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WILSON MAINTAINS MEN HAD NO BUSINESS IN THE MEXICAN TROUBLE ZONE

Washington, Jan. 13.—President Wilson stands squarely behind Secretary Lansing's statement that Americans entered Mexico at their own risk. The White House made it plain Wilson has not deviated from his watchful waiting policy and without intervention. He stated the Santa Yzabel victims were specifically warned against entering Mexico.

Congress Takes a Hand. Senator Lewis asked Congress to clothe the President with authority to intervene forcibly in Mexico. While Lewis defended the administration policy of "watchful waiting," Representative Slayden, on the other side of the capitol, declared his patience was exhausted, and fiercely denounced his policy. Ambassador Arredondo pledged action to revenge the assassinations and protect Americans in the future. It is believed Arredondo's message presents possibility of a solution of the Mexican trouble. Slayden's speech was greeted with uproarious applause.

American Consul Abused. El Paso, Jan. 13.—Mexican miners, enraged because Consul Edwards at Juarez, aided in getting Santa Yzabel victims their passports, forcibly ejected him from the lobby of his hotel. Edwards fled and escaped. They followed, loudly denouncing him. Mining companies are considering raising a company of American volunteers to exterminate the Villa bandits, with permission of Carranza.

CORPSES REACH EL PASO. Trapaulin-Covered Heap of Humanity Viewed by Friends.

El Paso, Jan. 13.—A funeral train bearing bodies of 18 Americans, massacred by Villa Monday, arrived this morning. A silent crowd of several hundred gathered at the station and watched the removal of the tarpaulin-covered corpses into auto trucks.

Jos. Sanchez a Mexican miner said that American friends of the murdered men risked their lives by riding into view of the marauders to recover the dead bodies.

Grotesque Details Related. The miner went on to tell of the details:

"Pablo Lopez, in charge of the looting gang, said: 'If you want to see some fun, just watch us kill these gringos' and ran through the coach crying 'Viva Villa' I then heard shots. Manager Watson and four other Americans were running in different directions. Villistas began shooting, the bandits dropping to their knees and picked them off as they ran. Other Americans were rounded up.

"Lopez selected two soldiers as executioners, but the bandits all fought among each other for the privilege of shooting the Americans. They were shot one at a time. Some were only gashed, and writhed in pain on the ground. These Lopez ordered shot with mercy bullets.

"The bodies were then completely stripped of their clothing and 14 of the bodies were piled together in a heap near the track."

American Rancher Shot. Washington, Jan. 13.—It is officially reported a Mexican firing squad killed Burt Kramer, an American rancher, in the Guerrero district Friday.

10 Men, 2 Women, Massacred. El Paso, Jan. 13.—Chihuahua reports say twelve Americans, including two women, were massacred at Medera, near the scene of Monday's murders. This has aroused indignation afresh. El Pasoans are in a fighting mood. Local police were ordered ready for riot duty.

Avengers in Pursuit. Chihuahua, Jan. 13.—General Trevino will send 500 Carranzistas to pursue the murders who killed the Americans. He has ordered them to show no mercy.

"Woman Can Propose Sweetly." Cleveland, Jan. 13.—A 1916 Leap Year club has been formed by eight pretty girls here, headed by Miss Blanche Taylor of Lakewood a fashionable suburb. The avowed purpose of the club is for each member to propose to the man of her choice during the year, and not to accept any similar proposal when offered by a suitor. "I do not see anything unusual about a girl choosing her husband," Miss Taylor said. Miss Helen Mally, another member, said: "A woman could propose just as gracefully and sweetly as she could accept. I think she ought to if she really loves a man."

Dr. Gillilan to Lead Prayer. Dr. J. D. Gillilan, who is in La Grande from Boise today, has consented to lead the prayer meeting in the M. E. parsonage tonight.

PORTLAND RECORDS BROKEN.

Portland, Jan. 13.—The city has hired all unemployed this afternoon to shovel snow from the streets, and dump it into the river. Ten inches fell inside of 24 hours, making the worst storm in 23 years. Temperature moderated this morning and the forecaster predicted occasional flurries of snow and slightly warmer throughout the northwest, which has been in the grip of a storm for two days.

SEATTLE IN TROUBLE.

