

KING GREETED PEACE ENVOYS WITH DIGNITY

EDWARD GREY PRESENTS THE
BALKAN-TURKISH DELE-
GATION TO KING.

ASQUITH PREDICTS PEACE

Hostilities by Greeks Continue to Be
Bothersome Problem in Peace Con-
ference Circles—Marksmanship of
Gunners in Monday's Battle Joked
at Over the Wireless Service.

London, Dec. 20.—The king today received the Turkish and Balkan envoys to the peace conference. Sir Edward Grey introduced them to his royal highness. The envoys consulted informally concerning the hotels. A courier from Constantinople will arrive with fresh instructions tomorrow.

At a banquet given by the lord mayor of London to the peace envoys before they were presented to the king, Premier Asquith predicted that the conference here will end the Balkan-Turkish, Servian-Austrian disputes. It was reported, however, that the Turks will insist on the cessation of hostilities by the Greeks for the purpose of getting food supplies into Adrianople and Constantinople.

Garibaldi's Losses Confirmed.

The reports that the Garibaldian legion lost all its officers and 400 men in the battle of Janina is confirmed in a report to London. The legion contained 2,000 soldiers of fortune. General Ricciotti Garibaldi, son of the Italian patriot, was in command of the legion.

Turkish Admiral Not Hurt.

Paris, Dec. 20.—The report that Admiral Halli Pasha of the Turkish fleet was wounded in the engagement on Monday is denied by Constantinople advices. He admitted one killed and eight wounded. Two shells hit the Turkish flagship and one did damage.

Marksmanship a Joke.

During the battle on Monday the Turks and Greek officers joked each other by wireless concerning the poor marksmanship of the gunners. Bulgarian Diplomats Firm.

In spite of the prediction by the premier of England the diplomats declare that the war will be resumed within the course of the week. Reports from Sofia declare the Bulgars will not listen to any kind of a pact that will not give them Adrianople and other smaller cities.

Servians and Austrians Agree.

As a result of the settlement of the Servian and Austrian disputes Servia will get San Giovanni Dime-dus and some other port on the Dalmatian coast. This dispute was settled at an informal meeting of the ambassadors of the respective countries.

MUTES MAY BE SHARPS.

Two Men Taken in Charge on Suspicion of Being Imposters.

Two men giving their names as Alex Anderson and Wm. Anderson were apprehended last night and lodged in jail. They were traveling as mutes and soliciting funds with which to engage in the shoe business. It is supposed that the story is a false one and that the men are soliciting funds under false pretenses. One petition is on a paper from the offices of Sharpstein & Sharpstein, attorneys in Walla Walla, Wash., and is subscribed by the notary Fred Helwig, of St. Marys, Washington, and bears date of the 13th of December. Another is subscribed by A. M. W. Frost, notary of some county in the state of Idaho. The city could not be made out. Both of the petitions have a number of signatures and amounts attached to them and their business has been a good one, whether their story is true or false. Local authorities are running down the clues in the expectation of determining the truth or the falsity of the statements made by these men.

SCHOOLS CLOSE TODAY

Many Teachers and Several Students to Spend Christmas Away.

This afternoon the La Grande school closed until Monday after Christmas. Several of the grade and high school teachers participate spending the Christmas out of town, and to properly celebrate the holidays the high school teachers are

planning on a "tree" party this evening. Another light snowfall on the last day of school before the holidays has brought joy to the youngsters who look forward to a delightful holiday with plenty of snow and ice to keep them entertained.

NEW TAXI ARRIVES.

Bona Fide Taxi Enters Local Service for Bussey Cab Line.

E. E. Bussey of this city who has been in the transfer business for a decade or two is the proud owner of the first taxicab to come to La Grande. It is a 25 horse power Ford and cost \$900. It is a beautiful vehicle and will do much in giving La Grande the metropolitan appearance. The car will accommodate six persons and will also be ready to answer messenger calls. Bussey will not abandon the faithful horses that have made the advent of the taxi possible. In speaking of the car Bussey said: "I am getting the taxi because the people of the city have used me white and I consider nothing too good for them. Other men have come to town and were compelled to leave. They stick to me and I am going to show that I appreciate their good will. About the 1st of April I will import another car and be in a position to handle the whole business. Say for me that the charges will be right."

