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BOMB PLOT IS BARED AT NEW ORLEANS HOTEL

MEN PROMINENT IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS SAID TO BE INVOLVED.

TIMED BOMBS PLACED IN ALLIED VESSELS

So Fixed as to Explode when the Vessel Was at Sea—Chief of Police of Southern City Promises He Will Startle the Whole Country—Has Names of Men Higher Up Connected.

New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Disclosures involving "Higher ups" of international prominence in alleged conspiracy to plant bombs in British and French ships, timed to explode at sea are made by Hans Halle, according to Police Chief Reynolds. Fuses were found in his department at the hotel.

The police say he admitted he was an expert bomb maker. Investigation disclosed the fact, Reynolds says, that New Orleans was the center of the gang's activities. Reynolds declared the bombs were sent from here to ports from which merchant vessels of the Allies sail.

These bombs he went on to explain, were devised so as to explode after the ships put to sea.

"Men of international prominence are involved in this conspiracy and when we are in position to announce our information, we will startle the whole country," said the chief.

MUST PAY FOR REPORTS

Various State Departments Find No Funds, However, to Pay for It.

Salem, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—According to the interpretation of the laws governing the different departments by the state printing board to the effect that no provision is made requiring such department to render printed reports, if reports are printed from these departments they will have to be paid for out of the maintenance funds of such departments, and will not be done at the state printing plant and paid for out of the state printing fund.

Among the departments of state most directly reflected by this decision of the printing board are the departments of forestry and the railroad commission, neither of which have as yet had their reports printed and in order to do so will have to pay the expenses of same out of their own funds. In fact practically all boards, and commissions which are required to report directly to the governor, without specific provision being made for the printing of their reports, will have to pay for the printing of their reports out of their own funds and whether or not many of them will issue printed reports under these circumstances is problematical.

State Forester Elliott, who is preparing a very valuable statistical report covering the forest resources of the state and the beneficial effects of the forest fire patrol system, was under the impression that the expenses of printing his report should be paid out of the printing fund, as has been the custom, and he is asking the attorney general for an opinion covering the question and, if the attorney general holds otherwise, he will ask for bids and have his work done outside of the state printing plant as will also be the case with the state railroad commission, which finds itself in the same boat. The state forester's report will cost about \$225 to print and that of the railroad commission between \$700 and \$800.

HALL RENOMINATED.

Seven Year Term Given to Present Member of the I. C. C.

day of a complication of diseases. He Hall, of Colorado, was today renominated by the president for a seven-year term as interstate commerce commissioner.

Teacher Marooned; School Closed

Joe Eschelman, whose duty it is to instruct the young hopefuls at the Perry school, was marooned at Union today and the young hopefuls at Perry had nothing to do but hope—some that he would remain marooned for an indefinite time, and others, of a more studious nature, that his return would be speedy. Eschelman was called to Union on important business yesterday evening expecting to get back last night, but he reckoned without the weather and the train service with the result that he found himself out of luck today. There was no school at Perry today.

PRINCIPALS IN SOUTHERN TRAGEDY



JAMES P. CALLAWAY.
WILLIAM B. CARHART.

James P. Callaway, a popular young business man, was shot to death in the home of William B. Carhart, another business man of the city. Callaway had been one of the guests at a social function of a popular club in the evening. The Callaways were there. Later Callaway was found in the Carhart home in the room of the head of the house. Carhart, before the coroner's jury said he believed Callaway, in the dark, to be a burglar, and fired a shot. The jury acquitted him, but the case has aroused much attention.

OFFICIAL LIST OF VOTES OUT

CANVASSERS DETERMINE TOTAL VOTE CAST

Three Hundred and One Vote Needed to Elect Commissioner

The official summary of the vote cast at the recent municipal election to elect one commissioner at large, has been completed, and shows but little variation from the unofficial table published the day following. Six hundred and one votes were cast, the canvassing board consisting of W. R. Jones and D. M. Clark and Recorder Warnick have found. Hence it was necessary for the successful candidate to poll 301 votes to win. Vincent Palmer, the commissioner elect, didn't have that majority on the first choice, but by adding his second choices, he did.