Scrubbing Among Things Prohibited in View of Shortage There.

Seattle, Jan. 13.—Because of continued shortage of water, laundries, hydraulic elevators and all buildings were ordered closed in an effort to conserve the water supply. The pipeline was repaired today. When the gates opened, the reservoirs contained only enough water to last 24 hours. Water users were asked to refrain from scrubbing for a few days. Within a week there have been three breaks in the pipe line.

Walnut Trees for Allies Gun Stocks.

Lincoln, Neb., Jan. 13.—Munition makers in the east are not the only ones to whom the European war is bringing increased incomes. Nebraska landowners who have walnut groves about their home or walnut timber along the creeks on their land are reaping a harvest.

Four carloads of walnut logs to be used in the manufacture of gun stocks for the European armies were shipped in one day from Sprague, Neb. All this lumber was grown near Sprague. It was sold to a Kansas City firm which will make it into rifle stocks before shipping it abroad. Most of this supply will go to England and Russia.

MORE ILLNESS RUMORS.

Queen of Greece Reported on Way to the Kaiser's Bedside.

London, Jan. 13.—Home dispatches have reported the Queen of Greece has been notified to go to Berlin on account of the illness of her brother, the Kaiser. She is preparing to depart.

WITNESSES CALLED.

Ridell Prosecution Attracts People From La Grande.

J. T. Williamson, manager of the Mt. Emily Timber company, has been subpoenaed, among others, to testify in the government case against H. H. Ridell, a former Portland attorney now charged with using the mails fraudulently in connection with developing some land in the Mt. Emily district. The case is now at trial in Portland and Mr. Williamson will testify tomorrow or Monday. Several other men from this vicinity have been called.

WIFE BEATING IS CHARGED

AXE HANDLE ALLEGED TO BE WEAPON USED.

Family Troubles Have Climax in Arrest of R. L. Deal.

R. L. Deal, Jr., was taken into custody this morning by Officer Jas. Christiansen charged with assault with a dangerous weapon, the charge being issued at the instance of the defendant's wife. Deal was taken before Justice of the Peace Williams where he waived examination, and was subsequently taken to the county jail to await the action of the grand jury.

The particulars of the affair have not come out in a public way and further evidence in the case was forestalled by the defendant declining to allow the matter to proceed in a preliminary way before the magistrate. From some of the particulars as given out by Mrs. Deal it appears that the two had separated and that divorce proceedings had been instituted. A couple of weeks ago, however, they began living together again. The assault is said to have been made by use of an axe handle and it is alleged in the complaint that the husband also choked his wife until she was speechless. Scars on the side of the wife's face show conclusively that an assault was committed. Mr. and Mrs. Deal have three children, the youngest of which is about eighteen months of age.

MERCHANT SUFFERS NERVOUS COLLAPSE

FRED GEIBEL MUST STOP ACTIVE WORK.

A. T. Hill Takes His Place in Department Store Temporarily.

Fred Geibel, for many years manager of the Fair store, and later Geibel's Department store, has suffered a nervous and physical breakdown and is unable to be at the head of his concern for a time.

A. T. Hill, formerly in the drug business here, has temporarily been put in as manager of the store. Friends of the retired manager are urgently making effort to have Mr. Geibel take a long rest to fully recover his health.

MANY WOOLMEN MEET.

Salt Lake Gathering Today Biggest in History of the Order.

Salt Lake, Jan. 13.—Governor Spry today delivered a plea for protective tariff on wool, in welcoming the National Wool Growers' association. President Hagenbarth in his annual address didn't touch the tariff question.

A thousand delegates attended the afternoon session, the largest attendance ever known at a convention of livestock men.

RABBIT DRIVE NETS 1500.

Bullet Lodges in but Doesn't Penetrate Malheur Hunter's Sweater.

Baker, Ore., Jan. 12.—(Special).—Fifteen hundred rabbits were killed in a community drive in the vicinity of Malheur, Malheur County. Fourteen men scoured the hills all day and swept several miles of country with their shotguns. A bullet went through a rabbit and landed in the sweater of Fred Horner, but there was not enough force to cut through the rest of Horner's clothing.

Rabbits are so numerous around Malheur that they are seen on the streets of the town at night. Enough poison to kill 10,000 bunnies was sent to Keating today to be distributed among the ranchers. Poison also was spread in fields between here and there today.