Enterprise Woman Dies.

Mary J. Dale of Enterprise died at the Grande Ronde hospital yesterday. She succumbed to tuberculosis. She was 52 years of age. The body was shipped to Enterprise this morning where burial will take place. This is the second case of death from tuberculosis recorded in the recorder's books for this county during the current year.

Saengerbund Plans Mature.

Dave Zimmerle, local basso profundo of note, went to lumber this morning to look after his interests in a fruit ranch. From there he will go to Walla Walla to meet the president of the North Pacific Saengerbund. Zimmerle is treasurer of that society. He states that the saengerbund will be held in the city of Walla Walla from the 19th of June to the 23rd inclusive and that there will be not less than a thousand singers on the stage at that time. He is enthusiastic about the proposed choral society for La Grande and will be a valuable member. "Start it by all means" was his parting word. He will spend the holidays in Seattle.

Cove People Married.

Lon Evers and Katie Taylor both of the Cove district, were married in this city by Justice of the Peace A. C. Williams Wednesday. They will make their home in the neighborhood of Cove.

Shorty Raymond Wins Roller Race.

Shorty Raymond was the winner in the one-mile skating contest at the skating rink last night. A large crowd witnessed the exciting race. Ben Corbett led the first seven laps and then fell behind the winner, never regaining the lead. The time for the event was 3:17. Jack Stout challenged the winner for a half-mile race for next Tuesday night. Both of these men are good on the rollers and the race will be an exciting one from start to finish.

EARLY ORDERS HUMANE

Overworked Delivery Horses and Men Entitled to Consideration.

"The delivery man—and his team—are two overworked animals that La Grande housewives should not overlook," said a delegation of delivery men today in hopes that publicity in their cause will do some good for man and beast. The Christmas groceries and meat orders will run into unimaginable totals of course, and the men and teams are going full tilt under normal conditions—what will it be when the holiday rush is on?

"Order early and avoid the congestion of packages at the last moment," is the panacea to the annual struggle of the deliverymen and boys have. "If such articles as will keep are ordered Saturday, that much will be out of the way," remarked a local driver today; "if every little detail is let go until Tuesday afternoon, then in the unnecessary rush an order is interchanged or lost, and the deliveryman is the one that gets the blame."

Grocery men voice the same opinion, to get rid of the orders between now and Monday night that can possibly be ordered and let Christmas eve see only such articles taken out over sleek streets by tired horses and tired men as are absolutely necessary.

NEW HISTORY OUT.

Clarke Publishing Company Sends New Edition to La Grande.

Made up of three volumes, elegantly printed, and well-filled with historical data, the new Clarke Publishing company history is in La Grande. G. E. Cugston is here representing the publishers today. The edition is a well-prepared work on Oregon history and is just recently off the press

STORM GRIPS DAKOTAS WITH GREAT FORCE

DAMAGE ALREADY GREAT AND
MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES
FEARED.

WIRELESS REPLACES WIRE

Telegraph Communication Severed
and One Section of Storm Center
Knows Little About the Other—
Probabilities of Fatalities Are Great
—Eastern Oregon in Snow Belt.

Fargo, N. Dak., Dec. 20.—Terrific snowstorms are raging over the Dakotas today and the damage has already amounted to big figures. A great injury to stock is feared.

Six-foot drifts are generally reported from many parts of the two states. The storm here has endangered the water works. Streets of Fargo are blocked and all traffic is demoralized everywhere.

The nobilities of deaths resulting from the storm are great but the wireless telegraph service has held back the news from the interior sections of the state.

Wireless Reported to.

Officials are experimenting with wireless today to get word from one town to another to learn the actual situation. The telegraph wires have been abandoned as hopelessly crippled by the storm. Just what success the Marconi system will give will not be determined until later in the afternoon.

Union county is not the only district that is in line for a white Christmas; snow is falling all over Eastern Oregon today. Locally the mercury is low enough to preserve snow as it falls, and during the two over an inch of heavy snow has mantled the county.

GRIDER LAID TO REST

Veteran Buried Yesterday With Family and Friends Attending.

