

RIOTING BANDS OF SPARTACANS JUST ROBBERS

Rapidly Being Driven From
West Prussia

ARMS ARE CAPTURED

Many Bestial Acts of Cruelty Are
Now Known to Have Been Commit-
ted by Looting Hands, Who Are
Fast Being Subdued by Federal
Troops—Formed for Plunder

COPENHAGEN, March 13.—The
German government forces after
heavy fighting have succeeded in
driving the Spartacans out of the
eastern section of Berlin including
Lichtenburg. A Berlin dispatch filed
on Wednesday says the occupation
of the district is being systematically
carried out by the government troops.
Considerable quantities of arms
have been captured, while the losses
on the side of the government have
not been heavy.

The message says that the reported
"bestial acts of cruelty by the Spar-
tans have now been fully confirmed."

LONDON, March 13.—A dispatch
received here today says that the
nature of the fighting between the
government troops and the Spartacans
in the eastern suburbs of Berlin
seem to indicate that the local Spar-
tanic groups were formed for no other
purpose than to plunder the city.

BERNE, March 13.—A priest here
charges the assassination of Arch-
duke Francis Ferdinand and his wife
at Sarajevo in 1914 was the result
of a deliberate plot formed by the
late Count Tisza, the former Hun-
garian premier who was responsible for
the war. The priest was the spiritual
adviser of the Archduke's wife.

GREEN SPRINGS ROAD STARTED EARLY

ASHLAND, March 13.—District En-
gineer, J. E. McLeod of the highway
commission, was in Ashland last
week looking over the survey of the
Pacific highway from the city to
Siskiyou. Bids for paving will be re-
ceived in April. Work on the road
from Ashland to Klamath Falls at
Green Springs mountain will start as
soon as weather is settled. This road
will give an outlet for the fruit and
products of the valley to Klamath
and Indian reservation section.

CITY BOY HAS FOUR TOES OFF

TELLS MOTHER IN LETTER OF
NIGHT TRIP THRU ARGONNE
FOREST, WHEN HE WAS USED
AS MOVABLE TARGET.

How Pete Prouty of this city lost
four toes by a German bullet in the
Argonne forest is told in a most in-
teresting letter just received by his
mother, Mrs. P. E. Prouty.
Young Prouty was selected by his
captain on the 22nd of October to
take a message to the American forces
at Verdun which was about eight
miles distant and thru dangerous ter-
ritory. He got thru safely and on the
night of the twenty-fifth started
back with a driver in an auto. As
it was impossible to have any kind of
a light and the night being very dark,
they got on the wrong road and
struck a big shell hole.
The German sharpshooters located
them and chased them out with
their bullets and a little later they
ran into a machine gun nest of the
enemy. Before they could get clear

of this, the driver was shot thru the
lungs and Prouty wounded in the
foot. The Red Cross men found him
next morning and he is now alright
again except for the loss of his toes
which he says does not bother him.
He is now at the debarkation Hospi-
tal at Hampton, Virginia.

SPARTACANS LOSING AFTER HUGE RIOTS

LONDON, March 13.—Riots have
occurred in the various towns out-
side Berlin and a Spartanic revolt
has broken out in Hamburg, accord-
ing to dispatches received here today.

The riots have resulted from the
general strike which was started by
the Spartacans in Berlin last Tues-
day. According to the latest reports
the Spartacans have opened negotia-
tions for surrender to the govern-
ment forces.

EXTRA SESSION FOR CONGRESS

MAY FIFTEENTH HAS BEEN SET
AS DATE OF SPECIAL SESSION.
OREGON STATESMEN NOW ON
WAY HOME FOR REST

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Con-
gress will meet in special session May
15. This much is definitely decided
and for that reason most of the Ore-
gon delegation will leave in a few
days for a brief stay at home.

Senator McNary, who left for Bir-
mingham, Alabama, on personal busi-
ness today, will return to Washing-
ton the first of the week and will
arrive home about April 1. Senator
Chamberlain hopes to arrive home
about the same time.

Congressman McArthur, who has
been detained by the failure of Mrs.
McArthur to regain her complete
strength, expects to arrive in Port-
land by the time the naval committee
reaches the City of Roses.