The official vote by wards and by totals is as follows:

	First Choice	Second Choice	Third Choice
FIRST WARD—			
G. M. Richey	19	9	5
Vincent Palmer	26	5	2
S. R. Haworth	2	10	7
J. A. Matott	3	3	3
SECOND WARD—			
G. M. Richey	65	26	13
Vincent Palmer	93	24	11
S. R. Haworth	40	28	20
J. A. Matott	2	8	7
THIRD WARD—			
G. M. Richey	58	46	12
Vincent Palmer	134	24	5
S. R. Haworth	22	34	26
J. A. Matott	3	6	20
FOURTH WARD—			
G. M. Richey	30	9	4
Vincent Palmer	26	14	4
S. R. Haworth	38	2	11
J. A. Matott	3	7	1

Summary of All Wards

	Choice	Choice	Choice	
Richey	172	90	31	
Palmer	279	67	22	
Haworth	102	94	64	
Matott	11	24	31	
Damage Limitation Amendment—				
	1st	2d	3d	4th Tot'
	ward ward ward ward			
Yes	7	56	57	14—124
No	53	125	146	86—410
Majority against 276.				
Band Amendment—				
Yes	24	108	111	28—271
No	41	76	95	71—283
Majority against 12.				
Majority for Palmer—On first and				
Second choice. Total vote cast 601,				
necessary to elect 301.				

BLEASE SETS 16 MORE FREE

NINE OF THOSE RELEASED ARE MURDERERS.

Christmas Presents Dished Out to Penitentiary Inmates.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 23.—Governor Blease today paroled 16 convicts as a Christmas gift.

Nine of those released were convicted of manslaughter.

Miss Anderson Elected. To elect a new grade teacher to take the place left vacant by Miss Oliver who is to be married during the holidays, the school board met last evening. Miss Hulda Anderson of this city was elected.

Holiday Hours Christmas.

The schedule of postoffice service Christmas day has been announced. The rural carriers will make their trips as usual, but the city carriers will not. The general delivery window will be open from 9 until 10 o'clock only.

CLIMATIC DATA.

Temperature at 12:30 today, 31. Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock: Maximum, 29; Minimum, 14.

LODGE CHRISTMAS TREES WILL BE ARRANGED IN CITY ON FRIDAY

Friday afternoon and Friday evening there will be ample opportunity given to children of the city to witness the coming of Santa Claus. In the afternoon the Elks give their annual tree at their auditorium, and Santa Claus will come with packages of goodies for all the children. "Bring the children," is the slogan of the committee which has made ample provision to handle all who come. The ceremonies begin at 3 o'clock, and the spacious hall will no doubt hold all

MOSLEM HORDE CROSSING LINE TO FIGHT EGYPT

GREAT NUMBERS HAVE CROSSED THE BORDER TO WAGE THEIR WARFARE.

RUSSIAN ATTACK UPON TURKISH TOWN LOSES

German Flank North of the Vistula is Being Threatened and Line of Railroads Which Serve as Base of Supplies is Being Protected With a Vengeance—King Kills Prize Bulls.

London, Dec. 23.—Russians have withdrawn their main lines of defense in Poland to a point within 20 miles of Warsaw. This is evident from positions mentioned in Petrograd accounts of desperate fighting being in progress West and South-west of the city.

Constantinople, Dec. 23.—Turkish troops have crossed the Egyptian frontier in great force, according to an official statement issued today. It is asserted that a Russian night attack on the Turks east of Keerpijek was repulsed with heavy losses to the Slavs.

German Flank Threatened.

Petrograd, Dec. 23.—It is announced that Russians are steady gainers north of the Vistula river, and are there threatening the German flank. Along a 30-mile front from Neidenburg to Lautenberg, the Germans are said to be retreating, endeavoring at the same time to protect the East Prussian railroads on which they depend for transportation of troops. The Slavs are swinging southward upon Thorn, also, compelling the Kaiser to rush reinforcements to that point.

Kaiser's Troops Shifted.

