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POLAND'S FORTH APPEALS FOR SUSTENANCE

WOMEN AND CHILDREN DYING OF STARVATION AND WANT, ASSERT AUTHORITIES.

WOMEN OF AMERICA ARE APPEALED TO PUBLICLY

Germans Have Renewed Their Campaign Against Warsaw and Claim to Have Made Good Headway With It—Fighting in France Devoted to Brick Artillery Fire Along Aisne.

Berlin, Feb. 3.—Poland is crying for food. Women and children are dying of hunger. The soil is drenched with blood, and her best youth is being sacrificed and slaughtered while thousands of people are being driven from their homes, and are facing starvation.

Such is Poland's plight as leading women of the war-swept country pictured it today.

Through the chief Polish National committee, the president of the organization has asked the United Press to make a public appeal to women of America to do all in their power to aid the starving Poland people by sending gifts for relief to the "Chief Polish National committee, Neuthorgasse, 9 Vienna, Austria-Hungary."

From Vienna contributions will be sent to the starving refugees.

New Warsaw Advance On.

The capture of the village of Humin, East of Bolomow, and the taking of 4000 prisoners today marked the latest successes of General Von Mackensen's advance upon Warsaw. He is pressing toward Warsaw and Germans have engaged Russians North-east of Bolomow and a few miles south of Bzura.

Battalion Annihilated.

Petrograd, Feb. 3.—Annihilation of an entire German battalion fighting in the Carpathian district, is claimed in official dispatches. The statement said that dispatches containing confirmation of the report that the German armies are concentrating Southeast of Beskid Pass and are co-operating with the Austrians in defense of Hungary, have been received. Aisne Battle Vigorous.

Paris, Feb. 3.—Artillery is fighting along the Aisne with Germans directing particularly violent cannonading near Sossens, it is reported in dispatches from the front. The German fire is ineffective. On the contrary the French gunners responded by silencing the German batteries in several instances. Near Leins the French artillery was successful in forcing the German battery to retire. French repulsed the infantry charge near Perthes and made slight gains in a counter attack, taking a number of prisoners. Heavy fogs caused a cessation of operations in Vosges and in Alsace.

Prisoners Knit Clothing.

New York, Feb. 3.—To mother, and the wife, and sister Mary: Watch your knitting.

To Aunt Jane, you who learned to knit so long before the rest of us and smile so condescendingly at us now: Watch out for your laurels.

To Peter Sloavish, of Poland: Greetings—from Danny the Rat, of Sing Sing.

In his cheerless, war-swept cottage Peter will open a package one of these days, in it he will find a muffler, heavy, warm, of gray wollen texture, and he will throw it about his neck, or perhaps give it to little Paul, or tiny Katherine, who may need it more than Peter. And he will go forth on the snowy paths and hum a Polish folk song, for he will be warmer, and happier to know that some one in far off America has remembered him. But he will never know who knitted his muffler.

Peter's muffler is being knitted today "up the river" a sharp-faced pickpocket a burly con-man, or maybe a lifer, who has taken a life and is paying for it, knitting, knitting.

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CLIMATIC DATA.

Climatic data, based on readings for 24 hours ending last night at 6 o'clock:
Maximum, 47; Minimum, 42;
Lowest temperature last night 34 above zero.

Ida M. Tarbell, the First Trust Buster



New York, Feb. 3.—Ida M. Tarbell, whose investigation into the history of the Standard Oil Company was the first comprehensive work in trust busting, was an important witness before the United States Industrial Relations Commission in New York recently.

But the most interesting part of her testimony was in connection with woman suffrage, developed by questions from the only woman member of the commission—Mrs. J. Borden Harriman.

"To what extent do women share the burdens of men in industry?" asked Mrs. Harriman.

"Wages are lower for women because they lack experience. They are thrown into factories untrained and they are not as stable a quantity as men. Their work is of a lower grade," Miss Tarbell answered.

"I do not like to see women get mixed up in politics," promptly stated Miss Tarbell when Mrs. Harriman inquired what suffrage was accomplishing for better conditions for working women.

