

GREEKS FEEL SPURS; MUST TAKE ACTION

ALLIES FORCING THEM TO ABANDON NEUTRALITY ATTITUDE AT ONCE.

TWO DAYS REPORTED AS LIMIT OF TIME

London Announces What is Credited With Being the True Version of the Montenegrin Surrender—Arms Must Be Laid Down and Austrians Will Operate Municipalities.

Berlin, Jan. 18.—England and France have presented what is virtually an ultimatum to Greece, according to Sofia dispatches. The note demands Greece give passports to diplomats of central powers within two days. If the demand is not accepted, the Allies will take the necessary measures to enforce it, the message said. There are also reports that Allies landed near Athens. This makes Berlin certain the Allies have decided on extreme measures to force Greece to abandon her neutrality.

Vienna dispatches related the following terms of the Montenegrin surrender: Soldiers must lay down arms and citizens must surrender their arms; Austrian authorities will search Montenegro to prevent formation of guerrilla bands; Males must congregate in certain districts designated by Austria; Austria will take control of cities and transportation.

20-YEAR RECORD BROKEN.

Union People Face Hay Problems After Bad Cold Snap.

Union, Ore., Jan. 17.—The coldest weather in the last twenty-five years is the way the old-timers put it when speaking of the present winter. The government thermometer at the Eastern Oregon Experiment Station registered a maximum of 14 degrees below zero on Saturday night and 16 below on Sunday night. Today is the coldest day so far experienced this winter. Excellent sleighing and an ice harvest of 12 inches thickness is rather unusual for this section of the Grande Ronde valley and there seems to be no relief in sight. Hay is becoming a very scarce article and many stockmen are becoming greatly alarmed at the conditions. Farmers who had hay to sell at the beginning of the winter are now having to buy in order to feed their own stock. Union hay dealers have none in stock and there seems to be no chance of getting any. S. E. Miller, one of the largest stockholders of this section who always has hay to sell, is now trying to buy 100 tons to carry his stock through but has thus far been unable to secure it.

LEAP YEAR IS BUSY.

Several Couples United in Marriage During First Leap Year Month.

"Cupid" Wright, he who officiates at the marriage license desk, and his deputies as well, have taken off their hats to Leap Year. During the past day or two—three couples have been encountered at the license desk. These include: Bird Frasier to Gladys Ohms; Herman A. Rettig to Leona C. Buffman; John R. Weaver to Agnes Leach.

PASSENGER RATES GROW

Eight States Charge More After Today Than Previously

Chicago, Jan. 15.—Hereafter it will cost more to ride trains in these eight states: Wisconsin, Michigan, Minnesota, Iowa, Nebraska, Missouri and Kansas which will be affected by changed railroad rates on interstate hauls. The interstate commerce rates in this section are to be increased from 2 cents a mile to 2.4 cents a mile in Illinois, the northern Michigan peninsula, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, and in the northern parts of Missouri and Kansas; and from 2 cents to 2.5 and 3 cents in March.

A recent decision of the interstate commerce commission prevented the proposed change but at the same time made possible the smaller increase. "The carriers have failed to justify an increase to 2.5 cents and 3 cents per mile, but have justified an increase to 2.4 and 2.6 cents," the interstate commerce commission reads.

THROWBRIDGE UNDER KNIFE

Portland Editor Suffers Two Operations This Morning. Portland, Jan. 18.—George Throwbridge, editor of the Journal, underwent two operations this morning. The second, of a minor nature, was performed this forenoon. He is reported resting easily.

MAN QUITS A FAMILY BOLDLY

DESERTED WIFE DAUGHTER OF UNION PIONEERS.

Baker Man Accused of Having Left Splendid Family for Girl of 18 Years

Miss Georgia Lawrence, daughter of Mrs. Martha Huffman, of Ontario, was married last Friday, January 7, at Caldwell to Arthur Burford, a young business man of Baker. The happy couple are now on their way to Honduras by way of San Francisco—which is quite a wedding trip. Ontario friends of the bride extend congratulations to Mr. Burford, and wish the pair much happiness.—Ontario Democrat.

