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GEORGE DEWEY U. S. ADMIRAL, RETIRED, DYING

HERO OF MANILA BAY IS EXPECTED TO PASS AWAY AT ANY MOMENT

FOR LAST FIVE DAYS
SUFFERS BREAKDOWN

Last Night the Admiral Slept Fairly Well, But Today He Is Irrational and Shows Evidence of Gradual Decline—Arterial Sclerosis Affects Kidneys and Brain.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 15.—(United Press)—At 3 o'clock it was announced that Admiral Dewey is sinking rapidly.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—Admiral Dewey's death is momentarily expected. His doctor bulletined:

"Admiral Dewey is suffering a general breakdown the last five days. Some improvement was noticed for several days. He attempted to rally and succeeded in overcoming the depression.

"Last night the Admiral slept fairly well. Today he is irrational and showed evidences of gradual decline. This morning he was the weakest. His general condition indicates that his once great vitality may fail anytime."

Admiral Dewey took cold after Christmas.

At two o'clock this afternoon his physicians bulletined:

"The Admiral is slowly sinking." They said: "Arterial sclerosis is affecting practically every organ, especially his kidneys and brain."

Elks' Show Finally Finds New Playwright

Unpublished Drama Is in the Nature of a Tragedy—Cast of Characters Will Include Many Prominent People.

The Elks show committee is looking around for something novel in the way of a short play discovered that M. J. Buckley had written a one-act drama entitled "The Turbulent Rale-rode Rock" and would be willing to have it presented without cost to the local lodge of Elks. The committee at once secured the cast, which follows:

Maurice deCaciac, the lover.....
James McNamee
Lean Nora, the lady.....
Frank Bay
Count de Lumbago, the villain.....
Norman Desilet
The Good Fairy from the Round-house.....
Ben Bassett
A Tree.....
Rube Zweifel
Another Tree.....
Frank Swart
A Nother.....
Phil Nebergall
Special block system music written by Pete Theisen.

A first class passenger train will be furnished by John Rideneaur.

Right of way will be granted by W. B. Sargent.

Special depot scene, James C. Dell.

Jail kindly furnished by Lou Ray-burn.

After the terrible wreck, "Charley, the Elks Jap" will do his celebrated housecleaning act.

If the Interstate Commerce commissioners raise no objections the above play will be pulled off in connection with "A Night in Bohemia."

Exchange of tickets and reserved seat sale will open Monday, January 22, at Jay Van Burens.

HARVEY WELLS IS RENAMED

State Insurance Commissioner Is Praised By Governor.

Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(Special)—Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, was re-appointed for a four year term to that position by Governor Withycombe today. He was appointed in 1915 to succeed J. W. Ferguson.

In announcing this appointment Governor Withycombe said: "The re-appointment of Mr. Wells is based upon efficient service. In the administration of the affairs of the department for the past two years Mr. Wells has proved himself the right man for the position. His administration has been characterized by economy and reliability and has really been a credit to the department and to the state."

SECRETARY DANIELS TO EQUIP NAVY YARDS TO MAKE MUNITIONS

Tells the House Committee He Plans To Have Department Construct One-Third of All Ships and Manufacture One-Third of All Ammunition.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—Secretary Daniels told the House navy committee he plans to equip the navy yards to build one-third of all ships and manufacture one-third of all necessary munitions. In the event the manufacturers demand unreasonable prices Secretary Daniels would have the yards build two-thirds of the supplies. In the event exorbitant prices are asked the yards would build everything.

Mrs. L. E. White Will Be Buried Tomorrow

The funeral of Mrs. L. E. White, mother of Misses Caroline and Bessie White, La Grande public school teachers, will be held from the home, 307 Main avenue, tomorrow afternoon at two. Mrs. White died at 4:35 Saturday afternoon. She had been sick since Wednesday with pneumonia. Rev. Charles A. Edwards of the Methodist Episcopal church will have charge of the services at the home.

Mrs. White and daughters, Miss Caroline White and Mrs. Ray Bartholomew of The Dalles, came to La Grande from Clio, Michigan, four years ago.

