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EXPLOSION MENACES TAFT

NO EFFORT AT ASSASSINATION SAY OFFICERS

PANAMA CANAL INSPECTED DURING THE DAY BY PRESIDENT TAFT.

KIOSK BLOWN TO PIECES

Street Over Which President Taft Had Passed Shortly Before, Is the Scene of a Dynamite Explosion in Panama Today—Little Credence of Would-Be Assassination Theories.

Panama, Dec. 26.—President Taft, accompanied by Colonel Goethals and Major Barry, is inspecting the canal work. The president announced that he was undecided as to the appointment of Colonel Goethals as governor of the canal zone, but it was later understood that he will return to Washington to ascertain whether Goethals would be able to accept the proffered position. No decision in the matter will be reached until his return.

The president this morning inspected the Culebra cut, and will return this afternoon to board the special Colon train. At Colon he will board the battleship Arkansas for the return voyage.

During his stay in Panama, and shortly after the president had passed the spot, a kiosk or open summer house on Central avenue was blown up by dynamite. Members of the president's party have belittled the affair and do not think it was an attempt to assassinate the president.

Modern Language Association.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 26.—With an attendance of many prominent scholars from various educational institutions throughout the country, the central division of the Modern Language association of America began its 15th annual meeting in this city today. The association has for its object the advancement of research work in the field of modern languages.

THIEF RIFLES DRUG STORE

RED CROSS IS BROKEN INTO ON CHRISTMAS EVE.

Small Sum of Money Taken From the Cash Till.

Possibly the want of a little Christmas money prompted some man to break the rear window of the Red Cross Drug store on the night of the 24th and rifle the cash drawer of all the money there was in it. Fortunately for the owners of the store most of the money had been taken out and the "pickings" were rather meagre. In all two or three dollars were secured and the robber could buy several quarts of good liquor with the spoils.

This is the third burglary in the past month in stores on that street. At one place the attempt was foiled by steel bars, at another, the window was only partially covered, and in the latter instance there were no bars at all. The conclusion of the people owning the last place is that bars are a necessity.

CHICAGO TEAM MEETS DEFEAT

WENDELL PHILLIPS PASSES THROUGH LA GRANDE.

Game at Boise Lost by Six to Nothing Score Yesterday Afternoon.

Wendell-Phillips' famous football team passed through La Grande this morning bound for Portland where, on Saturday, it plays its second game in the west. The team met defeat at Boise yesterday but Coach Moulton of the Chicago warriors is not disheartened. He said this morning: "Boise has the strongest team we have met this year, next to Oak Park. We had anticipated a hard game and our expectations were certainly more than justified. The superior weight of the Boise team cut some figure. The altitude and the trip had more effect on our men than I had anticipated, and were big factors in our defeat. The officials were absolutely fair yesterday and we have been treated splendidly at Boise."

Boise, Ida., Dec. 26.—(Special)—Boise 6, Wendell Phillips of Chicago 0.

Breaking away with a forward pass for a touchdown during the first quarter of the second half Boise scored six points against Wendell Phillips yesterday afternoon and thereby won the greatest football game ever seen in Boise. Close though the score was, Boise amply earned the game.

From first to last it was a spectacular and exciting contest. The ball was first in Boise's territory, then in Chicago's. Wendell Phillips had the better of the first half, but in the second the westerners played the Windy City team to a standstill and kept it on the defensive. It was a contest remarkable for the number and variety of the trick plays and formations used on both sides.

Spreads, shifts, fakes, forward, direct, triple and quadruple passes followed each other in quick and dazzling succession and were executed with a precision that was remarkable when it is considered that the backs were handling an icy ball.

It was Brown and Alexander of Boise who executed the forward pass that won the game and sent Boise's thousands mad with excitement and joy. The play was started from the 35-yard line. Brown hurled the oval 10 yards over the line of scrimmage to Alex, who received it on the run and sprinted away from a broken field. Twenty-five yards he ran for the touchdown, with the Chicago

M'VEY KNOCKED OUT IN 13TH

LANGFORD HAS HIM ON THE HIP ALWAYS.

McVey Floored in Fourth but Continues Fight to the 13th.

Sydney, Australia, Dec. 26.—Sam Langford, the heavyweight pugilist, knocked out McVey in the 13th round of their finish fight today. Langford floored McVey in the fourth round and led in all the succeeding rounds. The battle was bloody throughout and blows were exchanged rapidly. In the 13th, McVey collapsed from a succession of rights and lefts, and was unable to rise at the count of ten. The stadium was crowded to the limit.

Floral Company Changes Name.

After the first of the year the La Grande Floral company will be known as the La Grande Seed and Floral company. They intend to handle a large variety of seeds and shrubbery of all kinds and expect to be in a

backs following him in vain. Brown is a son of W. Brown, a La Grande newspaper man.

The pass that resulted in the score came as the climax to a Boise spurt. The Red and White warriors had been marching down the field with good success, and at the time Chicago was considerably disconcerted.

