

EMBARGO NOW PLACED UPON FOOD EXPORT

All Classes of Freight Are Included

PIERS NOW CROWDED

Strike of Freight Handlers and Decrease of Labor Given as Cause for Blockade of Foodstuffs for Hungry Europeans, Which Has Made the Order Necessary

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Shipment of all classes of freight particularly foodstuffs intended for American troops abroad and the starving people of Europe was embargoed from other parts of the country today through the ports of Boston, Philadelphia, and New York, for export by the order of the Federal Food Administration.

Accumulations on the piers are so great that they are declared to be impossible to handle.

The chief causes are a strike of the freight handlers, which is spreading a disposition on the part of owners to put vessels in drydock when the war strain was relieved, and the decrease of labor during the holidays.

Railroad officials said the embargo had been caused by local congested conditions, which might be remedied in a week, and ought not to interfere with the overseas movement of supplies for American troops and civilian relief.

The embargo was declared by the freight traffic committee of the North Atlantic ports on the suggestion of the food administrator. Supplies going abroad will be routed thru ports outside the congested zone.

SENATOR BALDWIN LEAVES FOR SALEM

Senator George T. Baldwin has gone to Salem for the purpose of attending the approaching session of the state legislature. The Senator has a number of matters that are of vital importance to Southeastern Oregon and he is laying his plans to land everything he is going after. Not in its history has this section of the state needed the legislature aid that it is hoping for, and never did it have a representative who will try harder to secure for it the recognition its rapid development demands.

COURT ALLOWS BILLS

The County Court held a short meeting at the Court House yesterday afternoon. The time was spent in the allowing of bills.

RECOVERS FROM ILLNESS

Miss Vera Houston, who has been ill at her home, is again able to resume her duties at the County Clerk's office.

Big Delegation Should Attend Water Meeting

So far as is known, Captain J. W. Siemens of this city will be the only Klamath representative at the annual meeting of the Oregon Irrigation Congress at Portland on the ninth, tenth and eleventh of this month.

It seems deplorable in the light of the importance of this convention, not to have a large delegation from the Klamath County.

There will probably be no section represented at this convention, where so great a territory is already under water and certainly none, where the contemplated development is so extensive.

The problems which will be brought up for discussion are vital to the interest of the greater portion of the Agricultural population of our County. The benefits to be derived from attendance would be increased in proportion to the size of the dele-

PRESIDENT WILSON ARRIVES IN ROME

ROME, Jan. 3.—President and Mrs. Woodrow Wilson arrived in Rome today. They were officially received by the King and Queen and representatives of the Government. An immense crowd welcomed the Presidential party with the greatest enthusiasm.

ILLINOIS SENATOR CLAIMS WILSON BEING SLANDERED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Senator J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois has charged the Republican leadership with conspiring to discredit President Wilson, while he is abroad.

WILL VISIT IN SOUTH

Mrs. Glen S. Callen and son, Seymour, leave in a few days for Sacramento and other California points to visit relatives.

GROUNDING SHIP IS NOW NEARLY HALF UNLOADED

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Information that approximately a thousand troops, including some wounded, have been removed from the transport Northern Pacific, has been received by naval officials today. It is said that there are now less than 1,500 left aboard the steamer, which ran aground on the Fire Island reef off Long Island.

The work of removing the men in small boats and by breeches buoys is progressing favorably. The surf is breaking higher over the transport than yesterday, despite the oil put on the water. A heavy rain is falling now.

FIRE ISLAND, Jan. 3.—A pontoon bridge may be soon constructed to the transport.

WEATHER REPORT

Oregon, Jan. 3.—Fair and continued cold with gentle easterly winds. Maximum yesterday 29 degrees. Minimum today 5 degrees.

LODGE SAYS EARLY PEACE MUCH NEEDED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Senator Lodge denied the charge of J. Hamilton Lewis of Illinois that the republicans are attempting to embarrass the President and to prevent unity in the Senate.

He said that the peace negotiations should be completed as soon as possible for every day's delay made it more difficult to make peace with Germany.

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HIGH SCHOOL COURSES TO BE MODIFIED

Everything Ready for Next Monday

NIGHT SCHOOL OPENS

Believed That It May Be Unnecessary to Lengthen School Year, But Strict Attendance Will Be Necessary for All Students Who Expect to Pass the Finals

Everything is being made ready for the opening of school at the High School Building on Monday morning Jan. 6th. The entire building is being thoroughly fumigated this week. It will be necessary to modify many of the courses in order to cover the essential and fundamental facts of the various subjects during the remaining weeks of the school year. By such modifications and by concentrating on school work alone, eliminating all holidays and outside activities that usually draw on the time of students, it is thought that the present school year need not be very materially lengthened if it need be lengthened at all.

Parents are especially urged to cooperate with the school authorities in keeping the attendance and punctuality of the students as near perfect as possible. It will be necessary to adhere closely to the ruling that sickness shall constitute the only excuse for absence. Parents are further urged to not ask special favors of the teachers in regard to making up lost work etc. Everything that can reasonably be done will be done to keep the students work up to standard. Students should not bring requests to be excused before the regular sessions are dismissed unless the excuse is most urgent.