Congressman Hawley will be oc-
cupied with the work of the committee
on committees for several days yet
and will not be able to leave until
the end of the month. Congressman
Sinnott, who leaves for a few days in
New York today, also expects to
erably consist of one affidavit from

SEVERAL HURT BY EXPLOSION

BOILER IN BASEMENT OF BIG
PORTLAND BUILDING BLOWS
UP—ONE WILL DIE AND SEV-
ERAL INJURED AS RESULT

PORTLAND, March 13.—The boiler
in the basement of the Corbett
building exploded here today, prob-
ably fatally injuring George Udy and
severely injuring the chief engineer,
James Asper, and the elevator oper-
ator, Miss Pauline Hendricks. Who
was overcome by the smoke and
steam when the elevator stalled be-
tween the basement and the first
floor.

Everybody has been ordered from
the building until the fuel oil fire
has been extinguished. The damage
to the building has been slight.

COUNTY JUDGE TO BUILD NEW HOME

County Judge R. H. Bunnell is
planning to construct a fine home in
the near future on his newly purchased
ranch three miles southeast of this
city, according to an announcement
made today by Architect A. F. Heide,
who is drawing the plans for the
building.

The tentative plans show a beauti-
ful ten room structure of a bungalow
type and the most up to date ap-
pointments thruout. It is not known
when the construction will be started.

COMMERCE BODY IS FORMED BY WOMEN OF CITY

Civic Improvement of All
Kinds to Be Pushed

BIG INTEREST SHOWN

Prominent Women of City, Realizing
the Need of Co-Operative Effort to
Advance Interests of Community,
Organize Association Which Will
Be Big Factor in Development.

Keenly alive to the great needs
of this community in a commercial
way and of the co-operative effort
necessary to bring about the desired
results, eleven enthusiastic women,
who have been prominent in club
work of various kinds here in the
past met yesterday afternoon at the
home of Mrs. Rose Soule Bratton at
413 High Street and organized a
club that will always stand back of
any movement for the betterment of
the city, such as the Natron Cutoff,
better county highways, civic improve-
ment, parks, schools, play grounds
and clean streets.

The wonderful record made by the
women of the city in raising funds for
the Strahorn railroad here before the
outbreak of the war, their tireless ef-
forts and never failing results in
meeting the heavy war calls, has
brought the public to a realization of
what these workers can accomplish
when they once make a start and it
is believed that this new move will
be one of the best things that ever
happened to Klamath Falls.

The war is now over and a tremen-
dous task awaits the people of this
district in bringing about the things
which are necessary to insure a great
city. That the eleven charter mem-
bers which formed the nucleus of the
new organization yesterday will be
swelled to a huge membership, there
is little doubt.

Those elected to offices were, Presi-
dent, Mrs. Rose Soule Bratton; Sec-
retary, Mrs. Anna L. Winnick; Treas-
urer, Miss Maud Baldwin; First vice
president, Mrs. Myrtle Martin; Sec-
ond vice president Mrs. Chas. Eber-
lein.

The name of this club will appear
later. The hostess served dainty re-
freshments, and those present re-
turned to their homes with a feeling
that a splendid line of work was be-
gun.

The charter members are Mes-
dames Jacobs, Edmonds, Torry, Mar-
tin, Wattenburg, Robertson, Ramaby,
Oley, Bratton, Carrier, Eberlein,
Winnick and Miss Maud Baldwin.

BACK FROM BOSTON WITH TWO BROTHERS

Mrs. C. K. Brandenburg of this
city who was called to Boston about
a month ago by the illness of her
two sisters has returned with the
good news that they are both now
improving rapidly. She was accom-
panied by her two brothers, Edward
and Isaiah McLoughlin who have been
in the service during the war and
have just been discharged. Edward
was in six of the last battles of the
war on the western front.

Mrs. Brandenburg declares that
she was most glad to get back again
to Klamath and that she saw no
place to compare with it while away.