As a football team Chicago is a machine to talk about. Every man plays his position. Team work is phenomenal and it is probably safe to say no team in the country has a better collection of plays or executes them to better advantage than the boys defeated by Boise.

With the exception of the center, the Wendell Phillips line is lighter than Boise, but it held together well. The backs are heavy, fast runners, and hard plungers. The Chicagoans tackle fiercely, and if there is any great team fault it is that the players fight too hard and do not save themselves when they could do so. Boise has undied achieved a distinction worthy the effort.

In the beginning it looked bad for Boise, and a fumble on the part of Wendell Phillips is probably all that kept the Red and White goal from being crossed in the first period.

WILSON ILL IN TRENTON HOME

LA GRIPPE IS NOT SERIOUS IN ITS SCOPE.

Temperature of 100, However, Keeps Governor in His Home.

KING EDWARD IS ILL

London, Dec. 26.—His majesty, the king of England, like all mortals, is subject to the common ills of mankind. The king intended to attend the Christmas festivities at Sandringham but was prevented from doing so by an attack of the gripple. He had a slight chill and some fever but the attending physician declared the case not serious.

Trenton, N. J., Dec. 26.—The president-elect was confined to his rooms yesterday, suffering from an attack of the gripple. His physician kept him indoors and the "Big Chief to Be" had to obey. His temperature was 100. He intends to go to Staunton, Va., tomorrow to visit his birthplace.

This morning he lay in bed and read. Mrs. Wilson answered the inquiries of newspaper men and said the governor would likely be down stairs this afternoon. "There is nothing sensational," she declared. "All he needs is rest."

Cholera Among Allies.

Petersburg, Dec. 26.—Tchatalja reports say that cholera is rapidly spreading among the Bulgars. As a result King Ferdinand has given orders that all soldiers observe the strictest sanitary regulations.

Sigma Alpha Epsilon Meeting.

Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 26.—The Sigma Alpha Epsilon society, one of the largest and most prominent of the Greek letter fraternities, began its national conference in Nashville today with representatives present from several score of colleges and universities.

Rates to Become Effective Jan. 1st.

Parcels post stamps required.			
Weight limit, 11 pounds; size limit, 72 inches in length and girth.			
Combined.			
Flat rate of 1 cent per ounce up to 4 ounces regardless of distance.			
Present rate on seeds, bulbs, etc., unchanged.			
bove four ounces, rates are by the pound, or fraction thereof, and varying with distances as follows:			
Rural route and city delivery	First lb.	Each add'l lb.	11 lbs.
50-mile zone	\$0.05	\$0.01	\$0.15
150-mile zone	.06	.03	.35
300-mile zone	.07	.04	.46
600-mile zone	.08	.05	.57
1,000-mile zone	.09	.06	.68
1,400-mile zone	.10	.07	.79
1,800-mile zone	.11	.08	.90

UNCLE SAM ON TRAIL OF LARGE KELLOGG FIRM

CORN FLAKE MAKERS ARE AC-CUSED OF RESTRAINT OF COMPETITION.

RETAILERS MADE TOOLS

Government Has Brought Suit Against Kellogg's on Grounds That Their Agreement with Retailers Is in Restraint of Trade—Makers Force Retailers to Sell at Certain Prices.

Detroit, Dec. 26.—The government today brought suit against the Kellogg people of Battle Creek, Mich., manufacturers of the widely known Kellogg's toasted Corn Flakes. The government is attacking the practice of manufacturers who stipulate with jobbers and retailers that their product shall be sold at the price set upon goods by the manufacturers. In the charges brought by the government against William and Alfred Kellogg and Andrew Ross it is said this concern forced the jobbers and retailers of the corn flakes to sell at the price fixed by the Kellogg people, threatening them with forfeiture of the selling rights if they did not comply with the company's demands. It is further alleged the company made use of a supreme court decision to get a monopoly on a patent carton which contains their product.

Slab Wood at Sugar Factory Burns.

The first official fire alarm since the new apparatus was installed was turned in this afternoon. A pile of slab wood at the old sugar factory site was discovered to be on fire and the department made a hasty run to the scene and succeeded in extinguishing the flames before they had consumed much of the wood. One minute or less after the alarm was turned in the fire ladders were speeding down Fir street, demonstrating the fitness of the new machine over the old methods and making everybody feel proud of the new addition to the city's equipment.

SHIP PRUNES THROUGH MAIL

Washington, Dec. 26.—The postoffice department has been notified that San Diego shippers intend starting a shipment to New York of two carloads of prunes by parcels post in January under the zone shipment.

This makes a rate of 96 cents on eight pound packages. It is announced that express companies will cut the prune rate to 35 cents a package, same weight.

It is expected the expressers will be forced to cut express rates on other merchandise.

Five Marry On Xmas Eve

CUPID SCORES TRIUMPHANT YULE VICTORY.