All teachers will exercise extreme vigilance in watching the health conditions of students. Students who show signs of illness will be sent home immediately and parents are expected to cooperate with school and health authorities in watching closely the health of their children.

Night School will be held as usual on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday evenings promptly at 7 o'clock. It is planned to carry on the courses in this work as originally outlined. New student for night school should register Monday evening Jan. 6th.

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FORMER RESIDENT ILL AT ASHLAND

Robert Casey, who formerly resided in Klamath County and is well known here, is reported to be very ill at his home in Ashland. Three of his children, J. B. Casey and Mrs. George Noble of Lorella and Mrs. Chester DeLap have left for Ashland in response to this news.

JAPANESE BANKERS ARE BRANCHING TO SIBERIA

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—Two important Japanese banks contemplate establishing branches or agencies in several important cities or towns in Eastern Siberia to enlarge their business interests. One of them already is doing banking business in Manchuria, Chita, Khabarovsk, Spasskaya and other principal Siberian towns with Harbin as the center of its activities.

BIG SUM PAID BY COUNTY FOR ANIMAL SCALPS

One thousand nine hundred and fifty dollars is the amount paid out in the county during the past year for bounties on predatory animals, according to Deputy County Clerk, Charles E. DeLap.

The money was expended for coyote and bob cat scalps presented, no cougar pelts having been brought in. The coyote bounties were by far the largest. The bounty money is paid out by the County after which one half is refunded by the State.

TERRIBLE SEA LOSS SUFFERED BY BRITISH

LONDON, Jan. 3.—Two hundred and seventy sailors were drowned New Year's Day as the result of the loss of the British steam yacht Iolaire off Stornoway, Scotland.

The yacht had 300 sailors on board. They were on New Year's holiday leave.

The vessel struck on the dangerous rocks known as "The Beasts of the Helm," near Stornoway harbor, and only about thirty on board were saved. Many of these were terribly injured in their efforts to reach the shore.

All the officers and crew of the Iolaire were lost.

HUTCHINS TAKES THE SMOKE

R. Vance Hutchins, who for a number of years has been identified with the various newspapers of this city in the capacity of city editor, has decided to forsake the lure of the reportorial vocation and embark in other business. With this end in view he has rented the "Smoke" where he will open in a few days with a stock of cigars, tobacco and cigarettes. In addition he will have card tables and soft drinks. Mr. Hutchins has a wide circle of friends who wish him success in his new venture.

Within the next ten days L. B. Kinnear expects to leave for Santa Cruz, Calif., where he will assume the management of one of the leading drug stores of that City. During his residence in this city Mr. Kinnear has been identified with the Whitman Drug company and the Star Drug Store, and his many friends will be sorry to learn of his decision to take up his residence in the southern city. He will be accompanied by his wife and baby and his mother.

HUGE EXPORT OF COUNTY IS ASTONISHING

Nearly 2,500 Cars Shipped Last Year

LUMBER HEADS LIST

Train Nearly Twenty Miles Long Would Be Required to Pull the Lumber, Cattle, Wool and Other Products Shipped From Klamath County Last Year

A total of two thousand four hundred and seven cars completely filled with Klamath County products have been exported from Klamath Falls during the year of 1918, according to a statement made by Agent S. R. Berry of the Southern Pacific Company today.

Practically three fourths of these exports have been in different varieties of lumber, the total of lumber cars being 1871.

Cattle shipments come next, with 158 cars, grain 35, wool 19, flour 10, potatoes 8. Eleven cars with miscellaneous products are listed.

Mr. Berry declares that the number of cars shipped out far exceeds those which have been shipped into the county.

Figuring cars of forty feet length, these shipments would make up a train between eighteen and nineteen miles long.

NEW INFLUENZA PATIENTS

The following new influenza patients are reported today by the local authorities: Miss Mullen, White Apartments; two Beckley children, seventh and Washington streets; C. W. Hansen, Midland; May Wick and Jack Hugo, Riverside Apartments and Carl Simmons at the Isolation Hospital.

LEAVES FOR CAMP LEWIS

Private Arthur Leavitt, who has been stationed at Klamath Falls and aiding the work of the Local Exemption Board for the past few months left this morning for Camp Lewis.

LEAVE FOR EUGENE

Miss Audrey Roberts and John Houston left this morning for the University of Oregon after a vacation visit with relatives.

PRIVATE PAPERS OF EX-EMPEROR ALL DESTROYED

PARIS, Jan. 3.—All the correspondence of the former German emperor who was kept at Potsdam, had been burned, as well as a number of documents dealing with internal questions, according to a statement made to a correspondent of the Matin by Carl Kautsky, who is preparing a white book dealing with the origin of the war.

