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MONTNEGRINS SPURN OFFERS FROM AUSTRIA

KING TAKES FIELD AGAINST FOES ONCE MORE AND PEACE PACT IS ENDED.

COMPLETE BLOCKADE OF GERMANY IS ANNOUNCED

Stiff Demands Against Greeks Reported, and if True Will Compel Them to Meet Revolution or Enter War on the Side of the Allies—Diplomatic Struggle On.

London, Jan. 20.—The Montenegrin Minister has informed the foreign office that King Nicholas has refused the Austrian Peace terms. Moreover, the Prime Minister declared fighting has been resumed in all fronts and Nicholas is with his troops.

Ultimatum Time Expired.
Rotterdam, Jan. 20.—The Allies' ultimatum to Greece demanding passports be handed to central powers' representatives was delivered at Athens Monday and expired yesterday, according to the Sofia correspondent of the Vossische Zeitung. Constantine's reply is unknown.

German Blockade Announced.
London, Jan. 20.—Answering a query before Parliament, Lord Grey announced that an actual blockade of Germany is proposed. He didn't indicate how far the government is prepared to go to prevent shipments reaching Germany. He branded unfair the recent newspaper charges that the present blockade is a farce. He said the government position toward American trade will probably be announced next week.

London, Jan. 20.—Allies have definitely agreed on the future military and diplomatic policies in the Balkans. The French members have departed after the Allied war council. It is understood Greece was the principal subject of the conference.

Revolution Promulgated.
Berlin is convinced that the Allies plan a revolution in Greece, with Premier Venizelos—an Allied supporter—to head the new government, or to cut off supplies, forcing King Constantine to join the Allies before a revolution breaks out.

Much Hangs on Greeks.
Sofia authorities have hinted that Roumania may join the Teutons should the latter make a successful coup with Greece. A Mail correspondent at Saloniki believes the Teutons are retiring from Greek frontiers in preparation of an Allied attack. It is claimed infantry and cavalry are withdrawing from Monastir.

Montenegrins Again in Arms.
Rome, Jan. 20.—It is officially announced the Montenegrins have renewed hostilities against Austria. Though she asked to end struggle recently, reports have been current that Montenegro is unsatisfied with Austrian terms.

SHEEP RECORDS SET.

Portland, Jan. 20.—The highest January price for sheep ever known, was reached in North Portland this afternoon when yearling wethers were selling for \$7.75.

WARRANT FOR BURFORD.

San Francisco Authorities Notified to Hold Him if Found.

Baker, Jan. 20.—Deputy Sheriff George Herbert yesterday wired to the San Francisco authorities a description of Arthur Burford, asking that he be arrested if found in San Francisco. It develops that in addition to deserting his family and leaving an 18-year-old girl, Burford left obligations here which resulted in information being filed against him and charges that will lead to his arrest if located.

W. H. Leasy, father of Mrs. Burford, has returned from Caldwell, where Burford and Georgia Lawrence were married, bringing copies of Burford's affidavit when he secured his marriage license showing that he committed perjury in so doing, in that he swore his divorce was granted six months prior to his marriage.

ANNUAL MEETING POSTPONED.

Stockholders of Co-operative Association to Meet Feb. 19.

Yesterday was the date for the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Union County Co-operative association. Attributable to the severity of the weather, there was a very slight attendance and it was considered advisable under circumstances to adjourn the meeting to a latter date so that a larger representation could be present. The question of postponement of the annual meeting to a future date was all the business that was transacted. The date fixed for the adjourned meeting is February 19th.

LOGGING TEAM PLUNGES OFF 1700-FT CLIFF

PERRY LOGGER ESCAPES DEATH MIRACULOUSLY—TEAM KILLED.

FATAL PLUNGE TAKEN END OVER END OFTEN

Skidding Off Top of High Cliff, Logging Team, Sleigh, Logs and Man Start Over Sure-Death Route, but Driver Is Left 200 Feet From Top.

Perry, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Two horses were killed, a logging sleigh damaged, and Henry Perry, driver of the team miraculously escaped death this morning when the team and logs catapulted end over end time and again down a steep cliff between 1500 and 2000 feet high. The conglomerate mass of logs, horses and sleigh landed in the mill pond at the Perry sawmill. The driver began the fatal descent with the team, but by the sheerest good luck, rolled away from the plunging mass after he had followed the plunge a distance of 200 feet down the cliff.

