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UNCLE JOHN MINTO PASSES AWAY AT ONE THIS AFTERNOON

Was One of Salem Oldest And Most Respected Citizens

WAS 92 YEARS OLD ON BIRTHDAY OCTOBER 10

Is Survived by Four Children, Three Sons and One Daughter

BIOGRAPHICAL BRIEF.

Born in England, October 10, 1822.

Came to America with parents in 1840.

Came to Oregon in October, 1844.

Married to Martha Ann Morrison, July 8, 1847.

Settled on Donation Land Claim near Salem in 1845.

Introduced pure blood Merino sheep into Willamette Valley in 1860.

Surveyed and established the "Minto Pass" through the Cascade mountains in 1873.

Served several terms in Oregon legislature, elected to lower house in 1862, 1868, 1880 and 1890.

Member state board of horticulture 1895 and served as secretary of board for three and one-half years.

Selected by Pioneer Association of Oregon to make presentation speech, February 5, 1889, of life-size oil painting of Dr. John McLaughlin, which now adorns senate chamber of state house.

John Minto, probably the most widely known of contempary pioneers, passed away at the home of his son Douglas C. Minto, 781 Saginaw street, this afternoon at one o'clock.

Although 92 years old on last October 10, he had been hale and hearty all his life, the end coming after about one week's illness, during which time he had been confined to his bed.

Eight children were born to Mr. and Mrs. Minto as follows: John Wilson Minto, Mary E. Minto Robert B. Minto, William Jasper Minto, Irwin Minto, Douglas C. Minto, Harry P. Minto, and May Minto. The last named died in infancy, and Irwin and Robert B. died of typhoid when 18 years of age. Mary E. became the wife of Robert C. Halley and they own part of Mr. Minto's donation claim four miles south of Salem. Harry Minto served two terms as sheriff of Marion county and is now prominently mentioned as the probable appointee to the office of warden of the state penitentiary.

He leaves beside his children two sisters Mrs. Belle Waln, of West Union, Iowa, who is visiting in Salem, and Mrs. Anna Arnett of Anthony, Kansas, beside eight grand children John, Douglas Minto, of Salem; Mrs. Laura Irwin, Mrs. Edith Southwick, and Mrs. Ernestine McNerney, all of Portland; Mrs. Floy Beemish, of Washington; Frank Minto, of Dayton, Oregon; Mrs. Beura Waltherheer, of Southern Oregon, and Eugene Halley and seven great grand children.

The funeral services will be held from the Odd Fellows hall, Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock, interment to be in the I. O. O. F. cemetery. All the relatives and a large number of out-of-town, and life long friends have been notified and it is expected that most of these will be at the funeral.

Mr. Minto probably knew more about Oregon, its development and early history than any other present resident, and much of this information had been published, an article of this nature by him for the Ladd & Bush quarterly being left partially finished at his death.

Mr. Minto was a familiar figure at the recent session of the legislature, and was furnishing Senator J. K. Gill with matrial for his History of Oregon.

"Uncle" John Minto, as he was familiarly known among his numerous friends in this city, was born in England, October 10, 1822 and accompanied his family to America in his early boyhood and from his eighth to his eighteenth year was employed in the coal mines at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. He left Pittsburg in his eighteenth year intending to go to Iowa but conceived the idea of coming to Oregon. At St. Louis, Missouri, he bought an outfit and proceeded to St. Joseph where he fell in with the Gilliam company. He drove the leading teams of this company across the plains and reached Oregon City October 18, 1844.

Mr. Minto was married to Martha Ann Morrison July 1, 1847. Mrs. Minto was the daughter of Captain R. W. and Nancy Morrison of an old pioneer family of this state. During the year 1845 Mr. Minto purchased the original Methodist Mission claim and turned his attention to farming. Later he took up a donation claim four miles south of Salem and immediately became one of the leading pioneer farmers of the valley.

During his life in Oregon Mr. Minto has been honored by many positions of trust by his fellow men and his reliability and hardyhood caused him to be selected on many dangerous missions which were always fulfilled to his credit. He was selected to go through the Cascade mountains in 1873 to see if there was a natural pass to Eastern Oregon. He found the passage which became known as Minto's pass in his honor. He was elected to the first state legislature ever held in Oregon and was an interested spectator at the last which just adjourned.

