

## COLONEL ROBT. A. JOHNSON DIES IN SAN FRANCISCO

A Leader in the Lumber Industry of the Coast

### HONORED BY FRANCE

Was the Founder of the Klamath Manufacturing Company—Was Heavily Interested in the Bray Lumber & Box Company—Recognized as One of the Ablest Timber Men on the Coast.

Colonel Robert A. Johnson, President of the Klamath Manufacturing company of this city and one of the leaders in the new era just dawning in the lumbering industry of this city died at San Francisco last night, as a result of three operations. The first of these occurred last Saturday. Unsatisfactory symptoms appeared, necessitating the other two operations—intestinal poisoning and peritonitis followed these and were the direct cause of his death.

R. A. Johnson was born in Minneapolis, February 27, 1874 in which city he resided until 1906. At an early age he became identified with the lumbering business, entering the employ of the C. A. Smith Lumber company, in which concern he rose rapidly until he was appointed manager of the mammoth Smith mill. In this capacity the wonderful executive ability that was a marked characteristic of the man had full sway and the success he attained was the subject of much favorable comment among the lumber people of the Coast.

In 1912 his attention was directed to Klamath County and with the keen foresight that accounted for his rapid rise he decided to come here and engage in the lumber and box business. With W. I. Clarke he organized the Klamath Manufacturing company which under his astute management rapidly forged to the front. Soon after the commencement of operations he purchased the Clarke interest in the concern, and since that time he has practically owned all of the stock of the company which at the time of his death was capitalized for \$500,000.

Shortly after coming to this city he was persuaded to accept the management of the Klamath Development company, acting in that capacity for about a year, when he was forced to resign to give all of his time and attention to the affairs of the Klamath Manufacturing company the growth of which is recognized as one of the wonders of the Coast.

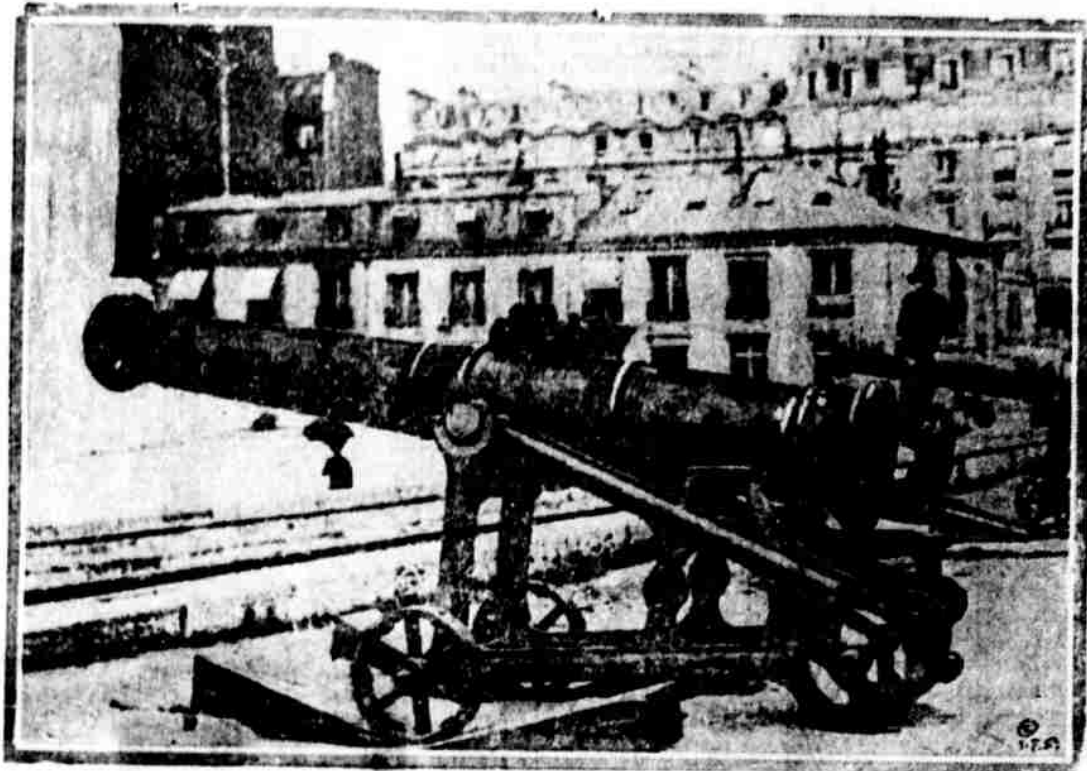
Colonel Johnson was also heavily interested in the Bray Lumber & Box Company and was identified with the California Pine Box Association.