"It isn't men who are keeping suffrage away from women. The women are keeping suffrage away from themselves," the witness added, to the amusement of the audience.

"Is suffrage minimizing vice conditions in industrial fields?" Mrs. Harriman persevered.

"I don't think suffrage has had a fair test in that," was the opinion of Miss Tarbell. "More has been done in that direction, I think, in states where there is no suffrage."

JONES DENIES CHARGE.

Alleges He Was Not Acting for West in Finley Difficulty.

Salem, Or., Feb. 2.—Taking exception to an article appearing in The Evening Telegram January 29, and which intimated that ex-Governor West and former Game Warden C. H. Evans prompted the introduction of a resolution in the House refusing State Game Warden Finley the privilege of showing wild animal pictures in the House chamber, Representative Jones, chairman of the committee on game, today issued a statement denying that the ex-Governor and former game warden had anything to do with the resolution.

"The game committee introduced the resolution," says Jones in his statement. "Ex-Governor West and ex-Game Warden Evans did not have anything to do with nor ever saw the resolution before its introduction. Certain members of the committee had been asked not to ask for public meetings to be held in the Representative chamber during the session, unless pertaining to certain bills at issue. I deny being the tool of any man or corporation on the floor of this House, and further that I introduced the resolution on account of being chairman of the game committee."

TALKS RURAL CREDITS

Imbler to Hear Question Discussed Next Friday Afternoon.

Chas. Paull will give talks at a public meeting in Imbler Friday afternoon, Feb. 5th. He will discuss "Rural Credits in Australia." The public is invited to be present and hear this discussion.

Two Licenses to Wed.

Louie E. Comstock and Rosetta Bridges were granted a license to wed Saturday and the ceremony was performed by Justice Williams at the home of the bride's parents Saturday afternoon.

A license was granted yesterday afternoon to William Cantrell and Martha McKenzie.

One Commissioner Absent.

Oecil Galloway, county commissioner from Elgin, is not present today at the regular monthly session of the board, illness in the family preventing his attendance. However he is expected to arrive tonight. The commissioners are considering bills against the county today.

ALIEN FIGHT DODGED IN THE LOWER HOUSE

HOUSE REFUSES TO PUT ANTI-ALIEN LAND OWNER BILL TO VOTE

SIX MEMBERS ONLY IN SUPPORT OF MEASURE

One Day's Rest in Seven Also Means Rebuff—In the Senate Garland's Bill is Given Considerable Discussion but is Not Finally Acted on, Bill Going Back to Committee.

Salem, Feb. 3.—The house today defeated Representative Schubel's two joint resolutions placing on the ballot the constitutional amendments looking to exclusion of aliens from holding property in this state.

Only six members voted in favor of the measure.

The house indefinitely postponed action on Representative Horne's bill calling for one day of rest in seven.

In the senate the senators referred to committee Garland's bill giving the county court authority to construct bridges by day labor in the event satisfactory bids couldn't be obtained from contractors.

ADMINISTRATION BEATEN.

Washington, Feb. 3.—Democrats who joined with Republicans in the ship purchasing fight, were denounced as traitors and virtually read out of the party today by Senator Stone, in the senate.

Stone's speech is regarded by some republicans as an admission that the administration is whipped on the ship purchase bill.

COW BECOMES MAD.

Bitten by Coyote, Itself Infected, Bovine Acquires Rabies Too.

John Day, Feb. 2.—Smith Brothers lost a cow last week, that went mad, having been bit by a rabid coyote. The animal was bitten while on the feed ground on the Smith ranch. The cow was first noticed to be acting dull and stupid and shortly afterwards became crazy and fought the other cattle and went through fences wherever she came to them. It is feared that others of the herd will also become infected. It is one of the first cases of hydrophobia among stock reported here in years.

CANADIAN WHEAT SEIZED.

Seizure Made at Niagara—Destined for Baltic Ports.

