

GIANT FREIGHT SHIPPING THRU KLAMATH FALLS

City Second in State as Shipping Center

ASTOUNDING FIGURES

Large Increase Over Last Year Shown by Records of Espee—Klamath Falls Does Greater Volume of Freight Business Than Any Oregon City Except Portland.

That the volume of business in and out over the Southern Pacific for Klamath Falls during the past year was greater than at any other point in Oregon outside of Portland, was the welcome statement made this morning by Station Agent E. A. Tuttle.

The business last year was by far the largest of any year in the history of the County, being roughly estimated by employees at the office, at fifteen per cent. In dollars and cents the total business last season approximated \$1,225,000.

Reduced to pounds the tonnage amounts to 740,880.273. The 5838 car lots shipped out in cars of an average length, make a train long enough to reach over half way to Weed and in addition to this there were 6,737 shipments of less than car load size. The war tax alone collected here on shipments totaled \$9,069.41. The cash collected at the local office for shipments was \$538,254.76.

FINAL VICTORY IS DUE TO GAS

PROMPT SHIPMENTS OF PETROLEUM DURING CRITICAL MOMENTS OF WAR RESPONSIBLE FOR DECISION SECURED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8.—Sixty days before the armistice was signed and when the situation on the western front had reached a critical stage Marshal Foch called the fuel administration: "If you don't keep up your petroleum situation, we shall lose the war."

This and other messages from the allied leaders were made public tonight by the fuel administration to show "how deliveries of American gasoline in quantities on the western front alone prevented alterations in the plan of campaign which forced the central powers to an armistice."

Another message received October 1 said: "Senator Berenger writes, 'Highest command informs him that position has become so serious that change in military operation will have to be contemplated unless increased deliveries of gasoline at front are made possible.'"

Observance by the American people of the "gasolineless Sunday" request fuel administration officials said today, enabled Senator Berenger later to declare: "Petroleum will have played as great a part in the victory as blood itself and will have proved the lifeblood of victory."

The fuel administration said the Earl of Carzon November 21 estimated the United States furnished 80 per cent of the allied petroleum requirements and other allied leaders sent messages of thanks.

CAMP LEWIS MAN GLAD TO RETURN

"Life at Camp Lewis is not bad at all," declares James Greene, a Klamath County boy, who has been there for the past eight months, but it seems mighty good to get out again, and especially to come to a home like that of Klamath County. "We haven't had a day there as good as this for months," said the young soldier, who has just received his discharge. "It's rain, rain, rain, month in and month out."

Greene declared that he got out just in time because they stopped demobilizing just after he was dismissed and are now holding all the men until the Seattle strike matter is cleared up.

SECT QUESTION NOT CONSIDERED

BOYS IN NAVY ARE RAPIDLY FORGETTING RELIGIOUS DIFFERENCES IN NEW WELFARE MOVEMENT

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—A striking example of the manner in which welfare work in the United States Army and Navy is bringing together in harmony men of widely different religious beliefs is shown at the Mare Island naval station. The use of the Knights of Columbus chapel in their building at Mare Island has just been officially accorded to workers of the Jewish Welfare board and to a Lutheran minister, Rev. J. Sorensen, for the purpose of holding religious services.

Albert G. Bagley, Western Department Director for the Knights of Columbus War Activities, who granted the request of the Lutheran minister and the Jewish workers, has received similar requests from welfare workers of other denominations at Camp Harry Jones, Douglas, Arizona. These will also be granted.

"It is the spirit of co-operation among the army and navy welfare workers that makes their efforts so beneficial to the enlisted men," declared Mr. Bagley today. "Such conditions of harmony make the work of the various social service organizations more agreeable and more efficacious for all concerned."

NO PLANS TO RAISE RATES

GENERAL DIRECTOR OF RAILROAD DECLARES THAT NO FOUNDATION FOR RUMOR OF TARIFF INCREASES EXIST

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—Walter D. Hines, Director General of Railroads has authorized the following:

There is no foundation to the report that the Railroad Administration has given or is giving any consideration to any increase in present basis of rates.

The results of operation for the year will be largely dependent upon the volume of traffic. If the volume of traffic should be as large as last year, it is believed the operating income would be sufficient to pay the rental. As soon as any reasonably satisfactory conclusion as to the probable volume of traffic can be formed, the public and Congress will be given the best possible estimate of the prospects for 1919.

