

C. W. COLBY KILLS WIFE AND SELF

BEAVERTON MAN, SIXTY-SEVEN
YEARS OLD, MURDERS HIS
WIFE, AGED THIRTY.

BELIEVE MAN GUILTY OF OTHER MURDERS

Couple Found Dead in Home by Sheriff—Note Found on Colby's Body, but No Motive for Crime Can Be Discovered—"Killing of Woman I Love Takes Nerve," He Writes.

HILLSBORO, Ore., Jan. 20.—Charles W. Colby, aged 67, a resident of the Beaverton section, early Saturday morning shot his wife, aged 30, while she was sleeping and turned the revolver upon himself. The bodies were found about midnight Saturday by Sheriff Alexander of this city, who went to the farm on the Pacific highway in response to a note delivered by the rural mail carrier, asking the sheriff to take charge of the place. Sheriff Alexander found all doors securely fastened, but forced his entrance to the dwelling. Mrs. Colby evidently retired some time before the shooting and was sleeping soundly when shot through the head. Colby was fully dressed, but was lying on the bed beside the woman. The weapon was lying between the bodies. No motive for the deed has been discovered. The Colbys were married ten years ago in San Francisco, and the wife had just returned from Portland, where she had been working for some time.

Other Murders Claimed. In a letter to J. Frank Stroud, of Beaverton, a life-long friend, Colby declared he had killed three men, but local officers have been unable to learn anything definite in this regard. It is reported, however, that he was at one time under arrest on suspicion in connection with a murder charge. "I have killed three men in my life," the letter to Mr. Stroud says, "but this killing of the woman I love and worship above anything else on earth takes the nerve."

The letter was dated at 2:15 o'clock Saturday morning, supposedly a few minutes before the shots were fired. The note to Sheriff Alexander was written about the same time, and the envelope bore instructions for the mail carrier to open it and read the contents.

Thinking the request for the sheriff to come and take charge of the place related to some agreement previously made, the mail carrier did not hasten the delivery of the message, and it was nearly midnight before officers reached the place. The house was in perfect order and there were no signs of a struggle. The stock had not been cared for for some time, bearing out the belief that the shooting took place during the preceding night or early morning.

Violent Temper Known. According to acquaintances, Colby had a violent temper and frequently became enraged upon minor provocation. These spells, they claim, were of short duration and the man soon regained control of himself. It is supposed he and his wife had quarreled early in the evening Friday, and that she waited until she was sleeping to put an end to their troubles. Colby formerly lived in Prineville, where Mr. Stroud became acquainted with him and so far as known the confession to three other crimes does not refer to anything occurring during his residence there. Colby

WILSON'S RELIEF BILL OPPOSED

MEASURE IS HELD UP BY DISCUSSION IN SENATE.

Borah and Kenyon Lead Opposition Against Proposed Appropriation for Feeding of Europe.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—The appropriation of \$100,000,000 for a European famine fund, strongly urged by President Wilson, has been held up in the Senate after the House had passed the measure. The debate on the bill lasted for many hours Saturday, but the Senate failed to reach a vote on it.

Very pronounced opposition to the bill by republican leaders had been met, but in spite of this the democrats had looked to a passage of the bill before the Senate adjourned Saturday night.

Democratic Leader Martin and Senator Lodge spoke in favor of the measure, while Senators Borah, of Idaho, and Kenyon, of Iowa, Republicans, led the opposition. Senator Myers, of Montana, Democrat, also said he would not give the bill his support.

The opposition largely was based on alleged lack of authority by congress to appropriate money raised from the people by taxation for European charity and also because, it was asserted, sufficient information justifying the appropriation had not been submitted to congress. Objection to feeding peoples of enemy countries also was raised, and the senate adopted an amendment by Senator Lodge aiding Austria, Turkey and Bulgaria, besides Germany, to the countries which shall not share in distribution of the funds.

The Lodge amendment provides, however, that it shall not prevent food distribution to the peoples of Armenia, Syria, Greece and the Christian and Jewish people under the yoke of enemy governments.

DOUGHNUTS FOR THE DOUGHBOYS

1500 HOME-COMING MEN TO BE BOMBARDED TOMORROW

Boston Preparing Great Reception for Returning Heroes—Will Pay Telegraph Charges.

BOSTON, Jan. 20.—Fifteen hundred home-coming soldiers will be bombarded with thousands of doughnuts tomorrow when the ship which is bringing them back from the old country comes up the harbor. Cigarettes and all kinds of tobacco will be showered upon them, and telegraph blanks will be supplied each soldier so that he may wire a message to his family free of charge.

owned a 20-acre place one mile east of Beaverton, a beautiful home, and his home life seemed to be pleasant. In his letter to Mr. Stroud, Colby asks that his sister in California be notified. He also is said to have a sister living in Portland. The bodies have been removed to Beaverton, and a coroner's inquest was to be held at 10 o'clock this morning.

