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## KUTELAMARA IS REINFORCED

### RELIEF PARTY FROM ENGLAND NOW REPULSED

SEEMS CERTAIN BELEAGUERED CITY WILL SURRENDER TO THE TURKS.

### BAD WATER AND HIGH TIGRESS RESPONSIBLE

Relief in Way of Infantry and Artillery Sent to the Turks Who Seem to Have Situation Well in Hand—Various Moves Take Place in War Zones During the Day.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—(Wireless to Sayville)—The main Montenegrin army has surrendered. Austrians now hold the whole of Montenegro, dispatches have declared.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—Artillery and infantry from Baghdad have reinforced Turks at Kutelamara and repulsed the British attempting to relieve the besieged garrison. Constantinople reported the garrison has ceased sorties, evidently lacking ammunition.

The Tigress is flooded in that region, making wells unfit for drinking water. Baghdad predicted garrison will be forced to surrender shortly because of exhaustion of food and water. The garrison is training infantry attack on Kutelamara. Artillery is shelling the towns. Turks are strengthening defenses to the east, where the Aymer relief expedition is attempting to approach. Floods forced the British to relinquish their positions won a week ago.

Beaten Armies Flee. Rome, Jan. 25.—The Montenegrin and Serbian troops are arriving to reach Durazzo because of the Austrian occupation of Scutari which prevents escape to the Adriatic.

Russians Approach Pinsk. Petrograd, Jan. 25.—Russians are within three miles of Pinsk it is reported. This is an extension of the attack against the Austrians in the Kovel region.

German Win and Lose. Paris, Jan. 25.—Germans have penetrated trenches near the mouth of the Yser, it is officially admitted. Later they were driven out. This was followed by a bombardment and 20,000 shells were thrown against the French lines. Germans occupied two shell craters on the Arras road and subsequently were repulsed. Fighting continues.

London, Jan. 25.—Two German birdmen this morning bombarded Dunkirk, it is officially announced. Later British airmen shot down a German aviator at Niepor. The official announcement said German aircraft raided Dover on Monday, but anti-aircraft guns repulsed the raiders.

Birdmen Damage Bulgars. Saloniki, Jan. 25.—Sixteen French aeroplanes bombarded Ghevveli, killing and wounding over 100, and doing damage to Bulgarian camps.

STOCKMEN WILL MEET. Extensive Program Arranged for State Association at Baker.

Baker, Jan. 25.—Secretary S. O. Correll of the Cattle and Horse Raisers' association of Oregon yesterday sent out second notices to the members, calling attention to the third annual convention, which will be held in this city on the 8th and 9th of next month. The cards bore colored pictures of the Baker county court house, where the business meetings will be held. The forenoon and afternoon meetings at the court house will be open to the public, while the evening social sessions at the Elks auditorium will be for the members and invited guests.

The ladies' committee has received acknowledgement of invitations from many wives of members who expect to accompany their husbands to the meetings, and special social events are being planned in their honor.

The committees in charge of the details of arrangement are as follows: Finance—Henry H. Wendt, E. W. Coles, H. L. Homewood, W. J. Densley and Ed Powers.

Arrangements—Wm. Duby, Perry Blackburn and N. N. Elliott.

Program—F. A. Phillips, Thomas Kerfoot and Thos. Mack.

Reception—W. E. Meacham, Bird Spaulding and R. P. Anderson.

Entertainment for Visiting Ladies—Mesdames Wm. Duby, F. A. Phillips, Henry Wendt, S. O. Correll, Thos. Mack and S. L. Turley.

### CHARITY BALL DATES SET FOR FEB. 14.

La Grande's annual charity ball date has been set for February 14th. The Wednesday Bridge club, which had the ball in charge last year and which made so tremendous a success of it, will again stand sponsors for the welfare of the undertaking. There is much yet to be shaped, for instance the price, the scope of refreshments and other potent factors, but the club expects to be able to make these within a few days—probably by the end of the week.

## FRESH STORM MARS COMFORT

WHOLE EASTERN OREGON IN STORM'S PATH.

Danger of Flood Everywhere Suddenly Averted by Drifts.

Astoria, Jan. 25.—The French bark Bayard, loaded with wheat for Europe is in distress south of the Columbia. It is reported her topgallant masts are gone, and sails are in ribbons. The tug Oneonta has gone to the rescue.