Funeral services were held yesterday over the remains of Wainville Grider who died early in the week. Three generations of descendants of the deceased, were in attendance at the funeral. Death resulted from cancer.

Wainville Grider was married to Minerva S. Beard August 1st, 1851, in Adair county, Ky. He was born and raised in that section and his home was made there for a time, later moving with his family to Watson, Mo., in September, 1878. Then he went to Caldwell, Kansas, from where he came west to La Grande in April, 1908. Mr. Grider enlisted in the army September, 1861, in the 19th regiment Kentucky volunteers, and was discharged in 1865. He was the father of 12 children and was survived by seven of them, all of whom were by his bedside during his illness, except one who is in Alaska and could not be communicated with. His children included: Fannie Port of Boise, Lizzie Brown of Portland, Mollie Buck, R. B. Grider of W. T. Grider of La Grande. He had 21 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren, and five of his grandchildren attended the funeral. Mrs. Mollie Buck's two daughters and three children of C. L. Grider making these five.

JOSEPH HAS FIRE.

McCully Home Destroyed by Fire With Big Loss This Week.

Joseph, Dec. 20.—(Special.)—The people of Joseph were horrified Thursday morning at about 2:30 o'clock when the fire alarm aroused them from their slumbers and it was found that F. D. McCully's beautiful residence on Mill street was a roaring mass of flames.

The firemen responded promptly and made a magnificent fight, but the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible to subdue the fire before the building was entirely ruined.

The crowd succeeded in carrying out some of the furniture, including a piano, billiard table, trunks, etc., from the lower rooms, but these were badly damaged by fire and water.

Mr. and Mrs. McCully, who are spending the winter in Portland, had left the place in charge of George Clark and his son Oliver, who were sleeping in a small house at the rear of the residence. Oliver had orders

MILADY SELLS EGGS 20 CENTS UNDER PRICES

SOCIETY WOMEN OF CHICAGO
PARTICIPATE IN CAMPAIGN
OF REDUCTION.

FOES TEST THE EGGS

Ten Carloads of Eggs Sold in Reduced Cost of Living Campaign in Chicago—Regular Dealers, Are Worried at the Cut in Prices—Thousands of Poor People Buy Produce

Chicago, Dec. 20.—Hundreds of club women "salesmen" today opened the "cost of living" campaign in this city. The leaders of society under the direction of Mrs. John C. Bley, president of the clean food club, directed the sale of ten carloads of eggs at 21 cents a dozen or 20 cents under the market price. Regular egg markets are deeply worried over the campaign, as reports came in from the society headquarters that the 10 carloads would be sold out before night.

Tests of Eggs Made.

The exact freshness of the eggs was established by foes of the campaign who insisted that chemical tests be given the produce to determine their freshness. This is being done throughout the day. Thousands of poor people availed themselves of the opportunity to buy eggs at the reduced price. The promoters made a "day" of it, though decidedly awkward in the handling of the wares.

To keep a fire in the furnace at night, and there is no doubt that the fire originated from the furnace. Mr. Clark and son heard the roaring of the flames some time before the discovery, but thought it was the wind blowing.

The loss will be several thousand dollars, with small insurance.

Mr. McCully was notified by telephone this morning and will no doubt leave at once for Joseph.

BAKER GETS FIRE AUTO.

Machine Has Two Chemical Tanks—Twelve Hundred Feet of Hose.

After a thorough consideration of the six bids for motor fire trucks accompanied with specifications the city commissioners this morning awarded the bid for the new truck for Baker to the Webb Motor Truck company of Allen, Pa. The truck considered best and most adaptable to the Baker conditions will cost \$5350, says the Baker Herald.

It will be a four cylinder machine equipped with 4200 feet of hose, two five gallon chemical tanks and 1200 feet of hose and axes, door openers and other necessities for fighting fire. The truck will have an electric light and has two sets of ignition wires. The contracts calls for the shipping of the car within 60 working days.

The company will send an expert to train two men in the use of it before it needs to be accepted by the city. M. M. See, manager of the Spokane branch of the company, says he intends to make Baker a demonstration point for the truck and will bring officials of many other cities here to see it.

