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British Sink Two Germans Off Dutch Coast

PERSHING HAS STARTED ARMY OUT OF MEXICO

DISPATCHES FROM WASHINGTON AND EL PASO GIVE NEWS.

CARRANZA TROOPS TO OCCUPY EVACUATED SOIL

One Hundred and Sixty Truckloads of Supplies Moving Toward the Border—No Official Date Set to Send Ambassador Fletcher to Mexico City.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—It has been officially learned that Pershing's withdrawal has been started. Outposts have been withdrawn. The army's northward march follows immediately.

The last chapter of the expedition to catch Villa is now being written. Villa is still operating. Following the withdrawal, the question of a continuation of the embargo alarms shippers. Mexico must be considered. No official date has been fixed to send Ambassador Fletcher to Mexico City.

El Paso Dispatch Confirms. El Paso, Texas, Jan. 23.—(United Press)—The Mexican consulate today advised General Obregon that Pershing's withdrawal had been started. Five hundred and sixty truckloads of supplies are moving borderward. American troops are concentrated at Dublin. El Valle Charros and San Joaquin have been abandoned. Three thousand Carranzistas are ready to occupy the evacuated territory.

Tri-County School Men Meet Feb. 3

Superintendents and Principals of Union, Baker and Wallowa Counties to Discuss Problems Here February 3rd.

Principals and superintendents of Baker, Wallowa and Union counties, who are members of the Superintendents and Principals association, will meet in the La Grande high school February 3, at 9 a. m. The following program has been prepared:

"How to Secure Adequate Supervision of the Special Branches in Smaller Schools," discussion by A. E. Clawson of Elgin, W. E. Thompson of Island City and J. J. Beaty of Lostine.

"Motivation of School Work," discussion by A. C. Strange and A. C. Voelker of Baker.

"Discipline of High School: What Extent Should Self Government and Honor System Be Introduced," discussion by A. C. Hampton of La Grande and C. A. Montandon of Enterprise.

"Waste Time in Our Schools and to What Due," discussion by Roy Conklin of Wallowa, E. E. Arant of Union and J. W. L. Kaufman of Sumpter.

"The Proposed Retirement Fund," discussion by Linton McCullough of La Grande, C. A. Fowlen of Haines and Lexie Strachan of Joseph.

"Needed Legislation," discussion by J. C. Conley of Enterprise, Miss Elmtha Bailey of Baker and Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe of La Grande.

The committee in charge of the meeting is W. V. Connor, president of the association, and A. H. Prince, secretary.

GOES TO PORTLAND TONIGHT

Sam Weathers, switchman on the O-W. R. & N., who has been suffering with intestinal troubles, will be taken tonight to Portland to be placed in the St. Vincent's hospital. Mr. Weathers is a brother of Mrs. F. Cleavinger, Mrs. Rohan and Mrs. L. H. Russell, of this city.

CHILDREN TO SEE "BIRTH OF NATION"

To permit the school children to see "The Birth of a Nation" at the Arcade theatre today and tomorrow, Superintendent Linden McCullough has ordered that the grammar grade children be excused at 2 today, and the high school at 2:20 tomorrow.

BETTER BUY YOUR DOG'S LICENSE PRETTY SOON ELSE POUND'LL GET 'EM

City Recorder Has Ordered Tags Which Will Be Here Within a Few Days—It Will Be Chief Rayburn's Duty to Kill Licenseless Canines.

The city recorder has ordered 200 dog tags which will be here within a few days and city officials say that all dogs must bear a license within a reasonable time or the dogs will be taken to the pound, and if not redeemed by their owners, killed. The license for male dogs is \$1; for female, \$2. The license is good for one year.

City officials say it will become the duty of the police department to kill dogs taken to the city pound and not redeemed by their owners within a reasonable time.

Lecturer Snowbound; Audience Is Patient

C. C. Hamilton Among Passengers Forced to Remain in Elgin Last Night—Christian Endeavorers Disappointed.

C. C. Hamilton probably was disappointed because he was not able to reach La Grande last night to speak to local Christian Endeavorers who had assembled in the Presbyterian church. The Christian Endeavorers were. Had Mr. Hamilton known the good program and the "eats" which had been prepared for him he certainly would have been sorry. But Mr. Hamilton was one of those who recited Whittier's "Snowbound" on the stalled Joseph branch train near Elgin last night. The passengers spent the night in Elgin and the company got them through this morning at 2 o'clock.