Winnipeg, Feb. 3.—Nine carloads of grain, shipped from Fort William by the Western Canada Milling company, was seized at Niagara, Ontario today as contraband of war.

It was destined to New York and points in the Baltic.

Turns Searchlight on Business.

Washington, Feb. 3.—The searchlight of "Big Business" was turned upon itself here today, when the annual convention of the United States Chamber of Commerce opened. "Big Business" men from all parts of the country gathered to diagnose business conditions and make prosperity plans for the future.

Tonight at a regular session of the Chamber, President Wilson has promised a speech of importance. It is understood that the President will make a speech, as it affects American business, on a par with his political speech recently at Indianapolis.

Among the prominent speakers who will address the convention will be Secretary of State Bryan and Secretary of Commerce Redfield on development of American foreign trade, particularly in Latin-American and the Orient.

Discussion of the federal reserve act in its relation to trade expansion will be led by Vice President Samuel McRoberts of the National City bank of New York.

Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo is scheduled to discuss the administration ship purchase bill and enlargement of the American merchant marine. Gov. Hamlin of the federal reserve board will give additional interpretation of the currency reform act.

Commissioner of Corporation Davies will tell the Chamber the scope of the federal Trade Commission.

A banquet will be held tomorrow night. The president was to have spoken at the banquet, but demurred at attending a social function so soon after the death of Mrs. Wilson.

WHEAT PIT IN INSANE RIOTS; NEW MARK SET

IN THE TWINKLING OF AN EYE FORTUNES ARE MADE AND LOST IN WHEAT.

SPECTATORS GET FEVER AND YELL AND SCREAM

Not Since Fatten Days Has Chicago Wheat Market Had as Riotous Scenes as Occurred Today—Wheat Opened at \$1.62 and Jumps up and Down With Maddening Alacrity.

Chicago, Feb. 3.—Such riotous scenes as have been witnessed in the board of trade only during the famous Fatten-Leiter deals, occurred at the opening of the exchange today when May wheat opened at \$1.62.

Wild Oscillation Maddening.

Almost in the twinkling of an eye, when buying was brisk and going steady at the opening figure, the price fell to \$1.56 1-4.

Within 10 minutes the price had reached a high record by leaping to \$1.65 1-2.

Traders Imitate Wild Men.

Traders on the floor acted like wild men. The spectators caught the excitement and screamed and yelled at the tops of their voices.

May wheat closed \$1.59 1-4 and July closed at \$1.88 5-8.

READER IN CITY.

"Huckleberry Finn" to be Delivered by Skilled Artist.

Prof. A. F. Reddie of the Department of Public Speaking of the University of Oregon, arrived in La Grande this morning. He will give his famous reading "Huckleberry Finn" at the High School auditorium this evening at eight o'clock.

Mrs. Corbett will also furnish a musical number.

No admission will be charged and the general public is invited.

Mr. Reddie is under direction of the Central School Parent Teachers' association while in La Grande, but is touring Eastern Oregon, speaking at the principal cities, giving readings and interpretations of famous literary characters. His rendition of "Huckleberry Finn" is said to be masterly, in fact as much so as was his reading here some time ago when he read "Bluebird," from Maeterlinck.

NEW LIGHTS INSTALLED.

Electricity Now Used on Fire Car, Proving Successful.

Installation of an electric light system on the fire car has just been completed by Fire Chief Benham. A powerful searchlight, two headlights and two taillights will be operated from the driver's seat, with much convenience and dispatch than under the presto system previously used. Some slight adjustments have yet to be made, but the lights are already in working order.

HAINES COMING FRIDAY.

Girls of That City and M. I. A. Girls to Again Combat.

Next Friday evening the girls of Haines' basketball team, and the M. I. A. girls will play a game of basketball in this city. La Grande played Haines at Haines a few weeks ago and won.

Hannon Re-elected Huntington Marshal.