ALLURING ANKLES FENCED FROM VIEW

NEW YORK, March 13.—Because
Mrs. Betty Inch was too generous in
displaying her ankles to the juryman
who failed to agree on a verdict on
the charge of extortion, a month ago,
the prosecution has erected a four
foot board fence around the witness
stand for the second trial which be-
gan here yesterday. Only the head
and shoulders of the witness now ap-
pear in view.

\$25 REWARD

The Herald will pay \$25 reward
for information leading to the arrest
and conviction of anyone caught
stealing copies of the Herald after
their delivery to subscribers. This
practice of stealing papers, especially
along Main street, has reached such
proportions that the Herald is going
to stop it, and with that end in view
is offering this reward.

ANOTHER SOLDIER BOY HOME.

Robert Emmet Shields arrived in
Klamath Falls Tuesday evening. He
enlisted in the American army for
overseas service on the 5th of De-
cember 1917. He was a member of
Battery C, Second Field Artillery. On
his return he sailed from Brest
France on January 4th on the General
Grant and arrived in New York on
the 18th. He has been visiting
relatives in the east until recently.

ELKS WESTERN NIGHT SOON

VAUDEVILLE NEXT WEEK TO BE
A WINNER. INITIATION TO-
NIGHT. HOST OF BILLS PLAN-
NING TO COME TO CONVENTION

The natural wild and reckless
spirit of the members of the Klamath
Falls Lodge of Elks, which has
been held in restraint for a long
time has just about reached its limit
and it has been decided that the safe-
ty valve will be lifted on the 27th,
28th and 29th of this month when
the Wild Western nights which have
proved such a big feature in former
years will be staged. At this time,
the wild herd will all be rounded up
safely in the temple here where they
cannot injure the public. The lid is
then removed from everything and
the old conditions of the frontier
days are brought back. The sky is
the limit and the roof is the only
means of egress. Big plans are being
made for the show this year.

The vaudeville which will be
staged next week at the Houston's
Opera House is also going to be a big
event for the local public and the
participants are practicing for it as-
siduously. It will be entirely home
talent and some rich things are sure
to be regular.

The regular meeting of the lodge
will be held this evening. This will
be the last initiation before the new
officers are installed for the coming
year. Matters of importance are
coming up and it is desired that
every member be on hand.

Jack Pelton who has been visiting
at a number of outside points reports
that there is going to be so great a
crowd at the Convention here next
August that its going to tax the
capacity of the community to the ut-
most for their accommodation. Those
who can ride in are planning to ride
he says, and those who can't are go-
ing to walk, but they are all coming.

OREGON LANDS TO BE THROWN OPEN

WASHINGTON, March 13.—Over
1,000,000 acres more of land valuable
for grazing and raising of stock have
been added in February to land now
ready for use of returning soldiers
under the enlarged homestead and
stock raising homestead acts. Secre-
tary of the Interior Lane has an-
nounced.

Entries may be made for these
lands in tracts of 640 acres or less.
It was stated. The new lands are
divided by states as follows: Color-
ado 87,540 acres; Idaho, 46,215
acres; Montana, 380,791 acres; Ore-
gon, 92,688 acres; Wyoming 626,662
acres. These additions bring the to-
tal area designated for grazing and
stock raising to February to 14,644,
681 acres.

One half million acres of land good
for non-irrigable purposes were also
classified during February, Lane sta-
ted. These lands lie in Colorado and
North Dakota and may be obtained in
tracts of 320 acres or less.

PORTLAND WILL GET BUSY FOR NATRON CUTOFF

Directors Chamber of Com-
merce Take Action

BALDWIN MAKES TALK

Committee of Three to Visit Klamath
County and to Work for Financial
Assistance for This Project—Sen-
ator Outlines Conditions Here to
Prominent Portlanders.

Steady pounding at one object is
pretty sure to bring results in the
end, especially if that object is one
of merit, and this rule is working
out on the move to start the con-
struction of the Natron Cutoff, which
will put Klamath County on the map
in short order.

Senator George T. Baldwin who
has been spreading the news of the
conditions as they exist here before
the people in other parts of the state,
to good advantage for several months
made a master stroke, when he ap-
peared before the Portland Chamber
of Commerce at a luncheon a few
days ago. The following article ap-
pears in the Oregonian relative to
the matter.

