

## PRESIDENT ON SECOND VOYAGE TO CONFERENCE

### Will Stay Until Big Problem Is Finally Settled

### LEAVES EARLY TODAY

Government Will Not Relinquish Control of Railroads as Result of Congressional Neglect to Provide Funds—Efforts Will Be Made to Continue as Usual.

NEW YORK, March 5.—President Wilson sailed today on his second voyage to France, determined, as he said in his speech last night, not to "come back till it is over over there."

The transport George Washington left the Hoboken pier this morning at 1:15. Only a small crowd assembled at the pier to wave farewell greetings.

The harbor was nearly deserted, due to the big marine workers' strike. A number of salutes were fired. The departure was delayed for a few moments when it was found that the morning papers were not on board the transport.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—

The government has no immediate intention of relinquishing the control of the railroads as a result of the failure of congress to appropriate funds for railroad administration, Director General Lines declared today. He explained that every effort would be made to continue operations as usual, to avoid laying off employees and to finance the railroads thru private loans or advances from the war finance corporation.

## DATA GATHERED FOR NEW BUDGET SYSTEM

Word has been received from Assistant District Attorney Wiley who went to Medford to interview Judge Calkins on his decision in the Ward-Loomis case, that the interpretation placed upon it by the local authorities to the effect that this county should be on a budget system basis, was correct and he has gone to Jacksonville for the purpose of gathering the data necessary to carry into effect such a system.

At the conference that was held Saturday, when there were present the county officials, the bankers were not represented, and the report that they were was due to a misunderstanding. The conference was held for the information of the county officers and only these were present. Matters bearing upon the affairs of the county, insofar as they related to the Calkins decision were discussed.

## HOT SPRINGS BATH HOUSE IS REOPENED

After being closed for several months during the influenza epidemic and winter season, the Hot Springs Bath House is re-opened to the public today under a new management. N. A. Mann and son, who have removed here recently from Edmonton, Alberta are the new proprietors. The building has been thoroughly renovated and disinfected and will be open both day times and evenings.

## RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON.

Mrs. F. Hill Hunter has returned from a visit with relatives in Washington where she has been for the past seven weeks. She visited KeyStone and Spokane and also in Portland.

## RATE HEARING IS TWO WEEKS AHEAD

SALEM, March 5.—The public service commission has set March 17 as the date for the final hearing on the application of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company for an increase in the exchange telephone rates in Oregon. It is estimated if these increases are allowed, approximately \$600,000 a year will be added to the revenues of the company.

## HUGE BOOTLEGGING SCHEME UNEARTHED

CHICAGO, March 5.—Conspiracy to defeat statewide dry laws by bootlegging has been uncovered by federal agents. Henry A. Rees, chief on the Olympian express between Chicago and Seattle, Wash., has been taken before United States Commissioner Lewis F. Mason, and held in bonds of \$2500 to the federal grand jury. Rees, who also is known as "Get Booze Quick Wallingford," has been taking whisky in large quantities from Chicago on his dining cars to Seattle, Tacoma and other coast cities, where he gets many times the price he paid for it here. It is charged. His alleged Northwestern agent, M. V. Strothers, of Tacoma, Wash., was arrested on advice of Chicago federal authorities some time ago. Indiana and Michigan have been invaded by the gang and its accomplices, federal agents say. Five hundred and fifty-six persons have been indicted in Lake county. Many offenders find the smuggling so profitable they are willing to pay fines and serve short sentences.

## KLAMATH NOW IN LIMELIGHT

### MUCH COMMENT IN PAPERS OF BOTH STATES OVER COUNTY'S MOVE TO SECEDE TO NEIGHBORING STATE ON SOUTH

The move made by Senator George T. Baldwin and Representative Geo. H. Merryman to have Klamath County removed from Oregon and annexed to the State of California has brought forth no little comment in the press of the two states especially since the California Legislature last Friday moved to welcome this county to that commonwealth. Oregon would fight such a move to the finish in the opinion of Secretary Dodson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce in an interview, in the Evening Telegram of Friday.

