

Huns Commence Extensive Bombardment

OPEN FIRE OVER WIDE PORTION OF NORTH LINE

HEAVIEST ARTILLERY ACTION THUS FAR REPORTED BEGINS OVER FORTY MILE FRONT IN FRANCE—OPENS THIS MORNING

WINDOWS AND DOORS ALONG EAST COAST OF ENGLAND ARE CRACKED FROM TREMENDOUS CONCUSSION

LONDON, March 21.—The Germans just before dawn today opened a heavy bombardment over a wide section of the British front in the neighborhood of Valenciennes and St. Quentin to the Scarpe River. This constitutes a territory extending for about forty miles.

The artillery action is so tremendous that it can be heard distinctly at Dover and other towns on the east coast of England. It is the heaviest firing yet heard from the war zone, and the concussion is so great that windows and doors are being cracked from the shocks.

At Rams Gate the explosions have dislodged the tiles from the roofs of buildings.

It is apparent that the great German offensive so long heralded has at last commenced.

VIENNA, March 21.—The Austro-Hungarian artillery is taking no part in the fight against the English and French on the western front.

LONDON, March 21.—Emperor William has telegraphed to the Rhenish provincial council as follows:

"We are now at the decisive moment of the war, and one of the greatest moments in German history."

MEATLESS DAYS ARE DECLARED A FAILURE

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—Joseph Cotton, head of the food administration's meat division, told the meatless investigating committee that the meatless days have not conserved the meat supply, but on the contrary, he believed that more meat had been consumed on those days than usual.

LIVE STOCK SHIPPED BY PARCEL POST

NEW MOVE BY GOVERNMENT UPSETS FORMER SCHEDULES, POSTOFFICE MAY SOON BECOME POULTRY PENN

Patrons of the Klamath Falls post-office are hereby notified that there is no occasion for alarm at unusual noises that may emanate from the interior of the office from this on.

What might, perhaps, be taken for employes practicing for the Liberty Loan chorus will probably be not anything more than a shipment of day-old chicks, which may now be sent by parcel post under a new ruling, which went into effect March 15th. To just what length the government may go in this matter of livestock transportation is hard to estimate at this time, but with prominent stockmen commencing to import registered bulls, rams and other male animals at the rate started this year, this step by the authorities will no doubt be appreciated by the Klamath ranchers. It is safe to conclude that all "chickens" received will be properly cared for by the postoffice personnel. Hens are barred under the present schedule.

The new ruling also alters the former limits for weights of packages, which permit sending 70 pounds in the first three zones and 50 pounds to any zone. Under the new ruling packages up to 70 pounds may now be sent from Klamath Falls to either Portland or San Francisco by parcel post.

Owing to the change, the department has rejected all bids for the star mail routes here, and will re-advertise them. New bids on the local routes, Lakeview, Merrill, Port Klamath and Swan, will be received up to April 23d.

BOYS IN SERVICE VISIT HOME FRIENDS

Ray L. Orem and Harry Messner, who are on the waiting list for the radio school at Washington, Wash., came in Tuesday night for a brief visit with relatives and friends before they are called, which they expect will be in the next few days.

MOORE FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral services of William E. Moore of Mills Addition, who passed away Monday, will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the Whitlock chapel. The services will be conducted by Rev. W. H. Cox of the Baptist church.

STOCKMAN VISITS COUNTY SEAT

N. B. Merrill (Uncle Nate), prominent resident of the Merrill section, is in the city today shaking hands with his many friends. Mr. Merrill owns and raises the largest mules in Southern Oregon.

General Mentioned in Case of the Lipperts



Brig. General THOMAS CRUISE

General Thomas Cruise, retired, has been mentioned in connection with the case of Henry H. Lippert and his son Ralph, of Chicago, who paid him to look after contracts they had with the government. General Cruise says he did nothing which had not the sanction of the war department, and that he was told that since he was out of the service he had a legal right to accept employment from others.

SPECIAL SESSION OF LEGISLATURE CONSIDERED

SALEM, March 21.—At an emergency board meeting Stanfield, Moser and Kubil urged a spring session of the legislature to authorize a bill to provide a mileage tax for a fund to maintain the state police. Governor Withycombe was unqualifiedly opposed to this move, and said it was entirely unnecessary.