BURGLAR GETS THREE YEARS

Greek Convicted by Jury at Chehalis For Assault of Countryman.

Chehalis, Wash., Jan. 12.—(Special).—Fred Brown pleaded guilty to burglary before Judge Rice today in the Lewis County Superior Court and was sentenced to from three to ten years at Monroe reformatory. Brown robbed three Centralia business houses ten days ago, being caught later in Seattle selling some of the stolen wares.

Theodoreopolous, who murderously assaulted Jim Gotsis, a Greek countryman, on Christmas eve, was convicted by a jury of second-degree assault.

BOISE WATER USERS MEET

Arrowrock Railway and Irrigation Project Acted Upon.

Caldwell, Idaho, Jan. 12.—(Special).—The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Boise Water Users' Association was held today. Officers elected for the ensuing year are: President, C. F. Ollien, Caldwell; secretary, W. L. Girard, Caldwell; treasurer, Samuel Hunt, Kuna.

The officers and seven directors have the management of the \$10,000,000 government irrigation project. The stockholders authorized the reclamation officials to negotiate the sale of the government railway from Boise to Arrowrock and instructed the directors to take immediate steps for the formation of an irrigation district embracing all of the government project.

PENSION FUND IS STARTED.

Financiers Start Movement to Aid Episcopalian Clergymen.

New York, Jan. 12.—A campaign to raise \$5,000,000 from July 1 to establish the pension fund of the Episcopal church was launched yesterday at a meeting in the library of J. P. Morgan of 16 men prominent in the financial world. Every parish in the United States will be asked to contribute.

Bishop William Lawrence, of Boston, will direct the work of gathering funds to care for the aged clergy of the church and Mr. Morgan will serve as treasurer. Each parish will be asked to contribute annually a sum equal to 7 per cent of the pay of its clergy for the pension fund and the \$5,000,000 it is hoped to raise will be a cash foundation.

Serving on the National committee with Bishop Lawrence and Mr. Morgan is W. H. Truesdale, president of the Lackawanna Railroad.

OMAHA IS COLD.

Twenty-three Below Zero Is Record—Traffic Is Blocked.

Chicago, Jan. 13.—Omaha has reported 23 below zero. Traffic is demoralized and railroads refused to accept perishable freight.

SUGAR COMPANY HAS DISPOSED OF ITS LANDS

LAST PIECE OF FARM LAND TAKEN OVER BY BIG CONCERN.

PURCHASE MAKES FARM OF TWENTY FOUR HUNDRED

Coolidge-Hill-McKennon Interests Have Now Accumulated 2400-acre Ranch Near Union—New Purchase Partially Lowlands Suited for Hay—Deal Closed.

Realty transfers were negotiated in Oden this week that completely dispose of all Amalgamated Sugar company farm lands in this valley. These various properties were taken over several years ago when the sugar concern was in need of sugar-beet production soil, and since the factory left here, gradual disposal of the tracts have been made until now the company owns nothing in the county save some isolated timber tracts. H. E. Coolidge of the Coolidge-Hill-McKennon interests, returned this morning from Oden where he negotiated the purchase, for his big company of 785 acres of land in the Union lowlands adjoining that which the company has been farming for a couple of years.

Total Farm 2400 Acres. This adds enough land to the Coolidge-Hill-McKennon properties to make just 2400 acres of land in one body, chiefly suited for farm and hay land. It is level and in the most fertile area of the county. The purchase price is not made public, but the Pearly, Nichols, Ames and portions of the old Hall ranch are included in the deal just completed.

LEA URGED AS SECRETARY

Several Board Members and Governor Favor Portland Man for Place.

Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—Possibilities of the appointment of A. H. Lea of Portland, as successor to W. Al Jones as secretary of the state fair board were seen at a meeting of the board here today. Although members caucused over the matter it was finally decided to defer election of all officers until next Monday, owing to the absence of J. H. Booth of Roseburg.

The caucus indicated that M. L. Jones of this city, and W. H. Savage of Corvallis, favor Lea, while Booth and N. K. West of La Grande, appeared to favor the retention of Jones. This leaves the deciding vote up to Mrs. Edyth Tozier Weathered of Portland, and while it is said she is not altogether favorable to Jones it is not known how she will vote.