"It is a foolish proposition, and they can't put it over," is the statement today of Executive Secretary W. D. B. Dodson of the Portland Chamber of Commerce, when informed that a resolution had been introduced before the California state legislature memorializing congress to take the necessary steps to annex Klamath county to California.

"Any such movement would be fought to a finish should it take on a serious phase. No such bill is suggested in the Sacramento dispatch received consideration by the Oregon legislature to my knowledge.

"Klamath county is a part of our state, and tributary to us, and I am of the opinion that the boundaries of the two states never will be changed. All that we need is to extend our railroads thru Central Oregon to Klamath Falls. This would place us much nearer to that district than is San Francisco and the freight rates would be much lower."

some sections, Lower California has possibilities, both in natural resources and in development as a tourists' stamping ground. It is rich in minerals. Its numerous islands encourage the fishery business, which is an important industry.

More for the protection of the American border and the safeguarding of the irrigation system that feeds the Imperial Valley, than for any material riches Lower California might bring, is annexation desirable. While reports of Japanese efforts to secure a naval base on the peninsula have never been confirmed, here is another consideration.

Klamath also is a natural part of California, as the residents of that county have said in their petition to the Oregon legislature, and as Californians are glad to believe.

Should it happen that these two neighbors come within the California fold, there would surely be a renewed demand for a division of the state, already unwieldy, as some people believe, and lacking, numerically, in representation in the United States senate.

## PROGRESSIVES OF REPUBLICAN PARTY FORMING

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Progressive Republicans will meet within a few days to consider whom they will back for the presidency in 1920. Senator Kenyon, Iowa has announced.

House and senate Progressives, with a few leading progressives now in congress, will attend the meeting. The time and place have not yet been decided on definitely. The gathering, however, probably will be soon after the adjournment of congress and is likely to be held either in Chicago or Washington, Kenyon said.

In addition to discussing what man they shall get behind for the 1920 campaign, Progressives will formulate a program of legislation upon which they will seek action in the coming congress, it was stated.

Political gossip has named Senators Borah and Hiram Johnson as possibilities for the regular Republican nomination in 1920. Both are Progressives, leaders of the little group in the senate which holds the balance of power in organizing that body for the next session.

## SNOW FOUR FEET AT SPRING CREEK

The summer campers would not find their outing in tents along the shores of the beautiful Spring Creek quite so inviting at this time of year, for according to R. C. Spink, the owner of Idlerest, there is now four feet of snow on the level at that point. Spink came in Monday on the train, and says that while it is pretty inconvenient getting around there now, it is the best thing that could possibly happen, as it means grass and crops for next year.

## ASHLAND MAN IS KILLED BY TRAIN

Called by news of the sudden death of her brother-in-law, George M. Lowe at Ashland Sunday night, Mrs. M. T. Garrett left for that point this morning. Mr. Lowe, who was chief of Police at Ashland was struck by an engine and killed, according to the news received by Mrs. Garrett, but no details of the tragedy had been learned at the time of her departure.

## NEW LAUNDRYMAN IN TOWN.

One of the latest arrivals in Klamath Falls is a wee man by the name of Hedeo Nakato who recently dropped in via story at the home of Mrs. and Mrs. Frank Nakato on Fourth Street. The smiling father is the proprietor of the Japanese Laundry.

## BANKER BACK FROM SOUTH.

President E. R. Reams of the First National Bank has returned from a several weeks absence at his California home at Mountain View. He declares that there are better prospects for crops in that section this year than for several years past.

## SMALL VOTE ON DAM QUESTION WAS RETURNED

### Few More Than Half of Ballots Heard From

### MAJORITY FAVOR SUIT

Straw Vote Taken by Klamath Irrigation District Directors to Determine Whether or Not to Push Action to Restrain Construction of Dam Gets Small Response.

The straw vote cast here yesterday by the farmers of the Klamath irrigation project to determine whether or not the District should join with the old Water Users Association from which it has recently been changed, to prevent the construction of the proposed dam across the head of Link River by the California Oregon Power Company, resulted in a vote of one hundred and forty favorable against one hundred and seven unfavorable. There were however, four hundred and eighty two ballots sent out two hundred and thirty five, therefore who did not vote. A number of the water users who did not vote told the officials of the District that the matter was in the latter's hands and put the responsibility up to them.