YANKS TO RAISE TEN MILLION IN TWO YEARS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 8.—The conferees have at least reached an agreement on the long delayed war revenue bill and submitted it to Congress. It is regarded as sure of adoption and provides that the American people raise something over six billion dollars this year and four billion the next.

MILLS PEOPLE LAYING PLANS FOR SEWERAGE

Big Crowd at Meeting There Last Night

ACTIVE STEPS TAKEN

Committee Is Appointed to Canvass District and Find Number Who Are in Favor of Installing Much Needed Improvement—Many Join Good Road Club.

That the people of Mills addition are going to have some city improvements in the way of sewerage and drainage was indicated by the way the crowd turned out last evening at the Mills Addition Hall where the project was outlined to them by City Engineer J. C. Cleghorn with members of the City Council present.

The sewerage improvement which is now being strenuously sought by the people there, Engineer Cleghorn estimated would cost in the neighborhood of sixty dollars per lot, unless the city took over the cost of the septic tank in which case it might be reduced to twenty five dollars. Many are advocating the including of Michigan Avenue in this improvement and it is expected that this addition will be made.

A committee was appointed to get out a petition for this sewerage and to determine just how many were in favor of having it installed. It is hard to estimate how many will be benefited but it is thought that at least five hundred lots will be included.

Councilman Fred Garich representing the Klamath County Good Roads Association took occasion to make a talk on the road situation and his remarks met with a highly enthusiastic response. A very substantial increase to the membership of this popular organization was added by the Mills residents at his suggestion.

There were plans made for a belt line cinder road on Wantland Avenue and a committee appointed to further this matter.

TERRIBLE FIRE IN ALASKA CITY TODAY

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Feb. 8.—Twenty buildings in the Pearl business district were destroyed by fire which started here early today. The fire is not yet extinguished and the firemen are now tearing down the adjoining buildings in the hope of saving the National Bank and the Federal Building.

NINE HOUR DAY FOR DRUGGISTS PROPOSED

SALEM, Or., Feb. 8.—Consideration of Representative Lofgren's bill providing a nine hour day for registered pharmacists found the house fairly evenly divided as to the merits of the measure, and after trying to send it back to the committee for amendment an attempt was made to send it to the committee on labor and industries, where it was said to belong as a measure relating to hours of labor. Both attempts failed. It was then moved to table the motion in order to give time for further consideration of its merits and this passed upon a division of the house.

NEW FLU CASES

Mrs. Bert Wilson and baby in Fairview Addition and two children of A. G. Waldron on Crescent avenue are ill with the influenza. The houses are quarantined.

WEATHER REPORT

Oregon, rain in west and rain or snow in east portion. Moderate southeast winds, shifting to southwest gales, warmer in east portion tonight.

NAVY BOYS RISK LIVES FOR CAUSE

BOSTON, Feb. 8.—Eminent medical specialists have begun the attempt to conquer the Spanish influenza, the disease that killed thousands of persons in this country alone in the past year.

A "death squad" of 50 young naval men from the detention barracks at Deer Island, who volunteered in the interests of humanity to submit themselves to experiment and treatment, went to the influenza colony at Gallup's island.

Professor M. J. Dosenau, Harvard Medical School, is in charge of the study, which is being conducted under the joint direction of the federal public health service, the navy department and the state board of health service. Dr. Joseph Goldberger of the navy came from Washington with Dr. G. M. McCoy, director of the naval hygienic laboratory.

BANK SPECIALTY MAN VISITS

Hugh H. Shelley representing the Shedd Brown Manufacturing Company bank specialties, is in the city looking after the interests of his company.

MILLER LOOKS FOR NEW TRIAL

WEALTHY MILLER WHO WAS CONVICTED OF TREASONABLE CONDUCT DURING WAR MAY GET CASE REOPENED

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—That Henry Albers, who was convicted Wednesday by the United States district court of seditious utterance, is not inclined to accept the verdict of the jury as the last word is indicated in the preparation by his attorneys of an appeal to the United States circuit court of appeals. The appeal, it is understood, will be based on alleged errors of the trial court. Stress is to be laid on the fact that the indictment did not set forth the utterances of the defendant in German, the language in which they were uttered.

