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POWDER PLANTS LOSE MILLIONS BY EXPLOSIONS

DUPONT POWDER COMPANY PLANT AT HASKELL, N. J. DAMAGED, \$2,000,000

TWO KNOWN TO BE DEAD MANY ARE STILL MISSING

Incendiary Is Not Expected—Canadian Car and Foundry Company At Kingsland, New Jersey Loses \$16,000,000 of Which \$10,000,000 Was Explosives Owned By Russian Government.

New York, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—Officials of the Dupont Powder plant at Haskell, New Jersey, declared two million dollars would cover last night's explosion loss. Two are known to be dead. An authentic casualty list is impossible. Many workers fled and have not returned. Incendiary is not suspected. An emergency hospital surgeon found portions of bodies in the ruins. County Prosecutor Dunn announced a probe of the accident.

Four hundred thousand pounds of powder were destroyed. Kingsland Loss \$16,000,000.

New York, Jan. 13.—A statement that the fire and explosions which wrecked the plant of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company at Kingsland, N. J., Wednesday was "possibly if not probably of incendiary origin," was issued here last night by the officials of the company. The total loss, it was said, was \$16,000,000.

Of this total, \$10,000,000 consisted of shells and explosives owned by the Russian government. The rest was in destroyed property of the Canadian Car & Foundry Company, of which half was covered by insurance.

RUSSIAN NAVY SINKS TURKISH VESSELS TO NUMBER OF FORTY

Petrograd Naval Staff Reports That Fleet of Merchantmen Carrying Heavy Cargoes to Constantinople Are Sunk and Sixty-Three Prisoners Taken.

London, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—The Central News Agency announced that the Petrograd Naval Staff reported that the Russian Squadron had raided Anatolian Coast on January 6th and sunk forty Turkish sailing vessels carrying heavy cargoes to Constantinople. Sixty-three prisoners were taken.

Steamer Is Raided. Portland, Jan. 13.—(Special)—The steamer F. A. Kilgum, which tied up at the Northrup street dock from San Francisco at 5 p. m. yesterday, was raided last night by a posse of detectives, deputy sheriffs and harbor police, and 169 bottles of unconsign liquor were seized.

Whiskey in Trunk Brings Owner Grief

O. W. Rust of Pendleton Is Arrested for Violation of Dry Ordinance When Two 5-Gallon Kegs Are Discovered.

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 13.—(Special)—A trunkload of whiskey brought O. W. Rust, well known resident, to grief Thursday night. The trunk fell under the suspicious eye of Chief Gardane, was investigated and was seized as evidence that Rust was violating the prohibition ordinance. He was, therefore, arrested and will come before Police Judge Fitzgerald soon to make his explanations.

The trunk and Rust arrived on No. 19 yesterday morning. Though every precaution had been taken to prevent any telltale order from escaping from the trunk, it attracted attention anyway. An investigation showed two 5-gallon kegs of whiskey carefully wrapped in a fur coat and sweaters and packed away in sawdust and corn meal. The trunk had been brought from Utah, it is alleged.

Rust also had a hand grip in which were a half dozen quart bottles of whiskey.

HOUSE COMMITTEE IS TO REOPEN PROBE OF THE PEACE NOTE LEAK

Thomas W. Lawson Will Be Called and Efforts Made to Compel Him to Reveal Name of Congressman Who, He Said, Told of Conspiracy to Profit on Wall Street.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—The House Rules committee today decided completely to reopen the leak probe. It will subpoena Thomas Lawson, Lockwood of a Brokerage firm, James Reilly editor of the Wall Street Journal, Donald McDonald, who allegedly gave Lawson information, F. W. McKinnon a Chicago broker, and half dozen others.

The committee will call Thomas W. Lawson before it again, probably Monday, and demand the name of the Congressman who, he says, told him that a cabinet officer, a member of Congress and a broker were in a conspiracy to make money in the stock market on official secrets. This action came as the result of insistence by the Republican members of the House.