Eastern Oregon is again the stage of another generous snowstorm and a husky blow. Everywhere a flood was imminent yesterday morning; today drifted highways and railroads are quite the vogue. The change was so sudden that those who saw in Sunday's balmy weather a forerunner of spring, are now admitting that there seemingly is much storm to come. Lanes throughout the valley are reported filled to an impassable stage this morning.

Last night the streets and sidewalks, so far as La Grande was concerned, were drifted as they haven't been this year. The wind came up jointly with a light snowfall and piled walks heaping full in a short time. By midnight the storm had abated, only to take up again this morning in a more or less rigorous fashion.

Union Uses Sleighs Again. Union, Jan. 25.—The Chinook wind that raged all day Saturday and Sunday and thawed almost all the snow except that in the huge drifts, ceased Sunday night and a heavy snow began to fall which had covered the ground to a depth of three inches by Monday night. The sleighs were again put into use and this is the principal means of transportation again.

Cove Feels Snow Again. Cove, Ore., Jan. 25.—(Special)—A Chinook wind took all of the snow off the latter part of the week but it is snowing again this morning and it is reported that the roads across the valley are impassable.

Pendleton Snowfall Big. Pendleton, Jan. 25.—Ten inches of snow had fallen at Pendleton last midnight. This was blown about considerably and a rather severe storm was raging most of today.

The week-end chinook, which swept away practically all of the previous snow and caused high water damage, was succeeded Sunday night by a snow storm that has continued well through Monday. Pendleton people awoke with surprise yesterday morning to find a five inch blanket of snow over everything.

The melting snow Saturday and Sunday caused creeks to overflow and torrents to sweep down gulches. The principal damage was along Wild Horse creek, the flood-waters washing out both the railroad and the macadam so that all traffic has been suspended since Saturday night.

The creeks reached their maximum Saturday night and Sunday subsided all day. Today there is but little water running down them. Washouts were reported in several places along the O-W tracks between this city and Walla Walla and stretches of track were repaired between Walla Walla and Havanna and the crews are now working between this city and Havanna where the biggest washouts occurred.

The Pendleton-Walla Walla trains have been annulled and the Spokane trains have been routed by way of Umatilla.

Torrents of water swept down the gulleys near Saxe, Havanna and Blakely and the macadam road was swept into Wild Horse creek in several places. It has been impossible for cars or other vehicles to cross those washouts and the road will practically be impassable until it is repaired.

DOMINION LINER SUNK.

Little Known About Her Except She Has Been Submerged.

London, Jan. 25.—The Dominion liner Norseman, 10,000 tons, was submerged, a Liverpool dispatch said. Presumably she was sunk near England.

GIVES STEEL PREFERRED FOR BRIDGE PRIZES.



Mrs. E. H. Gary.

Mrs. E. H. Gary, wife of the chairman of the board of directors of the United States Steel Corporation, became tired of the customary prizes given at bridge whist parties. Her friends had won so many of the same kind that their homes were littered with duplicates. So she thought of the steel stock in the corporation of which her husband is the guiding spirit. Then she went out and bought seven shares of the preferred, each of which cost her \$117. Her friends who were lucky enough to win carried home these certificates.

## TABLEAUX AND SONG TONIGHT

NEIGHBORHOOD CLUB TO PRESENT PROGRAM.

Annual Loan Day Program Promises to Outdo Previous Efforts.

The progress of our country will be told in song, story and tableaux tonight at the city library when the Neighborhood club presents its annual Loan Fund day program. Some extremely unique features will be brought out, and much preparation has been going on in the various parts. The committees in charge have selected the following:

Patriotic Song—Messrs. George Bernie and Elsworth Ellis.  
Indian Period—  
Song—Mrs. Geo. Bernie.  
Tableau—"Saca-jawea."  
Puritan Period—  
Tableau—Puritan Maidens.  
Reading—"Cutting from the 'Courtship of Miles Standish'"—Mrs. Stella Ingle.

Tableau—Priscilla and John Alden.  
Piano Solo, "Ancient Dance"—Miss Stella Oliver.  
Civil War Period—  
Song, "Tenting Tonight on the Old Camp Ground"—Messrs. Ellis and Bernie.

