

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION IN BELGIUM

NEARLY 2000 ARE KILLED OR INJURED

CHILDREN START BONFIRE WHICH SPREADS TO GERMAN MUNITION TRAINS—FEARFUL DESTRUCTION FOLLOWS EXPLOSION

GERMANY'S NAVAL POWER NOW A THING OF THE PAST—SURRENDER GREATEST EVENT OF KIND IN HISTORY OF THE WORLD

(By Associated Press).

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The explosion of munition trains in Belgium yesterday caused casualties estimated at between 1,500 and 2,000, according to an Amsterdam dispatch.

The injured are being taken to Budel, Holland. One hundred and fifty dead have already been counted.

The explosion is believed to have been caused by a bonfire built by children, which spread to two German munition trains nearby.

The destruction in that vicinity was enormous. Dutch military aid has been sent across the border.

EDINBURGH, Nov. 22.—Germany as a naval power ceased to exist with yesterday's fleet surrender.

The American and Allied warships were ready for a fight, if treachery was shown on the part of the enemy.

The surrender was on a gigantic scale, of a magnitude unprecedented.

One American officer exclaimed that "the poor old Spaniards, knowing that they had not a chance, came out of Santiago, but the Germans surrendered without a fight."

The following casualties are reported by the Commanding General of the American Expeditionary Force:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Count. Includes Killed in action (404), Died of wounds (88), Died of accident (11), etc.

Following Oregon men are listed: Private James Dawson, Oregon City, died of disease. Private Arthur G. Walker, Gold Beach, Wounded, degree undetermined. Lieutenant Horace Shidier, Klamath Falls, prisoner.

GERMANS APPARENTLY WANT MORE TROUBLE

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Marital order has been supplanted by marital deal in Germany. This is evidenced by the advertising columns of German newspapers received here.

A possible source of these advertisements is that many make appeals for husbands or wives for relatives. Parents, brothers, sisters and even friends of those who seek mates invite correspondence from their matrimonially-minded. War invalids, wealthy phantoms, manufacturers and rich widows are among those who resort to publicity.

KLAMATH LEADS IN OREGON IN BIG WAR DRIVE

With a total of \$14,366.98 collected and reported for the United War Fund in the drive conducted last week, Klamath County is in about the best shape of any of the Oregon counties, according to a phone message to Chairman A. B. Epperson from Portland this morning.

AIRPLANES REPORTED TO HAVE CROSSED OCEAN.

PARIS, Nov. 22.—British airmen in Paris assert that the Atlantic has already been crossed by airplanes, although the information was kept a secret during the war. They declare that machines of the Handley-Page type flew from New Foundland to Ireland. There is no official confirmation of these statements.

FORD TURNS OVER PLANT TO HIS SON

MILLIONAIRE MANUFACTURER WILL DEVOTE HIS TIME TO JOURNALISM AND TRACTOR BUSINESS IN FUTURE.

DETROIT, Nov. 22.—Henry Ford has announced his retirement from the active participation of the Ford Motor Company. His son Edsel, has taken control of the company.

Ford intends to publish a national weekly newspaper, dividing his time between that and the tractor industry.

YANKES PAY TEN PER CENT OF WAR

WASHINGTON, D. C., Nov. 22.—America has paid approximately 10 per cent of the entire cost of the war. According to figures made by the federal reserve board today, the great war cost all belligerents a grand total of about \$300,000,000,000.

The magnitude of the world war debt can be realized only thru the gigantic interest payment which the nations must bear for years to come, treasury officials say.

Of this country's share in the cost, the interest payment will run close to \$750,000,000 a year. Some of this, however, is offset by the interest payments which the allies will turn over to the United States on loans made to them. These loans aggregate \$7,912,075,000.

COUNTY R. C. WORKERS ON HONOR ROLL

That the knitting and surgical dressing departments of the Klamath Chapter of the American Red Cross have been placed on the Honor Roll of the Northwestern Branch for their careful and excellent work, is the news received at the local headquarters today from Seattle.

WANT SAM GOMPERS NAMED AS DELEGATE

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Nov. 22.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, was recommended as the representative of American labor at the great peace conference, in a message sent to Washington by the executive council of the Federation, which was in session here.

The council holds the President should appoint a man on the peace commission who will directly represent the labor classes, who has their confidence and the ability to know and secure their needs.

CINDERS FOR NEW ROAD TO COME RAPIDLY

WORK ON NEW HIGHWAY TO GO AHEAD FASTER COMMENCING NEXT WEEK, ROADMASTERS PLANNED WITH MATERIAL.

Two hundred tons of cinders have now been brought from the west side of Upper Klamath Lake for the County road improvement to Pollock City. County Road Supervisor Thomas Dixon stated that beginning next week 100 tons per day are expected to arrive, as barges now being used by A. Wickstrom for other purposes will all be used for the cinders.

Mr. Dixon declared himself greatly pleased with the prospects of the new material as a road covering, and believes it will prove the best of any surfacing thus far tried in the county. He indicates that the road to Pollock City is in bad condition, due to the adobe soil composition, and that were it not for the cinders, would be impassable much of the time this winter.

CITY GARAGE IN HANDS OF NEW OWNERS

By a sale just completed Harry Stiltz, a well known former rancher near Klamath Falls has taken over the interest of Henry and Mopre in the Central Garage of this city and with Mr. Brownell, the remaining member of the firm will operate the business in the future. The Chevrolet, Mitchell and Chandler cars will be handled at the Garage as heretofore.