"Why should Klamath county ask
to be annexed to California?" was
the topic assigned to George T. Bal-
dwin, state senator, and in private
life a merchant of Klamath Falls,
who spoke yesterday before the mem-
bers' forum of the Chamber of Com-
merce. That the answer to the ques-
tion rests with Portland was the sug-
gestion left with the business men.

That they think it worth while to
answer it right was indicated by
adoption of a recommendation that
the board of directors of the chamber
appoint a committee of three to visit
Klamath county, and that action be
taken to secure financial assistance
to complete the Natron cutoff.

"The trade of Klamath county is
practically all with California," said
Senator Baldwin. "The distance by
rail from Klamath Falls to San Fran-
cisco is 434 miles. The distance from
Klamath Falls to Portland is 507
miles. Portland cannot expect to get
much trade from Klamath under
these conditions. Building of the
Natron cutoff as planned by the late
E. H. Harriman would change all of
this. The distance to Portland by
the Natron cutoff would be 329 miles.
On one item alone—the shipment of
beef cattle, it would mean a saving
of \$50,000 a year in freight and
shrinkage.

"Within a few years Klamath county
will be producing double the
amount of beef cattle that are being
turned off annually now. Further-
more, completion of the Natron cut-
off would result in shipment of a
large part of the livestock of Lake
county from stations on the line to
Portland and would divert a large
livestock movements now going to
California markets to Portland.

"It seems to me that the jobbers
and manufacturers of Portland
would be able to do something to-
ward the completion of this road,
of which there remains the building of
93 miles to close the gap between the
ends of the completed portion at
Kirk, Klamath county and Oakridge,
Lane county.

"Thirty billion feet of timber in
Klamath county awaits the logger
and conversion into merchantable
product. It is fully three-fourths pine.
That lumber industry is growing fast
and reaching great proportions.
There are 18 sawmills and six box
factories in operation there now.

"There is no doubt on the part of
the people of Klamath that their
section has been willfully neglected.
All the use Oregon appears to have
for it is the state taxes that the coun-
ty pays. Even in the matter of state
highways, all that is talked for us is
a highway from Ashland to Klamath
Falls. While we should like very
much to have a good road across the
Green Springs mountains, its benefit
would be far greater to Jackson than
to Klamath county.

"What Klamath county must have
and what she is going to have, is a
road down the Klamath river by the
Tonay grade, connecting with the
California state highway at Ager. It
will be one of the scenic highways
of America, and, furthermore, there
will not be a month in the year when
it will not be open to travel from
Klamath Falls to the California high-
way.

"The counties of central Oregon,
Klamath, Deschutes and Jefferson,
have some of the finest scenic at-
tractions in the world, and trout fish-
ing that is unexcelled. Last season

there were 3220 automobiles regis-
tered at Crater Lake. With a first class
highway connecting with the Califor-
nia highway at Ager I believe 15,000
annually will be a small number.
Naturally, when the tourist gets as
far as Crater Lake he will want to
see more of Oregon. The great travel
of the summer tourist season will
naturally come into Oregon from Cal-
ifornia via the Klamath country.

If the Natron cutoff should be com-
pleted, that region would be com-
mercially, as well as geographically,
in Oregon. Portland overlooked a
great opportunity to cultivate the
trade of that country and establish
firm relations that also would have
hastened much state development,
when it did not get behind the build-
ing of that road several years ago. It
is a problem that Portland should get
busy on, and if the line is finished
it will prove a tremendously profit-
able investment for Portland.

George T. Collins, manager of
the branch houses of Mason, Ehrman
& Co. at Medford and Klamath Falls,
told the business men of the discus-
sion felt with Portland by the citi-
zens of both towns and their dis-
tricts.

LIBRARY CLUB AGAIN ACTIVE

USUAL MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE
RESUMED. DISCUSSION OF
LEAGUE OF NATIONS AT MEET-
ING TOMORROW

Now that the local war activities
are lessening and the influenza sit-
uation has cleared, the many club
activities of the town are beginning
to revive.

The Woman's Library club, which
has held such a prominent place in
the local club work, has again begun
its regular monthly meetings, at each
of which some topic of current inter-
est is discussed.