A joint opinion from both the attorney for the Klamath Irrigation District and the attorney for the Klamath Water Users Association on the probable outcome of the action, if instituted is being awaited before further action will be taken.

## BAKER AND MARCH ARE COMING WEST

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 5.—Secretary Baker and General March will leave Sunday on a three week inspection trip of all the training camps which were not inspected during the war. This trip will include Camp Lewis at American Lake.

## HOW ABOUT IT, JIMMY?

There is a persistent rumor going the round of the timber men that genial Jimmy Ryan has gone south for another purpose than just visiting, and that other purpose is none other than taking out himself a wife. Gee, Jimmy, is it possible that you have deserted the bunch? If the heavens stay up after such a thing as that, provided it is true, then the millennium is at hand.

## HOME WEDDING LAST EVENING

ROMANCE CULMINATES IN A PRETTY CEREMONY AT HOME OF BRIDE. BOTH PARTIES WELL KNOWN HERE.

## GOES TO MEET FAMILY.

Attorney R. C. Groesbeck will leave tomorrow morning for San Francisco where he will meet Mrs. Groesbeck and children, who have been spending the winter at Southern points. They expect to return to Klamath Falls Sunday evening.

## GERMANS AGAIN ATTACK POLES.

POSEN, March 5.—The Germans after three days of comparative quiet resumed their attacks all along the line upon the Poles Sunday, it is reported.

groom, who is a returned soldier, wore olive drab.

Little Louise Bowman, acting as ring bearer, was dressed in pink and white and carried a huge bouquet of sweet peas. Miss Dorothy Weeks, an intimate friend of the bride sang before and following the ceremony. She was accompanied by Mrs. C. R. Bowman, who also played the wedding march. Shortly after the ceremony, the happy party sat down to a wedding supper.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Hosking are well known in this city. The girlhood days of the bride have been spent here where her unusually sweet disposition has attracted a host of warm friends. She has been a great favorite also in social circles. Mr. Hosking, who is well and favorably known spent several years in Klamath Falls as the agent for the Standard Oil Company, which position he gave up during the war, to enter the military service. He was discharged very recently from Camp Lewis.

Mr. and Mrs. Hosking expect to leave immediately for southern points.

## R. C. CARING FOR REFUGEES IN FAR EAST

VLADIVOSTOK—(Correspondence Associated Press)—The American Red Cross in Eastern Siberia through its refugee relief department, is caring for nearly 2,500 refugees. Half of these are handled directly through a distribution center in Vladivostok. There are 400 in barracks at First River, in the edge of the city. Further on, at Second River, are 800 Armenians in a barracks by themselves. Most of these refugees are receiving food and clothing; there are a certain number who are self-supporting and only require lodgings.

A plan is being worked out to send the Armenians to Port Said on a Japanese steamer. Efforts are also being made to find transportation for 420 Serbians. Occupation has been found for a large number of destitute persons. An employment bureau has been established and it is probable that soon places can be found for all those who wish to work. The Canadian military organization has asked the Red Cross to man a steam laundry for the Canadian troops. Likewise the American army has made plans for a service laundry at the base here, which will furnish employment for a number of laundresses.

Bishop H. St. George Tucker, who recently returned from Western Siberia where he went in the interests of the Red Cross, reported that there were some 8,500 persons there, legitimate objects for the Red Cross assistance, in need of immediate help. In this number figure a group of Petrograd children. Many hundreds of these were sent to Siberia for safety at a time when the Bolshevik outrages were beginning. They were found in seven different cities, unprovided for and in great need. Clothing is being provided for them from stocks in Vladivostok, and they are receiving attention.

In Omsk, Novonikolayevsk and Chelabinsk, where typhus has made considerable headway, the Red Cross is working in conjunction with the Russians to give medical aid. Relief train No. 4 has left for the west, carrying medical supplies and clothing. The last relief train sent from here, in charge of the Japanese Red Cross unit, reached Omsk about a month after leaving Vladivostok.