Colby Suspected of Prineville Case. PRINEVILLE, Ore., Jan. 20.—Chas. Colby was in this sheep business here for several years. He was suspected in connection with the disappearance of Shorty Davis, also a sheep man. These men had some trouble over a range. He frequently went to Ocean Beach, Cal., where he was married. Colby said his interests here to Douglas Lawson.

Carload of Trunks Are Needed for Wilson's Gifts

PARIS, Jan. 20.—President and Mrs. Wilson came to Paris with a very modest collection of trunks and personal baggage, but they probably will be forced to take home a carload. Both Mr. and Mrs. Wilson have received so many gifts in the course of their stay in Paris and their visit to England and Italy that a large quantity of them probably will have to be taken to Washington on an army transport. Gifts of all kinds and of all values began pouring in the day President Wilson arrived, and they still are coming in a never-ending stream. They come from all classes of people. Many of the presents are priceless, but the President values most those having a sentimental appeal. These

U. S. LEADS IN OUTPUT OF SHIPS

LONDON, Jan. 20.—During the last quarter of 1918 there were begun in Great Britain 424 ships having a tonnage of 1,929,952, compared to 396 ships, with a tonnage of 1,806,591 during the same quarter in 1917, according to authoritative figures.

In allied and neutral countries there were under construction when last available figures were compiled, 2189 merchant vessels having a gross tonnage of 6,921,989. Of these 1722 were building in countries other than Great Britain.

The United States led with 997 ships.

KAISERS' WEALTH BANKED IN HOLLAND

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The fact that the former kaisers of Germany and Austria had \$150,000,000 stored in banks in Holland, as their private fortunes, is considered here as the reason Holland was not invaded by the Teuton army during the late war.

ELECTIONS IN GERMANY NEAR

BOLESHIEVS WILL HAVE NO CHANCE AT POLLS

Teuton Women Taking Active Part in the Political Rejuvenation of Discredited Empire.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—With the elections to the national assembly about here the Bourgeois party is bending every effort to rally voters in a gigantic protest against Bolshevism.

Two weeks ago indications pointed to a comfortable majority for the Social Democrats. The Spartacan revolution in Berlin, however, has brought about a revision of the election estimates, the revised view being strengthened by the results of the local elections in Bavaria, Baden, Wurttemberg and elsewhere.

It now is considered highly doubtful if the radicals jointly poll more than 45 per cent of the total vote, with the chances that it may be a considerably less percentage.

The women of Berlin are carrying on an active campaign. They appear to be taking to their new franchise privilege with a spirit of understanding. Their votes probably will be cast in an overwhelming preponderance in favor of the Socialist and Bourgeois Democratic ticket.

It is not expected that it will be possible to get any definite idea of the result of the balloting before the middle of the week.

The former Conservatives are entering the contest as the German National party, while the Clericals have been renamed the Christian People's party. The National Liberals are returning with the label of German People's party, while the former Progressives, National Liberals and the unattached Bourgeois Liberals are rallying around the German Democratic party's banner.

The Communist party, which is the polite name for the Spartacan Bolsheviks, is not officially taking any part in the election.

FLU BAD AT NORTH POWDER

MORE NURSES SENT OUT FROM LA GRANDE.

County Health Officer Thinks Another Wave May Reach La Grande—Urges Isolation.

In telephone conversation with the doctor at North Powder this morning, Dr. Ray Logan, of this city, was informed that over fifty cases of the epidemic are reported in that town. A request was sent in to the local Red Cross for more nurses and two more were sent out from La Grande this morning. This makes four nurses who have come to North Powder from here during the last few days. Dr. Logan, who is county health officer, says he would not be surprised if the epidemic affecting North Powder should spread to this city very soon and make conditions worse here again. He says he has people here evincing no strong desire to make themselves immune to the dis-

RELIEF BILL FOUND INVALID

WEAKNESS DISCOVERED IN THE FIRST MEASURE PASSED

Appropriation for Relief of Soldiers and Sailors May Be Delayed Until Amendment Passes.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 20.—A weak section was discovered Saturday in the first bill to be passed by the state legislature in its present session, by which a sum of \$100,000 was appropriated for the immediate relief of soldiers and sailors and a commission created for the disbursement of the funds, and as a result the new bill is declared unconstitutional and invalid. It is said that either the amendment of the faulty section or the re-enactment of the bill with the amendment will be necessary before the funds can be made available for the purpose for which the bill intends them.