Paris, Dec. 23.—From the front comes the news that the Allied offensive continued all along the lines. It is said the Germans are resisting more stubbornly, presumably as a result of the shifting of the German troops at points against which the Allies were delivering their heaviest attacks.

Fatted Oxen Slain.

London, Dec. 23.—The King has ordered the slaughter of five of the royal prize bullocks to enable him to make his regular annual gift of beef to his tenants and employees at Sandringham. The royal family has gone there to remain over Christmas.

German Trades a Crime.

Paris, Dec. 23.—Minister of Justice Briand has introduced in the chamber of deputies a bill making trading with Germans an offense punishable by five years imprisonment or a fine of heavy proportions.

AMENDMENT FAILS.

House Gives Majority but Not a Two-thirds Vote for Hobson.

Washington, Dec. 23.—Although a majority favored the bill, the Hobson national prohibition amendment failed to get a two-thirds vote in the house last night and failed. It was defeated, 197 members voting for and 189 against it. An affirmative vote of two-thirds was required to adopt the resolution.

It was at the conclusion of one of the most stirring contests of recent days in congress, and following votes on several amendments that the final vote was reached. Representatives Hobson had closed the general debate, participated in by all the House leaders, many of whom were repeatedly cheered by men and women in the crowded galleries. Speaker Clark repeatedly admonished the spectators to maintain order.

Eagles Planning a Tree.

Commencing at 8 o'clock Friday evening at their lodge hall in the Foley building, the Eagles will conduct a Christmas tree. Each member is supposed to bring his family, and also to invite such children of his neighborhood as care to go. A special invitation is extended to children who have no Christmas tree in their own home. A pleasant time is in store for the members and their friends.

FROZEN WATER PIPES MASTERED

CITY RIGS UP ATTACHMENT TO THAW OUT PIPES UNDER THE PAVEMENT

FEW MOMENTS NEEDED TO CLEAR LARGE AREA

Tremendous Load Removed from Shoulders of Water Department

Frozen water pipes have no chance in the world against a system rigged up by the city to thaw out such pipe as is frozen between the property line and the mains. The system was tested out this morning and proved conclusively that it works to a charm. Fire Chief Benham, Foreman Rhodes of the Eastern Oregon Electric Light & Power company and various electricians of the city rigged up the machine on a wagon and today it was tested out. With even long connections and extremely great resistance the long areas of frozen pipe under the Main street hill pavement fell before the onslaught of electricity. Under these adverse conditions it required four minutes to bring water. In a private home where the system in the house and out to the meter was frozen, 60 seconds of juice thawed out the pipes. The machine is built for use by the city.

The machine lifts a great load from the shoulders of Water Superintendent Hoyt. Innumerable pipes in the streets and up to the meters are frozen and to dig down to them and loosen with fires is a tremendous job. The water department has enough calls to keep them busy all winter. Because the frost in the ground has sunk to an unusual depth, a great number of unprotected meters were frozen up, and if the property owners will stuff the meter boxes as soon as they are thawed out—or better still before the battle against frozen pipes is won.

The rig used is a system of transformers hooked together and attached to the electric wires. One line is hooked to a standpipe in the yard and the other hooked to a point in the service pipe beyond the freeze. Everything between is instantly set to cooking.

RELIEF FUNDS ARE CARED FOR

COMMERCIAL CLUB WILL RECEIVE SUCH DONATIONS.

Netrality is Expressed—Only One Week More of Free Transportation

Efforts towards a systematic donation to the Belgian relief fund have not been pushed with very great vigor in La Grande, but nevertheless the commercial club have expressed their willingness to take care of and forward any contributions that might be made to the cause before the first of the year after which time the free transportation facilities offered by the railroads cease.

The effort here met with but slight encouragement for many reasons. Some are of the opinion that since Belgium is fighting England's cause the British empire should take care of the situation, others of pro-German sympathies do not believe in a discrimination in the matter of donations to the nations involved in the European struggle. Still others are of the opinion that we have enough troubles of our own to take care of without mixing in the affairs of a foreign nation. Therefore the Commercial club is taking a neutral stand in the matter and simply offers to take care of anything that comes its way. Secretary D. M. Clark has placed himself at the services of any one caring to donate to the fund, but advises that the free transportation facilities are only offered free until the first of the year.