HARD WORK FIRST IN CAMPAIGN

CHEERS WILL BE SAVED FOR THE VICTORY IN THE BIG LIBERTY LOAN CAMPAIGN SOON TO BE UNDER WAY

The overall and jumper part of the Liberty Loan campaign in Klamath County will be done first with the parades and cheers after the desired results are accomplished, according to Captain Charles J. Ferguson, who is in charge of the coming campaign here.

While it is the plan of certain parts of the county to start the campaign in a splurge of glory, the workers here have been instructed to be on the job bright and early on the morning of April 6th, declares Mr. Ferguson, and every effort centered on making Klamath County first "over the top" in the state of Oregon.

Once this is accomplished as the workers are determined it will be, there will be some celebrations which the public will remember for some time to come. Meetings are to be held at different parts of the county between now and the opening of the campaign, at which the matter will be discussed. One is scheduled at Alsea tonight, Midland March 21st and Henley April 18th.

IMMENSE SUM IS ASKED FOR NAVAL USES

APPROPRIATION OF MORE THAN THREE BILLION TO PROVIDE MORE THAN DOUBLE MAN STRENGTH REQUESTED

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The annual naval appropriation bill, carrying more than \$1,300,000,000, and authorizing a war time increase in the navy's enlisted strength from 27,000 to 150,000 men, has been reported to the house by Chairman Padgett of the naval committee.

Secretary Daniels tonight expressed complete satisfaction with the measure, saying the committee had improved upon official recommendation as a result of a thorough study of the department and its needs.

"The bill is larger by over \$800,000,000 than any prior naval bill, carrying roundly \$1,227,000,000," said Mr. Daniels. "This sum, together with last year's bill and the supplemental appropriations, carried in the two deficiency bills of the preceding session, make almost \$2,000,000,000 that were provided for the navy."

SHIP WORKERS STRIKING FOR INCREASED PAY

HUGE RAISE IS ASKED BY EMPLOYEES IN BALTIMORE—CONSTRUCTION HALTED—MEN GIVEN RAISE SHORT TIME AGO

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—A serious local interruption in the ship building program due to demands for increased wages by workers who a month ago were given substantial advances in pay, has been reported to the shipping board from Baltimore, where 600 riveters, chippers, calkers, roammers and drillers left the hulls on which they were working in the yards of the Baltimore drydock and ship building company.

Mine sweepers under construction for the navy left unfinished by the strikers as well as the merchant ships building in an effort to offset the loss from submarines. The company officials reported that the walkout took place without any explanation, but that they understood the men refused to work until a decision was rendered on their demands for \$10.56 a day for chippers and caulkers, \$24 a day for riveting gangs of two men and a boy, all of whom were employed on what is known as allowance work on intricate parts of the ships hulls.

Officials of the shipping board think the strike is an effort to force a day wage scale on the basis of pay for special work. The present day scale for chippers and caulkers is \$5.60 for eight hours, with many men making greater sums in getting time and a half for over time and double time for holidays and Sundays. Riveters make even more working on piece work.

HIDES BROUGHT FOR BOUNTY

Hides of seven bobcats and thirteen coyotes have been brought in since last Monday and presented for bounty at the county clerk's office, according to the records. The total for the bounties paid is \$48. The hides were brought in from all sections of the county.

WITHYCOMBE ANNOUNCES CANDIDACY

STANDS ON HIS RECORD OF PAST TERM—WOULD DO ALL POSSIBLE TO AID WILSON IN WAR WORK—STATE DEVELOPMENT FEATURED

If the people of Oregon are of the opinion that I have served them faithfully, I should be pleased to receive a vote of confidence at their hands.

The governor of the state has the ear of the people. It is, therefore, in



his power to assist in creating and maintaining a healthy public sentiment on the many subjects which make for community welfare. I have been mindful of this fact, have mingled with the people, and have done all in my power to promote the development of the state, to bring about the construction of good roads, to emphasize the importance of education, and especially to maintain at white heat the devotion of the people to the great cause of liberty and democracy for which the country is fighting. If re-elected, I shall continue to do everything I can to accomplish these ends.

Oregon has given 20,000 of her sons to the great world war. These men are the flower of our young manhood, and we have no clearer duty than that of loyally supporting them, providing for their health and comfort and safeguarding their morals. I shall continue to render them every service in my power.

Under our form of government the conduct of a foreign war devolves on the president of the United States, who is the commander-in-chief of the army and navy. I shall do everything in my power to assist the president in making the power of this country effective in the great world conflict. I shall particularly exercise every power and authority which I possess to promote a maximum efficiency in our local industries which are related to the war activities. No other duty is so pressing or at this time so important as that of winning the war. No sacrifice is too great if it looks to the triumph of the forces battling for international righteousness.

