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EARTHQUAKE DEATH TOLL NOW 30,000 AND RISING; ROME'S HOSPITALS FULL

King and His Cabinet Appropriate Funds to Relieve the Distress

Rome, Jan. 15.—All late reports to-night augment the magnitude of the earthquake disaster as the number killed is not 8,000 or 20,000 but more than 30,000.

Hundreds of refugees are arriving at Naples. Officials there telegraphed for additional supplies which are needed very badly.

Five thousand of the injured have already been treated hurriedly in the Rome hospitals and every train is bringing in more.

The king and his cabinet have made additional appropriations for relief work.

This morning it was apparent that the death toll of Central Italy's earthquakes, is leaping by great bounds. The last estimates, prepared early today, based on fuller reports from the outlying districts, placed the total deaths at fully 30,000 and the injured at nearly 100,000.

The minister of public works who was sent to the quake zone by Premier Salandra telegraphed the premier that every city, town and village in Liria valley was damaged.

Survivors flee to Rome.

Hundreds of injured survivors are

streaming into Rome. Every public building in the city has been converted into temporary hospitals.

Great concern is felt in official circles over the conditions of Magliano da Mars and Capello. Refugees report 1300 perished in the former place and 1800 in the latter. The town of Albafucense was razed.

Minor tremors continue and the residents in the poorer sections of Rome are in a state of terror again today. They remain in the public squares, refusing to return to their homes.

Railroads Must Show Extent and Scope of Block Signals

Washington, Jan. 15.—Today is the last day for all American railroads to submit to the Interstate Commerce Commission complete, detailed information regarding their block signal systems. The Commission has ordered the railroads to file this information for use in its physical valuation work. It will give, for the

first time, accurate information of the exact American mileage of block signal safety apparatus in operation and under construction. The information will also be used by Congress in connection with the safety appliance and compulsory block signal laws under consideration here.

HONAN HALL IS JINX LOCATION

COMMERCIAL CLUB EVENT SET FOR 6:30.

Important Business but Will be Over by Nine O'clock.

Monday evening the annual commercial club smoker will be held at Honan hall. It is set down for 6:30 o'clock and dinner will be served at that hour.

It is expected that there will be considerable business to attend to, but this will be hurried so that all desire can attend the fireman's ball that evening. A suitable program is being arranged by the committee.

Unique Burial Park for America.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 15.—Work of constructing perhaps the most beautiful and unique aboretum park in America in which will rest the bones of the most illustrious citizens of the city, state and nation began here today.

An initial expenditure of at least \$500,000 will be devoted to the project—a gift to Cleveland of the late Albert F. Holden, millionaire mine owner, hotel proprietor, newspaper publisher and financier. An annuity of \$200,000 is also provided for improvement and maintenance of "America's Outdoor Westminster Abbey," as the project has been called.

Fifty acres of the Lakeview cemetery, already the most beautiful burial spot in the city will be the scene of the horticultural and botanical burial garden. The plot adjoins the Forest Hill estate of John D. Rockefeller, whose body will probably some day be interred amid the flowers provided by Holden, an intimate friend of the oil king. Efforts will be made also to transfer the bodies of deceased Ohio presidents to the aboretum.

Monuments and memorials will dot the grounds throughout. These will include national figures, state dignitaries and city notables who have passed to the Great Beyond since the founding of Cleveland. Survivors of Ohio pioneers will also be provided space either for the reburial of

their noted forbears or for the erection of memorials in their honor.

The half hundred acres of floral beauty is to be known as the Elizabeth Davis Holden memorial aboretum in memory of Holden for his little daughter that preceded him in death by three years.

BROTHER AGAINST BROTHER.

Enterprise Brothers Have Opposite Sides in Legal Question.

Enterprise, Jan. 15.—The Chief Justice remarks that brother was pitted against brother in Circuit Court on Tuesday when J. A. Burleigh was attorney for one side in a lawsuit and W. S. Burleigh represented the other side. It was an equity case, no jury being called, and Judge Knowles will give his decision later, probably after his return to La Grande.

The judge arrived on Monday and has cases set for all the remainder of this week.

The action in which the two Burleighs figured was brought by J. F. Laverty, trustee of the bankrupt estate of Levi P. Womack against Emma C. Harris. Mr. Womack rented a farm of Mrs. Harris. About a week before he made out his bankruptcy schedule he transferred to Mrs. Harris 57 hogs on the rent account. This developed at the hearing before John S. Hodgins, referee in bankruptcy. The trustee, to whom the estate was turned over, brought the action seeking to nullify the transfer of the hogs, and to throw them in with the other assets alleging that Mrs. Harris had been made a preferred creditor, against the intent of the law.