Mr. Stiltz believes the outlook in the auto business here is now of the brightest. He announces that he has assumed all obligations and will collect all indebtedness to the retiring firm.

STATE HIGHWAY ENGINEER QUILTS

SALEM, Nov. 22.—John H. Lewis, State Engineer, has submitted his resignation to Governor Withycombe to become effective immediately. He has held the office for nearly 14 years.

MAN IN TRIED FOR BEATING BOARD BILL.

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HUN EXCHANGE PANIC OCCURS ON THURSDAY

GOVERNMENT OF EMPIRE PLANS BIG CONFERENCE OF GERMAN FREE STATES NEXT TUESDAY. WILHELM HAS "FLU"

LONDON, Nov. 22.—The greatest panic on the Berlin bourse seen in three years occurred Thursday, when it was reported that the extremists in several east towns of Germany had usurped the power of local authorities, according to a Copenhagen dispatch.

COPENHAGEN, Nov. 22.—The government of the empire has telegraphed to the governments of the different German free states, inviting them to a conference in the chancellor's house in Berlin, on November 30th.

LONDON, Nov. 22.—William Hohenzollern is reported ill with the Spanish influenza in Holland.

BASEL, Nov. 22.—Phillip Scheidegger has resigned as Minister of Finance in the new German Government. He was succeeded by Ignaz Landwehr, secretary of Publicity, Art and Literature.

AMSTERDAM, Nov. 22.—All members of the Hohenzollern dynasty will leave Germany soon, according to a Frankfurt dispatch. Their destination is not yet known.

KLAMATH MAN DIES IN FRANCE

News of the death of Leo Pariah, in France on October 13th, was received by relatives here today. The young man died following a stage of Typhoid Fever. He formerly resided in the Merrill district.

LEGALITY OF ELECTION IS ARGUED TODAY

SALEM, Nov. 22.—Quo warranto proceedings have been instituted in the supreme court to oust Dan Kellaher from the office of city commissioner of Portland.

The complaint was filed late Tuesday afternoon by City Attorney La Roche. Proceedings are brought in the name of the state on relation to T. L. Perkins, Kellaher, who was appointed to the office of commissioner to fill the vacancy of Baker resigned to accept the office of Mayor, refuses to give up his office to T. L. Perkins, who was elected to fill out the balance of Baker's term, which does not expire until June 30, 1919.

The case is being argued before the supreme court and it is expected that an early decision will be handed down.

AIRPLANE CHIEF RESIGNS

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FARMER OFFERS LANDING FIELD FOR AIR TRIP

GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL NOTIFIED BY WIRE AND PLANS TO BE MADE BY WIRE AND PLANS ON GROUND IN WEST—ALBANY RANCH IS SELECTED

The air route pathfinders in their expected trip from Sacramento to Seattle will find a good landing place at Klamath Falls as per their wire request to Mayor C. B. Crider yesterday.

The Mayor and other business men made a trip over the near by territory yesterday afternoon and were offered a forty acre tract on the Albany ranch, one mile east of the city, by the owner, A. M. Fordyce.

PORTLAND, Nov. 22.—Much interest has been evidenced lately in the proposal to establish air service lines, with landing stations and terminal points in the Northwest. A prominent Klamath Falls promoter has asked for information regarding establishment of such a line. He has offered a landing site at Portland. Other Northwest cities have been consulted concerning transcontinental air lines. These lines are considered to be an assured fact in the near future and the air pilots seem to be released from the army and navy will make an admirable nucleus around which to build a system.

ALLISON WAS CONSIDERED UNBALANCED

M. L. Allison, whose unfortunate end was reported in the Herald yesterday, is believed by members of his family to have been mentally unbalanced at the time of his death as his disposition had always been optimistic, and a death by suicide was apparently farthest from his thoughts at all times.

Mr. Allison was a man of more than ordinary ability and had taken a prominent part in community life in which he was associated. He was born in 1849 near Sedalia, Missouri and went to Colorado in 1879. While there he was Secretary of the Land Office Board and was one of the founders of Grand Junction. He came to Klamath Falls in 1909, and was in the real estate business for a number of years after which he took up farming.

BIG LUMBER MEETING COMMENCES TODAY

NEW ORLEANS, Nov. 22.—Readjustment of the lumber industry to peace conditions will be considered at a series of meetings of lumbermen of the country to be held in Chicago today.

A call for the conference was issued by John H. Kirby, president of the National Manufacturing Association. Regulatory measures planned by the government for the reconstruction period will be outlined at one of the sessions by Judge E. B. Parker, priorities commissioner of the war industries board.

LA FOLLETTE TO RETAIN HIS PLACE IN SENATE

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LONDON, Nov. 22.—The Daily Mail says a high British Government Official in the British government has declared that William Hohenzollern is still the German Emperor and King of Prussia as far as the British government is concerned.

FIRST WOUNDED KLAMATH BOY RETURNS SOON

Word has been received today that Roy Lewis of this city, who was reported some time ago as missing in action and later found wounded in a French Hospital, is in San Francisco, still under medical care and will be home in time for Thanksgiving. He will be the first wounded Klamath boy to return from France.

PORTLAND CAR MEN GET WAGE RAISE

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