When this government entered the war, the War Department began the recruiting of a corps of officers to direct the vast army it was to send to France. Colonel Johnson was a graduate of the Military School of Fairbault, Minn., at which institution he made an enviable record, and he was offered a commission as Major in the army. Controlled solely by his patriotism, he accepted immediately and then began shaping his affairs so that during his absence they would continue along the same lines he had mapped out. His record in France was a brilliant one. He was with the famous 20th Engineers, in which his natural leadership and executive ability attracted the attention of the French government and won for him the highest honor of that country—the Legion of Honor. His own government rewarded his brilliant successes with a commission as Lieutenant Colonel.

The funeral services which will be private will be held in San Francisco next Monday, having been delayed to permit the attendance of his two brothers, who, with Mrs. Johnson, are the only survivors.

Colonel Johnson was a man of ideals. Irreproachable in character, he commanded the respect and admiration of all with whom he came in contact. His death will be a distinct loss to this community, both from a business and social standpoint, for in

## OLD CANNON, CAPTURED BY NAPOLEON FROM THE PRUSSIANS THAT WILL BE FIRED WHEN GERMANS SIGN THE TREATY OF PEACE



Just how light a charge is to be used has not been stated, but the moment the news is flashed to Paris that the Germans have signed the peace treaty this old gun and a number of others just like it will be fired in the French capital. They were captured by Napoleon from the Prussians, and since then have decorated the Invalides in Paris. These historic

each had placed the stamp of his individuality. Like all men of his calibre, he had one ambition, one ideal, one hobby, and as might rightly be expected it was of the ennobling kind that had for its object the spending of his wealth for the joy, and comfort and happiness of others and the effacement of himself. He never mentioned it to any but his most intimate friends, and then only to gather suggestions that might aid in the fuller consummation of his desires. This ambition was the founding of a home for orphans. He was a great lover of children and at the time the war broke out and diverted his attention and efforts in other directions he was just beginning to lay the plans for the establishment of such an institution. If he had lived there is no doubt but that he would have realized the one controlling wish of his life.

## GERMANY TELLS WHO WILL SIGN

### PLENIPOTENTIARIES WHO WILL HAVE TO PERFORM HUMILIATING DUTY OF SIGNING THE TREATY ANNOUNCED

BERLIN, June 27.—Hermann Mueller, foreign minister, and Dr. Bell, colonial minister, it was announced tonight, have been selected as the German envoys, to sign the peace terms. They leave for Berlin today.

## BARN DANCE FOR TOMORROW NIGHT

Fond recollections of earlier days will be brought to mind tomorrow night at the Barn Dance to be given at the Louis Schmitz ranch, formerly known as the Sisters' farm, for it is the intention of the promoters to include in the musical program old-time dances—the ones that were popular "When You and I were young, Maggie." Of late the older folks hesitate to "hesitate" on a dancing floor, for they don't want to "make a spectacle" of themselves, as they put it. They like to dance just as well now as they ever did, and they will have their chance tomorrow night. The latest dances will have their full share of the program. In addition to the dancing, refreshments will be served, and every effort will be put forth to make the evening one of enjoyment for everyone.

## IMMENSE INCREASE FOR SHIPPING BOARD

WASHINGTON, June 27.—In reporting the Sunday civil appropriation bill today, the senate appropriation committee increased the Shipping Board's shipbuilding programme from \$276,000,000 to \$491,000,000.

## AUTOIST NEARLY KILLS HERDER

### TRAVELING AT HIGH RATE OF SPEED ON THE SHIPPINGTON ROAD HE KNOCKS DOWN HORSE AND RIDER

There is an automobile driver in Klamath county who has reason to thank his maker that he is not in jail where he ought to be. Whoever he is the Herald hopes he will land there, for it might lead to some action looking to the enforcement of the law on speeders along the Shippington road. This particular individual was traveling at topmost speed when he hit a horse being ridden by a herder in the employ of F. C. DeChain of Shippington.

The horse was nearly killed, as was the man, who had his shoulder dislocated and his collarbone broken, besides other bruises and several cuts about the body and head. The driver of the machine brought it to a stop and came back and helped the man back on his horse, and then left without giving his name. He has since made no effort to find out how his victim is.