Tableau—Maiden of 1860.  
Reading, "The Recessional"—Mrs. A. T. Hill.  
Modern Period—  
Song—Mrs. Geo. Currey.  
Tableau—Woman of Today.  
Piano Solo—Mrs. R. J. Green.

There will be no admission, and club members are bringing their husbands and friends with them. A silver offering will be taken during the course of the evening.

## UNION SOCIAL FAVORITES WED

ROBERT WITCOMBE AND MISS HUTCHINSON MARRY.

Governor and His Wife Present to Witness Ceremony this Afternoon

Union, Ore., Jan. 25.—Governor James Withycombe and wife arrived in the city from Salem yesterday to attend the wedding of their son, Robert Withycombe, superintendent of the Eastern Oregon Experiment station at his place, to Miss Mabel Hutchinson, daughter of W. B. Hutchinson, a wealthy and prominent stockman of this city and president of the First National bank.

The wedding ceremony took place at the home of the bride's parents in North Union this afternoon and will be attended by only a few relatives and friends of the families.

ROOM INQUIRIES COME.

Available Rooms Should Be Listed Early for Farmers' Week.

Anticipating that there will be more people in town next week than the hotels can handle, the Commercial club is preparing itself for this emergency by obtaining a list of available rooms to be used in case they are needed. All who have rooms to spare, should telephone the information to H. E. Dixon, chairman of the accommodations committee, Black 1251, or to F. B. Currey, club secretary, at Red 2001. This information should contain the house number, the number of rooms, the price and such other information as is germane to the situation.

## WHEAT TOUCHES RECORD MARK FOR THE SEASON

Portland, Jan. 25.—Flour is destined to become a luxury, made only for the rich. Wheat today stood \$1.15, a new high record for the year, but even at that figure sales were limited. Holders are unwilling to let go below \$1.18.

Millers are considering another advance in the price of flour the past ten days having seen a couple substantial raises of this sort.

Wheat struck the high record point in the Grande Ronde valley for the year last night when some sales were negotiated by the Kiddie interests at

\$1.01 for forty fold. The price is today hanging on about that point but the \$1.01 is the banner price for the year here.

Wheat dealers are inclined to think the valley is fairly well cleaned up, some are holding small batches for better than \$1.00 but the main bulk is gone.

Baker Businessman in City.

S. P. Dement, who is a representative of the Baker marble and monument works, is in a Grande on business connected with his institution.

## THREE BODIES STILL MISSING

### TEXAS MOB HANGS WHITE MAN TO TREE.

Boston, Texas, Jan. 25.—A mob this morning overpowered the jailer and captured W. J. Mayfield, aged 50, white, and hanged him to a tree. Mayfield had been held on a charge of slaying his mother, father and brother with an axe. A score of masked men engaged in the lynching.

## GERMAN REPLY NOT SUITABLE

WHITE HOUSE CLAIMS IT IS UNSATISFACTORY.

Wilson and Lansing to Resume Deliberations in the Matter.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Reports that the latest German Lusitania note meets all America's demands are "pure supposition, unjustified by facts," the White House announced. The note was presented to the cabinet today.

The President will confer with Secretary Lansing tomorrow, hoping to clear the case before starting his preparedness campaign.

It is reported Germany didn't mention the matter of future warnings to liners before submarine attacks, and modified her refusal to concede wrongdoing of the diver, which sunk the Lusitania.

Duluth Man Studies Oregon.

Mike Cummings is an arrival from Duluth, Minn., and is at present registered at the Savoy hotel. He came to this part of Oregon with the special purpose of looking over the country with a view of locating permanently.

HAWAIIANS CLEVER.

Y. M. C. A. Attraction Next Week Promises to Be Stellar.

To those who really appreciate good music, correctly interpreted, a rare treat is offered at the Y. M. C. A. on Monday evening, Jan. 31, when the P. riess company of Hawaiian singers and players will offer a choice program of harmonious Hawaiian and American melodies, both vocal and instrumental. Hawaiian music possesses a quaint haunting sweetness and when once heard is never forgotten. Naturally a musical people, their excellent voices blend harmoniously with the soft sweet tones of the native string instruments. This is the first tour north of San Francisco of this company, having come directly from the Panama-Pacific Exposition where they delighted thousands with their quaint melodies.

Appropriations Will Be Limited.