Union County Girls Become Brides as Christmas Presents

Cupid bore down on Union county with mighty force on Christmas eve—or more correctly described, on the eve of Christmas eve. County Clerk Ed Wright issued five papers Tuesday afternoon that made ten people as five, and local ministers and magistrates were kept busy Tuesday evening tying the nuptial knots. The five who took unto themselves wives as Christmas presents Tuesday evening are:

Charles O. Devoré, Richland, Baker county, to Maude Osborne; A. W. Peters of North Powder to Rose Mulvehill of Union; A. B. Thomas to Callie Howell, both of Allele; Darius Brannon to Ada May Davis, both of La Grande; Guy Warren to Forence McKay, both of La Grande.

HERMIT HAS STOLEN GOODS

POLICE FIND SUSPECT HUDDLED IN HILLS.

Far Back in Mountains With Mere Hut as Home, Is Record.

Chief of Police McLachlen and Constable Faulk were compelled to make a little sortie into the hills off Hot Lake yesterday in an effort to run down a man who had found it easier to get provisions from local cellars, than by working for them. Up the hill through two feet of snow, through the underbrush, over rocks and devious bypaths, they were compelled to thread their way until they came to the humble domicile of this wandering son of rest. They found him housed, or better said, tented up on the frigid top of the steep hill, completely alone and with a little bacon and a few spuds and apples to keep the wolf from the door. They brought him down to the city jail, where the problem of finding a bed and enough food to keep body and soul together is solved by the police.

When seen yesterday he gave all evidences of being a man of education and of good connections. His language was too good for that of the ordinary hobo, and his features are those of a man of good breeding. He declared to the police that he had recently served a several months' sentence in Oregon City for the same offense. At first his attitude was sullen, but when told by the police that stubbornness would not win anything for him his manner changed to one of respectful submission.

His story is that he was in the hills to find relief from asthma, and had made his home in the hills since November. A heavy, thick beard testified to the fact that he has not seen a barber in some months. No books or reading matter of any kind were found in the little tent. His bed consisted of a pile of leaves and his stove of an old oil can.

There are no evidences of an erratic mind, or delusions on any given subject. The police court will dispose of the case today.

Aid for Anarectic Explorer.

Hobart, Tasmania, Dec. 26.—The steamer Aurora sailed from here today to the relief of the Mawson antarctic expedition. It is expected the steamer will return with the members of the Mawson party about the end of March.

Fisherman Dies in Burning House.

Wahkiakum, Wis., Dec. 26.—Martin Matson, a fisherman made, a fire in his coal stove last night and retired. The cabin took fire and this morning the charred body of the lone fisherman was discovered in the burning

XMAS CHEERS ENJOYED WITH MUCH SUCCESS

LA GRANDE RESTS AFTER MOST DELIGHTFUL YULETIME FESTIVITIES.

POOR ARE GIVEN CHEER

Christmas Tree Yesterday Afternoon in Elks' Hall a Gathering Place for Over 600 Little Tots—Poor Families Ferreted Out and Provisions Brought to Them by Strangers.

Abetted at every turn by made to order Christmas weather and the whitest of white coats of snow, La Grande is recovering from her grandest celebration of Christmas in years. With the mercury just below freezing point, sufficient snow to afford good sleighing and a complete lack of wind or any other climatic unpleasantness, the populace set about it to observe the day in regal style. Every church in the city was the gathering place for hundreds and the homes were subdivisions of gatherings. Christmas eve was beautifully observed—a year of plenty made it possible for those who "have" been given more and to allow charitable work as well.

Twenty-seven dinners served Yesterday morning provisions were taken out to 27 families by charitable institutions. This number was brought cheer and comfort and necessities of life from mysterious origins—the donors are keeping in the background. If there were families that missed cheer and comfort of this sort it was because the facts had not been made known to the proper headquarters. Individuals, too, sought out and found a few where Christmas provisions were needed, and it is a safe assertion to make when one says 99 per cent of La Grande's population was happy yesterday and the eve before.

Six hundred little tots under 10 years of age saw Santa Claus come and go yesterday afternoon when the Elks' annual Christmas tree program was carried out commencing at three o'clock. It was a gala day for the little folks and because there were no fraternal or social barriers, Santa Claus came to rich and poor alike on that occasion. It was a splendid success in every way and the hall was filled with anxious little souls, agog to get a glimpse at Santa. Pretty little presents were distributed to every child present.

Program.

Prayer—Father Murphy.
Christmas—Students from Miss Bork's room.
Recitation—"Naughty Charley", Ruth Trill.
Santa Claus—Students from Miss Bunnell's room.
Reindeer Song—By Santa Claus.
Holy Night, Duet—Gladys Black and Christian Sanborg.
A Pantomime—Students from Mr. Connor's room.
Jolly Old Santa Claus—Students from Miss Mulligh's room.
During the program Father Murphy of Wallowa delivered a very fitting talk to the youngsters and it proved of interest to the older guests as well.

Drunks Quite Numerous.

On Christmas eve and yesterday again, the city bustle was crowded with "guests." The logging camps of the county and district poured their population into La Grande for their annual spree and on the whole it was an orderly one. Occasionally arrests had to be made but only in rare instances were the men held to answer but on the other hand, felt a magnanimous spirit in the city police department where they were allowed to go their way, once sober and quiet. Loggers, however, were not the only