In politics Mr. Minto was a Republican, though originally a Douglas democrat. He served four terms in the state legislature being elected in 1862, 1868, 1880 and 1890. He served on the state horticultural board for a number of years, and had always been actively identified with the pioneer associations of the state.

ELEVEN STEAMERS HAVE BEEN SUNK BY SUBMARINES SO FAR

British Steamer Deptford Is Sunk Today Off Scarborough

THREE VESSELS ARE MISSING SAYS ENGLAND

The British Steamer Western Coast Went Down Yesterday—Cause Unknown

By Ed L. Keen.

London, Feb. 25.— Eleven steamers are known to have met disaster in British waters since the German "war zone" decree, inaugurating a submarine campaign, went into effect one week ago. All were either torpedoed or struck floating mines.

At least three vessels are missing and the German government officially declares one British transport has been sunk.

The activities of the German submarines have not been confined to any single locality, having been noted in the Irish sea and the North sea as well as in the English channel.

Steamer Deptford Is Torpedoed.

London, Feb. 25.—The British steamer Deptford was sunk today off Scarborough. Whether she struck a mine or was torpedoed by a German submarine is not known. One member of the crew was drowned and the others landed in safety.

Western Coast Sunk Yesterday.

London, Feb. 25.—The British steamer Western Coast was sunk by a German mine or torpedo off Beachy Head yesterday, it was learned today. The crew and passengers are reported to have landed at Portsmouth.

Big Battle On In Carpathians.

Petrograd, Feb. 25.—A great battle was raging east and south of Stanislau and in the eastern Carpathians today. Meager dispatches received here say it overshadows even the developments in Poland.

Austria, according to the dispatches, has massed a great army and it will attempt to cross the Dneister at Halitz in an effort to reach Lemberg. The advices also indicated that the Russians are retreating, in the face of superior numbers, upon Halitz for strategic reasons.

Elsewhere in Poland and in the Carpathians, the war office claims, Russian offensives have been successful.

Report Partially Confirmed

Amsterdam, Feb. 25.— Partial confirmation of the sinking by a German submarine of a British troop ship in the English channel was claimed in dispatches received here today from Berlin. The crew of a Norwegian steamer, it was declared, reported seeing what appeared to be British uniforms floating in the English channel and it was supposed they were from the transport the Germans claim to have sent to the bottom of the channel recently.

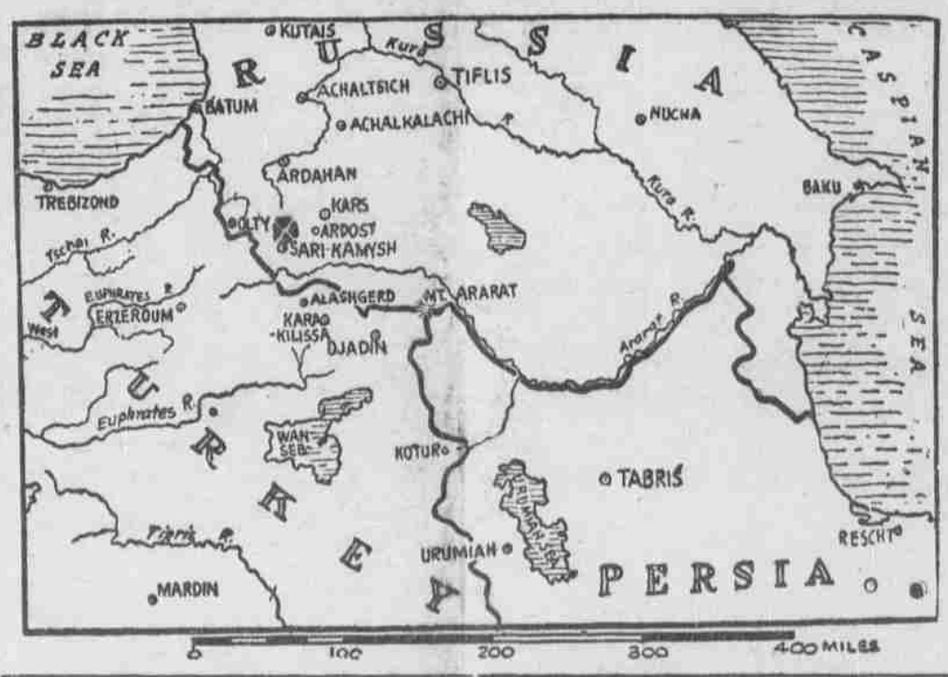
MARCUS TALBOT DEAD.