The above clipping tells only a part of the story—the sequel is in Baker—the story of a faithful wife of 15 years and four children from the ages of 4 to 13 years, deserted by a formerly kind husband and father for an 18-year-old girl, married in Idaho because under the Oregon laws Burford could not legally wed in Oregon, his divorce being granted only a few days before his second marriage, says the Baker Democrat.

Mrs. Burford, the deserted wife and mother, is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Leasey, who are prominent ranchers of Keating. Previous to their removal to the Lower Powder valley Mr. and Mrs. Leasey were residents of La Grande, and belonged to well known pioneer families of this section.

Burford in his complaint for divorce alleged that his wife accused him of improper relations with other women and nagged him continually, making his life a burden. To these trumped up charges the little, slight woman who bore his name, and who was the mother of his children, believed it would be useless to reply and default judgment in favor of the husband was entered and a decree granted, under the terms of which Burford gave them the home on Washington street and \$50 a month alimony. The home was purchased from W. C. Miller on Washington street for \$3000. Five hundred dollars was paid down and \$250 since, leaving the property encumbered in the sum of \$2250.

A few years since he embarked in the auto stage business, successfully operating a line between Baker and the Panhandle. It was his alleged intimacy with women passengers that resulted in the false charges of his wife, according to the complaint.

A year or so ago, Miss Lawrence came to Baker and accepted a position as bookkeeper with a local business house, and Burford became acquainted with her. He paid her marked attention that brought a reprimand from her employer and the intimacy apparently ceased, but shortly before Burford got his divorce Miss Lawrence left Baker, presumably going to Ontario, where Burford followed as soon as his decree was granted.

The situation now is that Burford's wife and children are left destitute, the house being encumbered so deeply that the little woman cannot ever expect to pay for it, while the \$50 a month alimony due from a husband in Honduras or outside the jurisdiction of the local courts means nothing. It is a story of desertion pure and simple, of fascination for a young girl 18 years old by a man more than double her age, who in his fascination has seen fit to repudiate his helpmate, who by her own efforts aided greatly in making his business a success and who actually by manual labor in keeping a garden, helped in the family income and in providing a livelihood for herself and little ones.

And the surprising part of the story is the fact that Burford was a man who met his obligations and the last person, almost, of whom such an act would be expected.

While no legal steps have been taken, when the facts are presented in proper form to the court, Judge Anderson announced yesterday that he would set aside the decree, which he says the least will put the second Mrs. Burford in an unenviable position—a position which she is probably not altogether irresponsible for occupying. It is not believed here that the couple have actually gone to Honduras and Mr. Leasey, father of Mrs. Burford, and others have interested themselves in the case and will make every effort to locate them.

Bulgarians at Outs.

London, Jan. 18.—A Home wireless has said Bulgarians are quitting Albania because of dissensions with Austro-Germans. The message said Athens has reported Bulgaria, and Turkey are inclined to conclude for peace with the Allies. The story is unconfirmed, however, and is reported reservedly. It was recently reported that Bulgars are pressing Serbs hard west of Elbassan.

Portland School Conditions Normal.

Portland, Jan. 18.—Conditions in the schools are about normal today. All buildings are open and there have been few complaints of cold. There are a few youngsters absent from some of the primary classes.

DEATH, PROPERTY LOSS, CAUSED BY RAIN STORM IN SOUTH CALIFORNIA

Los Angeles, Jan. 18.—Six are dead, damage to property amounts to a million, railroads are crippled and Los Angeles is practically isolated as the result of one of the worst storms in the history of the state. Since Saturday night rain has been pouring down without intermission. Sometimes the precipitation has assumed the proportions of a cloudburst. Dry creek beds are brawling rivers; streams ordinarily mere brooks are running two miles wide, sweeping ranch houses and livestock to destruction. The dead at noon were: FRED SMITH, Laholinda rancher, drowned in the Santa Ana river. A. RIVERA, drowned in the Ventura river. CARL THORKMORTON, of Los Angeles, electrocuted in a bath room as the result of dampness.