A log train became stalled in front of the branch passenger train and halted traffic. Efforts last night to clear the track were unsuccessful.

"LEAK PROBE" NOW HELD IN NEW YORK

Counsel Whipple Demands Records of Clearing House and Brokers From December 10 to 23.

New York, Jan. 23.—(United Press)—The leak probe was resumed in this city, today. Attorney Whipple demanded that President Noble of the Stock Exchange produce the Clearing House records from December 10 to December 23 and that all New York brokers produce their records for the same period. Noble promised to deliver the clearing house records. Whipple threatened to send the committee into every brokerage office if the records were not produced. Whipple is hunting possible leak beneficiaries. Noble said that he was not aware of any market manipulations and said that the "selling short" was unpreventable.

Navy Department Considers Building a Federal Steel Plant Now

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—Secretary Daniels said today that the navy department was considering the construction of a Federal Steel plant to supply the navy's requirements. The department believes the plant is needed since Hadfields, the British firm, underbid American plants on projectile contracts.

Two Carloads Horses Leave Here Tonight

Two carloads of horses, bought in the Grande Ronde valley within the past five days by C. W. Todd, will be shipped tonight to Todd's order, Great Falls, Mont. It is thought the horses are for the cavalry. The cars in which the animals are being shipped are 70 foot, padded stall cars. C. W. Todd will accompany the shipment.

Dr. H. L. Underwood to Speak

Dr. H. L. Underwood will speak tonight to the members of the Y. M. C. A. Tuesday night gymnasium class on "Infections." Dr. R. E. L. Holt spoke last Tuesday night.

OREGON MAY BE BONE-DRY ON SATURDAY MORN

JOINT COMMITTEE CONSIDERING LAW TODAY—MAKE REGULATIONS STRICT.

REP. ANDERSON AUTHORITY FOR SUCH A STATEMENT

Governor Given \$4000 in Secret Fund to Be Used in Ferreting Out Violators of Laws, Particularly Prohibition Amendment—Railroad Regulation Bill Introduced.

Salem, Ore., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—The joint committee of the house and senate probably will incorporate the two amendments to the bone-dry law, providing specifically for the manufacture and sale of denatured alcohol and requiring the food manufacturers using alcohol as a preservative to furnish a personal bond. Representative Anderson believes the bill carrying the emergency clause will pass Friday.

At Governor Withycombe's request the senate today appointed Leinenweber, Olson and Garland as an auditing committee of a secret fund given the governor for employment of special agents to enforce all laws, particularly the prohibition laws.

The ways and means committee recommended \$4000 be appropriated to this fund from the budget.

The house referred the Thomas bill, providing for the elimination of one tax commissioner through consolidation, to the consolidation committee without discussion.

Crandall introduced a bill prohibiting railroads charging over three and half cents for transportation inside Oregon. The bill prohibits railroads charging over three cents a mile for a five mile haul. Railroads earning \$1000 a mile annually cannot charge over two and a half cents.

ELKS PLAY WILL ENTERTAIN PUBLIC DAYS AFTER GIVEN

Local Hits Are Good and Quips and Jests Will Amuse Young and Old With Each Recurring Memory.

One of those events which linger in the memory, which entertains highly while being presented and grows funnier with each recalling, is the musical comedy "A Night in Bohemia," which the local Elks will present Thursday and Friday nights at the Arcade theatre for the benefit of the building fund.

Many unsuspecting citizens are coming in for local hits which are so clever as to be enjoyed even by the victims.

The committee is a winner. The new stunts they have dug up are almost without number. There is much we dare not reveal for fear of spoiling the surprise. But the arrangement to have a number of railroadmen tinkle Jim Tibbetts under the chin during the second act is enough to insure the presence of all who know Jim.

Many young ladies with handsome faces, sweet voices and graceful carriage will help to emphasize the fun.

Jimmy McNamee, Frank Bay, Lloyd Scriber, Ray Williams, Charles Harding, "Dad" Coolidge, Claude Scranton, Bobby Patterson, John Wells—these will be names to conjure with after Thursday night.

Seats are selling fast and unless you've been down to Jay Van Buren's for your's, you had better go today and save a disappointment.