Witnesses who testified were Mr. Womack, C. H. Zuercher, Mr. Hodgins, S. P. Crow, C. W. Allen, Fred Fitzpatrick, Mr. Laverty, Mrs. Harris, Dave Harris, Ralph V. Goodman, W. W. Kuhn, Jay Lewis, Ira Bloom, and William Bonner.

Yesterday morning trial began in the suit of T. L. Davis et al vs. L. H. Morris. This is an action to cancel a bond for a deed. Witnesses heard up to afternoon were Mr. Davis, T. Morris and J. H. McDaniel, Mr. Morris and J. H. McElroy.

New Depot Opened at Los Angeles, Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 15.—Replacing the Arcade Depot, which dated almost from the public days of Los Angeles, the new half million dollar Southern Pacific Station was opened formally here today.

SHELL BURSTING IN FRONT OF BRITISH CANNON.



This is a striking photograph of the beginning of a battle scene in France. An English battery called into action was moving along one of the fine roads to be found all over France when the battle turned in that direction. In an instant the horses drawing the gun were unhitched and the driver started off to a place of safety. But before he had gone fifteen yards a German shell burst. Though the horses were trained to stand fire they were so startled they nearly broke away.

WHEAT CLIMBS SLOWLY AGAIN

CLOSING PRICE ABOVE YESTERDAY'S FIGURE.

July Wheat Also Advances in the Wake of May Wheat Rise.

Chicago, Jan. 15.—May wheat opened at \$1.43 5-8 and advanced a quarter of a cent above yesterday's close.

By 10 o'clock this morning it had advanced a trifle more than July wheat advanced to \$1.26 1-8.

The general trend during the day was upwards.

TWO HANG IN CALIFORNIA

SAN QUENTIN AND FOLSOM EACH HANG ONE.

Two Murderers Executed on the Gallows in California Today.

San Quentin Prison, Cal., Jan. 15.—Ralph Garrias who shot and killed Horace E. Montague while holding up a Southern Pacific train near Los Angeles one night in December 1913, was hanged this morning.

Folsom Prison, Cal., Jan. 15.—Sam J. Raber who murdered Cherry De St. Maurice at Sacramento in 1913, was hanged this morning.

SENATE ABOLISHES OFFICE OF IMMIGRATION AGENT; CENSUS ALSO TABOOED; \$170,000 SAVED

Salem, Jan. 15.—In furtherance of the economy program two bills were introduced by Dimick and passed by the senate that will save the state more than \$170,000. One abolishes the office of state immigration agent and the other repeals the law providing for census enumeration by the county assessors.

In the budget appropriation drafted prior to the convening of the legislature, the immigration agent had asked for appropriations aggregating nearly \$72,000. Secretary of State Olcott, who recommended the repeal of the law providing state census, estimates that \$100,000 is saved thereby. Both bills went through unanimously. They now go to the house.

The senate voted to accept the invitation of the board of regents to visit the agricultural college January 22. The house has turned down the invitation to visit the state university in Eugene January 27 and went on record as against visiting any other state institutions in a body at this session.

Twenty-one bills were introduced in the house this morning. It is expected both will adjourn this evening until Monday morning.

Representatives on Committee.

Union county's representatives, joint and direct, hold the following committees:

James D. Woodell, (from Union county), Selections, exposition and fairs, railways and transportation.

Al. Jones, (Joint representative, Union and Wallowa counties), Game, chairman; Enrolled bills.

County Senator Kiddle—Insurance,

chairman; industries, public lands, railways and roads and highways.

Eastern Oregon Sportsmen hail with delight Jones' appointment to the committee on game.

ARRANGING FOR CONVENTION

Lodge Awaits Decisions of Each Lodge in K. of P. Jurisdiction.

Enterprise, Jan. 15.—According to the Chieftain, Knights of Pythias of Union and Wallowa counties are looking forward to the annual district convention, to be held in Enterprise the latter part of next month. The date has not been set. Each of the lodges in the two counties has been asked what day would suit it best. From La Grande came the suggestion that Washington's birthday, February 22, might be a good day, as this is a holiday and most of the members could get off for the convention.

An effort to evolve a program different from those of the past is being made by the local committee in charge. Details are being worked out, and it is hoped the entertainment will be such as to appeal to the visitors, and also fit into the purpose of the gathering, which is to stimulate interest in the order by bringing the members together and teaching the lesson of Pythianism.