In the event the verdict is confirmed by the court of appeals the line of defense during the trial suggests that an appeal would be taken to the United States supreme court on the constitutional ground that congress has no authority to pass laws abridging the right of free speech.

In all events there is in prospect a long legal fight before final sentence is passed.

PRISONER INVENTS UNFORGEABLE CHECK.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Feb. 8.—While serving a six years' sentence at Folsom state prison for passing a bogus \$15,000 check in Los Angeles, W. J. Reed, alias Morris, alias Croft, who has just been released, invented a check that cannot be forged and the National Bankers' Association of America has offered him \$80,000 for his patent. On advice of his attorney, Reed is holding out for \$100,000.

SERIOUS RIOTS ON IN SAXONY

COURT HOUSE OF CITY OF MAGDEBURG BROKEN INTO AND CROWDS OF PRISONERS RELEASED.

PARIS, Feb. 8.—Serious disorders have occurred in Magdeburg, capital of the province of Saxony, according to Berlin advices. Soldiers and sailors, armed with grenades and machine guns, broke down the doors of the court house, liberated 160 prisoners, smashed shop windows, pillaged shops and trained machine guns on the inhabitants. The government troops are vigorously attacking the revolutionists.

WELL KNOWN DORRIS MAN IS MISSING

Lost in Mountains Since Last Monday Morning

COMMUNITY SEARCHES

Pioneer Rancher, Trapper and Hunter Believed by his Friends to Have Become Demented and Perished. Rifle Is Found on Mountain in Foot of Snow.

A large part of the population of Dorris and surrounding country is today out searching the mountains for the body of Buck Richardson, a well known rancher of that district, who has been missing since Monday morning. Richardson, who resides on a ranch in the hills about nine miles west of Dorris, left with his rifle on Monday, intending to be gone but a short time. As he is one of the pioneers of that district and an experienced hunter and trapper, little anxiety was felt at first when he failed to appear, but as the time went on and he did not show up his friends started to find him. His rifle was discovered finally leaning against a pole of the power line which crosses the mountain from Copeco but no sign of the owner had been discovered at last reports. There is about a foot of snow on the ground in that district and it is greatly feared that the unfortunate man had become mentally unbalanced and wandered off and perished.

EXCHANGES A RANCH FOR CITY PROPERTY

E. M. Perfect who has been here for several days from Albany has exchanged his ranch property, which is known as the Court place, six miles south of Klamath Falls, for the residence property of Vern Gordon on Michigan Avenue.

Mr. Perfect left for Albany this morning but expects to return to Klamath again at an early date. He is most enthusiastic over the future possibilities of Klamath County.

BIG STOCK SHOW HOUSE FOR PORTLAND PLANNED.

PORTLAND, Feb. 8.—An immediate campaign is to be launched to raise \$250,000 for the construction of a permanent building to house the annual Pacific International Livestock exposition, it has been decided at a meeting of the directors of the association at the Chamber of Commerce.

One-half of this sum will be raised from points outside of Portland and in the states of California, Washington and Idaho and the remaining amount will be subscribed by residents of the city in a drive commencing about the last week in February.

WATER MEN NAME OFFICERS TODAY

The election of officers for the Klamath Irrigation district is among the important matters of business scheduled for the meeting at the Reclamation office this afternoon. It is expected that matters relating to the proposed dam at the head of Link River by the California Oregon Power Company will be up for discussion.

SPECIAL SESSION FOR LEGISLATURE

SALEM, Feb. 8.—The Governor will call a special session of the legislature as soon as the reconstruction commission prepares the program. The Legislature will refer the program to a special election of voters not later than June.

MEXICANS PROTEST PROPOSED ANNEXING

CALEXICO, Cal., Feb. 8.—Governor Esteban Cantu, of Lower California, today issued a statement to "the people and Government of the United States" against a continuation of the move to annex Lower California to the United States and referring to it as "a conspiracy framed by some citizens of the United States to assail the integrity and freedom of a friendly nation."

The statement, which took the form of an open letter, said that in the face of "the widespread propaganda some business and political men are making in the United States," he cannot refrain, "as a Mexican," from voicing his emphatic protest against such activities.

CLEVER PLAY LAST EVENING

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS MAKE HIT WITH MUSICAL COMEDY, "WINDMILLS OF BELGIUM" AT HOUSTONS LAST NIGHT

The reputation of the Klamath County High School pupils for providing high class entertainment whenever its members appear before the public is evidently deep rooted because the seats at the Houston Opera House were filled last evening before it was time for the "Windmills of Belgium" to begin.