UNIDENTIFIED man, woman and baby drowned at Santa Ana. Hundreds are homeless throughout the Southern part of the state. The Citrus district at Pomona reports damage that is estimated at a half million. The San Bernardino police rescued 14 families but one is still marooned on the island, unable to reach safety. The dyke broke at Anaheim, and the water is a foot deep in the business streets. Whole Family Drown. Santa Ana, Cal., Jan. 18.—A man, woman and a baby were drowned between Anaheim and Fullerton this morning when a flood swept their buggy from the highway. The bodies were not recovered and their identity is unknown. The river burst her bank and is running through eastern Anaheim.

WOMAN UNDER ARREST

Probe to Learn Source of Liquor Supply Now Under Way.

Charged with being drunk, a well known woman of La Grande is virtually under arrest this afternoon although she has been allowed to leave the jail and be cared for in comfortable quarters until she recovers her nervous stamina. When first arrested she gave several conflicting stories as to the source of her supply, but when she has been allowed to rest a time it is expected she will be able to give coherent story of where the liquor was obtained. City and county officials are determined to remain on the case until the person is found who sold her the liquor if such a thing is possible.

The woman in question has been a frequent personage before the municipal court, but always on purely drunk charges. An inveterate drinker it is claimed, she speedily devised means of obtaining the liquid.

LABOR OPPOSES WILSON

Indians oppose President Wilson's preparedness program, President White declared before the United Mineworkers today.

LIGHT STATUS BETTER.

Anticipated That Street Lights Will Be Turned on Tonight.

Improved conditions are noted today concerning the electric light supply. Since the burning of the sub-station power house at the mouth of Mill creek yesterday, the Eastern Oregon Light & Power company has been unable to keep the arc lights going. It is believed that the lights will be illuminated tonight however.

F. A. Harmon, general manager of the company, is here today superintending the letting of a contract for rebuilding the plant. Until the plant is finished however, the light situation will be rather precarious with likelihood of street lights burning most of the time nevertheless.

DYNAMITE UNDER RESIDENCE

Twelve sticks of dynamite or giant powder were found by Mrs. James under her home on Monroe avenue yesterday evening. The explosive has undoubtedly been lying under the house for a long period. It was wrapped in a paper published in Union and which bore the date of 1892. Other indications showed that the sticks had been placed there many years ago as the material had saturated through the covering and smeared the outside wrapping.

Mrs. James had gone under the house to try and fix the water pipe when the dynamite was discovered. She happened to be wise enough to know what it was and immediately notified the police department. The explosive was turned over to W. H. Bohnenkamp, who took it out to his powder house. It is not known just how much force may still be retained in the packages, but this will be determined by experiments. Mr. Bohnenkamp is of the opinion that any sudden jar of the package would cause an explosion.

As to how the dynamite came to be stored under this house is of course a mystery that will probably never come to light. It may have been merely cached there long before the house was occupied by the present owner, and it may have been a part

of a fiendish plot. At any rate, there is something on the uncanny order to think of living for so many years over a hidden mine which might have at any time blown the place to atoms.

Recent Fire Causes Shudder.

To bring the matter more up to date, members of the fire department today felt a shiver go down their spinal column when they recalled that only recently a fire broke out in the James building. The department put the blaze out without much difficulty, but had the flames reached the underwell, some new volunteers would be needed it is very likely. The fire occurred Oct. 22 and did considerable damage to the upper structure.

OREGON AND IDAHO WIN.

Western Cattle Take Awards at Denver Stock Show.

Denver, Jan. 18.—(Special)—Cattle from Baker and Boise won the first prize for the shorthorn class at the Denver stock show today. The entries were made by the Portland Feeder company which shipped the stock. Two cars of cattle from Burley, Idaho, took prizes for cattle fed on beet pulp. The Portland company won several cash prizes besides a silver cup.

PORTLAND ROAD MAKER HERE

Rufus Holman, commission chairman of the interstate bridge which is now being built, president of the State County Judges and Commissioners association, and himself a commissioner of Multnomah county is in La Grande today and will this evening be one of the speakers at the Commercial club banquet in the Methodist church. Mr. Holman is a guest with J. G. Snodgrass, while here. The two men were playmates together in Portland in the 80's, and Mr. Holman brought a picture taken then on their front yard which shows Judith Snodgrass Wells of Kansas City, the late John Snodgrass, J. G. Snodgrass and Sadie Snodgrass Van Buren at play.