The Enterprise lodge feels a heavy responsibility in preparing for the convention. In recent years it has been held in Wallowa, Elgin and La Grande, and the local lodges of those towns have set high standards of hospitality.

NEW DRIVE AT PARIS IS PREDICTED

POSITIONS AT SOISSONS ARE ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL TO THE KAISER.

FORCE MASSED AGAINST FRENCH TO MAKE HOLE

German Troops Concentrated at Soissons in Effort to Bore Hole into Which it is Believed Kaiser Intends to Pour a Drive to Paris—Russians Pushing North in Force.

Berlin, Jan. 15.—That the French suffered enormous losses in the fighting North of Soissons yesterday where the Great War's chief battle has been raging the past few days, when they were driven South of the Aisne river, is claimed by the German war office. It is also claimed that the French assault on the German lines North of Verdun failed and that the French were dispersed with heavy losses. A thousand men, the statement alleged, were sacrificed by the French in a futile effort to take positions at St. Mihiel triangle.

Paris, Jan. 15.—The battle for possession of positions Northeast of Soissons has developed into one of the most desperate encounters of the war.

The Kaiser has concentrated and continues to hurl masses of troops against the French lines in an effort to break through and open a way for what many predict to be a new drive toward Paris.

An unofficial communication says the fighting continues to be very violent. The French positions at Saint Paul were carried by the German infantry after a savage assault, but were retaken it is asserted.

Northward Drive Worse.

Petrograd, Jan. 15.—Proportions of the Russian drive in the northern frontier of Prussia have increased, the war office announced. The entire left wing of the enemy is engaged it is said, and the Russians are reported to be pushing the Germans back from their main defenses.

In the hope of checking the movement, Field Marshall von Hindenburg, it is said, is resuming the offensive along the Vozra and Rawka rivers.

Fast Motor Boats Carnival Feature.

Miami, Fla., Jan. 15.—The speediest motor boat races ever held, and a picturesque marine carnival were in prospect before the conclusion of the celebration of the Magic Knights of the Dade, which opened here today, and which will continue until next Wednesday.

Carl Fisher, of Indianapolis, and Miami, prepared the arrangements for the motor boat races, which will probably be held on Tuesday and Wednesday. Some of the fastest motor boats in the world have been entered for the races, and new records are promised.

One of the queer races for sailing boats will be a "bang and go back" race. In this the boats will go as far as they can, until a shot warns them to turn and come back. The boat making the greatest mileage will be the winner.

Show Has Women Demonstrators.

Cleveland, O., Jan. 15.—Women automobile demonstrators made their first appearance in Cleveland at the annual automobile show which opened here today. The women drove and demonstrated cars for prospective women purchasers.

Nearly every brand of car made in the United States was on exhibit. Local dealers blamed the European war for the almost total absence of foreign exhibits.

LEPER AT WALLA WALLA.

Such at Least, is Suspicion Entertained by Officials.

Walla Walla, Jan. 15.—That he made his escape from the Canadian immigration officials in Halifax more than a year ago, while they were holding him for deportation to a leper colony, and since has been roaming about the Pacific Northwest, was the story told last night to Immigration Inspector E. L. Wells by Jack Long, who was arrested several days ago for the Colfax authorities on a charge of stealing a saddle. Long was examined in the county jail this morning by County Health Officer R. W. Smith, but whether the man is afflicted with leprosy or with some other disorder has not been definitely determined.

Dr. Smith said today that if leprosy is prevalent, it is not well developed, and that it is difficult to diagnose the case. Long says the records of the Canadian immigration officials will show that he was detained as a leper upon his arrival in Canada from England, and that he was denied admittance on that account, but was to have been sent to a leper colony.

While waiting in jail in Halifax for the arrival of the ship, Long says he tied two bed sheets together and lowered himself from a window through which he had forced an opening. He made his way to Spokane and from there went to Montana, returning a short time ago to this state.

Missionary is Coming.

E. L. Martin, Sunday school missionary, will be in La Grande Sunday. He will appear at the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and at the Baptist church Sunday evening. He brings stereopticon slides with him, about 80 of them, depicting the work in rural homes.

Wooden or Steel Cars at Issue.

New York, Jan. 15.—Whether or not the subway management shall change entirely to steel cars will be discussed today at the meeting of the Public Service Commission. No change from wooden to steel cars would cost the Interborough company \$4,000,000.

Ice Harvest High Grade.

Mt. Glen, Jan. 15.—(Special.)—The ice harvest has been very fine here this year. The farmers have their stores supplied with chunks of 18-inch ice as clear as crystal.