Huntington, Feb. 2.—Ed. Hannon, city marshal of Huntington, was re-elected at a spirited city election today over H. C. DeWitt by a vote of 134 to 49. It was the only office on the ticket which was contested. Other officers elected, and their vote, was as follows: G. S. Crimmons, 146, mayor; H. C. Freelove, 158, treasurer; W. D. Coulter, 150, recorder; H. H. Mack, 142, T. J. Houston, 134, and Thomas Bryant, 148, councilmen.

Carpy Returns to School.

Willard Carpy returned last evening to his sophomore year in the University of Oregon, after having been out the first semester of the year. He will visit relatives in Portland a few days before going back to his school.

To Open Galleries.

Boston, Feb. 3.—The deferred opening of the Robert Evans memorial galleries for painting will take place this evening.

Mrs. Parker's Sister Ill.

Mrs. George S. Parker has been called to Baker on account of the illness of her sister.

BAD MONEY ORDER BLANKS CIRCULATED

SLIGHT DEFECTS, PLAIN WHEN DETECTED.

Not Impossible That Spurious Blanks May Reach City Warnings Sent.

Postmaster Bragg is just in receipt of notice from the department at Washington, warning him of counterfeit money order forms said to be in circulation over the country. Mr. Bragg stated this morning that this was the first time he had ever heard of an attempt at counterfeiting Uncle Sam's money orders, and that it would be a good plan for every one to keep an eye out for these counterfeiters, as it was altogether probable that some of them might reach this city.

Counterfeiting money order forms printed for Baltimore, Md., office number 35,000 were passed at Pittsburg, Pa., January 16, 1915, and at Chicago, Ill., a week later, says the warning. Serial numbers were from 604,107 up and purported to have been issued at Baltimore, Md., January 5, 1915.

The printing of the counterfeit is good and well executed with the exception of a slight difference in the size of some of the type used and a difference in the quality of the paper which can only be detected by the use of acid tests. No water mark or other design "U. S. Postal Money Order," as appears in the Government paper, can be seen in the counterfeit order.

INDICTED ONES PLEAD.

Grand Jury Makes Its First Report of the Session.

Pleas of not guilty were entered in circuit court this morning by John Williams and George Nelson, against whom true bills were returned by the grand jury yesterday.

Williams is the man charged with assault and robbery, the alleged crime having been committed at the Pierce ranch several weeks ago. He was indicted by the previous grand jury but a flaw in the indictment threw the case over to the present term. Nelson is charged with the larceny of a horse, bridle and saddle. The time for the trial of the two men has not been set.

The argument in the case of Walk vs. Toy Young was completed this morning and the case placed in the hands of the jury. Walk is suing Young to recover wages alleged to be due him to the amount of \$146 for labor. He also asks for \$50 attorney fees. Turner Oliver represents the plaintiff and Jerry Rusk the defendant.

The case of J. H. McHargue against Alex. Calchina is now occupying the time of the court. The case is an action to recover damages in an alleged breach of covenant on the sale of land by Calchina to McHargue. The land in question contained a road which is alleged to have affected the value of the land and McHargue is suing for approximately \$180.

Calchina was given the verdict in the justice court and McHargue has appealed. Jerry Rusk is representing McHargue with R. J. Geren defending Calchina.

EXPLOITING METHODISM.

Historical Data to be Shown in the Form of Pictures.

Baker, Feb. 3.—The history of Methodism in Baker and vicinity is to be exploited with a series of pictures at the Panama-Pacific Exposition as a part of a big historical exhibit which is being prepared by Rev. Dr. Bovard of Philadelphia. Rev. C. A. Edwards of the Baker Methodist church has gathered and sent the views to Philadelphia as a part of the exhibit.

Among the pictures is one of a grove near Baker where Rev. Jason Lee, on July 27, 1834, delivered the first protestant sermon west of the Rocky Mountains. This grove was discovered from historical data by Rev. Mr. Edwards.

Other pictures include the Alpine rooming house at Third and Washington streets, and the little building adjoining it which were the first church and the first parsonage ever built in Eastern Oregon. There was also a picture of Father Wilbur who organized the Methodist church in Eastern Oregon, a picture of the present Methodist church and pictures of the oldest churches in the Idaho conference, those at Baker, Shoshone and Salmon City.

