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Paris, Dec. 14.—The Lepatrio, a Paris paper, declares that Walter Mumm, the champagne dealer, known as the maker of "Mumm's Extra Dry," and who was shot by Mrs. Barnes, an American, last night, is in a critical condition and may die. Where he was taken after the shooting in this city is not known. The report goes that Mumm first shot Mrs. Barnes twice before she fired back, but there is no confirmation that her condition is dangerous.

Mumm Was Beating Her.
Paris is agog over the scandal. The Lepatrio also says it is authoritatively informed that the woman shot because Mumm was beating her. The two had quarreled, the paper says, and the bloody scenes were enacted. The paper goes on to discredit the rumor that the woman is wounded but she has disappeared and nothing is known of her condition today. Mrs. Barnes is said to be a strikingly pretty woman and a well known character in the best Parisian society. The incidents have set Paris aglow with excitement.

CHRISTMAS SHOPPING EARLY

Trains Bring in Many From Outlying Points to Trade Today.

The agitation for early shopping during the last few years, especially in the large cities, has borne the desired fruit. Not only are the express cars carrying a great bulk of the parcels that are usually held back for the last few days before the arrival of Santa Claus, but the effect is felt throughout the entire country. The local trains have been bringing into the city during the last week an army of shoppers from all points of the valley, who but a few years ago waited until the night before Christmas. This is due to the advertising by the local merchants and the fact that in the years preceding everything in the way of desirable gifts had vanished. It was a case of taking what was left. But the ones who are thankful for the new order of things are the clerks who have been fairly run to death in an effort to satisfy customers in years past. It is one of the reforms that was bound to come about and the agitation helped to hasten its advent.

Anniversary of Washington's Death.

Mt. Vernon, Va., Dec. 14.—Delegations representing Masonic lodges in Alexandria and Fredericksburg came to Mt. Vernon today and placed handsome memorial wreaths on the tomb of George Washington. In commemoration of the 113th anniversary of the first president's death. It was in Fredericksburg Lodge No. 4 that General Washington was made a Mason, and the old record books of the lodge containing the minutes of the meeting at which Washington received his degree are still preserved, as is also the bible on which he was obligated as a master.

GRAFT IS SEEN IN FAULDER'S RECENT TRIAL

EXECUTED CONVICT'S DEFENSE MONEY STOLEN CLAIMS RESCUE SOCIETY FOLKS.

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Salem, Ore., Dec. 14.—Charges that defense money sent to Oregon to defend Faulder, one of the four convicts to die on the gallows here yesterday, are made by the Pacific Coast Rescue society, and that organization plans to obtain retribution for the money alleged to have been mispent in the defense of Faulder.

A brother of the dead man came from Australia with \$5000 when Faulder was first accused and turned the entire sum over to defense accounts. The society now claims that \$3800 of this was mispent and that the association knows who stole it. Prosecution is to be pushed against these individuals, it is said, but who they are or in what nature the money was spent is not known.

Convicts Are Buried.
Faulder was buried by Odd Fellows in the Odd Fellow cemetery here and Garrison and Roberts were interred in the City view cemetery. Only the brother, Chaplain Bauer, W. G. McLaren and Coroner Clough attended the Faulder obsequies. The remains were left in a wooden coffin bearing the words "at rest."

GRAND JURY CALLED.

Inquisitors to Meet to Take up Cases Monday Morning.

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles has called in the grand jury to meet Monday at 10 o'clock. The inquisitors will take up matters principally, it is said, that pertain to prisoners now in the county jail, but while in session will hear any matter that may come up. Circuit court will of course follow with an adjourned term.

22 Rifle Range Assured.
When the big jackpot shoot is held next week, range will be provided for 22 caliber rifles as well as the larger ones. This gives a good variety of ranges to shoot at.

Priest Halts 'Grizzly Bear'

Spokane, Dec. 14.—They are not all doing it, at any rate so much is gleaned from news concerning the doings of a church fair in the fair city of Spokane. The Rev. Wm. Hicks, dean of All Saints cathedral, would not stand for the suggestive gliding at one of his church fairs. It seems the dean gave orders prohibiting members of his church from indulging in the Grizzly Bear and other recent inventions in the graceful art of dancing. But the parishioners were not mindful of the warning sent ahead and proceeded to amuse themselves according to their fancies. At this juncture the Rev. Mr. Hicks stepped to the center of the dancing floor and shouted, "Cut out those sidwheeled motions." Dancing stopped.



MISS MET EVANS, Daughter of Mrs. Morris Evans, made her debut Dec. 7.

EARLY MAILS BEING URGED

DELAYS FORESTALLED BY THE PROPER PRECAUTION.
By Mailing Packages Early They Will Reach Destination.

If La Grande parties having Christmas packages to mail will not wait until the last minute but get them in the office in plenty of time to be delivered before Christmas, there will be no congestion of the mail, but if they wait until the last minute the chances are they will not be delivered for several days after Christmas, which is always a disappointment to the one receiving as well as to the one sending the presents.

Hair Cuts to Cost More.