If Lawson again refuses to name the Congressman and the trio involved in his story, as it generally is believed he will, the committee then will report him either to the House or the District Court on contempt charges.

Children Elks' Chorus Number 49

Tots Will Sing in Unison, Do a Comic Dance, and Several Other Stunts.

The children who will sing and dance at the coming Elks' show, "A Night in Bohemia," are:

Deputy Warden, Ruth Owsley, Mattie Stillwell, Betty Cochran, Edna May Wilson, Beverly Pearson, Deloris Pearson, Gertrude Scranton, Phyllis Scranton, Dorothy Eberhard, Connie Rees, Inez Hughes, Ellen Parkhurst, Ruth Rogers, Jean Rodgers, Margaret Zweifel, Margaret Dupes, Evelyn Emahiser, Lillian Sims, Elma Bay, Kathryn Peterson, Margaret Ellis, Gwendolyn Hall, Constance Hall, Geneva Day, Eula Day, Elma Owsley, Marporie Logan, Marguerite Rhodes, Ruth Hill, Pearl Cyr, Madeline Jones, Marcella Berry, Merle George, Norma Meyer, Iris Hughes, Lola Snodgrass, Marion Snodgrass, Josephine Evans, Helen Jane Hall, Muri Gore, Florence Dell, Margaret King, Doris Bennett, Lottie Bennett, Beth Hesse, Thelma Daniels, Winifred Kennedy.

Two of their songs, "Hush, Here Comes the Dream Man," and "Billy, Billy Bounce Your Baby Doll" will be sung by the children in unison. The youngsters have several other parts, a comic dance among them.

Pendleton Girls Beat La Grande Girls 21-13

The Pendleton high school girls' basketball team defeated the La Grande High School girls' basketball team last night in the La Grande High School gymnasium, 21 to 13. The game was full of fouls and the accurate work of one of the Pendleton forwards, Miss Vera Temple, under the basket was a big factor in the visitors winning the game. So much do the La Grande high school girls think of Miss Temple's work that they said they could have beaten the Pendleton team with an ordinary forward in Miss Temple's place. Misses Jean Smith and Edna Jones starred for La Grande. Miss Jones scored nearly all of the local girls' points and Miss Smith got the tip-off from her opponent nine out of ten times.

Miss Jewel Tozier, the La Grande coach, said that she was well pleased with the girls' play. She said the teamwork displayed by both teams was above ordinary, comparing favorably with teams of university and college women. The La Grande girls are negotiating for games with other teams.

Between halves the first and second boys' teams of the La Grande high school played at 7 to 7 tie half.

Will Discuss Y. M. C. A. Work. All Y. M. C. A. high school boys are cordially invited to attend a meeting tomorrow afternoon at 2 to discuss methods of procedure for a future Y. M. C. A. work among the high school boys. Rev. G. L. Clark will be the leader of the discussion. Messrs. Linden McCullough and A. C. Hampton will also attend. A short song service will be on the program.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Germans Admit British Make Advance North of Ancre. Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—It is admitted the British captured a position north of Ancre, following repeated attacks in the vicinity of Serre. Germans held the main stronghold. The statement said most of the assaults were "sanguinarily repulsed". Germans stormed and captured Mihals, Roumania. They took four hundred Russians. Many Russians were drowned attempting to cross the Sereth River.

Roumanians Claim To Win Violent Battle At Monastir. Petrograd, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Roumanians won a most violent battle east of Monastir. They occupied the Teutonic trenches and captured three machine guns.

Germans Believe Allies Have Blocked Peace Plans. Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—German editorials expressed practically the unanimous belief that the Allies note blocked the present peace plans. The Berlin Lokal Anzeiger says: "The Entente note destroys our last peace desire. The Allies are waging a war of conquest." The Tages Zeitung says: "Our enemies are striving to destroy Germany as a great power." The Tageblatt said: "The reply blocked every peace path."

DATES FOR AUTO SHOW SET FOR EARLY MARCH GREAT PLANS ARE MADE

Exhibition Will Be Held in Zuber Hall—Nominations for Officers Are Made—Meeting for the Election Will Be Held Next Friday Night.