"Multnomah county has spent about two and a half millions for roads and bridges the past year, and of course the Columbia highway is our pride," said Mr. Holman. "We have gone through the experimental stage with road and bridge building and we now

have compiled, through experience and expense, valuable lessons in road building. These I will be willing to leave in Union county that she may profit by our experiences, if she desires."

Extra Seats Provided.

Some extra seats have been provided at the Methodist church basement where those who neglected to get their plate reservations early, may be accommodated. Hence it is not disastrous if no reservations were made at noon.

Outside Points Represented.

Among the towns that have promised to send representatives to the meeting tonight are Union, Cove and Elgin. Lee Tuttle, Elgin; Hugh McCall, Cove; Will Vogel, Union, are among the speakers on Toastmaster M. K. Hall's list. The dinner will be served at the Methodist church basement promptly at 6:30 o'clock this evening.

INDIANS SEEKING PALEFACE JUSTICE

FISHING RIGHTS ON COLUMBIA AT STAKE.

Tribal Robes, Feathers and Paints, Shown by Witnesses at Portland.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 18.—Dozens of Indians—ancient Indians with haggard, weatherbeaten faces, dashing, brightly dressed young bucks, and a few wide-eyed squaws carrying their papooses—crowded the Federal building today and were very much interested in the court procedure.

The United States is trying to restore to them their time-honored fishing rights, which salmon cannery men are alleged to have transgressed. The suit is brought in behalf of the Yakima Indians, and specifically in behalf of Sam Williams, and against the Seuffert Brothers company of The Dalles.

The trial was scheduled to begin today, and probably will last for several days. Meantime the Indians, taking a vacation at the expense of the government, are seeing the sights of Portland. Nearly a hundred witnesses have been subpoenaed. Evidence dating back to 1855 will be introduced. In that year Territorial Governor Stevens made a treaty, wherein fixed and established fishing places along the Columbia river between The Dalles and Celilo were forever to be open to the Yakima tribe. In return for these concessions, the Indians ceded to the government a million or more acres of land comprising South Central Washington. Chokecherry Point, Lone Pine, and several other spots along the river are claimed by the Yakimas as their very own. Sam Williams, the last of the tribe to fish regularly, declares the cannery men ousted him from his traditional rights in 1914.

WHEAT SOARS AGAIN.

Prices Beyond Season Record, Reaching \$1.12 in Portland.

Portland, Jan. 18.—The price of wheat went beyond the season's record today when bluestem advanced to \$1.12. Holders demand \$1.14. These prices are fully three cents above the season's record.

Make People Like Your Town

It is good business for you, regardless of what particular line of business you are in, to make people like your town—it is told of Hugh Chalmers, head of the great Chalmers Motor Company of Detroit, Michigan, that he habitually picks up strangers on the way down town in his car, and sometime ago, someone in that city, possibly it was Mr. Chalmers, picked up a stranger and it happened that this stranger was on the way to catch a train. The Detroit citizen very kindly and quickly drove the stranger to the Central station in time to catch his train. The stranger turned to thank the Detroit for his extreme kindness but the Detroit business man smiled as he waved his hand and drove away and said, "We may friend we want you to like our city"—it is safe to say that the stranger does like the city of Detroit because cities are made up of people. And that stranger could not help liking the thoughtful and courteous business man of that or any other city who treated strangers in this way—just try it in your town.

Steamships for Alaska Line.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 14.—Announcement was made by the Alaska Steamship company here today that two new 1400 ton liners, sister ships, have been purchased by the company in Philadelphia for duty between Oakland, Puget Sound and Alaska ports. The vessels are the Bennington and the Burlington of the Quaker line of Philadelphia. They will be renamed Valdez and Juneau.

Both ships are now loading general cargoes in Philadelphia and will leave as soon as loading is completed. Their cargoes will be discharged at the new municipal quay wall here and the formal welcome of the big passenger and freight steamers will be given. Captain Fred Warner has been assigned the command of the Bennington and Captain Peter McMullen the Burlington. They left for the east to assume their new commands this morning. The Bennington and Burlington are about 100 tons larger than the Admiral Dewey and Admiral Schley, vessels of the Pacific Steamship company now on the Oakland-Puget Sound run.