The meeting for March, will be
held tomorrow afternoon at the Club
room and the "League of Nations"
will be the subject for discussion.
This question, one which the whole
world is at present discussing needs
serious consideration by all and the
arguments for and against it are
many.

There will also be the usual month-
ly business and a general good social
time, with light refreshments. All
members will be glad to avail them-
selves of this opportunity to discuss
the world wide question, The League
of Nations.

RING BATTLE SAID A FAKE

JACK JOHNSON SAYS WORLD
CHAMPIONSHIP BATTLE AT
HAVANA FOUR YEARS AGO
WAS FRAMEUP

HAVANA, March 13.—Jack John-
son in a signed article given to the
Associated Press today declares that
his fight with Jess Willard here four
years ago was pre-arranged and that
he allowed Willard to win for thirty
thousand dollars, moving picture
rights and a promise of aid to settle
Johnson's difficulties with the federal
authorities.

He says that unless Willard agree
to fight him within a reasonable
time, he will again claim the world
title. A Cuban Congressman is back-
ing Johnson.

LAWRENCE, Kansas, March 13.—
Willard when seen here today said
that Johnson simply needed money
and is trying his best to put over an-
other battle. He says there is ab-
solutely nothing to the charge which
is simply a crude joke. He intimates
that he does not intend to fight John-
son or any other colored man.

CIVIL SERVICE MEN NAMED.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—
President Wilson has appointed
Marin Morryson of Indiana and Geo.
P. Wales of Vermont to the Civil
Service Commission to replace John
Mc honny and Herman Craven who
resigned recently.

OLCOTT WOULD RESIGN FROM FORMER PLACE

Three Minds Needed on the
Board of Control

ASKING FOR RELIEF

New Governor Asks Attorney General
For Solution of Problem of Let-
ting Him Out as Secretary of State
Without Giving Up Governorship.
Highway Bids Opened Soon.

SALEM, March 13.—In a letter to
the attorney general, Olcott asked to-
day for the speediest solution of the
question of whether he could resign
as secretary of state without giving
up the governorship.

He pointed out particularly in the
letter, that now, when the great prob-
lems confront the state, there should
be three minds working on them, in-
stead of two minds with three votes.

SALEM, March 13.—The Highway
Commission at a meeting in Portland
on March 26th will receive bids on
five highway improvements projects,
two in Umatilla, one in Yamhill, one
in Lane and one in Wheeler.

BALDWIN SENDS FAREWELL SHOT

PUTS IN LAST LICK TODAY IN AD-
DRESS AT PORTLAND AD CLUB.
WILL BE HOME TOMORROW
EVENING

PORTLAND, Ore. March 13. (Spec-
ial) Senator George T. Baldwin is
still carrying his campaign of eight-
ment in Portland and is meeting
with great success. Today he was a
guest at luncheon of the Ad Club
and was accorded an enthusiastic
welcome. He addressed the members
and made anew his idea for the as-
sistance of the people of Portland to
help Klamath become part of the
state, adding: "I want to tell you in
all earnestness that if something is
not done we will see if we cannot
join hands with a commonwealth that
has shown us it has our interests at
heart." He made a plea for the adop-
tion of the amendment to the state
constitution, whereby counties are
permitted to issue bonds for highway
construction up to six percent of their
valuation. He also asked for help for
the Natron cut-off, the Strahorn line
and the construction of highways. He
leaves today for Salem, where he will
visit Governor Olcott and there put
in a plea for a sufficient allotment of
highway money to enable his county
to carry out a program of highway
construction this year that is one of
the biggest in the state.

Word was received in the city this
morning that Senator Baldwin will
arrive home tomorrow night and
plans are under way for a delegation
of the business men and good roads
enthusiasts to meet him at the depot
and escort him to the Hotel Baldwin,
where an informal reception will be
held. The Senator will divide honors
with the Highway Commission at the
banquet Tuesday evening.

K. P. LODGE HAS HIKINGS.

An unusually fine time is reported
by the Knights of Pythias lodge mem-
bers at the meeting held last even-
ing. Following the initiation cere-
mony at which the degree of Esquire
was given. A fine lunch was served
and a program rendered.