At a meeting of automobile and motorcycle dealers in the Y. M. C. A. building last night the dates of the automobile show were set as March 8, 9 and 10 and the place of exhibition as Zuber's hall. The nominating committee named the following officers to be voted upon at a meeting to be held in the Y. M. C. A. Friday evening beginning at 7:30: Fred J. Holmes, president; Jay Van Buren, vice-president; Hal Rees, secretary, and George Richardson, treasurer. Other men may be proposed for office at the Friday night meeting.

The show committee is composed of B. C. Hamilton, chairman, Hal Rees, Al Daniels, George Richardson and Frank Hilton. The details of the show such as the drawing for space and position and the program for the evenings will be left to this committee and the officers. Music will be given each evening from 8 to 10.

THE WEATHER. Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—(United Press)—The weather forecast follows: Fair tonight and Sunday; warmer in east portion; east winds.

MY FIRST HUNTING TRIP IN THE WILDS OF OREGON

Descriptive Article By Deputy Game Warden Depicts Exhilarating Incidents of Chase and Stalk

(By Deputy Warden J. W. Walden of La Grande, in the Oregon Sportsman.)

I came to Oregon in 1886, and if I remember rightly it was in October of the same year that I took a trip over the Wallowa country with a friend. We went back on what was then called Howard Meadow, reaching there on a Thursday, about 1 p. m. We camped in a log cabin which had been built by some former hunter or trapper. Everything was up to date; in one corner was a bed made of slender poles with a mattress of fragrant fir boughs; at the other end was a fireplace, while in the center of the room stood a roughly hewn table made of a tamarac tree, and the regular hunter style of chair, namely—a couple of cracker boxes.

After we had unpacked, we proceeded to get something to eat, after which we washed our dishes in hunter's style by turning them bottom-side up on the table. Then we got our trusty guns and knives and started out to rustle some game, and about two miles north we found deer, bear and elk track in plenty. This was the first time I had ever been in a bear country, and I felt somewhat nervous, but I soon realized that I was not the only one who felt afraid, for my friend kept insisting that we were looking for deer and not for bear, and was

ADMINISTRATION IS TO EVACUATE MEXICO AT AN EARLY DATE

Plans Are Now Being Made to Recall the Militia As Border Guards Before March 1—General Pershing Will Withdraw Before the Recall of the Militia.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 13.—(United Press)—It is announced that the administration plans to withdraw the militia as a border guard before March 1. Action will be taken after General Pershing leaves Mexico. His withdrawal is scheduled at an early date.

Pendleton Boy Injured

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 13.—(Special)—A collision between an automobile and a little runabout operated by a Smith motor almost resulted seriously Thursday evening for Waldon Byers, 13 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Byers. As it was he sustained severe minor injuries such as torn ligaments of the arm and numerous bruises and sprains.

The boy was making his maiden trip in the new motor-driven vehicle which is the first of its kind to arrive in Pendleton. It had been ordered for a Christmas present but had just arrived.

Railroads Give Rates to Convention

One and One-Third Fare From All Roads in Oregon, Washington and Idaho Granted—Exhibition.

Baker, Ore., Jan. 12.—(To the Editor of The Observer.—We are pleased to advise you that all railroads operating in Oregon, Washington and Idaho have made a rate of one and one-third fare on certificate plan for the fourth annual meeting of the Cattle & Horse Raisers' association of Oregon, to be held in your city on April 24-25, 1917. These rates are effective from April 20 to 25, going, with a return limit to April 27. You, of course, understand that under the certificate plan the passenger must take a receipt from the agent when he purchases his ticket, and this receipt entitles him to a return passage at one-third of the regular fare.

General Freight Agent H. E. Lounsbury, has notified us that he will apply regular exhibition rates on all shipments of livestock that may be forwarded to La Grande for exhibition purposes during our meeting. The shipments will be way-billed at regular tariff rates to La Grande and returned free to original point of shipment.

