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CONSTANTINE NOW IN ATHENS TO TAKE OATH

BODY OF LATE KING LIES IN
STATE IN PALACE AT
SALONIKA.

GRIZZLED SOLDIERS WEEP

Priests Chant Continuously at Side of
Late King's Remains—Body Will Be
Removed for Funeral Services—
Coronation of the New King Is to
Come at the End of Six Months' Time.

Athens, March 20.—King Constantine arrived today from Salonika and tomorrow will take the oath of office before the chamber of deputies. The formal coronation will not take place until the end of six months when the mourning will have ceased.

Soldiers Guard Dead King
Salonika, March 20.—Guarded by soldiers of the Greek light infantry, the body of the late king lies in state in the palace. Stationed around the body are priests who will continue to chant prayers until the body is removed for burial.

Military Forces in Tears.
Affecting scenes occurred when the body was being removed to the palace. Civil and military authorities lined past the body and many of them burst into tears. Even grizzled old soldiers wept without restraint. The body lies in the main chamber of the palace.

Murderer Once in Iowa.
Chicago, March 20.—That Schimas lived in Davenport, Iowa, two years ago was the statement of C. H. Damascus, a Chicago correspondent for a Greek newspaper. The assassin returned to Greece about six months ago, according to Damascus. Schimas ran a store in Davenport the writer says and added: "I met him through his mother-in-law, owner of a billiard hall there. Schimas failed in his business because his countrymen disliked his revolutionary talk."

FEW GREEKS HERE NOW.
Not Planned to Hold Memorial Services for Late King George I.

Because a greater percent of the local Greek colony is now in arms against Turkey, having returned to their native land to join the armies here, it is not likely that memorial services will be held in this city by local Greeks. The colony is now so small that the proposition would not be feasible.

Mother Jones Freed.

Charleston, W. Va., March 20.—After recommendations of Judge Advocate Wallace that the evidence was insufficient to hold them, Governor Hatfield has ordered the release of ten of 42 miners tried by court-martial with Mother Jones on charges of conspiracy to commit murder. The governor visited Mother Jones and the other prisoners and assured them of a square deal. He predicted a strike at Paint Creek and Cabin Creek districts, out of which the conspiracy charges grew, will be settled soon.

Musica Went Fight.

New Orleans, March 20.—After they were captured with more than half a million dollars worth of checks and \$100,000 in cash, the family of Antonio Musica, a man and two daughters, alleged bandits, have announced they will fight extradition to New York. It is believed the family's baggage which has not yet been examined, contains bankable securities.

SIR WILLIAM RAMSAY.

English Scientist Who Announced "Birth of Atom" Discovery.



Ex-Governor Is Dead.
Troy, N. Y., March 20.—Hope has been abandoned for the recovery of former Governor Black of New York who is ill.

BIG AREA IN FROST ZONES

FORECASTER CAN'T PREDICT THE
END OF COLD SNAP.

Unable to Say If Orchards and Fields
Will Likely Suffer Much.

San Francisco, Cal., March 20.—Idaho, Eastern Oregon and Eastern Washington are in the grip of a cold wave which is slowly moving eastward, according to announcement of the weather forecaster, who is unable to say how long the cold snap will remain or if it will leave in its wake frost-blighted fields and orchards.

Denver Awaits Blizzard.
Denver, March 20.—Heavy snowstorms began this morning and the weather bureau predicts a veritable blizzard before night with high winds and colder weather. The snow fall is general throughout Northern Colorado and the mercury is falling rapidly.

MRS. PRICE DEAD.

After Nineteen Months' Illness, Well
Known Lady Passes Away.

Mrs. J. R. Price, who, with her family, has lived near La Grande for several years, died this morning after a 19 months' illness. The funeral services will be held at the L. D. S. tabernacle tomorrow at 2 o'clock and the remains will be sent to Salt Lake for burial.

The deceased is survived by a husband and seven children.

SECOND PARADE PLANNED.

Woman Suffrage Leaders to Again
Stage Parade in Portland.

Washington, March 2.—The National American Woman's Suffrage association plans to stage another parade in Washington, April 7, the date of the extra session. The parade will be neither long nor elaborate like the one of March 3rd but the women will form in line with representatives from every state in attendance. The march will be to the capital.

Seattle Has Fire.

Seattle, Wn., March 20.—Fire today caused the destruction of the \$200,000 plant of the Pacific lumber and timber company near Latona. It is believed the fire was started by a torch used by workmen in the yards.