The Caldwell boys have a contract for shooting logs from the highest hill around Perry, just North of the mill. They haul logs by sleigh to the edge of the precipice with teams and there unload them allowing the logs to tumble down the 1600 or 1700 foot embankment to the pond below.

Ice Driveway Missed.
Perry was bringing up a load in the regular way this morning but the sleigh suddenly skidded from the road to the edge of the embankment, and went over. The movement was so sudden that man, team, logs and all were on the downward plunge almost instantly.

Fortune guided Perry's destinies for he came to a halt on a projecting rock while the load went on. He watched the sensational plunge until it was over, the outfit turning over and over endwise and sidewise. He has little conception of how he got away from the load—that he is alive and unhurt concerns him most.

The loss as considerable as it was a valuable team, and the sleighs were of an expensive sort.

STRINGENT DANCE LAWS.

Public and Private Dances in Pendleton Get Regulation.

Pendleton, Jan. 20.—An ordinance introduced at the meeting last night of the city council will, if finally adopted, regulate all public dances and all private dances given in public halls. It will also be effective against dances given in private homes if it is believed such dances are given to evade the law. It provides for a dance inspector to be appointed by the mayor whose duty it will be to see that the law is being adhered to in every respect.

In the first place it provides that anyone giving a public dance must go to the city health officer so the latter may issue a certificate that the hall is a sanitary place, well ventilated, and that separate rest rooms are provided for women and men. After the hall has been passed upon, a license must then be secured from the city recorder. A small fee will be charged and this will be good for one year. The license will be non-transferable.

Among the things the law will prohibit will be smoking in the halls or ante-rooms, unless a separate place is provided away from the dancing hall proper; all forms of dancing where the dancers are in close contact, such as ragging, the Bunny Hug or Turkey Trot; and no dancer will be allowed to leave the hall and return, unless he pays another entrance fee.

The latest hour that a dance may continue will be 12 o'clock with the exception of Saturday night when the dance will be required to close at 11:45 o'clock. Private dances in public halls will be amenable to the same restrictions except that, where no admission is to be charged, it will not be necessary to procure a license from the city recorder.

LIMITED DERAILED.

Engineer Killed in Missouri—Steel Cars Save Lives.

Winston, Jan. 20.—An engineer was killed, a fireman badly hurt and five passengers injured when the California limited was derailed two miles west of here. One engine and seven cars left the tracks. Steel car construction prevented a heavy loss of life.

Children Hurt While Coasting

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—Katherine Kelly, aged 10, and Gladys Edgerly, aged 9, were probably fatally injured last night when they were thrown from their sled after coasting down a steep hill and crashed into a concrete wall. Both suffered fractures of the skull.

Cavalry and Auto Scouts Search for the Missing Soldiers

TWO NOTORIOUS MEXICANS



The late General Jose Rodriguez who directed slaughter of Watson party of 16, and whose body swings in the customs house square at Juarez as a warning to other Villistas. Insert, Pancho Villa who is now a bandit and outlaw in hiding but directing slaughter of Americans on the border.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Reported capture of seven American troopers yesterday in New Mexico, was discounted today when General Funston reported:

"Mexican bandits robbed a house at Canavells Mine. Three of the detachment there trailed them south, dismounting there and they recon-

noitered whereupon the Mexicans fired and killed a horse. Lieutenant Nicholson left here this morning with a detachment of thirty. Lieut. Nicholson and a detachment of automobiles, reconnoitered and found the bandits' tracks leading southwest toward Mexico."

HOMES CAN NOT BE SEARCHED

Seattle, Jan. 20.—The police can't search private homes for stocks of liquor unless it is being sold, Mayor Gill announced today following raids on private residences. Prosecutors have advised men to concentrate their efforts against bootleggers.

Gill said persecutions will defeat the dry law.

Immense Bird Sanctuary.

Greenwich, Conn. Jan. 20.—E. C. Converse, Multi-Millionaire, is turning his 1500 acres here into a bird sanctuary to aid the national movement for the conservation of bird life. Mr. Converse and George A. Drew, manager of the big estate, Conyers Manor, are enthusiastic over the plan. An ornithologist of high ability will be selected from the Massachusetts Agricultural College and will be ordered to make Conyers Manor an ideal bird refuge. His work will include the raising of wild ducks and the winter feeding and protection of insectivorous birds, this including the setting out of nesting boxes and lessening the enemies of birds life. A bird census will be taken at the start and comparisons made as the work progresses. Special attention will be given to the increase of insect eating birds.