The Faulty Section. Section 4 of the bill is the weak link in the chain which was to have upheld the needy soldiers until congress could take some sort of action for their benefit, and reads as follows:

"Section 4.—That there be and is hereby appropriated out of the moneys in the general fund of the state of Oregon not otherwise appropriated the sum of \$100,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, which sum so appropriated shall be disbursed by said commission for the purposes above specified. The fund hereby created shall be paid to said commission on warrants drawn on the state treasurer by said commission from time to time."

Added Provision Needed. It is pointed out that the bill, because of this section, is not only invalid, but unwarrantable and will necessitate an amendment, or re-enactment, with an added provision, before the money can be received from the treasury.

It is shown that the secretary of state is constitutionally the auditor of state accounts and the bill fails to make any provision for auditing of claims by the secretary of state, nor does it provide for the creation of any fund.

Under the law, the state treasurer is merely the disbursing officer, it was pointed out by Secretary Olcott, and as such keeps track of no funds whatsoever.

It is necessary for a fund to be established (Continued on page 2.)

APPROPRIATION COMING FIRST

RIGHT OF WAY GIVEN TO APPROPRIATION MEASURES

Congress to Make Effort to Clear the Calendar of Important Legislation by March 4.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—In an effort to clear the calendar of important legislation before the session ends, March 4, both the senate and house will give general right of way this week to appropriation bills.

The senate expects to pass tomorrow the administration measure appropriating \$100,000,000, requested by Europe, while the house, after passing a resolution for famine relief in aid of the legislative appropriation bill, the fourth of the sixteen regular supply measures, plans to begin work on the annual diplomatic and consular bill. The senate may take up legislation validating informal war contracts.

House committees will work this week on the army, navy, agriculture, Indian and other measures, including the naval building program. Final action may come this week on the still delayed war revenue bill. The conference hope for complete agreement on the bill by Saturday.

Investigations of German plots, and the National Security league will continue, as will the railway situation and the bill to regulate the meat industry. Debate on the Russian situation and several peace questions is expected to be resumed in the Senate today.

The serum is a valuable one, and local physicians in La Grande are inquiring of La Grande for its location.

Princess John, who, since infancy, has suffered epileptic fits which lately had become more frequent and severe, passed away in his sleep following an attack at 5:30 p.m. Saturday.

BODY OF SUICIDE IS WASHED ASHORE

SEAL BEACH, Jan. 20.—The body of a white man, probably 40 years of age, well-dressed, has been washed up by high tide in Alamitos bay, between Naples and Seal Beach. The condition of the body indicated it had been in the water about ten days. It was discovered in the water by C. J. Sturz.

The dead man's left wrist and throat were gashed, showing evidence of suicide, which was the verdict of the jury called by Coroner Windigler.

The only marks of identity were the initials, "C. F.," engraved on a watch found in the stranger's vest pocket.

WILSON APPROVES "TEDDY" MEMORIAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20.—President Wilson, in a cablegram received at the White House today, heartily endorsed the proposal of holding a Roosevelt memorial all over the country simultaneous with that held by congress on February 9th.

WANTS BOYS TO REGISTER

ENROLLMENT FOR U. S. WORKING RESERVE THIS WEEK

Boys in School and Out, Between the Ages of 16 and 21, Asked to Help Answer Call for Food.

The week beginning January 20th, 1919, has been designated as enrollment week for the United States boys working reserve. All boys in La Grande between the ages of 16 and 21, who are not already registered in the United States boys' working reserve are urged to register this week. School boys will register with A. C. Hampton at the high school and boys not attending school will register with J. L. Cramer, at the Y. M. C. A. The following telegram has been received from the national director of the boys' working reserve:

"Hoover has called the people of the United States to increased effort to meet the appalling situation of peoples of Europe, millions of whom are in imminent peril of starvation. Twenty millions of tons of food is the burden laid upon us. There never was so great a need of the United States boys' working reserve. We must continue to make deep drafts upon the patriotism of our boys and to summon their energies and those of our directors to save Europe from famine, which is the mother of anarchy."

The boy was a big factor in last year's crop production and even more dependence will be placed in him during 1919.

Even though boys have regular employment or have made their own arrangements for a position they are requested to register. Credit will be given just the same as they were placed in the reserve. No boy will be placed in any position without his consent.

This is designed to be the great army of working boys of the United States. Enroll this week and get your name on the honor roll.

DEATH TAKES SON OF KING

PRINCE JOHN OF ENGLAND DIED SATURDAY NIGHT

Was Youngest Son of King George—Had Been Ill for Some Time—Died in Sleep.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Prince John, the youngest son of King George, died at Sandringham Saturday night. He had been ill for some time.

The prince was possessed of exuberant spirits. He was the prince favorite of all classes and the idol of the servants and tenants at Windsor. It is said he was the favorite brother of Princess Mary, who loved to run with him. The prince was born at Sandringham May 12, 1892.