Safety First Club Has Party. A social evening was spent at Eagles hall last Saturday by the Safety-First club. Only the members and a few of their intimate friends attended. A program was rendered after which all enjoyed dancing. Some of the older members showed their youthfulness in doing the old fashioned square dance. One of their delicious luncheons was served and the evening was greatly enjoyed by all.

SENATE PLANS TO DISCUSS WILSON'S SPEECH

CUMMINS ASKS BODY TO TAKE UP MATTER MONDAY

ENGLISH LABORITES CHEER WILSON'S NAME

Jones of Washington Has Democratic Plank Concerning "Federal Usurpation of State's Rights" Read by Clerk—Wait for Wilson to Submit Plans.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—Senator Cummins today introduced a resolution asking that the senate discuss Wilson peace address Monday. He said the senate could not officially act until the president had submitted his plans.

Senator Jones of Washington had the senate clerk read the Democratic platform plank regarding executive "usurpation of state's rights." Further action is expected today.

Manchester, Eng., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—Labor party delegates here today cheered Wilson for five minutes. G. J. Warder casually mentioned his name when opening the convention. The ovation was spontaneous and very noisy. Following the Wilson demonstration the convention overwhelmingly approved the action of Ministers Henderson, Hodge and Barnes in joining the Lloyd George cabinet despite the fact such action violated the party's constitution.

Weather Is Clearing Up. Portland, Ore., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—Tonight's and Wednesday's weather forecast is: Partly cloudy with westerly winds.

South America Looks For German Raiders

Buenos Aires, Jan. 23.—(United Press)—The German raider has disappeared, but shippers are momentarily expecting word of renewed operations elsewhere. Late advices entirely discredit the report that the cruiser Glasgow sank the raider. The newspaper Standard published unconfirmed rumors that the submarine had halted the Spanish steamer Reina Victoria Eugenia at the mouth of the River Plate and examined her papers.

Ask Missionary To Be a Pastor Here

Rev. F. N. Buzzard Has Received Call From English Lutheran Church—Rev. W. C. Drahn May Come Back.

Rev. F. N. Buzzard, a missionary from Seattle, held service in the English Lutheran church Sunday and has been asked to become its pastor, which he is thinking of accepting. The church has been without a minister since Rev. W. C. Drahn left in October. Word has been received from Rev. Drahn that he is thinking of returning to the coast cities on account of his health and his many friends of this city would be glad to have been with them again as he has been greatly missed.

Explosions Come Very Often

London, Jan. 23.—It has been announced that 60 were killed and 72 seriously injured in the munitions explosion Friday. There were 328 slight munitions explosions Friday. The complete official casualties have been given above.

Cove Man Is Very Sick

Mike Morris of Cove has been very sick the past week with a bad case of blood poisoning.

Jim Hoatson, Cove, Breaks Leg

Jim Hoatson of Cove had his leg broken Sunday when a horse fell on him.

Choir To Give Concert

The Methodist choir will give a sacred concert next Sunday night at 7:30 in the M. E. church.

LONDON PRESS COMMENT CAUTIOUSLY ON WILSON'S WORLD PEACE SPEECH

Northcliffe Publications Say That "Peace Without Victory" Is Impossible—Morning Post Believes Germany Is Determined to Win—"Freedom of the Seas," in Speech Annoys British Liberal Party.

London, Jan. 23.—The newspapers here cautiously commented on Wilson's peace speech. The Northcliffe publications said that "peace without victory" was impossible. The Morning Post contradicted Wilson's statement that neither side desires victory and pointed out the Kaiser's proclamations emphasizing the German determination to win. The Liberal press disliked the reference to the "freedom of the seas" as made yesterday by President Wilson before the senate.

Late Wires

AIR FIGHTS COST MANY AEROPLANES

Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 23.—(United Press)—It was announced here today that the Allies had lost 784 aeroplanes and the Germans 221 the last year. The Germans lost 180 aeroplanes on the west front, and the Allies 74.

Minor Engagements Continue. Berlin, via Sayville, Jan. 23.—(United Press)—The Germans captured a hundred prisoners in the Slanic and Putna valleys. Artillerying has increased near Duena and North Luck. The Germans ousted the Russian raiders west of Duenaberg.