Portland, Or., Feb. 25.—Marcus Talbot, general manager of the Port of Portland Commission, died here today. He had been ill for six weeks with a tumor on an artery in his throat.

He was well known in shipping circles of the Northwest. From 1890 to 1910 he was manager of the Alaska-Pacific Steamship Company, with offices in Seattle. He had been with the Port of Portland Commission as general manager since 1911.

Talbot was about 55 years old.

Map Showing Points Mentioned in Connection With Conflict in Southwestern Part of War Zone



MAN WITH BLANK MIND IS EMBLEZZLER FROM ST. JOSEPH MISSOURI

Information Is Received by Sheriff Esch Saying O. J. Rose Is Wanted for Default

Facts unearthed through the investigations of Sheriff William Esch relative to the identity of O. J. Rose, the man who lost his memory in this city Monday night, indicate that the man is wanted in St. Joseph, Missouri, on a charge of defaulting with $3,000. According to information which reached the office of Sheriff Esch a man by the name of O. J. Rose is wanted there on that charge but no description of the man has yet reached the officer here. It appears from the meger information received that a wholesale grocery house in St. Joseph had been accustomed to sending out with its buyers signed checks leaving the amount to be filled in when the checks were given for a purchase. A potato buyer lost one of these checks and it was found by someone and filled out for $3,000 and was readily cashed at a bank.

O. J. Rose is the name of the man wanted for this crime and the local officers believe this is the man wanted. The man told Dr. R. E. L. Steiner that he had been a resident of St. Joseph and that his wife and child were there now. The man has recovered sufficiently in the receiving ward of the asylum to talk intelligently with the doctors but is being held there pending the investigation of the charges.

COMMITTEE OF 100 PREPARING PLANS

Will Launch Movement to Build Up Sunday Schools and Mid Week Services at Special Meeting Monday.

As a result of the Ostrom revival a united effort will be made by the churches of the city to build up the various Sunday schools, mid-week services and evening services of the churches. A committee consisting of 100 of the leading members of the churches of the city will meet at the Leonard hotel Monday evening at 6:15 to organize and to launch the movement.

A supper has been provided for the members of the committee and a program of speeches is now being prepared. Dr. E. F. Reamer will preside as toastmaster. Rev. Carl Elliott, of the First Presbyterian church, will speak on "The Relation of Pastor and Layman in Church Work." Prof. A. L. Schmalle, of the Salem high school, will speak on the same subject from the point of view of the layman.

Rev. James Elvin, of the First Congregational church will talk on "What Such a Campaign Accomplishes."

An executive committee consisting of one representative from each church will be selected and the officers of the committee will be chosen at this meeting.

The Weather

Oregon: Tonight and Friday occasional rain west, probably fair east portion; southerly winds.

FRANK CASE UP BEFORE SUPREME COURT TODAY

Final Fight For Life Began Before Highest Tribunal of Nation

Washington, Feb. 25.—Arguments in Leo Frank's fight to escape the gallows to which he has been sentenced following conviction on a charge of murdering Mary Phagan, began in the supreme court of the United States this afternoon. Attorney Louis Marshall, representing the condemned man, at 3:15 began his appeal in Frank's behalf. Chief Justice White granted him extra time for the presentation of his arguments.

It is expected that arguments in the case will not end until Friday.

These were the two principal, unique legal questions presented in the arguments today.

Frank's attorneys contend that Frank personally or by counsel, could not waive his constitutional right to be

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MAN UNDER ARREST FOR PASSPORT FRAUD MAKES CONFESSION TO AGENTS

Was To Go To England and Locate British Warships Supposedly In Channel

New York, Feb. 25.—Local federal officials who are investigating the passport frauds which have resulted in the arrest of Richard Stegler and Gustav Cook and the charge that Germans have conspired to obtain false passports for use by spies, today let it be known that they will ask the officials at Washington to investigate the alleged connection of Captain R. Boyed with the case.

Captain Boyed, German naval attache, was charged by Stegler with having arranged for the fraudulent passports with which Stegler was furnished for a trip to England. The New York officers are unable to investigate his case properly because of his official connection with the German embassy. They believe, however, that Secretary of State Bryan, if he finds basis for the charges, should demand the attaches recall.