Congress Clears Decks for Fight.

Washington, Dec. 23.—When Congress today took a recess over the holidays, it had progressed well along the line toward disposition of at least two of its appropriation measures. The District of Columbia appropriations has already been passed, and the legislative measure is about ready to go to the senate.

House members today were primed and anticipated on the return of army and navy appropriation. This should be in full blast soon after the legislators return for work on January 4. All indications today pointed to the bitterest contest of the short session, although administration supporters will endeavor to put a check on too much argument from the Republican side and from militaristic members of the Democratic side.

PORTUGUESE VOTE TO GET READY FOR WAR

CHAMBER WILL PREPARE ITS NATION FOR CONFLICT, ON SIDE OF ALLIES.

GENERAL ADVANCE IN FRANCE FREELY CLAIMED

Official Bulletin Sets Out What the French Claim to be Exact Situation in Northern France and in Belgium—Kaiser Has Reached Cologne on His Way to the Western War Front.

Lisbon, Dec. 23.—The Portuguese chamber of deputies has voted in favor of preparations to join the European war, taking sides with Great Britain. The vote followed the announcement by the imperial secretary of fresh German aggressions in Portuguese African possessions. Portuguese colonies are said to have retreated, having but a few troops at their command, pending arrival of reinforcements. It is understood the invaders came from adjoining German territory.

General Progress Noted.

Paris, Dec. 23.—General progress by the allies is reported by the official war office bulletin. Among the gains mentioned was the recapture by the British of the village of Givency, East of Bethune and the advance by the French at Bixchoote. "We progressed slightly," said the communication, "between the North Sea and the road from Nieuport to Wesman. In the region of Steenstraen and Wood near the latter town. The fog is interfering with operations in the Arras region. East of Amiens in the Aisne and Champagne districts there is cannonading and we captured German trenches. We gained 800 yards. Here both guns and prisoners fell into our hands."

Kaiser at Cologne.

Amsterdam, Dec. 23.—The Kaiser has reached Cologne today on his way to the Western front.

FAMILY HUNGRY; BREAK LAW

Salem Scene of Enforced Violation of State's Laws.

Salem, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Prompted to certain extent by sympathy with the motive which led to the commission of the act and because he believed the man deserving of a chance to make good, Governor West late Saturday afternoon granted a conditional pardon to Jack Mitchell who was serving an indeterminate sentence of one to seven years for larceny from a dwelling, committed in Sherman county last year. As a result of the pardon Mitchell has been restored to his family of a wife and three children, who as soon as the husband and father was sent to prison for stealing the necessities of life to protect them from want and possible starvation, sold out their only possession, a team of horses and wagon, for \$23 and came to Salem to live in a tent and be near their loved one.

Mitchell with his family took up a homestead in Sherman county and, last fall, being unable to make a living on the homestead, decided to return to Iowa by team. Having proceeded as far as Walla Walla they were caught in a severe cold snap and decided to remain until spring on the homestead. It was upon the return trip that Mitchell, in order to protect his family from suffering during the long winter, was moved to steal the goods that caused his arrest, conviction and sentence to the penitentiary, and the governor believed, in the light of the circumstances which surrounded the case, that Mitchell was entitled to clemency and a chance to earn an honest living. Since his incarceration in the state prison Mitchell's wife and three children have lived in a tent in the outskirts of Salem and have suffered severely from want and privation.

KEENE CASE DECIDED.

Litigation from Elgin Settled by Judge Knowles.

Yesterday afternoon Judge Knowles decided in favor of Mr. Keene of Elgin in the litigation over some land in Arkansas traded for Oregon land. The case required the greater part of two days to take testimony. L. Denham of Elgin represented Mr. Keene as counsel.

Author, Editor Dead

New York, Dec. 23.—Alfred Henry Lewis, newspaperman and well known public official, died at his home today of a complication of diseases. He was 57 years of age and has been ill three months.