The horse was so badly crippled that he dropped to the ground and the man was forced to seek help from one of the neighboring houses. The police have a clew and are going to continue their investigation until they find the driver of that car, when he will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.

The gross violations of the speed ordinance that are constantly occurring on the Shippington road make it necessary for something to be done to stop them before someone is killed or maimed for life. If the speed ordinance is to be an ornament on the books of the city, then it should be repealed, but as long as it is one of the city's statutes it should be enforced.

### OFF FOR LONG VACATION.

Circuit Judge D. V. Kuykendall and family left this morning for an extended camping vacation at Crescent City, Calif., where they will join Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Ferguson, who are now touring in California. The Kuykendalls expect to be away at least until the first of August. It is expected that Judge L. Conn of Lakeview will hold Court here, during Judge Kuykendall's absence.

## UKRANIANS BREAK ARMISTICE WITH POLES

PARIS, June 27.—The Armistice, entered into several days ago between the Poles and Ukrainians, has been broken by the advance on the part of the Ukrainian forces, according to information received here today.

### DR. MITCHELL'S CONDITION.

Dr. Massey states that Dr. Mitchell is greatly improved though his condition is still dangerous and no definite statement as to what may be expected can yet be made.

## TWO MORS BOYS GET BACK FROM OVERSEAS

Joseph V. Hulse and Tom Skilas are the latest men to arrive in Klamath Falls from France. The two boys were overseas with the Thirty-Seventh aero squadron for twenty-one months and in that time they became so attached to France that America is lacking in charm for them. They served with the French army for three months before being attached to the second division marines, the first right wing of the second pursuit squadron.

As the thirty-seventh spent a great deal of time at the front Mr. Hulse and Mr. Skilas had many and varied experiences. They were in planes that fell three different times from 300 to 600 feet; Hulse escaped without any serious injury, but his friend was unfortunate in having his face badly caved in.

The two airmen were on the transport Baltic at the time she was shelled by a submarine and they had the distinction of seeing the first American destroyer sink the "sub" with the first depth-bomb used in the war.

Mr. Hulse is an old resident of Klamath County and attended grammar school here, while Mr. Skilas is a San Francisco boy. They both plan on working near Merrill during this summer.

### DECHAIN TO AUCTION OFF HIS DAIRY HERD.

F. C. DeChain has decided to dispose of his splendid dairy herd, and with that end in view will hold an auction at his place on the Shippington road tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. The decision of Mr. DeChain to dispose of this herd, which is one of the finest in this county, is due to the constantly increasing cost of feed and the difficulties met with in the matter of pasturage. This resulted in either operating his dairy at a loss or raising the price of milk, and instead of availing himself of either he decided to drop out of the business. Never in the history of the city has the milk situation been so serious and the future holds little chance for relief. There is sure to be a decided increase in the price of milk and cream before fall and most likely a still higher price charged next winter.

## CALIFORNIAN WINS METER FINAL FOR U. S.

PERSHING STADIUM, France, June 27.—C. W. Paddock, of Pasadena, California won the hundred meter final in the Allied games today.

## LAND BOUGHT FOR NEW TOWN

### FIRST STEP IS TAKEN LOOKING TOWARD THE ESTABLISHMENT OF ANOTHER TOWN IN THIS COUNTRY

Confidential information has come to the effect that the first step has been taken having for its purpose the founding of a new town in Klamath county. Sufficient land has been secured to meet the demands of three mills, furnish ample ground for homes and stores and take care of any reasonable future growth. Options have been taken on property adjoining and this may also be added to that just purchased, provided the three mills that are seeking locations decide they want to join their fortunes with those that will be located on the land just bought. If they conclude to go into the proposition, then there will be a town of considerable size. It is not to be a town promoting scheme, as the plans now laid out contemplate that everyone purchasing any of the sub-division will do so along the lines indicated in the Herald a couple of days ago. The site selected, it is stated, possesses every requisite for the location of mills and box factories and the inducements to be offered are sufficiently attractive to land any mill, seeking a location, in this territory.