A third arrest in connection with the frauds was made today when Richard Madden, employe of a dance hall, was taken into custody.

Stegler, when pressed by officials of the department of justice made a sensational statement. He declared that Captain R. Boyed, naval attache at the German embassy in Washington had asked him to go to England and masquerade as an American traveling on business but really to spy out a number of British dreadnaughts which were believed to be concealed in St. George's channel. He was to cable to Boyed, he said, the location of these vessels so that the German admiralty might be notified and send a flotilla of submarines to destroy the British ships.

Stegler, who had taken out his first papers as an American citizen, told the authorities that he had decided to abandon the project and to notify the federal officials when his bride of three months, an American girl begged him to do so.

According to the authorities Cooks part in the alleged plot was inducing an employe of a Hoboken dance hall to permit Stegler to use his birth certificate in getting a passport.

Captain Boyed denies Stegler's charges.

Unrest in Germany Over Situation in Italy Continues to Spread

By J. W. T. Mason.

New York, Feb. 25.—For a week there has been a growing feeling of uneasiness in Germany over Italy's unequivocal attitude toward the Teutonic-Turkish allies.

Italy, apparently, is making known that her future attitude toward the belligerents is a matter that is open to purchase. The Italians presumably intend to exact tribute for the enormous military expenses to which they have been put. It is estimated that defensive measures since last summer have cost Italy $400,000,000. Although the increased trade that has fallen to Italy's lot because of the war has been considerable, it probably has not equalized the cost of preserving armed neutrality. Even if it were otherwise, all that has been spent thus far, as well as subsequent expenditures, will be lost unless Italy exacts indemnities from the belligerents, or by a colonial war. If it does not get value for its present mobilization expenses, it will be financially handicapped for years.

The Italians, realizing this, are growing restless. It is obvious that Prince Von Buelow, German ambassador at Rome, regards the situation as hopeless unless Italy's future neutrality can be bought and paid for. There is no doubt that Berlin is reassuring him that Vienna will restore to Italy, in part at least, the Italian districts in Austria.

The fact that the Berlin censor permits Berlin dispatches to reach the outside world showing uneasiness over the Italian situation is a move to frighten Austria. The kaiser's approaching visit to the Austrian ruler is undoubtedly another move in the game.

Not entrance into the war on Germany's side, but only a guarantee of neutrality, is requested in exchange for territorial concessions. This means that Von Buelow has information that under no circumstances will Italy take up arms against the allies.

UNITED STATES MAY SUMMON HUNGER TO FORCE HER DEMANDS

Will Bring Both England and Germany to Their Knees By Embargo

WILL GIVE RELIEF WHEN COMMERCE IS PROTECTED

Mayor Mitchell of New York and Others Urge Wilson To Use This Weapon

Washington, Feb. 25.—The United States government may summon hunger as her ally to bring England and Germany to their knees in the situation which has caused German submarine warfare on merchantmen and has threatened American commerce.

This was the unconfirmed hint heard today in official circles.

Those standing sponsors for the suggestion declare President Wilson may establish "an airtight" embargo on the exportation from the United States of any foodstuffs either to Germany or her allied enemies unless all involved in the dispute over the right to receive foodstuffs for civilians agree to demands that have been made by this government.

The president has been strongly urged by Mayor Mitchel of New York and other prominent men to take such action in order to prevent drawing the United States into the European conflict in any way.

Some officials here believed that an embargo on food exports by the United States government will not be necessary. They see hope of a clearing of the situation in the presentation to her allies by England of America's latest proposition and Germany's reported willingness to relax her submarine warfare on merchantmen under the terms of that proposal.

Unanimous consent of the allies to the proposal is necessary but many officials express confidence that this ultimately will be given.

Administration officials are silent regarding the contents of the proposal, which is described as "a confidential memorandum". While it is known to suggest the elimination of the extension of the German war zone the British and French waters, the removal of these mine fields and the adoption of some definite policy regarding the shipping of food to civilians of belligerent countries, no details of how it is proposed to accomplish this are known.

By some it is believed that the hint that an "airtight" food embargo may be established if the American proposal is rejected, was "inspired." Whether this is true is not known.

