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MUNDSON ADMITS SCOTT BEAT IN DASH TO POLE

London, March 7.—Special cables from Wellington, N. Z., to the London press today quote Raold Amundsen, Norwegian explorer, as saying Scott, an Englishman, had planted the Union Jack on the south pole. The apparent confirmation of Scott's success, rumored yesterday, caused the wildest excitement there. The message said: "Amundsen says Scott reached the pole." No details are given. Thousands cheered the bulletin.

The editor of the Express who received the cable said that his correspondent was most reliable. All night

long excited crowds hung around the newspaper's bulletin boards. When the apparent confirmation came people by the thousands danced on the street.

Society Is Mystified.

The Royal Geographical society which is seeking a verification of the report is at a loss to understand why Amundsen should cable Scott's success and make no mention of what his own expedition accomplished. It is believed that Scott is busy making observations and that it will be some time before he is heard from direct. Scott's and Amundsen's expeditions met and started a race at McMurdo Sound.

Delivering Bread on Skis In St. Moritz, Switzerland



Photo by American Press Association.

ST. MORITZ is the most famous of all resorts for the devotees of winter sports, such as coasting, tobogganing, curling and skiing. The last named is not merely a sport, but a means of locomotion in the village streets with their frequent steep pitches, so that the baker's boy makes his rounds with the unguilty strips of seasoned ash strapped to his feet without attracting more attention than a messenger boy on a bicycle would here. In spite of its huge hotels St. Moritz still retains many of the characteristics of a Swiss village, and of a Sunday afternoon baker's boy and "duke's son, son of a belted earl," not to mention a few royal princes, may be seen skiing or tobogganing on the same slope. These are sports that level all ranks in more senses of the word than one.

DEATH COMES TO CULL SMITH

WELL KNOWN CITIZEN PASSES AWAY TODAY.

After Lingering Illness Due to Tuberculosis, Death Comes.

J. C. (Cull) Smith, manager and proprietor of the Foley bar, and for several weeks suffering with tuberculosis, died at an early hour this morning. During the past few weeks he has been confined to his home on First and Washington—recently renovated and made up to date with the intention that he and Mrs. Smith were to occupy it permanently. About a week ago he ventured out on pleasant days but his decline was rapid.

Mr. Smith, formerly owned and operated a saloon at the corner of Depot and Jefferson and then moved to Wallowa county, returning again two home once more.

The funeral will be held tomorrow at 2 o'clock at the Elks' hall. The body will lie in state at the home until 1:30.

Defense for Packers Argue.

Chicago, March 7.—Declaring the government's conspiracy charges are not proved, the packers' attorneys today continued arguments on the motion to have an instructed verdict of acquittal. It may last several days.

MINORS OBTAIN TOBACCO, SAID

W. N. MONROE FOUND GUILTY OF CHARGE.

Greek Also Under Charge, to Be Tried Later on Today.

W. N. Monroe, proprietor of the Old Town tore and ex-councilman, was tried and found guilty this afternoon in Justice A. C. Williams' court on a charge of selling tobacco to a minor. The court imposed a fine which with costs, amounted to \$20.00.

George Tsouras, a Greek, was also brought to trial late this afternoon on the same charge.

The charges of selling tobacco to minors were brought by J. G. Kilpack of the Portland Boys' and Girls' society.

SUFFRAGETTES UNDAUNTED

Will Continue Window Smashing Campaign Regardless of Imprisonment

London, March 7.—Believing the end justified the means, suffragettes are undaunted by the promise of seven years imprisonment and today renewed the window smashing campaign, raiding shops near the Buckingham palace. A score were arrested. Eleanor, wife of W. W. Jacobs, was sentenced today to a month's imprisonment at hard labor.

INVASION MAY COME SHORTLY

PRESENT WEEK TO DETERMINE COURSE TAKEN.

EUROPEAN COUNTRIES ARE URGING IMMEDIATE ACTION.

Situation in Mexico Such as Demand Immediate Attention From Foreign Powers—France Taft Inclusive and U.S. Sanction Is at the Step.

Washington, March 7.—Whether the United States will intervene in Mexico will probably be determined before the end of the week. Preparations for an invasion are complete.