Miss Caroline White came to this city last year. Mrs. Bartholomew and husband have lived in The Dalles since their marriage here a year and a half ago. They are in the city for the funeral.

Germans Storm and Capture Vademi

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—It is announced that the Germans stormed and captured Vademi, north of the river Sereth. In the midst of the most unfavorable weather, the Germans repulsed Russians and Rumanians north of Susita Valley.

Bob O'Connell Hurt This Morning.

Bob O'Connell, night switchman in the O-W. yards, fell off a car about six this morning and severely bruised one heel. The injured man is confined to his room in the Savoy Hotel.

Drunken Man Fined \$10.

Mike Sullivan, arrested by Chief of Police Bayburn last night on a charge of drunkenness, was fined \$10 by Municipal Judge Eakin this morning.

LATE NEWS BY WIRE

Carl Lebknight, German Socialist Leader, Is Sentenced. Zurich, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—Berlin reports Carl Liebknight, German socialist leader, has received a sentence of four and one-half years imprisonment at hard labor. He was expelled from the bar. He led the anti-war agitation.

Carranza Is Ready to Occupy the Evacuated Territory. Washington, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—The state department has learned that ten thousand Carranzistas arrived at Torreon from the south. It is officially hinted that the Mexicans are ready to occupy the territory General Pershing evacuates when he withdraws from Mexico.

Four School Children Perish in Canadian Blizzard. Winnipeg, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—Four school children were found frozen to death near Cadillac, Sask. Two boys left school Friday in the midst of a blizzard, their sister, aged 13, hunted for them. The fourth child later left the building. All perished on the prairie. When found the older girl had the two boys in her arms, apparently trying to rescue them. Ovide Beschamps is the father of three of the victims.

WHAT CAUSES THE HIGH COST OF LIVING?

K. Dyal Also Asks the Question, Who Feeds the World? And He Proceeds To Answer It By Saying That Uncle Sam Will Have Short Crops Until He Can Import \$60,000,000 to \$70,000,000 of Fertilizer From Germany.

WHAT CAUSES THE HIGH COST OF LIVING?
Mr. Dyal writes an interesting article on the high cost of living. Do you agree with him? What causes it? How are you fighting it? Whom do you blame for it?
The editor of The Observer would be glad to have the views of his readers on this topic.

LaGrande, Ore., Jan. 15.—(To the Editor of The Observer.)—I take the liberty of asking a question, and also answering it. Since the unparalleled cost of living has leaped beyond the dreams of our imagination, mankind in every walk of life has advanced first one theory and another as the main and evident cause. The millionaire and broker, the farmer and poor fruit vendor on the corner has come in for their share of abuse and persecution of the housewife and wage-earner. They are accused of cornering everything from the onion to the crab; and it is a relief to the news

editors to refrain from publishing the oft repeated assertions of cornered money, to that of cornered food. Now to the question: Who feeds the world? A brief summary of statistics will convince us that as people we have been eager to condemn the speculator but very slow to arrive at the foundation of the real cause. Conditions prevail in the world which cannot be brushed aside and forgotten—and serious thought must be given to avert a world calamity in food shortage.

Flour at \$10 to \$12 per barrel, cotton goods doubling in price, is not altogether the fault of the speculator. We produced 400,000,000 bushels less wheat last year than in 1915. Canada 217,180,000 less than in 1915, and France 72,000,000 bushels less. It is estimated we use 610,000,000 bushels annually in the United States. If such be true we fell short of producing our ratio of consumption by 3,000,000 bushels in 1916.

In fact we were short in every crop we planted. Cotton, I believe from personal investigation, was the most seriously affected. Planters were cul-

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MANN WHITE SLAVE ACT UPHELD BY THE U. S. SUPREME COURT

Besides Sustaining Law, It Is Held That It Also Applies To Non-Commercial Vice—Diggs and Caminetti Will Serve Their Sentences and Pay Their Fine for Their Little Trip to Reno.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—The Supreme Court held that the Mann White Slave act applies to non-commercial vice and also upheld its constitutionality. It affirmed the conviction of Maury I. Diggs and Ferdinand Caminetti, charged with violating the law. The defendants took Lola Morris and Marsha Warrington to Reno on March 19, 1913. Diggs will serve two years and was fined \$2000. Caminetti will serve 18 months and was fined \$1500.