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 14.—Many a thrifty Chicagoan had his hair trimmed today, and thereby saved ten cents. Had he delayed his visit to the striped pole establishment until tomorrow or later his hair cut would have cost him just one dime more. The increased price is the result of an agreement entered into by practically all the barber shops in Chicago. They explain that business is not what it once was—before the advent of the safety razor. Supplies cost more and wages have advanced. So they unanimously decided to offset the high cost of living for themselves by making it higher for other people. Under the new scale to go into effect tomorrow all first class barber shops will charge 35 cents for a hair cut.

Dorothy Aleshire, (above) daughter of General and Mrs. J. B. Aleshire, who will make her debut the afternoon of Dec. 17, and Rebekah Willmer (below), daughter of Dr. and Mrs. William Holland Willmer who made her debut at a tea on the afternoon of Dec. 7. Photographs copyrighted by G. V. Buck.

SILKS, SATINS 'SMUGGLED' IN

MILLION DOLLAR SCHEME IS BEING PROBED

San Francisco, Dec. 14.—A federal grand jury commences Monday the investigation of smuggling of a million dollars' worth of silks and satins into this country. Fashionable dress makers are on the carpet on the allegations. Anna Cox, a modiste will be the first witness called and she is expected to tell her relations with Madame Haldane, who alone is accused of smuggling \$50,000 worth of Parisian gowns into New York. The inquiry will probably lead to the arrest of a score of the best-known modistes of the country.

FLORAL WINDOW ATTRACTIVE.

Profusion of the Known Varieties on Display at Local Flower Shop

The display of flowers at the Floral company's store on Depot and Washington is one of the most attractive seen at that establishment, away some of the bleakness of the winter months. The display takes winter months, and reminds one that Ol Boreas is not king altogether. Paper white narcissus, Salvia, Cyclamen, Anasilla and Geraniums are among the attractive display. Old southern mistletoe and holly add poetry to the collection and combine to put La Grande in line with the cities of greater size.

BUTTER TRUST ON DEFENSIVE

GOVERNMENT BRINGS STARTLING CHARGES.

Said Elgin Association Held Back for Five Years at a Time.

Chicago, Dec. 14.—Suit was instituted in the federal court by the department of justice against the American Association of Creamery Manufacturers, today. The purpose of the suit is to dissolve the association for violations of the anti-trust law. The suit was properly instituted against the Elgin board of trade but this board constitutes the combine of butter makers and has control of the butter trade in the middlewestern states and dictates the price. It is declared in the complaint that two corporations have formed a combine to control the price and 21 persons of standing have been named in the complaint. **Stored Butter Five Years.** The petition goes on to state that two organizations, during the period of five years stored enough butter to cause a shortage of this staple article thus laying themselves bare to the charge of operating against the interstate commerce act in restraint of trade.

President Taft Busy.

Washington, Dec. 14.—President Taft will be looking forward to a period of rest after his term of office expires on the 4th of March. A report states that he received several delegations and is preparing to attend two dinners tonight.

BALKANS UPHOLD SERBIAN SEAPORT CLAIM

FIRST ACTION OF THE BALKAN PEACE ENVOYS IS TO SEC.

OND ALL ALLY DEMANDS.

ITALY PREPARES FOR WAR

Sultan Allows Grecian Envoy to Participate Notwithstanding That Balkans Are Carried on Against Turkey by Grecian Army—Serbian Demands Over Austria Seem Upheld.

Naples, Dec. 14.—It is semi-officially learned that Italy has recently ordered forty of the largest merchant marine boats here for 90,000 troops to Valona and Durazzo in the event of a Serbian-Austrian war.

Men Ordered to Colors.
Antwerp, Dec. 14.—Newspapers here declare that Austrian reservists in Belgium have been ordered to colors.

Balkan Envoys United.
London, Dec. 14.—Balkan envoys have agreed to second each others' claims to Turkish territory unitedly regardless of Austria-Germany-Italy objections, according to agreement today. This denotes that Serbia's claim for an Adriatic seaport will be upheld by the Balkans. The Turkish and Bulgarian envoys visited Lord Grey today, and Raschid Pasha chief of the Turkish envoys, and Dr. Daneff, the Bulgarian premier, afterwards conferred privately. After the Pasha conference Daneff departed for Paris and will return Monday in time for the opening of the actual negotiations.

Sultan Is Magnanimous.
It is semi-officially announced that Constantinople has instructed the Pasha to allow Greece to participate in the negotiations despite the continued battles. This denotes the Porte's desire for peace. The sultan will not attempt to hinder a successful conclusion of the peace conference.

Observance of "Peace Sunday."

Washington, D. C., Dec. 14.—The American Peace society, which has its national headquarters in this city has designated tomorrow as Peace Sunday, in accordance with an annual custom inaugurated by the society more than twenty years ago. Churches and Sunday schools throughout the country have been requested to observe the day with sermons and addresses emphasizing the barbarities of war and the growing movements toward a world court and international peace.

CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR ALL IN LA GRANDE

The Observer has given this space to an organization whose ambition is to have every family in La Grande have a suitable Christmas dinner. An person knowing of a family in the city whose circumstances are such that they cannot procure the necessities for a good Christmas dinner will confer a favor upon this organization by giving the name, address and size of family to the Observer. Don't hesitate to inform this paper if you know of such a family. There is no reason why Christmas cheer should not reach every household. The giver and the recipient will not know each other.