FUSS STARTED IN UNDERSTUDY DEPARTMENTS

ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE
QUITS POSITION IN APPAR-
ENT HUFF.

CHINESE POLICE CRITICIZED

Letter of Resignation From Hun-
gton Wilson to President Wilson
Criticizes Bryan and the President
—Orders Issued by the President
Are Ignored—Chinese Policy to
Blame.

Washington, March 20.—Huntington Wilson, the assistant secretary of state, resigned today because of the new administration's Chinese policy. The president has accepted the resignation.

The letter of resignation said that when he consented to "hold office under Secretary of State Bryan, he had no reason to believe the officials of the state department would learn first of the declaration of a policy which I think shows on its face inadequacy of consideration of given facts and theories involved, and failure to clearly comprehend the motive leading to and the purpose of the policy it superseded."

Secretary Wilson's letter said the resignation must take effect today, and flatly declined to issue orders regarding the proposed Chinese loan, as decreed by the president, basing his action on the ground that to do so, would repudiate his conduct during the Taft administration. He said he felt out of harmony with the new administration's radical change of policy.

Austrians Seize Newspapers.

Vienna, March 20.—The government has confiscated today's issues of several newspapers because of published accounts of the sailing of the Austrian fleet to make a demonstration off Montenegro to enforce Austria's demand that hostilities stop.

ON THEIR KNEES, WOMEN CRY OUT TO FRIEDMAN FOR HELP THAT THEY AND PALESTINE BABES MAY BE CURED

WOMEN BARE BABES BEFORE
DOCTOR

New York, March 20.—One woman snatched the rags from her infant's body and speaking in German implored the doctor to heal the twisted, swollen limbs she had bared to his view. Scores of women followed her example and tearing bandages from their bodies they held a score or more of babies high over their heads that he might see them and crying out constantly to him to do something for their loved ones.

New York, March 20.—Scenes paralleling those when Christ healed the sick and probably unparalleled since His day were enacted about the person of Friedmann today. Crowding about the hospital where Friedmann treated the selected patients, were scores of women holding in their arms swollen, emaciated, misshapen bodies of children who are victims of the white plague. Unheeding of the rain

CEMENT PAVING ON MUNICIPAL PLANS CHEAPER

WRITER POINTS OUT GREAT SAV-
ING ACCRUING WHERE CITY
DOES PAVING.

NINETY CENTS IS COST

Cement Paving Is Found Satisfactory
In Other Districts—Original Outlay
For Equipment Is Little Compar-
atively—Cost Is Reimbursed by Sav-
ing—Contributor Finds That Plan
Works.

La Grande, March 20.—To the editor: In the following few lines I wish to call attention to our citizens, the matter of patent pavement now used in our city, the prices paid, the classes of pavement now adopted and endorsed by other cities, and how they are handled. But before going into details, I will state that the following ideas are not original with myself, but are the results of observations made by me while recently visiting other northwestern cities, at which time I took special interest in investigating paving conditions.

Most of the larger cities, such as Seattle, Portland, Salem, Walla Walla and Boise have adopted for residence districts a straight concrete pavement consisting of an exceptionally good mixture which, up to the present time, has been giving excellent satisfaction. Most of the smaller cities however, are still in the grasp of patent paving concerns and are paying exorbitant prices for street improvements, which are expensive both in the first cost and the after cost of the maintenance. Some of the smaller towns, however, have broken the yoke and through the cooperation of the citizens and the city council are now getting a satisfactory grade of pavement at approximately 90c per square yard, while the costs of curbing, drainage, excavation, and embankment are proportionally low. Among the smaller cities which are

solving this question are Chehalis and Wenatchee, Washington, the former having set a fine example which would prove interesting to investigate. These cities are equipping themselves, at a very low cost, with a simple concrete pavement plant and the work is done under the supervision of the city officials and given to the property owners at cost.

As a result of such a movement the city of Wenatchee will pave most of the residence streets and the city indebtedness for such purposes is unusually low and does not exceed that which would be justifiable considering the valuation of residence property. Furthermore confiscation of property values for public improvements is very rare, whereas in the residence section of our own city it has become almost a common occurrence.

Considering the excellent success of other cities in meeting the demand for pavement at low prices, I see no reason why the city of La Grande could not be equally as successful.

The Plan Outlined.

