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164,800 DEATHS IN LATE 'QUAKE

GOVERNMENT EXECUTING ALL CAPTURED LOOTERS.

Government Has Compiled Figures on Number of Deaths in Recent 'Quake and Tidal Wave—Death List in One City Alone is Appalling—Half Dozen Cities Robbed of Entire Population—Distribution of Supplies Goes on Today.

Naples, Jan. 7.—The latest estimates of the number of deaths in the earthquake is given in a list announced today, and shows a total of 164,850. The greatest number in any one city was in Messina, where 108,000 perished. Thirty-one thousand died at Reggio and 4500 at Palmi. The list contains over half a hundred cities, but did not include the names of those who it is known will die in the hospitals.

The government issued a statement placing the number of deaths at 152,000.

Executing Looters.

The execution of looters began today. In order to checkmate land owners, who are claiming more property than they rightfully own, by taking advantage of the destruction of records, it was announced that the government will appoint a commission to restore property lines. It will be a huge task.

Pope Entrusts American.

Rome, Jan. 7.—Ambassador Griscom has started for Messina today with \$50,000 American funds turned over to him by the pope. Arrangements are completed for field hospitals and the distribution of supplies through American agencies to the sufferers. It is expected the work will be fairly organized when the four American battleships arrive from Suez Saturday.

LEWIS RE-ELECTED

WILL HEAD MINERWORKERS IN PREFERENCE TO WALKER.

Tellers in National Vote Announce That Indications Point to Lewis' Re-election as President.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 7.—President Lewis will be re-elected head of the United Mineworkers of America, according to announcement from the tellers who say the count indicates his victory. He defeated John H. Walker of Illinois.

George Stoddard is home from Baker City.

O. A. C. IN NEED OF MORE FUNDS

PRESENT FACILITIES OUTGROWN COMPLETELY SAYS REGENTS

Portland, Jan. 7.—The board of regents of the Oregon Agricultural college at Corvallis, last night at a meeting, asked for \$170,000 with which to erect new buildings, and add new equipment. The college is growing so fast that the present buildings are inadequate.

In addition to this appropriation, more than the customary maintenance money will have to be appropriated by the coming legislature.

Acquitted of Murder.

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Florence J. Erb and sister, Mrs. Katherine Beisel, were acquitted of the murder of Captain J. Clayton Erb, the Philadelphia politician, and husband of Mrs. Erb. The prosecution tried to show that Mrs. Erb shot her husband in cold blood. She testified that her husband beat her.

GRAVE DANGERS FACE THE DRAGON

PU YI-PRINCE CHING FEUD OF OLD STANDING.

San Francisco Paper Predicts Bitter Feud That Will Tear China Asunder—The Dismissal of Shi Kai Was a Victory for Reigning Regent—Made Assault on Ching Before Death of Empress Dowager—Chinese Paper Has Pessimistic Story.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—That China will be torn by the bitter feud between Prince Shun, regent for the baby emperor, Pu Yi, and Prince Ching, head of the army at the time of the late emperor's death, is the prediction today of Sai Gai Yat Bo, the local Chinese daily, in a sensational story, hitherto unpublished, describing the armed assault made on Ching by Chun in the presence of the late dowager empress.

Feud of Long Standing.

"A bitter feud existed between the present regent and Prince Ching for many years," says the story. "It will undoubtedly culminate in the defeat of one or the other and the dismissal of Yuan Shi Kai as great chancellor, and commander of the army, was a victory for the regent, as Yuan was a close friend of Ching's."

Cold in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Jan. 7.—Messages today from Havre, Glasgow and the extreme northern part of the state, report temperatures from 36 to 40 below zero, with the blizzard showing no sign of abatement.

Willis Britt Managing Ketchel.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 7.—Willis Britt, a brother of Jimmy, today began his duties as manager of F. Stanley Ketchel. Britt will try to arrange a fight between Ketchel and Jack Johnson.

DEED MAKES A BIG PACKAGE

DEED AND LONG ABSTRACT FOR BERRY PROPERTY DONE.

After Working for Days Local Abstracters Finish Voluminous Document and Send it to Washington by Express—Too Big for Mails—Original Owner is Still in La Grande—Either Original Deeds and Certified Copies Appended.

So voluminous is the deed and necessary certified copies in connection with the abstract of the J. M. Berry property which is being sold to the government for a federal building site, that the papers could not be sent to Washington by mail, but had to go by the express route. Great stacks of legal papers comprise the document. For days the La Grande Investment company, abstracters, worked on the abstract itself, which is a long drawn out affair, and in addition, county officers have been drafted into service in preparing the abstract. The government does nothing haphazardly hence the "red tape" in this connection is startling. Every deed relating to the ground from the time that Joseph Palmer of this city acquired title by right of homestead from the government, until Mr. Berry eventually held the ownership from the O. R. & N., was either appended to the abstract originally or by certified copy. In this way the county clerk had to furnish bulky copies that helped to swell the size of the entire document. When finished the local attorneys handling the matter for Mr. Berry, found that the weight of the package was too great for shipment through the mails.

Considerable real estate history was unearthed or revived by the work of the abstract. The remarkable feature of the entire transaction is that the original owner, was the government and that the first individual to gain possession—through homestead rights—was Joseph Palmer, who is still a resident of the city.