Washington, Jan. 25.—Following a conference with Representative Kitchen the President has announced that the amount of appropriations in the rivers and harbors bill will be limited to \$24,000,000. The omnibus public buildings bill will be eliminated altogether.

OREGON LABOR PACIFISTS.

Convention in Portland Hears Attack on Preparedness Program.

Portland, Jan. 25.—Strong opposition to militarism was expressed at the opening of the convention of the Oregon Federation of Labor. "Militarism leads in war, and labor only advances in time of peace," declared President Burchard. President Smith, of Portland labor council attacked the preparedness policy.

BERLIN GIVES FIGURES.

Mesopotamia Struggle Cost Allies Large Number of Men.

Berlin, Jan. 25.—British lost 6000 killed and wounded, when Turks repulsed the attack at Mesopotamia, a Turkish official statement has said.

Peerage May Disappear

London, Jan. 8.—(By Mail)—A proposal is being considered in the highest quarters to provide against the extinction of British peerages by the operations of the war.

One peer without an heir, Lord Kesteven, already has been killed in action and several heirs to peerages, including those of Lord Lincolnshire and Lord Ribblesdale, have fallen, leaving no heirs to succeed them. It is considered possible that steps soon will be taken to create "special remainders" for succession to titles from the female side. Six titles have become extinct so far during the war. At the beginning of 1915, there were 681 hereditary peers in the United Kingdom.

## COREA WRECK NOT ANY ACT OF NEGLIGENCE

CORONER WILL NOT CONDUCT INQUEST, AFTER INVESTIGATION.

LIKELY BODIES WILL BE MISSING FOR MONTHS

Commissioner of Public Service Finds That No Criminal Negligence Was Responsible for the Recent Wreck in the Mountains—One of Family Bettermans Missing.

Seattle, Jan. 25.—Chairman Reynolds, of the Public Service commission, has returned from the scene of the wreck at Corea, and said the commission won't attempt to fix responsibility. It will gather evidence soon to use in framing preventative measures against future accidents, such as took place when an avalanche hit a passenger train.

No Inquest Proposed. There is to be no inquest, the coroner has stated. He eliminated any element of criminal negligence.

Hope of finding the three missing persons has dwindled, but an army of laborers is still working. If the bodies were swept past the lower track, it will be impossible to recover them for months. The missing now are:

Mrs. Fern Wallace and baby of Lyons, Wash.; Ralph Betterman, aged eight. Three bodies of that family have been recovered. Mrs. Betterman is now in an Everett hospital with her son, aged five.

Visitors in Pendleton Today.

Father Driscoll and J. H. Peare are in Pendleton today making arrangements for a big delegation of Catholics from Pendleton next Sunday when Our Lady of the Valley church will be dedicated with fitting ceremonies.

EXPERIENCED FLOODS.

Chas. Haggerty Was in Southern California During Recent Storms

Chas. Haggerty was a passenger on today's train en route to his home in High Valley, above Union, from a visit of four months in California. He was in the flooded district around Los Angeles and San Diego but got away before the highest stage of water came. Taking his experience all the way through Mr. Haggerty is convinced that there are many other localities on the face of the earth that can easily compare fortunes with those where he has been visiting.

"BAD MAN" ESCAPED.

Salem Prisoner Gone After Cutting Through Prison Bars.

Salem, Jan. 25.—Drilling through bars and crawling over roofs, George Clark, a burglar, has escaped from the penitentiary. He is considered a desperate criminal, but it is believed unarmed.

Guards are searching throughout the valley.

JEFFERSON HERE SATURDAY.

Portland Interscholastic Crack Team Will Play High School.

After several days' of negotiations, La Grande and Jefferson High of Portland have come to terms and a game will be played on the basketball floor at the high school next Saturday evening. The team is touring Eastern Oregon this week, and there was considerable uncertainty as to dates for the La Grande game, until final arrangements were made today.

FRUIT MAN MARRIED.

Young Man Well Known in Imbler Takes Into Himself a Bride.

Frank Stubbs, of Milton, and one of the chief of staff of a big fruit concern of Walla Walla, arrived from the east last night, accompanied by a bride, the marriage having taken place during his recent trip in the east. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs are at the present registered at the Savoy, but will make their future home at Milton. Mr. Stubbs was at Imbler the most of the past apple season and at that place he had charge of a large portion of the apples that were shipped from Imbler to the eastern markets.