The reception given this clever operetta showed that the crowd was not disappointed and the piece was in every way a success. The youthful stars showed unusual talent and the music throughout, was catchy and well rendered. The theme was something different from anything presented in Klamath Falls heretofore. The performers are to be congratulated on their efforts.

SWIFT WINS DIAMOND RING.

J. D. Swift won the diamond ring which was raffled off at the Houston's Opera House last evening for the benefit of the Junior Red Cross. The tickets for this ring were placed on sale several months ago, but the influenza situation made it necessary to let the matter rest until the present time.

SIX ARE BLAMED FOR BIG STRIKE

That six men in Seattle are the direct cause of the strike; that these six men are all known by all the shipping building companies and by the federal authorities as well; and that of these six men, one is an unnaturalized German and some of the others are of foreign birth, was the assertion of an official of one of the Seattle shipyards, who is in Portland on business.

Further assertion was made that in the company with which he was associated only six men out of a total payroll of 1,600 received the Macy wage scale of \$4.16 a day. The 1,596 received higher wages, some of them running as high as \$8 and \$10 a day; the average wage being paid by the firm was \$5.72.

The shipyard official, who did not wish to be quoted, further claimed that the great mass of workers did not want to strike, but were led into it against their better judgment.

BOISHEVIKI BEING SHIPPED FROM LONDON

LONDON, Feb. 8.—The government officials are quietly arresting and deporting undesirable aliens who are believed to be bolshevikist propagandists.

SCHOOL EXAMS AT ALGOMA.

Mrs. C. J. Dunn was appointed by the Board at Algoma to give the Eighth Grade examination Friday, 7th of February. Those who took the exam are Hans Uhrman and Lee Harrington.

GIANT LABOR WAR MAY END IN FEW HOURS

Street Car Officials Believe End Is at Hand

NO DISORDER AS YET

Electrical Workers Directed by President to Return to Work—No Cars Under Operation Yet—Many Men Are Resuming Ordinary Business Today

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—Street car officials said here this afternoon that they believe that it is now only a matter of hours until the general strike here will be broken. Car operators are preparing to return to work, they declared.

Union car men are still in conference with the general strike committees.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—No action had been taken at 8 o'clock this morning by the strike committee as to the ultimatum issued by Mayor Ole Hanson yesterday. The mayor threatened unless the men went back to work to place the city under federal control, policed by soldiers from Camp Lewis and other points.

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Feb. 8.—J. P. Noonan acting president of the International Electrical workers in a telegram today directed all the electrical workers on the sympathetic strike at Seattle to return to work.

TACOMA, Feb. 8.—Barbers, teamsters and chauffeurs are all at work today.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—No cars are being operated this morning. The officials are uncertain as to when an attempt will be made by the city authorities to put the town under Federal control.

A jitney service has been inaugurated by the mayors order.

The mayor said unless the trolley companies operated, the city cars would be sent over all lines.

"I have ordered all Union exemption signs torn off the cars," said the Mayor. "We are going to operate without the consent of the unions."

There is not one case of strike disorder reported up to noon today. Soldiers are on guard on all the streets. Several more restaurants resumed business this morning.

OLYMPIA, Feb. 8.—The Governor has the promise of the war department in all the necessary co-operation in coping with the strike troubles in Seattle and Tacoma, a statement from the governor's office said today.

SPOKANE, Feb. 8.—The local union newspapers in editorials today urge the Spokane workers not to join the sympathetic strike. President Chonates of the Central Labor Council is the editor.

SEATTLE, Feb. 8.—The state newspaper here is being issued under a police guard.

EVERETT, Wash., Feb. 8.—The Trades Council has decided to take a referendum vote on the question of the general sympathy strike. The returns will be due next Wednesday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8.—The announcement is made today that L. C. Marshall of the labor adjustment board is here to "review the whole strike situation" at the offices of the shipping board.

TACAMA, Feb. 8.—Street car service has been resumed here. The strike situation has greatly cleared in the last few hours.

BUTTE, Mont., Feb. 8.—Hundreds of the armed striking miners have turned back men who were trying to go to work. Mining in this district is almost suspended.