As soon as the deed is approved by government officials, a fact that is not doubted in the least here, the purchase price will be forwarded to Mr. Berry. Government records in the federal court at Portland will have to be transcribed, however, before final approval can be made.

Democratic Governor.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 7.—For the first time in a score of years Nebraska has a democratic governor. Ashton C. Shallenberger was today inaugurated as chief executive and the event was made the occasion of a widespread jubilation on the part of the democrats of Bryan's state.

The legislature which convened this week is also democratic in complexion for the first time in many years. Many radical measures will be taken up, among them a law to guarantee bank deposits, such as was advocated in the national platform of the party. The bill will be similar to that which is now in successful operation in Oklahoma.

Another important plank in the democratic platform is the pledge to enact a law providing for the physical valuation of public service corporations. This pledge will have considerable opposition.

County option was an issue in many of the counties at the election and it is claimed that the legislature is opposed to any change in the present liquor laws, although the county option advocates will make a fight just the same. They claim to have a petition asking for the enactment of a county option law or the submission of a prohibition amendment, signed by more than 150,000 persons. This petition will be presented to the legislature.

Hon Jerry Rusk left this morning for Union and after spending the day with his constituents will leave on the evening train for Portland and from there to Salem during the legislature.

A NARROW ESCAPE

CALIFORNIA GIRL HANGS ON NARROW ROCK LEDGE.

Rescue Comes to Her Aid as She Was About to Fall Into Falls From Exhaustion—Ill Today.

San Bernardino, Cal., Jan. 7.—After remaining for seven hours on a narrow ledge above Bonita Falls, Miss Gladys Boneacre was rescued as she was about to fall from exhaustion. She is in a serious condition today. Her plight was discovered by Douglas Champion. He was lowered by a rope which was fastened around her waist and both were pulled up.

HOQUIAM BOYS DECLARED LOST

NO TRACE OF THREE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS WHO WENT HUNTING

Hoquiam, Wash., Jan. 7.—All hope of finding alive James Burrows, Harry Sanborn and Loren Cogdill, high school boys who went hunting in a canoe Tuesday, were abandoned today. A posse is now seeking their bodies in the mud flat in the vicinity of the Oyehut. There is considerable mystery about the deaths. The tent was all pitched and a blanket belonging to Sanborn was found on the bank of Kurtz slough. It is certain the boys were camped there before going on the hunting trip, which unquestionably resulted in their departure.

"Fighting Bob" to Talk.

New York, Jan. 7.—A reception such as has seldom been tendered to a naval hero will greet Admiral "Fighting Bob" Evans when he appears upon the stage of Carnegie hall tomorrow evening to deliver his first lecture before an audience that has already bought out the house. Admiral Evans' first attempt as an orator will be under the auspices of the Navy League of the United States.

Reception for Diplomats.

Washington, Jan. 7.—President and Mrs. Roosevelt will entertain the diplomatic corps at a reception to be given at the White House this evening. This will be the first formal reception of the season, aside from the public affair on New Year's day.

FOUL CRIME IN MICHIGAN CHURCH

METHODIST MINISTER LIT- ERALLY HACKED TO BITS.

Posse, Deputy Sheriffs and Citizens Scouring County in Search of Suspected Sailor—A Carpenter Accused—Blood Spurred From Dying Man to Pews in the Church—Terrific Struggle is Said to Have Taken Place Before Death.

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 7.—Posse composed of deputy sheriffs and citizens are scouring the country about Pine river for the mysterious sailor who is suspected of murdering Rev. John Carmichael, a Methodist minister. The dismembered body was found in a stove in the church near Columbus. It is believed he was stabbed to death after a terrible struggle and the body was chopped to pieces with a hatchet. Blood had spurled all over the pews. The motive of the crime is unknown.

A sailor was seen near the church before the deed was committed.

Sheriff Wagenseil announced today he has evidence against Gibson Browning, a carpenter, who is being sought in connection with the Carmichael murder. The sheriff says the church looks like a slaughter house.

ASSURED GOOD BALL.

New Classification of Coast League Means Far Better Players.

San Francisco, Jan. 7.—The new classification of the Pacific Coast league, with the added powers conferred upon the organization by the national commission, will permit the league to have six clubs during the coming season. The classification will permit clubs of the Pacific Coast league to draft from organizations beneath them.

Being permitted to draft all the good players available will enable them to make a six or eight-club organization.

Articles of Incorporation.

Butte, Jan. 7.—Articles of incorporation were filed today for the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railway, which is to be the holding company for the different companies incorporated by the St. Paul road, on account of the coast extension.

JANUARY SALE

With us means

A Saving Sale

Furthermore it Means

All Mdse. Reduced

It means your opportunity to buy winter goods

The Fair
DEPARTMENT STORE

LA GRANDE, OREGON

THE YEAR OLD AND THE YEAR NEW

We think it well to begin the new year by expressing our appreciation of the good will and patronage extended to us during the year that is past.

Our relations with our customers have never been so satisfactory as during the past twelve months.

We have tried as never before to promote the interests of those who trade with us and we have substantial evidence that our efforts have not been in vain.

In the coming year we shall maintain the highest standards of pharmacy, the highest quality of goods, the finest possible service and, as in the past, place the interests of our customers above our own, believing that in the long run we thus promote our own interests best.

Thanking all our friends and customer for favors shown, we extend to each our kindest regards and our best wishes for a healthy, happy and prosperous NEW YEAR.

Newlin Drug Co.
La Grande, Ore.