Those wishing to improve their streets could petition our city council to improve the same at cost, without profit to anyone. This, of course, would necessitate in the first instance that the city equip itself with a concrete paving plant, wagons, scrapers, plows, etc., the cost of which would not exceed \$2500.00. This equipment would pay for itself many times over.

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PIONEER OF THE 60S DIES

GRANDMOTHER WALLSINGER
PASSES AWAY TODAY

One of the First White Women That
Came to Union County in 1862.

Fifty years of useful life in the Grande Ronde valley to which she came with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Junius Woodell, in 1862, and which ranks as one of the very first white women settlers of this county, were ended this morning when Eliza (Grandmother) Wallsinger, passed away in Portland at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Oliver. The entire family was present at the time of death. Though she was almost 73 years of age at the time of her death her splendid life had been lived almost entirely in this county, first at Summerville, then in La Grande. Her husband died in 1898 and she is survived by the following sons and daughters: Mrs. E. W. Oliver of Portland, Mrs. Joseph Woods of Allcel, Mrs. James Moss, Tom Wallsinger, Everett Wallsinger and Miss Bertha Wallsinger of this city and Jas. and Doon Woodell, brothers.

The remains will arrive in La Grande tomorrow morning on No. 6 and be at the Wallsinger home on Ninth street. The funeral will take place at Summerville either Saturday or Sunday.

Mrs. Wallsinger was a sturdy pillar of the Methodist church and her Christian life has always been exemplary and perfect. Her popularity was widespread and her personal experiences with life among the roving Indians back in '62, her suffering and hardship as a tender girl, in crossing the plains with ox team, her personal knowledge of the growth and development of the city and county made recitals that she could tell with intense interest and be listened to again and again without the loss of an iota of interest. She is one of the few remaining trekkers to this county of the early '60's period.

Medicine Hat Has Catastrophe.

Medicine Hat, Alta., March 20.—Five are killed and ten injured as the result of a gas explosion during a fire in the Canadian Cannery building yesterday. The first reports said 30 were buried by the falling walls.

IMPROVEMENT BONDS SELLING FOR PREMIUMS

NEW PRECEDENT ESTABLISHED
IN DISPOSAL OF LOCAL BONDS
BY TOLEDO BUYERS.

WARREN BROS. ARE OUTBID

Council Passes Time Warrant Ordinance Practically as Introduced and Scheme Is Said to Be the Best Remedy Yet Concocted—Various Matters of Importance Come up for Final Action.

Premiums are realized on La Grande improvement bonds. For the first time since the hundreds of thousands of dollars in local bonds have been issued in this city a substantial premium is commanded on the market. Over \$56,000 worth of bonds were sold at a fancy premium last night at a regular session of the city council, the sale establishing a new precedent when the Warren Construction company was outbid something over \$400 on the sale. A Toledo firm is the establisher of this new precedent.

Final passage of the time warrant ordinance was one of the most important transactions of the evening. The ordinance, variously amended and tinkered with, went to the final passage with only a slight change over the original, the difference being that the time warrants which mature in 10 years can be called in within one year instead of three years as the original called for. General warrants will be taken up and retired by the time warrants and special levies will care for the time warrants, and a better financial rating on the general warrant fund is said to be certain to follow. The system is simple and is held by many to be the best remedy for the heavy general warrant indebtedness that has yet been proposed.

Another important piece of legislation was commenced but not finished as the issue involved more time than was available. Four or five general situations pertaining to the engineering department are included.

Storm sewerage and drainage following a topographical survey is the first theme in a concise report from City Engineer Nell that has set out what the council believes to be excellent legislation. The aim is to obtain data relative to the amount of water coming from Deal canyon during spring freshets and to provide for systematic disposal of the water, how and where to divert it and to commence the construction, piece by piece, of a sewer to care for it, based on data that will be explicit and correct.

Another subject that the council's attention has been called to is repair and maintenance of macadam roads. The engineer suggests a bituminous cover where repairs are absolutely necessary, and careful maintenance in other instances.

Accurate surveying of lots and blocks to put on the maps of the city the exact figures as they are found and not as the plat erroneously states oftentimes, is also recommended. Many of the monuments are gone and it is to rectify all these mistakes that the work is urged.

Still another proposition is to test all the sand and cement that is put into local improvements. A resolution was passed last night to this effect and City Engineer Nell will be supplied with facilities to chemically analyze all material used in improvements. This is almost universally done and while not done in La Grande.

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