All that is necessary to send 30,000 troops over the border is congress' authority. President Taft and Secretary of War Stimson conferred today regarding the Mexican situation. It is understood that England, Germany and France are insisting on immediate action.

The determination of foreign powers to act independently, it is said, has caused President Taft to believe the time for action is here.

The action of France in sending the cruiser Des Cartes from Rio Janeiro to Vera Cruz on a movement that threatens the violation of the Monroe doctrine, has greatly alarmed Taft and his cabinet. The situation is further complicated by the absence from Washington of Secretary of State Knox. Washington officials refuse to discuss the intervention report. "We have completed arrangements for any possible use of troops," said General Leonard Wood.

PRAYERS ACCOMPANY STRIKE

Matter of Settling Coal Strike in London Progresses Slowly.

London, March 7.—A settlement of the great coal miners' strike was blocked today by the South Wales operators who refused to grant a minimum wage scale. They declared such a scale would ruin them. The miners though denying that the operators will be ruined if the wage scale is granted, declared they are willing to compromise if they can do so honorably.

Special prayers are being offered in England and Wales churches for a settlement of the strike.

EASTERN STAR INVITED.

Baker Worth Matron Extends Warm Welcome to La Grande Club.

Esther Chapter No. 11 O. E. S., of Baker, b Mrs. Clara Langrell, has issued an urgent invitation to the La Grande O. E. S. membership to be present next Monday night when a banquet will be held and the grand officers will be present.

Mrs. F. M. Jackson, worth matron of the Hope chapter, urges and asks that all members who can attend and accept the invitation should notify her not later than Saturday so that provisions for the journey may be made.

Water Notices Out.

State Water Superintendent G. T. Cochran today sent out 304 water right certificates to the claimants of water from the streams of water district No. 2, whose claims have been adjudicated. The certificates represent the claims of between 500 and 600 people. The streams whose waters have been so far apportioned are in Crook, Gilliam, Morrow, Grant and Umatilla counties.

Contractors and Dealers.

Sacramento, Cal., March 7.—The Organized Contractors and Dealers' association of California began its annual convention here today with an attendance representing many of the leading cities of the state. The proceedings will continue over tomorrow and Saturday.

MILL OWNERS OFFER INCREASE

OFFER MADE FROM ONE OF BIGGEST MILLS

HEARING BEFORE COMMITTEE IS CONTINUED TODAY

Reasons Why Children Were Not Allowed to Leave Lawrence Is Told by Officials Who Affirm Strikers Used Intrigue in the Matter—Workers to Study Offers.

Lawrence, March 7.—Further concessions to the strikers were offered by the Arlington mills, one of the largest in the world, today. The notice was posted to the employees in the combining departments offering an increase of 11 per cent.

More than 1,000 are employed in this department. The strikers will probably hold a meeting this afternoon to decide what to do.

Washington, March 7.—Congressman Stanley as a member of the house committee took an active part in the committee's investigation into the Lawrence strike, and the brutalities connected with it today. City Solicitor Murphy of Lawrence, was on the stand and got badly muddled before Stanley got through with the cross examination. Murphy, who prosecuted the jailed strikers said the police were empowered to arrest children under the neglect of children law. He said the children were not allowed to leave because it was feared they would fall under evil influences. Then Stanley made him tell what he considered the truth of the matter.

Reverend Carter, who admitted that most of his salary as superintendent of the Lawrence Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children was received from the mill owners, testified that the strikers regarded the plan of sending the children away as a vacation for them, and that the children in many instances deliberately tore their clothing to give a poverty stricken appearance so they would be selected for the trip. He said he had received complaints that some children were treated badly after the first batch was sent away. He stoutly defended the police action of preventing others leaving.

Forty-two children were sent to Philadelphia today to be cared for until the strike ends. The police didn't bother the children or the crowds.

Nineteen men and women were arrested today when the police clashed with several thousand pickets. Two policemen were slashed.

New Mexico G. O. P. Convention. Santa Fe, N. M., March 7.—Republican delegates are gathering here for the first state convention in this state.

COTTERILL IN LEAD BY 1000

FINAL VOTE WILL INCREASE HIS MAJORITY.

Terminal Facilities Bond Passes by a Good Vote, Too.

Seattle, March 7.—The official count of the election is incomplete but it has progressed far enough to show that Cotterill's lead for mayor over Gill will be close to 1,000. Cotterill has about 31,000 and Gill a little over 30,000.