I shall stand in the future, as in the past, for rigid law enforcement and for a cleaner and greater Oregon.

Oregon is firmly committed to the principles of prohibition and equal suffrage and, while they are no longer issues in this state, I shall continue to give these causes my full support.

Every legitimate phase of state development should be supported, but at this time, when our country is engaged in the most terrible war in the world's history, the most rigid economy is demanded.

FARMERS URGED TO SOW WHEAT THIS SEASON

OREGON FOOD MAN NOW IN WASHINGTON WIRES THAT WHEAT WILL HAVE PRECEDENT IN TRANSPORTATION OVER OTHER GRAIN

PORTLAND, March 21.—The grain corporation of the food administration here is in receipt of a telegram from M. H. Houser, second vice president, who has been in New York attending an executive meeting of the corporation. Mr. Houser says:

"As undoubtedly some farmers are undecided as to what crops to seed I think all should bear in mind that the price of wheat is guaranteed at \$2.05, and if the shipping board establishes the expected rate, it will mean 10 to 15 cents higher at Pacific coast terminals. Furthermore, if there is a large crop, wheat movement will certainly have preference on all available car supplies on account of the government's guaranteed price for wheat and the government also controlling the railroads, whereas this year, on account of the short wheat crop, oats, barley and other coarse grains were used largely as substitutes on account of being unregulated in price advanced above parity of wheat price. Therefore, if we have a large wheat crop we undoubtedly will see a drastic and decided rearrangement of values."

PRO-GERMAN IS TREATED ROUGHLY

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS ACCORDED MAN WHO CELEBRATED SINKING OF LUSITANIA—NEVADA METHODS THORO

RENO, Nev., March 21.—Elmer White, an alleged German sympathizer, who boasted that he had helped in a celebration of the sinking of the Lusitania, was lashed to a stake here and beaten with a cat-o-nine-tails by the citizens committee at Yerington last night, according to report. He was tarred and feathered and ordered out of town.

TEUTONS INCREASE PREVIOUS DEMANDS

ROUMANIA I ASKED TO SURRENDER ALL HER MUNITIONS AND THOSE OF THE ALLIES LEFT IN THAT COUNTRY

AMERICAN RED CROSS MISSION ESCAPES FROM JASSY AND REACHES MOSCOW SAFELY. AMERICAN FORCES IN TRENCH RAID

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 21.—The American Red Cross to Roumania, which fled from Jassy to Odessa to escape the advancing German armies, has now arrived safely in Moscow. It consists of twenty-eight members, mostly physicians and nurses.

Germany has increased her demands on Roumanis, and now asks that Roumanis surrender all her own munitions and those that the allies left in that country.

One American officer and three men were killed aboard an American destroyer March 19th, when the vessel collided with a British warship. A number of soldiers and sailors were injured.

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY, March 21.—The American forces east of Luneville last night took part in a raid in which the German trenches were penetrated for some distance. They remained there for forty minutes, during which time much hand to hand fighting ensued. The details of the adventure are unavailable as yet.

LONDON, March 21.—Two enemy destroyers and two enemy torpedo boats were sunk by a force of five British and French destroyers. One British destroyer was badly damaged in the conflict.

PIONEER HERE FOR VISIT

Captain I. D. Applegate is in the city from Ashland for a short visit with his daughter, Mrs. W. O. Smith.

Temporary Injunction Is Refused By Judge

No answer or demurrer has yet been made to the injunction filed yesterday in an attempt to prevent the County Court from awarding contracts for a new court house, and the defendants are permitted ten days by law to make some answer. What the result will be is a matter of conjecture at this time.

Circuit Judge D. V. Kuykendall refused a request of Attorney E. L. Elliott to grant a temporary order restraining action by the court during this period.

Home Guard Here Is Definitely Arranged

The Klamath County Council of National Defense was the name of the new home guard organization here adopted at a meeting at the Elks Club last night. The new organization will be perfected as rapidly as possible, and will be limited in membership to 120 men.

At the meeting last night the committee of twelve, named Tuesday night to act temporarily in getting the new enterprise launched, was made permanent, and funds were raised to take care of the immediate needs of the organization.

It is announced that all districts of the county will be represented in the council, and it is expected that the members will undergo drill practice during the summer coming after the manner of other home guards throughout the state.

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