## WESTERN TROOPS REACH NEW YORK

NEW YORK, March 5.—The cruiser Frederick has arrived from Brest with 1,562 troops including the third battalion headquarters companies I and D, of the 62nd Infantry of the 41st Division. These are National Guard men from Oregon, Washington and Montana.

## SUIT TO DETERMINE R. R. ADMINISTRATION AUTHORITY

PORTLAND, March 5.—The public service commissioners of Oregon, Washington and Idaho have met here and decided that the Washington Commissioners should begin suit immediately to test the legality of the Railroad Administrations control over the purely intrastate freight rates.

## BRITISH ARMY REDUCED.

LONDON, March 5.—The British army is being reduced to 952,000 men, it was officially announced today.

## GOVERNOR'S FUNERAL HELD TOMORROW

SALEM, March 5.—The funeral services of Governor Withycombe, who passed away at Salem Monday evening are to be held tomorrow at two o'clock. Simple services will be conducted by Mr. Richard Alvison pastor of the Methodist church. Interment will be made in the cemetery here. Judge Wallace McCamant will speak briefly. Honorary pallbearers will be Judge McCamant, Adjutant General, Charles Beebe, Thomas H. Tongue, W. B. Ayer and Olcott W. Hoyt. The active pallbearers will be Harvey Wells, Chester A. Morris, Carl D. Shoemaker, J. S. Chulderman and A. H. Lea Mark.

## MEDFORD MAN WINS FRENCH WAR CROSS

MEDFORD, March 5.—The only Medford hero to be awarded the French war cross by the government of France, though he lost his life in winning this coveted honor, was Lieutenant Newell C. Barber.

The great award of honor to his son, together with the citation awarding the medal was received Friday by Dr. and Mrs. Martin C. Barber from the adjutant general's office at Washington with the following comment:

"Here is forwarded to you, under separate cover by registered mail, a Croix de Guerre, by the French government to your son, Second Lieutenant Newell C. Barber, 108th aero squadron."

## FIRE BOYS ARE TO REORGANIZE

### SIX NEW MEN JOIN DEPARTMENT BOYS WILL MEET WITH CITY COUNCIL THURSDAY EVENING TO MAKE PLANS

The application of six new members of the Klamath Falls Fire Department were accepted at the City Council meeting Monday night. The new members are, James W. Sullivan, L. L. Brownell, C. A. Newman, Archie Haskins, W. M. Lorenz, L. L. Stein, Carl Schubert Jr., and S. R. Reddy.

The fire department is going to be completely reorganized and arrangements made to give the city more adequate fire service, according to the views of the council members who are going to meet Thursday evening with the fire department and formulate future plans. The rooms in the city hall which need furnishing again are to be looked after and a quantity of new hose must be purchased soon.

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## NEW BUSINESS BLOCK BUILT THIS SEASON

### Big Structure Planned for Tenth and Main Streets

### PLANS FINISHED SOON

Well Known City Boosters Evidence Faith in Future of City and County by Putting Up Two-Story Brick Business House—Architect Expected to Come in Tonight.

That a big new brick, store building at the corner of Tenth and Main Streets is to be erected in the near future by the Evans brothers, is the announcement made today.

Details for the new construction have not been worked out but it is expected that Architect A. F. Helde will be in this evening when plans and specifications will be gone over. Tentative arrangements have been made for a two story structure with a full basement. Three store rooms will be available on the first floor and twelve apartments on the second floor. The estimated cost of the structure is not known at this time.

Both the Evans brothers have been indefatigable boosters for Klamath County since they came here from Kansas several years ago. They have made extensive investments in other parts of the city, and their new venture is an indication of the future growth and prosperity of the community.

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Secretary of war Baker said the failure of the army appropriation and other military measures leaves the war department in a difficult but not serious situation.

The failure of the reorganization bill means that the great number of men of the war time army must remain in the service longer than would be otherwise necessary.