McLoughlin Seeks Golf.

San Francisco, Jan. 15.—Maurice Evans McLoughlin, national amateur golf champion! That will be the title attained by the California Comet if he continues to progress as rapidly as he did at tennis, in the opinion of experts who have watched his play during the last two years. McLoughlin practically has forsaken his first love, tennis, and taking to golf as naturally as he took to the court game. Expert golfers predict the Red Headed Woner will in time rank among the first stars of the country. One of the dominating features of McLoughlin's court game was accuracy, and the same keen eye works for him when he holds the driver and the masher. Until recently, McLoughlin has played golf only occasionally, but he is now devoting much time to perfecting his game.

VILLA CHIEF EXECUTED BY CARRANZISTAS

EXECUTION TAKES PLACE NEAR TRAIN WITH AMERICANS ABOARD.

SHOT FIRED WITHOUT ORDER BY ONE MAN

Two Special Trains Reach El Paso With Foreign Refugees from Chihuahua—Deserter Says Villa is now in Durango Mountains in Hiding, Urging Men to Kill Gringos.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Senator Lippitt, of Rhode Island, has introduced a resolution proposing immediate intervention in Mexico. Anti-Administration senators backed the effort and acrimonious debate ensued. "We might as well kill the resolution now as refer it to committee," Borah declared. Lippitt demanded immediate consideration of the resolution and Stone insisted on referring it to the committee.

El Paso, Jan. 18.—Colonel Villas, Villa's executioner, was publicly executed at Kurearz this morning within a few feet of a train where American women and children refugees were sleeping. The body was placed on view at the customs house alongside that of Rodriguez' as a bloody warning.

Brother Avenges Death.

Execution followed unconfirmed rumors that Albert Simmons of Los Angeles, and Victor Hamilton, of Chicago, were murdered by Villistas. Valles was brought under guard from Casas Grandes. He was awakened at five this morning, was dragged to a clump of cottonwoods nearby. Instead of selecting a firing squad, the captain chose one soldier, whose brother Valles has executed. Without an order this soldier shot him. A few sleepers aboard the train were awakened.

Villa Now in Hiding.

Two special trains have arrived bearing hundreds of Americans and other foreigners from Western Chihuahua. A Villa deserter said Villa has reiterated his threat against Americans, urging his followers to slay the gringos ruthlessly. He said Villa is hiding in the mountains of Durango.

NARROWLY ESCAPED FREEZING

Del Jackson, Railroad Employee, Has Bitter Experience at Junction.

Del Jackson, a well known railroad employee and for many years located at La Grande, and at present roundhouse foreman at Pilot Rock Junction, had a very narrow escape from death by freezing Sunday night, according to reports received from Pendleton. Mr. Jackson was, according to reports, working near the cinder pit and was injured in some way so as to cause him to fall in the pit. Three or four hours later he was found in an unconscious state lying with his face down. He was rushed to a freight and taken to his home in Pendleton. A physician was called and he is resting easy today. His face is badly bruised from the fall.

Insurance Licenses for 1916.

Salem, Or., Jan. 17.—Insurance Commissioner Wells has announced that he has issued the insurance licenses for this year. He says that 160 licenses were issued to companies engaged in fire and marine insurance and nine new fire companies were admitted to the state, while five retired. Forty-five licenses were issued to companies engaged in life insurance; three new companies were admitted and four retired. Thirty-nine licenses were issued to companies transacting accident, health liability and surety business, and two new companies were admitted and two retired. Licenses issued to agents totaled 6289, an increase of 317 over last year. Of this number 4326 were issued to fire insurance agents; 852 to life insurance agents and 1112 to accident, health, liability and surety agents.

RELATIVES ARE ILL.

Mrs. George Hillman Called to Chicago Last Evening.

Notified that her father and sister are dangerously ill with pneumonia, Mrs. George Hillman of Kama's left last evening for Chicago. The ailing sister is Mrs. Putman, who a couple of years ago visited in La Grande and while here was stricken with diphtheria but recovered in due course of time.