TAG DAY SATURDAY.

Girls Will Sell "Iron Crosses" to Boost Spokane Tourney.

Next Saturday several feminine volunteers will sell tags to help swell the fund that is being gathered to send a bowling team to the Spokane tournament. The bowlers of the city have attained such proficiency that it is felt they can uphold the bowling honor of the city in any company, and to get the necessary funds for them to attend, the tag day has been inaugurated as one way to raise the necessary funds.

Here's a Chance for a Job.

Washington, Feb. 3.—"Wanted an expert cheesemaker. Salary \$100 a month. Apply to Uncle Sam." This advertisement today resulted in civil service examinations for the position in the Department of Agriculture.

SIX TAKEN IN OXFORD RAIDS GIVEN LIBERTY

TRIAL LASTS LONG INTO THE NIGHT, FOLLOWED WITH ACQUITTAL.

POLICE USED TO KEEP IMMENSE AUDIENCE QUIET

Evidence Shown That Broughton Girl Was Asleep With Mrs. Cross When Raid Was Made—Two Other Girls and Two Men Found in Room One Give Reasons—Block System Exposed.

After a session lasting close onto the midnight hour last night Municipal Judge Eakin pronounced a verdict of "not guilty" in the case of Al Regner, John Smith, Gertrude McCulloch, Ruth Smith and Bessie Broughton, charged with frequenting a bawdy house and Mrs. T. H. Cross charged with being the manager of the same. All six of these defendants were arrested in a raid on the Oxford rooming house on Fir street Saturday night, though Bessie Broughton was not with the other girls when arrested.

A crowd filled with morbid curiosity packed the city hall to its capacity and overflowed into the hallway even before the time of the trial arrived and the S. R. O. sign was out early in the evening.

The prosecution opened its evidence with Chief of Police Orat who told how the police department had been keeping the Oxford rooming house under surveillance for some time because of the alleged bad reputation that the chief said attaches to the place, and how the raid was pulled off on this particular occasion after seeing the two women enter the place at a late hour.

The introduction into the evidence of what Chief Orat termed the "block system" proved to be an important part of the prosecution's testimony and considerable importance was attached to this bit of evidence. The particular block in question which the Chief brought with him into the court room was a small piece of ordinary wood. This system according to the evidence was operated the same as the block system of a railroad. If the block was down, the track was clear. If it was up the room was busy. This block, which was picked up in front of the door of room 1 proved to be up when the police visited the place, and the police, knocking and failing to receive response, unlocked the door and entered the room where they found four of the defendants, Al Regner, John Smith, Gertrude McCulloch and Ruth Smith. The other two women, Mrs. Cross and Mrs. Broughton, were found asleep in room 2. The "block system" according to the chief, "had not yet been installed at room 2."

The description of the block system and its use brought down the house and the storm of laughter and applause that issued spontaneously from the audience so rumbled the dignity of the court that Judge Eakin demanded that the police keep order and eject from the room any one starting any further such demonstrations.

Two Women Were Alone. The other witnesses for the prosecution, Sheriff Hug and Officers Brady and Bryant, corroborated the testimony of Chief Orat without bringing out any new points except when the attorney for the defense asked Officer Bryant whether or not the two women in room 2 had any companions with them and the officer promptly replied: "Yes sir, a dog."

The defense opened with Al Regner who told of meeting the women in the case at the dance hall when he first came to this city. He accounted for the actions of the party Saturday night by telling of their visit to a local dance hall where the four remained until midnight, going from there to a "noodle joint" on Fir street for lunch and then to the room where they had been about 15 minutes when the officers arrived and placed the party under arrest.

The other defendants gave practical.

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DANGER OF FLOOD IS OVER.

Pittsburgh, Feb. 3.—Danger of a serious flood in this section this time is over. The waters are receding. At Cleveland alarm due to the rapid rise of practically every river in the state of Ohio, is subsided. Freezing weather set in and the rivers are going down. There was comparatively little damage to property yesterday.