND IN GOOD CONDITION.

Although a hasty examination of the moisture record for Klamath County during the winter months just past would be discouraging showing as it does, a loss of 2.96 inches over the average for the last nine years, the facts are not so serious when explained, according to Hydrographer H. W. Humphrey of the U. S. Reclamation Service here. The moisture record for the winter just past is as follows: November 2.60 inches, December .45, January 1.17, February 1.02 and March to date .46 making a total of 5.70 inches. The average for the nine years previous is November 2.53, December 1.37, January 2.57, February 1.37 and March .63, total 8.66 inches.

Mr. Humphrey brings out the point in submitting the figures that a very large part of the moisture in former years has fallen on frozen ground and has run off without any benefit to the soil, while practically all that has fallen this winter has gone into the ground. He declares that the fall of 1.17 inches in January this year will do far more good than the 2.87 inches recorded in previous Januarys. There is also still a good chance to catch up some yet as March is less than half gone and within .16 of the March average has already fallen.

HIG STRIKE IN COTTON MILLS OF MASSACHUSETTS

FALL RIVER, Mass., March 13.—Most of the big cotton mills in this city that have been working day and night to fill government contracts are closed as a result of the strike of the union firemen.

A conference between mill owners and union leaders called by the state board of conciliation and arbitration failed to bring about an agreement.

During the conference a telegram was read from Secretary of Labor Wilson urging the men to return to their jobs pending arbitration of their demands for an eight hour day. He reminded them of the urgent need of the mills' product. The strike caused a shutdown at six of the mills.

ARCHIE ROOSEVELT WOUNDED

NEW YORK, March 13.—Captain Archibald Roosevelt, son of Theodore Roosevelt has been wounded in action with the American forces in France. A cablegram from Theodore, Jr., brought the news saying that Archie was wounded by shrapnel slightly in the leg and his arm was broken. The break is reported not a bad one however and the young man is in no danger.

RAILROAD CONTROL MEASURE IS DELAYED

ALLEGED THAT NEW SENATE RULE IS VIOLATED, BILL IS RETURNED TO CONFERENCE FOR RECONSTRUCTION.

IMPORTANT CLAUSE TO BE ELIMINATED. WAR FINANCE CORPORATION BILL PROBABLY UP TOMORROW.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The Senate today has been deliberating on the long debated railroad control bill which was expected to go to President Wilson for signature immediately.

On a point of order however, that the conferees of the bill had violated the new Senate rule prohibiting the insertion of new provisions, the Senate has returned the bill to conference for the elimination of the section limiting the power of states to increase taxes. The point of order has been sustained.

In the House, the war finance corporation bill, much amended and modified since its passage by the Senate, is to follow the legislative appropriation bill tomorrow probably.

NEW COMMANDER FOR AMERICANS IN ENGLAND

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—It is indicated here today that Major John Biddle will probably be put in command of all the United States troops in England.

BAKER MAN WOULD GO TO CONGRESS

SALEM, March 13.—James Harvey Graham, a democrat of Baker, has filed his declaration of candidacy for Representative in Congress from the Second district.

MRS. GARFIELD DIES

LOS ANGELES, March 13.—Mrs. Lucretia Garfield widow of James A. Garfield, twentieth president of the United States, died at her winter home in Pasadena today at the age of eighty-six.

HUNG ADVANCING IN EAST

BERLIN, March 13.—The German and Austro-Hungarian forces are approaching close to Odessa.

Induction Call Is Received Here Today

Induction Call Number Eighty-four received by the Local Exemption Board this morning calls for 5 per cent of the first gross draft quota to be entrained for Camp Lewis during the five days beginning March 20th.

The call designates that seven men will be required from Klamath Co. It is stipulated in the message that men who are engaged in plowing or cultivation are to be passed over for the present.

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Big Ship Aground Near New England

ATLANTIC PORT, March 13.—The Steamer Kershaw with a hundred and twenty-one passengers is aground off the Coast of Southern

New England, but the passengers are declared to be in little danger. A breeches buoy has been rigged up by the Coast guards to take off the passengers and crew.