Andy Loney Given Real Welcome Home

Cornetist and Bride Met by Fellow Members of La Grande Band This Morning.

It was a real western home-coming given Andy Loney, cornetist in the La Grande band, when he and his bride a few days were met at the 11:25 train this morning. About a dozen bandmen were at the depot and escorted Mr. and Mrs. Loney (nee Miss Lillian Jachnke) to a sign bedecked buggy. With Frank Bay, and Roy Green and Ed. Cassey as wheelhorses and Harris French and C. E. Williams as rear guard, the buggy was drawn and shoved west from the depot to Chestnut street, south on Chestnut to Adams Avenue, east on Adams Avenue to Washington St. and then back by the same route to the Foley Hotel. The impromptu band played all the way.

That is, Andy returned, but in front of Nate Zweifel's place auto bandits stole the bride. When last seen the car was speeding south on Elm and exceeded the city speed limit all the way. Andy bought for the "loys" at the Foley and begged for information of his wife. He would say: "Well, if she isn't worrying any more about me than I am about her it's all right." And then he'd add, "But I wish I knew where she was? Where is she, Snapp?" he asked, but Snapp had just joined the reincarnated Know-Nothing party.

Among the band members and friends who waited 20 minutes for No. 6 to arrive this morning were: Harris French, Frank Bay, L. A. Prescott, J. G. Snodgrass, Herb Browning, Ed. Ford, A. Snapp, E. McManus, C. E. Williams, Roy Green, Frank Wild, Roy Lay, Paul Raywinkle and Mr. Humphreys.

Mr. and Mrs. Loney have taken the George Small furnished home at 606 Jefferson street.

P. S.—Chief of Police Rayburn located the kidnapped bride at "Fat" Prescott's home. The "bandits" took good care of her while waiting the ransom demanded of the young husband. Nate Zweifel and crew were not at the Foley when Andy "set 'em up."

Arrangements Committee Meets. The general committee on arrangements for the Cattle and Horse Raisers' convention will meet tonight at 7:30 in the Y. M. C. A. building.

City Will Collect Assessments. To facilitate the checking of records on back payment assessments in order the sooner to be able to collect some of the money due the city J. L. Robertson has been added to the city recorder's force. Mr. Robertson's work will be entirely with the back assessments.

Convene Grand Jury Friday. The grand jury will be convened Friday. Among the cases to be taken up is that of the boys who are said to have burglarized a Fourth street store. It is thought that alleged violations of the prohibition laws will also be investigated.

Inquisitive Workman Makes 'Phone Trouble.

An inquisitive workman stuck a pick in a telephone conduit near the Hastings building some time the first of last week and the "trouble" force had a three days' job to find it. About 18 lines were out part of the time.

May Add More Equipment. Traffic is so heavy on the Joseph branch that the officials may add more equipment.

Stuebenville (Ohio) Herald-Star—Secretary Lansing doesn't talk very often but he certainly does throw a scare when he does cheap.

LAW AIMED AT JAPANESE MAY CAUSE TROUBLE

SENATOR WILBUR OF HOOD RIVER WANTS TO PREVENT THEM FROM OWNING PROPERTY.

SIMILAR BILL IN CALIFORNIA AROUSED STRIFE

Senator Wilbur Says Japanese Are Rapidly Acquiring Large Land Holdings in His County—House Passes Bill Regarding Estrays—Fee Publication of School Books Bill Introduced.

Salem, Or., Jan. 15.—(United Press)—Senator Wilbur, of Hood River, introduced a bill to prevent Japanese from owning and controlling property within Oregon.

A similar California law caused a recent discussion. Senator Wilbur said the Japanese are rapidly acquiring large land holdings in his county and the bill is intended to prevent further acquisitions.

Senator Lewis said similar laws had been enacted in California, Washington, Illinois, Minnesota, Kentucky, Oklahoma and Texas.