Weatherproof Tells of "Spuds"

H. H. Weatherproof has written for the special Christmas edition of the Observer a lengthy article on the proper cultivation of potatoes. It might be said that the article is the Alpha and Omega on potato culture. It is so comprehensive and so full of the actual details of experiments carried on by him during the last few years, that it vies with the best report ever issued by the federal department of agriculture. It is written for the farmers of this section and points out the manner in which this valley should be made to become a recognized growing section. It will tell you things about potatoes you never heard of before. It is a scientific article and should be pinned on the wall and preserved, read and re-read. If the suggestions in the article are followed, you may safely be predicted that one year will show a vast improvement in this great article of food. The special edition will cost but ten cents.

Iowa Sheepmen Meet.

Ottumwa, Ia., Dec. 20.—For the third time in its history the Iowa State Sheep Breeders and Wool Growers' association met here today in annual convention, to remain in session two days. The attendance is large and the program is unusually interesting. Dr. C. D. Cline, of the Iowa state agricultural college, is scheduled to deliver two lectures before the convention, one on the diseases of sheep and the other on feeding. Several noted sheep breeders will also deliver addresses.

GROCERS WILL CLOSE.

All-Day Holiday to Be Arranged for Grocers on Christmas Day.

Appended is a list of grocers who will close their businesses on Christmas day: Pattison Bros., U. C. C. A., City Grocery and Bakery, Black and Cummings, J. G. Snodgrass, Thorn & Wilcox, White's, Geddes Bros., Stageberg. These places will be closed all day. The closing hours of the meat markets will be announced later.

PSAENGRERS ON FREIGHT.

New Order Promulgated to Facilitate Wallowa Travelers.

The every other day freight train on the Wallowa county branch line now carries passengers without a permit. This was announced yesterday, when the new order went into effect, says the Enterprise Record-Chief. The freight comes in on Monday, Wednesday and Friday, and goes out on Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Coming in it arrives at Wallowa at 9 p. m.; at Lostine at 9:30; at Enterprise at 10; and at Joseph at 11. Going out, it leaves Joseph at 9 a. m.; Enterprise at 9:15; Lostine at 10 and Wallowa at 10:30. The new order improves the train service on the line still further and will be greatly appreciated.

G. B. Kerth, traveling passenger agent of the O.W.R. & N., brought the "good news" to the towns in the county yesterday. He was accompanied by H. W. Peterson, representative of the Chicago, Milwaukee & Puget Sound railroad, who was looking after that company's business here.

Discussing Workers' Compensation.

New York, Dec. 20.—Under the auspices of the National Civic federation a conference was opened here today at the Metropolitan building, for the purpose of considering and discussing a bill for the compensation of workmen in the state of New York. Many noted legislators, lawyers, manufacturers and labor representatives were present at the opening session, when the subject was formally brought before the conference. No formal program has been prepared for this conference, but it is certain that the discussion will extend over practically every important question involved in the compensation of workmen for injuries, such as contributory insurance by workmen, the creation of a state fund into which employers who so desire may pay premiums and out of which the injured might be compensated, and the desirability of employees contributing to the state fund. The conference is expected to continue in session for several days.

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OLD SANTA COMING.

Every Boy and Girl in La Grande Can Greet Genial Gift Carrier.

Santa Claus is coming to every boy and girl in La Grande this year—if the boy or girl so wishes. While great numbers of little folks will see various Christmas trees, all are not so blessed and to the latter class especially is the news of Santa's arrival in the Elks' hall Christmas day interesting news. It is to be a sea of children's faces that old Santa will greet when he reaches the hall. A committee of Elks acting for the lodge is announcing today the mass meeting of Santa Claus lovers. They authorized the following statement: "Children—all children—under ten years of age are wanted at the Elks' Christmas tree at 5 o'clock Christmas day at Elks' auditorium. Every citizen interested in having La Grande's children receive their share of Christmas cheer is requested to see that his own children are present and to make it his duty to see that some family of little ones who are not so blessedly blessed as his own, are also present. This is not a joyous occasion for Elks' families alone but a day for all children of La Grande. "Bring the little ones and enjoy with them the gleeful occasion."

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LONDON PAYS RARE RESPECT TO STATESMAN

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REID'S FAMILY PRESENT

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