Originally the appointment of Jones is said to have been unsatisfactory to Governor Withycombe, and he is said now to be in favor of supplanting him with Lea, a warm personal friend of the governor, who was offered the game wardenship, but declined to accept.

Kaiser Not Seriously Ill.

Berlin, Jan. 13.—The United Press is officially authorized to deny rumors that the Kaiser is seriously ill. He has never been serious, officials declare. It was necessary to remain indoors for a few days. Now he is improved, and is conferring daily with members of the general staff.

WALLOWA MEN IN RACE FOR TRIPS

BILYEU AND BOYD AMONG CANDIDATES.

Each Would Be Delegate to National Convention of Respective Parties.

Enterprise, Or., Jan. 12.—Two Wallowa County candidates have announced themselves for delegates to the National conventions of the major parties. County Judge C. G. Bilyeu is a candidate for delegate from the Eastern Oregon district to the Democratic convention, and Daniel Boyd a candidate for delegate-at-large to the Republican gathering.

Judge Bilyeu has been County Clerk and has two years more to serve as head of the county government. He came to Wallowa county from the Willamette Valley about 10 years ago and is engaged in business. Mr. Boyd is a prominent lawyer of the county and was a delegate to the Republican convention four years ago.

RAIL BANQUET JANUARY 22

Pendleton Club Will Hold Festivities at Opening of Coyote Cutoff.

Pendleton, Or., Jan. 12.—(Special).—To celebrate the completion of the O.-W. R. & N. company freight terminal yards at Pilot Rock Junction and the opening of the Coyote cutoff, a big banquet is being planned by the Pendleton Commercial association for Saturday, January 22. More than 50 invitations have been sent to railroad officials alone and a large number already have signified their intention of attending.

The banquet was to have been held Saturday of this week upon the inauguration of the train service over the new cutoff, but was postponed since many officials were said to be unable to reach here on that date, because of the conflicting railroad celebration at Olympia Friday.

GOLDEN AND AMBER NECTAR.

Is the New Temperance Beverage of the Weinhard Plant.

Rather than close down their great plant at Portland, the Weinhard company have retained their men and are manufacturing a new temperance drink in strict conformance with the Oregon prohibition law.

Golden and Amber Nectar is made of Oregon hops and barley and contains vital strength-giving qualities which will make it a favorite throughout of the state. It took many months of experimenting and research to bring this new product up to its present state of perfection. Mr. Henry Wessinger of the Weinhard Plant took a great pride in creating them.

His identity with business interests in Oregon for so many years prompted the desire to keep the Weinhard Plant in operation after January 1st and to give employment to many employees who have been connected with this concern for years.

Mr. Wessinger is determined in his effort to prevent any violation of the laws in the sale of Golden and Amber Nectar. He requires a cash bond of \$250.00 which is subject to forfeit if any dealer is guilty of selling intoxicating liquors under the guise of this new temperance drink.

LATEST BABY GIVEN AWAY.

Woman Already Has Six Children and Couldn't Support Seventh.

Reno, Jan. 12.—Mrs. Pietro Caversan of this city, told District Judge R. C. Stoddard she was forced to give away 1-month-old Amelia Caversan because her husband was unable to support another in the family on the small wages he receives.

The Caversan family consists of six children. The latest arrival was adopted by Mr. and Mrs. Dominici, who are childless.

HOMEMAKERS AND FARMERS' WEEK PLANS ARE MATURING

The Eastern Oregon Farmers' and Home-Makers' Conference week is now a reality. Prof. J. E. Larson of the College Extension service has arrived in La Grande and will remain until all plans for the success of this meeting are worked out. He states that local organizations are taking a lively interest and the success of this meeting will depend upon the support of Eastern Oregon folks. The dates for this meeting are Jan. 31st to Feb. 5th.

A similar meeting is held annually at the college. It has grown from a handful of curiosity seekers until the total enrollment reaches the two thousand mark annually. It is now the time and seat of many annual meetings of Farmers' and Home-Makers' organizations. The past annual session included twenty conference meetings. The college believing that it can do a greater service by holding a like meeting in Eastern Oregon, will make La Grande College headquarters for one week.