## BURLESON PHONE RATES TO STAND

SALEM, June 27.—Telephone exchange rates, toll charges and installation fees now in effect will remain in force for a period of at least 90 days after the telephones are returned to private ownership, unless changed by the state regulatory bodies, according to the interpretation placed upon the bills pending in the house and Senate at Washington for the return of the wires by the state public service commission. The Senate bill provides for the return of the wires on the day it is signed by the president, with a continuance of existing rates for a period of 90 days thereafter. The house bill provides for the return of the wires six months from midnight of the last day of the month in which the bill is passed, with a continuance of existing charges for a period of six months. The provisions for a continuance of the wartime charges are made in order to give the telephone companies an opportunity to go before the state regulatory bodies in an effort to secure a confirmation in the Burleson rates.

Oregon will be but slightly affected by the measure, it was said by members of the Oregon commission here, inasmuch as the only Burleson-made rates in effect in this state are the installation rates and certain toll charges which the companies contend are lower than the pre-war rates. Unless formal action is taken to nullify these charges they would remain in effect until the end of the period specified in the bill as finally passed by congress, when the charges would revert to those in effect before June 6, when the wires were taken over by the government, unless in the meantime the telephone companies shall come before the public service commission and secure a confirmation of the Burleson-made rates.

### SISEMORE SAYS HIS LONG LEGS WERE SHAKY.

Lindsey Sisemore is about the happiest man in the state today, and all because his son, John E., who has been in France for the last 18 months is home once more. John went over with the Twentieth Engineers, and he says that with the exception of a race with submarines going over, and French girls after he landed in France, everything was quiet during those eighteen months. He never realized his legs were so long and shaky until the German subs started after the transport. Mr. Sisemore will return to Fort Klamath with his mother and father today.

## EXPECT TREATY TO BE SIGNED ON SATURDAY

### Plenipotentiaries Expected to Reach Paris Tonight

### CHAOS IS THREATENED

Spartans Believe the Hour of Their Triumph Has Arrived, and Disorders Indicate that Stormy Days Are Ahead for Germany—Delay in Ratifying Treaty Is Expected by Allies.

Dateless Dispatch by Associated Press.—Dr. Herrmann Mueller, German foreign minister and Dr. Johannes Bell, Colonial minister, are on their way from Berlin to Versailles to sign the peace treaty, having passed thru Cologne this morning. Arrangements are proceeding for the signing of the Treaty by 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon, notwithstanding the fact that the Treaty may not be signed tomorrow. Paris reports intimate that there is a feeling among the Allies and the Germans. A bad impression as to the stability of the present government of Germany has been created at Paris and vast delays are feared before the peace treaty is finally ratified by Germany. Dispatches report the German internal situation as becoming increasingly more serious.

PARIS, June 27.—It is announced semi-officially here today that the German plenipotentiaries would arrive in Paris tonight.

BERNE, June 27.—The General situation in Germany is becoming steadily more serious, according to latest dispatches. The railroad strike is about to extend throughout the country. The Spartans believe their power has come. Some reports state that a famine is imminent.

## STATE TEACHERS TO HOLD SESSION

EUGENE, Or., June 27.—The 11th annual state teachers' conference at the University of Oregon is now in session. Socialization of school, child hygiene, research tests and educational reconstruction are the main topics of the meetings which began last evening. J. W. Todd, superintendent of the Salem schools spoke on "County and City School Houses" at the first session. G. W. Ager, superintendent of Jackson county schools, and J. L. Weaver, of Marshfield will also be speakers.

Miss Millie R. Trumbull, child welfare expert, will discuss "The school and the Child." Other speakers for the sessions are: Mrs. Margaret Edmundson, Eugene; J. C. Almack, director of the extension division of the university; R. L. Kirk, superintendent of schools at The Dalles; R. H. Douglas, superintendent at Ontario, O. V. White, superintendent of the schools at Tillamook.

The closing night will be given over to socialization topics. Speakers will be Alexander Roberts, superintendent of schools at Everett, Wash.; Archibald Ferguson Reddie, head of the dramatics at the University; Professor Robert Prescott and Dean Walker, of the University; D. A. Grout, of Portland, and Robert Goets of North Bend.

The night note lecture will be given by Dr. J. Duncan Spaeth of Princeton, on "Experiments on Socialization in America."

## CORNISHES QUIT DAIRY BUSINESS

The Cornish Brothers, who have been operating the Altamont Dairy, have disposed of the business to Walter L. Perkins, who now operates the Klamath Falls dairy. This, with the withdrawal of DeChain of Shippington, reduces the number of dairies by two. The reason for the change is due to the high cost of operations, as in the case with Mr. DeChain, who is selling off his dairy stock at auction tomorrow.