The proposition to vote \$5,000,000 bonds to create docks and other terminal facilities, to be leased to corporations, was adopted.

Councilman Erickson, father of the defeated single tax, said today that the measure was defeated because the campaign of education was too short and other more spectacular issues absorbed the attention of the voters.

FIFTY THOUSAND PAID FOR RANCH

KENNON PLACE ON COVE ROAD IS SOLD.

Umatilla County Man Buys Big Tract Near Irrigation Project.

Nine hundred and sixty acres of farm land, located about midway between Cove and La Grande, and until yesterday owned by J. D. McKennon and designated as the "Big McKennon" ranch were sold last evening to Thomas Morgan of Umatilla county. The deal is one of the biggest turns in realty of the present year. Definite figures of the sale are not given out but Mr. McKennon today admitted that the price paid was over \$50,000. The tract was adjacent to but not a precise part of the big area that is to be irrigated with flood waters by the Grande Ronde Valley Irrigation company, for construction of which bids will be opened tomorrow.

Thomas Morgan is a big realty owner of the wheat county and will probably farm this near-thousand acre tract himself. The farm originally contained 80 acres more but this batch was sold by Mr. McKennon to another party.

Defendant Must Pay.

In the civil suit of C. H. Broughn vs. Chas. Mills in which the plaintiff sought to recover on a note Justice Williams returned a verdict for the plaintiff. The amount of the note with interest was \$45.

GRANGE ELECTS ITS DELEGATES

DELEGATES TO STATE GRANGE CONVENTION NAMED.

Important Questions Discussed at the Meeting Yesterday Afternoon.

The county convention of the grange met yesterday in the Blue Mountain grange hall and enjoyed a good program and elected delegates to represent Union county at the state grange which is to meet in Roseburg.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Chambers of Cove and Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Chenault are elected to represent Union county. W. L. Carter of Cove and J. W. Shedd of La Grande were chosen alternates.

After the business of the convention, an open meeting was held and questions of interest were discussed. The discussion of the recall was led by George Cochran, Walter Pierce and Jasper, all of whom spoke in favor of the recall.

TRUCK SUBJECT WRESTLED WITH

COUNCILMEN HOLD SPECIAL SESSION TODAY.

Fire and Police Committee Hear Arguments for Auto Trucks.

The city council held a short meeting last evening and transacted the usual routine work. Little of unusual interest aside from the opening of bids on an auto fire truck was transacted. Eight bids were received and referred to the fire and police committee which met this morning in the city hall with the representatives of the auto truck companies. The committee listened to the explanations of the bids offered and the discussions of the representatives. The committee will not do so until the next regular meeting of the council.

On trucks of the same class there is but little difference in the bids made. Frank C. Riggs of Portland who handles the Packard cars made three bids, bidding on three classes of fire trucks. His bids are \$6,237.32, \$5,433.18, and \$4,498.82.

The Webb Motor Fire Apparatus Co. of St. Louis bid \$6,200 and \$5,830 on two classes of machines.

Gorham Fire Apparatus company made the lowest bid offered. They offered a fire truck for \$3,500.

The American-La France Fire Engine company made a bid of \$5,800.

The higher priced trucks are equipped with chemical tanks and chemical hose, fire hose and ladders as well as the smaller tools. The cheaper cars do not carry the large chemical tanks but carry more hose and ladders.

The council adopted the report of the street committee in regard to arc lights and instructed the committee to use its own judgment in the placing of lights.

Attorney Cochran said before the county that he thinks the Sixth street and North Second street paving questions will be argued sometime next week.

This afternoon the mayor, city engineer and city attorney met the county court to settle the matter of running the sewer along the count road east of town to the septic tanks.

TWO WRECKS IN A DAY.

Two Fast Trains Ditched and One Man Killed—Others Hurt.

Cleveland, O., March 7.—Two New York Central trains met disaster in Ohio today. The Twentieth Century limited, making up time, was derailed near Collinswood, and four cars were ditched. H. Mayor, a switchman, was killed and 11 passengers injured.

The second wreck was at Bellfontaine on the New York Central—New York to St. Louis.—A train of eight cars was derailed, and two trainmen hurt.