The house passed Bowman's bill amending the law regarding estrays. It passed Laugaard's bill fixing a fiscal year for the public service commission so that business end with the close of the calendar year.

It passed Clark's bill raising the salary of the Sherman county school superintendent to \$1500 per year.

It passed Deschutes county delegation's bill regulating the time of holding court in the eighteenth judicial district.

Representative Richenor, of Curry and Coos counties, presented a bill providing for the publication of free text books for use in all state public schools. It provides a text book board consisting of the governor, state treasurer, superintendent of public instruction.

Senator Smith, of Coos, introduced a bill granting veterans, their wives and widows free peddling licenses.

Cruiser Milwaukee Is A Total Wreck

Eureka, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—Naval men have practically decided to abandon the cruiser Milwaukee. Only keel and bare skeleton will be left when dismantling work is complete. They will construct a trestle from shore to the wreck and remove everything portable. All the men were saved.

McAdoo's Name Is Mentioned by Lawson

Boston Financier Says Chairman Henry Told Him He Had Heard Secretary of Treasurer Had Profited By Peace Note Leak.

Washington, Jan. 15.—(United Press)—Thomas W. Lawson resumed his testimony in the leak probe case. He declared Chairman Henry of the committee told him a Cabinet member profited by the rumors regarding the President's peace note. He said "he heard" McAdoo was involved in sharing of the alleged leak profits.

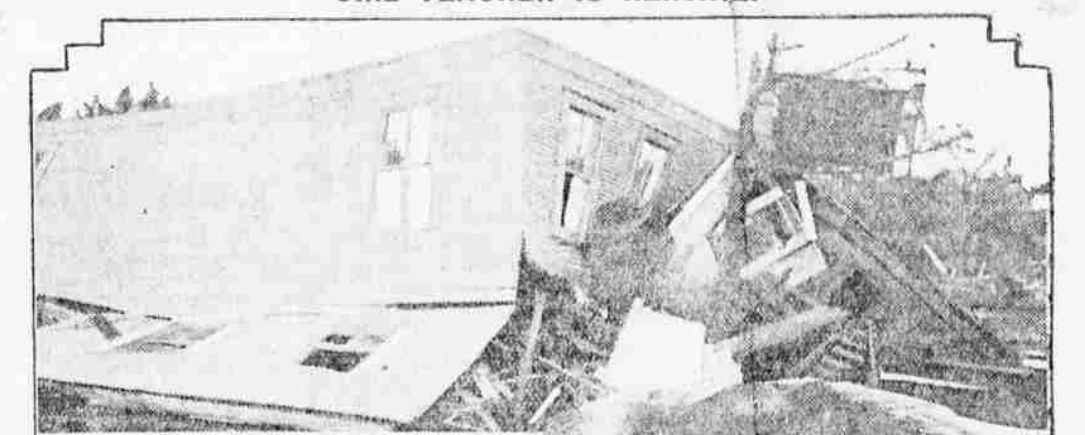
American Women Rebuild a Village

Mrs. William Crocker and Miss Daisy Polk of San Francisco Restore Vitrimet, the First War Destroyed Village of France.

BY HENRY WOOD.
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)
With the French Army in Lorraine, Jan. 3.—(By Mail)—Americans, how would you like to re-build a real, actual, war-destroyed village in Lorraine, instead of merely building all your life dream castle in the air? Well you can do this, provided, first, you have enough money, and secondly that

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CYCLONE KILLS 15 CHILDREN AND WRECKS TWO SCHOOLHOUSES! GIRL TEACHER IS HEROINE!



By caring for her 25 injured pupils until help came, although she had a broken jaw and arm, Miss Vera Carter, teacher at the Vireton (Okla.) school, is heroine of a cyclone disaster which killed 15 schoolchildren, destroyed Miss Carter's schoolhouse and another at Stigler, Okla., and did tremendous damage throughout that part of the country.

Miss Carter collapsed from loss of blood and fatigue when help arrived. She is in a hospital recovering from shock and injuries. The picture shows Miss Carter and the wreckage of the Stigler schoolhouse.