TWO PORTLAND WOMEN ARE KILLED IN HAWAII

Death Occurred When Sight Seeing Auto Skids Over Bluff

Portland, Or., Feb. 25.—An automobile carrying passengers of the steamer Great Northern from Hilo, Hawaii, to the Kilauea volcano, skidded off a grade yesterday instantly killing Mrs. M. F. Rule and Mrs. Miles Bell, of Portland, and the native driver, according to a wireless received by the Oregon Journal today.

The bodies are on board the Great Northern which left for San Francisco last night.

Miss Mary E. Bell, stenographer in United States Judge Bean's office, is a daughter. A brother, John Jefferson, resides in Salem. Another brother, William Jefferson, lives on a farm near Salem.

Mrs. Rule, a widow, was fifty years old. She was secretary to Albert H. Cousins, district fiscal agent of the Forest service in which she has served in Washington, D. C. for many years.

Mrs. Rule had no relatives in Portland. She came here in 1908.

SHIP'S OFFICER IS SUICIDE.

San Francisco, Feb. 25.—Third Officer Edward C. Caplan of the Pacific Mail liner Manchuria committed suicide here today by shooting himself in the right temple. Friends were unable to assign any motive for his act.

Sometimes it happens that a girl who is the apple of a man's eye is really a peach.

PRUSSIANS CAPTURE FORTRESS AND OVER 10,000 PRISONERS

French Aviators Rains Bombs On Railway Station Where Germans Gather

CONSTANTINOPLE IS PREPARING FOR SEIGE

Great Battle Is Raging In Eastern Carpathians Near Stanislau

THE WAR LINEUP.

North Sea and English Channel—Two more British steamers sunk today by mines or torpedoes, making 11 vessels meeting disaster since German war zone decree took effect. All members of both crews, except one man, saved. British newspapers demand immediate declaration of blockade against Germany.

Russia and Poland—Berlin announces Prussian reserves stormed Przasnyss fortress, capturing over 10,000 Russians. Declares five thousand Slavs captured near Novo Georgiesck.

Austria-Hungary— Petrograd declares great battle raging near Stanislau, Galicia, and in eastern Carpathians. Austria concentrating huge army preparing cross Dneister at Halitz in effort recapture Lemberg.

Turkey— Constantinople excited over prospect of Russian attack. Government records and crown jewels sent into interior, inhabitants arranging to flee.

United States—Hinted government planning to impose embargo forbidding exportation of any foodstuffs to belligerents, unless allies and Germany accept latest American proposal seeking solution of food controversy. Believed if such action taken, belligerents would quickly grant demands.

Berlin via Sayville, L. I., Feb. 25. — Prussian reserves stormed the fortress of Przasnysz yesterday and took more than 10,000 prisoners, according to an official statement here today.

"The fortress at Przasnysz," the statement continued, "was strongly fortified, and was screened, too, by infantry. The Germans, however, hurled themselves against its defenses, carrying the fortress and capturing a number of machine guns.

"The Germans have also captured 5,000 Russians in the vicinity of Novo Georgiewsk."

The statement admitted, however, that the Russians occupied Nogily, southeast of Bolymow.

FRENCH AVIATORS DROP BOMBS.

By Henry Wood.

Paris, Feb. 25.—French aviators yesterday rained sixty bombs on a railway station in the Champagne region, where German troops were concentrating, according to an official statement issued by the war office here today. Trains loaded with German troops were shelled, and in the confusion which resulted, the dispatch said, the Germans failed in an attempt to recover lost ground.

"Artillery duels," the statement continued, "are in progress at Lombaertzyde.

"German attacks on Maria Theresa and in the Argonnes district have been checked.

"German attacks in the region between the Meuse river and the Argonne district also were repulsed, the French gaining slightly in counter attacks."

Constantinople Expects Attack.

Athens, Feb. 25.—Constantinople expects an attack by the allies and is preparing to meet it, according to dispatches from the Turkish capital today.

All records of the government and all the crown jewels have been removed to the interior of Turkey and all the leading families of the capital have arranged to flee at the first sign of danger.

Great alarm has been caused in Constantinople by a report that Russian transports are about to cross the Black sea with troops for an invasion of the sultan's territorty with the object of delivering a crushing attack against Constantinople itself.

Minnesota Adopts Local Option.

St. Paul, Feb. 25.—The state senate passed the county local option bill today for a second time. It has already passed the house and now goes to the governor for his signature.