PORTLAND'S ROSE SLOGAN.

Prize Couplet Won by Mrs. Bertha Slater Smith.

Mrs. Bertha Slater Smith, who was born in La Grande and who resided here until seven years ago when she married Mr. Elmer Smith and moved to Portland, won the first honors for a Rose Show slogan. The prize was

offered by the Rose Carnival committee of Portland and it is \$25 in cash. The slogan submitted by Mrs. Smith is:

"For you a rose
In Portland grows."

Mrs. Smith is the youngest daughter of Mrs. E. E. Slater, of La Grande, and her father was former United States senator for Oregon. Three sisters, Miss Olive Slater and Mrs. Nellie Neill and Mrs. A. B. Cherry and two brothers, Attorney J. D. and J. L. Slater, are all residents of this place.

CONVENTION STAMPEDED.

Unpolished Oratory From "Mother Jones" Heals Breach.

Indianapolis, Jan. 20.—"Mother Jones," the famed old lady of mining union renown, today stamped the convention of United Mineworkers with an address of unpolished oratory. She raised the 1500 delegates to a fury of enthusiasm and forced Duncan McDonald to the platform and made him shake hands with President White, ending a bitter struggle between the two which has threatened for years to disrupt the union.

FLOOD CREST REACHED.

Rains Over and Death toll Is Now Standing at Ten.

Los Angeles, Jan. 20.—Leaving death, ruin and millions in damage in their wake, floods have slowly subsided. The rain has stopped for the first time in many days. The fatality toll stands at ten this morning. Six of these are in the vicinity of Los Angeles and four at San Diego.

NEGRO IMPLICATES MRS. MOHR

Providence, Jan. 20.—George Heals, a negro chauffeur, told his story of the killing of Dr. Mohr, today and declared Mrs. Mohr offered herself and two others \$5,000 for the job. "We were to have killed Mohr on a Saturday, but lost our nerve because two girls occupied the machine with him. The following Tuesday I stopped the car beside the bushes and they killed the doctor."

Diamond Rings Thrown Into Snow.

Eugene, Or., Jan. 19.—Within three

hours after he had stolen two diamond rings at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Sherman Heller a young man giving the name of Joe Dennis was arrested at Cottage Grove. When searched at the county jail here after having been brought back, the rings were nowhere to be found on his person, but after Deputy Sheriff Green Pitcher, who arrested him and brought him to Eugene, went back to Cottage Grove last night he found both rings in the snow outside the city jail yard where Dennis had thrown them.

EXPLOSION IN STOVE SCARES

MRS. L. D. HOWLAND NEAR TO DANGER.

Water Front in Cook Stove Blows Up With Crash that Leaves Many Scars.

Mrs. L. D. Howland, 1808 Walnut, knows all about the sensation of hearing a 42-centimeter Jack Johnson explode. Yesterday afternoon a frozen water front in the family cook stove exploded while she stood nearby. Her stove is well battered, and stove-lids, pieces of cast iron from the water jacket, chunks of stove, a bucketful of coal and ashes, and stove pot pourri in general were scattered over the ceiling and walls.

Mrs. Howland affirms that the explosion was accompanied by a crash which she imagines is something like a cannon's roar. She had just stepped away from the stove when it happened, and the main force of the concussion fortunately went in another direction from where she stood, and upwards, at the same time, and though she was uninjured she was still pale like a ghost when Nate Zweifel, plumber, answered the hurry call for assistance. The walls and ceiling of the kitchen are black and scarred as a result of the explosion. The stove may be salvage however.

FLOUR UP AGAIN.

Portland Millers Announce Increase of Twenty Cents a Barrel.

Portland, Jan. 20.—All grades of flour jumped twenty cents again today. The price is \$5.60 in Portland.

ICE MENACES UMATILLA.

Jams and Excessive Water Make Danger to Old-Time Terminal.

Pendleton, Jan. 20.—Because of an ice jam in the Columbia between Umatilla and Irrigon the water in the river rose six feet on Monday and though no damage was inflicted the situation caused uneasiness and speculation as to what the future held in store.

The alarming feature of the situation is the fact there is another jam in the river a short distance above Umatilla, probably at the rapids. In the event this jam should give way first and thus let the water through swiftly while the lower jam held fast there would be danger of a very swift rise in the river with some damage inevitable.