Among the speakers that have agreed to be with us on this occasion are George C. McMullen, of Kansas City, Missouri; A. D. Dunn, of Wapato, Wash.; Prof. E. L. Potter, of Corvallis, Or.; Governor James Withycombe; T. W. Tomlinson, secretary of the American National Livestock association, Denver, Colo.; E. B. Weeks, of Kansas City, Mo., and Ephriam Barnes, of the United States national forest service.

Communications received daily indicate that the attendance in your city will be at least double the attendance at any previous meeting.

Yours truly, S. O. CORRELL, Secretary.

Harry Thaw Improves Mother at His Bedside

Philadelphia, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—Thaw's mother announced her intention of taking a suite of rooms in St. Mary's hospital and remaining at the bedside of Harry Thaw until his preliminary examination is completed. It is reported the New York district attorney is seeking to make alleged co-conspirators confess and turn state's evidence. Thaw is much better this afternoon.

Portland Police To Stop Prize Fights

Portland, Ore., Jan. 13.—(United Press)—Portland police announced their intention of halting further attempts to hold prize fights here. Following the Madden-Bronson fight last night, police seized the boxing gloves and declared them under weight. Arrests were threatened. Gloves were held as evidence.

BIG CRUISER GOES ASHORE HUMBOLDT BAY

U. S. S. MILWAUKEE ATTEMPTS AND RUNS AGROUND TO RESCUE SUBMARINE

NOW LIES FOUR HUNDRED YARDS OFF SHORE

Attempts Are Being Made to Rig a Breeches Buoy To Save the Crew—Fog Is Dense and Coast Guards Say the Position of the Warship is Perilous.

Eureka, Jan. 13.—(United Press)—The cruiser Milwaukee, while attempting to rescue the submarine H-3 went aground at the entrance of Humboldt Bay early this morning.

She lies four hundred yards off shore, considerably inside the first breaker line.

Attempts are being made to float a line from the beach and to rig a breeches buoy to save the crew.

Coast guards declared the warship's position perilous.

Fog is dense. Seamen said the Milwaukee caught a surf pull when she ventured close in shore and rapidly rushed aground.

Isaac Gale, Pioneer of Union, Dead

Heart Trouble and Complications the Cause—Mr. Gale Is the Father of Mrs. W. J. Townley—He Was Aged 85.

Isaac Gale, 85, pioneer of Union, died in that city about 5 o'clock last night from heart trouble and old-age complications. Mr. Gale is the father of Mrs. W. J. Townley, wife of the Union county commissioner, and of Fred Gale of Portland. He came to this county from Wisconsin 25 years ago. The funeral will be held tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock from the La Grande Presbyterian church. Interment will be in the Union cemetery.

Mill Man Enters Furnace; Is Burned

Springfield, Ore., Jan. 13.—(United Press)—Milton Bally, aged 40, superintendent of the Fischer-Boutin mill, was probably fatally burned today. He entered the furnace while cold and was cleaning it. He stacked ashes between himself and the door. The steam pipe burst. He was trapped. He buried his face in the ashes to prevent breathing the steam. Boiling water literally cooked his legs and back before fellow employees rescued him.

New Corporation Is Established

J. G. Blydenstein & Co. of Pendleton Purchase the West End Chop Mill There and Will Erect Big Warehouse.

Pendleton, Ore., Jan. 13.—(Special)—H. G. Blydenstein & Co. is the name of a new corporation formed here and which has purchased the West End Chop Mill with the intention of continuing the chopmill business and in addition manufacturing the Blydenstein self-rising flour and dietary flour.

The new company is composed of F. A. Michael, George Peebler and H. G. Blydenstein. In the immediate future the company will erect a warehouse, 20 by 40, on the railroad track adjoining the chop mill. The company will make a specialty of chopping hay and there is a possibility of a further enlargement later as the company's cereal business grows.

Express Company's Bonuses Distributed

Each employe of the American Express company in La Grande entitled to the bonus distributed by the company as a Christmas gift has already received his bonus, in each case amounting to a month's salary.

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