Kautsky said the book would contain all diplomatic documents bearing on the war, from the assassination of Francis Ferdinand to the invasion of Belgium. It would be in three or four volumes and the first volume would appear within 15 days. The book will contain many papers annotated in pencil in the handwriting of the former emperor.

WAR LOSSES TERRIBLE

LONDON, Jan. 3.—The British, Russian, Italian, French, American, German and Austrian armies lost 6,296,54 in killed and over 16,238,270 in wounded during the war.

FIVE YEAR TRIAL URGED BY McADOO

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—William Gibbs McAdoo is testifying before the Senate Interstate Commerce committee, recited the accomplishments of the railroads under government control and the argument for a five year continuation of government operation to provide a fair test of the experiment.

RETURNS TO BERKELEY

Roland Stitzer left for Berkeley this morning after spending the holidays here with friends and in Dorris with his parents. Roland was one of Uncle Sam's Marines but failed to reach the fighting zone before Kaiser Bill called quits.

VISITS IN CALIFORNIA

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Roberts left on the train this morning for Stockton, California, for an extended visit.

LARGE BUNCH OF BOYS FROM COAST COMING

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Practically the entire forty-first (Sunset) division is included in the list of units announced by the War Department for early convoy home. More than five hundred officers and sixteen thousand men of the Sunset Division comprising troops from Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Wyoming are ordered home. The 162nd infantry, (Third Oregon) is the second battalion included.

BIG FORCE OF YANKS ABROAD UNNECESSARY

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 3.—Secretary Baker told the house military committee today that no decision had been reached by the war department on the question of universal military service.

When asked whether it would be necessary to keep a large force in Europe for at least two years, Secretary Baker said: "We hope that this will not be necessary, and we are not planning for it."

Several hundred thousand men have been discharged since the armistice was signed, he said, and there will be a million more within the next five years.

RAIN AMONG CASUALTIES NOT KLAMATH FALLS MAN

The name of J. R. Bain, of Portland in the casualty list from overseas has caused a number to wonder whether this is not the Joseph R. Bain who was recently connected with the Klamath High School Faculty, according to Principal C. R. Bowman. Inquiry however, shows the man listed to be James R. Bain and in all probability is another person. Mr. Bowman believes that Joseph Bain is still in Texas, where he has been identified with the Aviation Department.

FORMER KLAMATH BOY RELEASED FROM THE NAVY

A telegram has been received here from Harold D. Kinnear to the effect that he will shortly be released from the navy, in which he has been serving as chief machinist's mate since he enlisted about a year ago. Mr. Kinnear is well known in this city, having attended high school here.

STOCKMAN VISITS

Con O'Connell, prominent sheepman of Malin is in town on business.

HERE FROM MERRILL

Maurice Keane, a well known sheepman of Merrill is in the city.

BIG HATCHERY COMPLETED BY C. O. POWER CO.

Work Will Be Finished This Week

KLAMATH COMES FIRST

Building of Fish Wheel Over the Big Copco Dam Is Found to Be Impracticable—Hatchery Is Built by the California-Oregon Power Company Instead of Fishway

As the result of a controversy of the advisability of the construction of a Fish Ladder over the big Copco Dam, the California Oregon Power Company is just completing a large Fish Hatchery at Fall Creek a short distance below Copco, from which it is understood that all the eggs and fry, needed for this district, will be finished this week.

The construction of a fish ladder to take care of the fish coming up the Klamath River was at first discussed, but found to be impracticable. The hatchery built by the Company is about 135 feet long and about half of that in width. Whether it will be operated by the California and Oregon State Officials or by the Federal government, is still uncertain.

ESPEE MEN ON EIGHT HOUR SCHEDULE NOW

Car employees of the Southern Pacific Company here, who have been working on a ten hour schedule were put on an eight hour shift, beginning with the New Year. It is believed that this change will only be continued thru the winter months however.

MAN POWER LOSS OF FRANCE IS BIG HANDICAP

PARIS, Jan. 3.—After outlining the financial situation of the allied governments and the need for the apportionment of war indemnities, Alexander Ribot, former premier and minister of finance, turned to the problems confronting France.

"Our national debt has grown from 32,000,000,000 francs before the war to 170,000,000,000 francs, and will continue to grow until the demobilization of the army," he said. "Nearly 2,000,000 men, the flower of French manhood, have either been killed or rendered unfit for participation in the activities of the country. This loss in man power out of about 40,000,000 inhabitants, is more keenly felt since the population of France ceased to grow before the war.

We cannot hope to repair these losses, as can countries like Russia, Germany and the United States, where the increase in population is steady.

Take the 20,000,000,000 francs revenue which before the war was the maximum figure for France, and estimate that it was increased by inflation to 40,000,000,000 during the war. Compare that with the 250,000,000,000 francs of revenue received by the United States, and the gravity of the decrease in our producing capacity becomes more apparent.

RETURNS FROM MERRILL

Mrs. O. T. McKindree has returned from a visit at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Myers below Merrill.

VISITS FROM BEND

Martin Daly is in the city from Bend.