However, a phone message to the East Oregonian yesterday afternoon from H. N. Dryer, stated the river was then falling, thus relieving the tension. It is not known whether the jam below Umatilla has given away or not but the supposition is that it has been partly broken.

At Umatilla the government steamer Asotin has been busy breaking ice so as to have a free way to escape in the event the jam should break thus bringing on a rapid fall in the river. The river channel is open at Umatilla but the ice is frozen for a distance of several hundred feet into the stream on each side.

POWER HOUSE RISES.

Contractor Rush Has Frame Work Well Under Way Today.

The frame building which will house the new substation in Mill Canyon to be built on the site of the one recently destroyed by fire, is well along today under the direction of Contractor Rush. The Eastern Oregon Light & Power company let the contract a couple of days ago.

EXPRESS COMPANY FINED.

American Charged Too Much for Hauling Fish Out of Celilo.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The Interstate Commerce commission has awarded damages against the American Express and others, for unreasonable charges for fresh fish shipped from Celilo to New York.

REASSESSING WORK ORDERED DONE AT ONCE

LEGALITY OF NEW CITY CHARTER WILL BE TESTED OUT NOW

PROPERTY OWNERS MUST TAKE THE INITIATIVE

Police Department Shorn of One Member Since Less Work Devolves With Prohibition in Force—Various Matters Come Before City Commission at Weekly Session.

Reassessments on North Second and South Fourth streets and lopping off one policeman—because lack of duties make that expeditious—were two important pieces of business transacted at the mid-week session of the city commission last evening. The police department has been on trial, as it were, since the advent of the state-wide prohibition law, and the records show that as long as matters run the way they do now, one patrolman less will be permissible and expedient. Patrolman Galkins loses his job by the order.

The reassessments of the two much-mooted street improvements were ordered after considerable discussion. Turned Oliver, Warren company representatives and others, were on hand to participate in the general consideration. Mr. Oliver would have the city compel the Warren people to take the initiative on South Fourth, but City Attorney Slater advised the commission to put the reassessment clause of the new charter to the legal test at once. This was decided, and the logical conclusions are that as soon as the reassessments are made on that street, the property owners will seek stay of proceedings and force the matter in the supreme court where the new charter will be weighed in the balance of legal scales.

As to North Second, the reassessments may finally settle disputes there. The new charter forbids the commission from making assessments greater than the accruing benefits. The upshot of the matter may be that, in view of the fact everyone knows the improvements are unsatisfactory, the reassessments may be based on such a scale that the property owners will be placated. The city would have to bear the difference between actual cost and actual assessments made this time. The city charter conveys authority to assess intersections to the general fund and this too is a possible means of reaching a settlement in that case, some contending that if the intersection charges were expunged from assessments against the property owners, that there would be no further objection to paying the amounts.

The commission instructed the manager to include in the assessments on north Second all interests and total costs against the properties and from this total final deductions and adjustments will be made.

All commissioners were present and some important details were transacted and closed up. A petition was received from the building committee of the Catholic church asking for cancellation of the city's share of taxes assessed for 1914 against the Catholic church property, on the ground that churches are exempt from taxation. The matter was referred.

A communication was received from Art Weagle asking that he be given the half and half swing—that is, part day and part night, instead of all night. This was referred to the manager and chief of police.

Bids were opened for auditing the city books. C. P. Newlin offered to do the work for \$100 and Perry Oliver offered to do it at the rate of \$7.00 per day, not to exceed \$150 all told. The matter was laid over.

Bonds to the amount of \$2170.65 were ordered turned over to the contractor for work done last fall on First street. The commission later in the evening began readings of an ordinance to empower issuance of these bonds, and the outcome will be, probably, that the city will invest some sinking funds in these, at an opportune time.

The annual agreement with the O.-W. for right of way for two sewers across railroad property, was ordered renewed, at a cost for the year of \$1.20.

Spencer & Banks, through resolution, were given a \$5.00 dance license which previously had been issued to Sam Harris, but which he relinquishes in favor of the new firm which contemplates operating a dance hall in the Harris building.

The report of the city manager for the week ending Saturday night, follows:

The police arrested one on a city
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Improving From Burn.

Hal Rees, deputy sheriff, arrived home last night from a trip to Vale. Mr. Rees is recovering from the injury recently inflicted on his wrist which was burned by gasoline.