MILITIAMEN TO BE ASSURED OF WORK

Washington, D. C., Jan. 23.—(United Press)—The United States employment bureau today announced that complete plan to obtain employment for militiamen upon their return from the border had been perfected.

Poem on Pat Foley Now Comes Back

The following poem written by Milton (Jimmy) Stoddard five years ago with Pat Foley as its theme was sent to a college friend, William Rush in 1911 and was today returned with the envelope marked "unclaimed":

Civilizing the Cowboy. From the wild unsettled country Down in Oregon's south most part Where the breakfast food is bullets And just shooting men is art. Where the sun to shine refuses Till they shoot the clouds away, Where the sheriffs are but pigmies 'Cause the law's what cowboys say.

To the culture and refinement Of the City of La Grande Where the gentle perfumed breezes, That would sweeten all the land, Came a cowboy tough and fearless With his high top boots and gun, With a giant like expression, That would frighten any one.

But he mixed with cultured people, Bought an auto that is swell And became the honored owner Of a large and fine hotel. Now those rough, unpolished manners Just belong to memory For our well-liked P. A. Foley Is as good as he "kin be."

Cotton to Lecture Here January 29

Judge W. W. Cotton of Portland will deliver his lecture on "Egypt" in La Grande, January 29, instead in January 24 as erroneously stated in The Observer yesterday. This number will be the last one on the Y. M. C. A. high school lyceum course.

F. E. Stilwell and wife, Er. Wright and wife and C. D. Emahiser of La Grande were guests yesterday at the Imperial hotel, Portland.

Traveling Agent B. Parlett of the American Express company, formerly American Express company agent at Pendleton, is in the city today.

GERMANS ARE SCATTERED SAY LONDON CABLES

GERMAN WAR OFFICE HAS NOT MADE ANY OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

TORPEDO BOATS GO DOWN BEFORE ENGLISH GUNS

London, Jan. 23.—(2:30 p. m.)—(United Press)—The admiralty announces that the British squadron sank two German torpedo boat destroyers in a naval division engagement with the Germans today. The fight took place off the Dutch coast.

The admiralty's statement further says the enemy's ships were scattered and severely punished. The statement says nothing in regard to British losses.

Two Cars of Coal Relieve Baker Shortage

Dealers Are Meting Out Supply in Small Quantities—Citizens Are Warned by Officials.

Baker, Ore., Jan. 23.—(Special)—With the arrival of two small cars of coal today, the coal shortage was temporarily relieved, but the greater part of the fuel is covered by orders, some of which are being only partially filled in order that those who are in great need of the fuel may be supplied with enough to tide them over for a few days more. The shipment was the first received here since last Thursday.

The dealers are meting out the supply in small quantities now and conserving it to the utmost, for it is not known positively when more can be expected. The railroad cannot promise Utah coal because of the difficulty of procuring it over the D. & R. G., so Washington coal and briquets remains the only possible source aside from wood for relief in case the shortage finally reaches a climax.

The city officials have issued a call to those who are in danger of suffering through a lack of fuel and will endeavor to provide against such emergencies.

In a number of residences where steam heating systems are used it has been found impossible to use wood, so difficulty is expected in keeping several of these houses warm but aside from a few such cases but little inconvenience has been experienced as yet, although a large number report their stock diminishing fast.

The moderated weather still has failed to relieve the danger of frozen water pipes and the electric thawing machine is kept busy thawing out service pipes and hydrants. About 20 domestic services were reported frozen today. St. Francis cathedral pipes were frozen yesterday, making the church cold, but services were held.

PERSONAL MENTION

Mrs. Ed Burke was a guest at the Multnomah hotel, Portland, yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Hayden of Enterprise are at the Nortonia, Portland.

Miss Hallie Adler, of Durkee, was down to spend Sunday with Miss Ruth Gormley.

Tom Williams left Saturday evening for Portland where he will spend a few days.

H. F. Peters, manager of the Wiley B. Allen Co., left yesterday for Pendleton to transact business.

Mrs. Al Lindsey of Palmer Junction is visiting with Mrs. Tom Potts in the Potts home at 301 Main street.

Mrs. Charles Mathews of Salt Lake City stopped a few hours yesterday between trains with Mrs. A. Buckley. Mrs. Mathews was returning from a trip to the coast and went on last night to Salt Lake City.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Grimmett returned this morning from their honeymoon trip to the Wallowa country.