The full and completed program will be in the hands of all before the opening day, but by way of information it can be said that a corps of 40 instructors and lecturers will be here during the week's session. Many of these instructors represent the U. S. Department of Agriculture, coming from Washington, D. C. Others are the pick of the O. A. C. faculty. Local talent from among the folks that have done things will be used also.

This isn't a one-sided affair. The ladies of city and farm have their special session conducted by ladies of the college and local representatives. Their work consists of Domestic Science, Cookery, Home Decorations, Home nursing and special meetings conducted by the Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Circles. Representatives of these organizations both local and from Portland will take part in the exercises.

The college is truly coming here and all are urged to get behind this to make it a success and insure its becoming an annual affair. Many local people must serve on special committees to insure good organization.

GASOLINE FIRE NIPPED IN BUD BY BURNED MAN

EXPLOSION ENVELOPES A MILLER IN FLAMES BUT HE ESCAPES.

SNOW ADVANTAGEOUS TO MAN IN SORRY PLIGHT

Kindling Fire in His Home Archie Miller, Mechanician, Sustains Burns But Miraculously Escapes Fatal Injuries—Fire Department Called Out—Little Harm Done.

Archie Miller, an employee at the Leighton garage, is lucky. In place of fatal injuries under the conditions apparently inevitable, he is able to be back at work this afternoon. He tried to light a fire last evening with gasoline and it didn't work out the way intended. The fire department was called to North O and Cherry about 8 o'clock but there was little for it to do, as Mr. Miller had carried the burning gasoline can to the back yard and covered himself with snow in a twinkling. But not until considerable burns had been inflicted on his hands and face.

Miller, who is a son of Archie Miller of Enterprise and a nephew of William of this city, used a five-gallon can of gasoline to start a fire. The gas of course ignited and enveloped him in flames instantly. With rare presence of mind and utter disregard for his burns, he carried the torch container through two rooms, unlocked a back door and tossed the mass of fire into a snowdrift. As for himself the snow proved his salvation. He rolled in it until the flames in his clothes were extinguished. During this process he kept from inhaling the flames, which would have been fatal, no doubt.

"We are glad there was nothing more serious and the incident ought to be a warning against using combustibles to kindle fires with," said Fire Chief Benham after the blaze.

COLD TAKES FIRST LIFE.

A. R. McClellon Drops Exhausted and Dies in Hospital.

Portland, Jan. 13.—The first victim of the present cold wave in Portland was Audley R. McClellon, of 917 East Twenty-ninth street, Los Angeles, Cal., who died in the emergency hospital at the police station yesterday from exposure.

Papers in his pocket indicated that he had been more than a common laborer, although, as yet, no reply has been received to telegraphed inquiries to California.

He walked into a former saloon on Third street and dropped exhausted shortly afterward.

A streetcar, loaded with passengers, on the Mississippi-avenue line, jumped the track at an icebound switch at the corner of Williams avenue and Broadway at 4:45 yesterday afternoon and shot clear of the tracks, the front trucks jumping the curb onto the sidewalk.

No one was injured and little damage resulted to the car.

CALDWELL CLUB ELECTS.

H. J. Zeh Is Chosen President of Commercial Organization.

Caldwell, Idaho, Jan. 12.—(Special).—A crowd which filled the spacious clubrooms to capacity attended the annual meeting of the Caldwell Commercial club held last night.

The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. J. Zeh; vice-president, W. S. Maxey; secretary, M. H. Gibbons, re-elected. Comprehensive advertising and development plans, including the co-operation of the club with state officials in the sale of the state lands in this vicinity and extension of electric lines were adopted by the club. Fifty dollars in prizes was appropriated to promote the organization of boys' and girls' agricultural clubs in Canyon county.

INSTALLATION SATURDAY.

W. R. C. and G. A. R. Will Jointly Install This Year.

Installation of officers in the Women's Relief Corps and the G. A. R. will take place next Saturday. The ceremonial begins at 2 o'clock. The installing officer will be Mrs. Cora M. Davis, of Union, who is past national president. Comrade Gore of this city will probably install the veterans.

The ceremony will be preceded by a dinner at noon for the veterans, with the Relief Corps members as hostesses.

A program will follow and the public is cordially invited to attend both of these exercises.