COMMISSION MAY RULE IDAHO

CHANGE IN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSED.

Governor Davis Wants Red Taps Eliminated and Holders of "Cushy" Jobs Ousted.

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 20.—Idaho is on the verge of adopting an entirely new form of state government paralleled in many respects to that of the state of Illinois. The state is face to face with a radical change, which re-organizes the present system, held to be antiquated and full of leaks through, which, ever since the state was admitted into the union, has resulted in the loss of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

The new government plan is aimed at co-ordination and co-operation, of doing away with much of the present red tape, pruning out many "lamo-duck" berths, which politicians have been hanging onto, unable to move from the public crib, and center responsibility in a few, so they may be held accountable for the mistakes or mismanagement.

If the legislature, now in session, takes a favorable view of this programme, in the next two years at least, the management of the state will rest in the hands of the Department of Agriculture, the Department of Commerce and Industry, the Department of Finance, the Department of Immigration, Labor and Statistics, the Department of Law Enforcement, the Department of Public Improvement, the Department of Public Welfare, the Department of Public Works, the Department of Reclamation.

Governor Outlines Plan. The administration's plan for a sweeping change in the state government was launched in the legislature last week. It is directly sponsored by Governor Davis and vitalized actively by section 5 of the constitution by conferring upon the chief executive the power and responsibility of conducting the principal departments through a cabinet of nine commissioners at the head of as many bureaus.

These departments are made up of separate government units and abolishing others, principal among which are: director of farm markets, state horticultural inspector, fish and game warden, Public Utilities Commission, Bank Commissioner, Insurance Commissioner, Insurance manager, Inspector of mines, state examiner, Industrial Accident Board, State Veterinarian, Highway Commission, State Board of Health, Sanitary Inspector, Chemist, Highway Engineer and numerous boards. It is proposed to go into force and effect from and after March 31, 1919.

The nine department commissioners provided for under this new government plan will administer the several departments named above as those in which the power of administration of the state will be vested.

Other Officers Created. In addition to the commissioners of departments, a number of executive and administrative officers are created. Several of the departments are provided with advisory boards.

The commissioners of the several departments are to receive an annual salary of \$26,000, payable in monthly installments. No compensation is allowed members of advisory boards.

AERIAL MAIL PLANE WRECKED

EVANSVILLE, Ind., Jan. 20.—An airplane, traveling from Waco, Tex., to Detroit, Mich., establishing an aerial mail service route, was wrecked here today when making an effort to land. The machine was driven by Lieutenant Sturpe and Vassil, both in the United States army service.

Denies Turkey Right to Existence as a Nation

NEW YORK, Jan. 20.—Assuming that almost every country in the world is foolishly or selfishly helped to keep the Turk alive as a nation, Henry Morgenthau, former ambassador to Turkey, declared in an address here Sunday that the mistake of the past in permitting Turkey to continue because of the balance of power, "must not be made at the Peace conference."

"The Balkan peninsula must remain open and unfortified," he said. "They are the great waterway between Asia and Africa and are a vital commercial center as a result of the Mississippi."

ELECTIONS IN GERMANY TROUBLOUS

SPARTACIDES MAKE ATTEMPT TO DESTROY BALLOTS BUT ARE REPULSED.

GENERAL STRIKE AT LEIPSIK IS DECLARED

A Revival of Spartacan Outbreak Threatened—Wild Rioting Accompanies Election—Votes of Women Almost Equal That of Men, 18,000,000 Exercising New Privilege.

BERLIN, Jan. 20.—An attempt was made by Spartacides here this afternoon to seize the election rooms where the polling in the elections for the national assembly is taking place. The attack was repulsed and a number of the rioters killed. Machine guns had been posted in strategic positions overlooking the street, in anticipation of such an outbreak.

A very large vote has been polled. 18,000,000 German women, who were recently given the right of equal franchise with the men, have visited the polls today, it is said. The number of male voters is about 21,000,000.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—Grave election riots are taking place today in Germany, where the people are voting to choose members of the National Assembly. A general strike has been declared at Leipzig, which is without gas and water, according to Copenhagen advices to the Exchange Telegraph Company.

The death of Dr. Karl Liebknecht and Rosa Luxemburg appear to have made a deep impression in provincial towns and street fighting has been reported.

At Leipzig a mob is said to have destroyed the election bureau of the Democratic party and have confiscated Leipzig Tag. The evening editions of the Leipzig Tageblatt Zeitung and General Gazette, compelling those papers to publish a declaration deploring the "murders in Berlin" and blaming the government for them. Strikes and demonstrations are reported in Dusseldorf and other towns.

Airmen were flying over Berlin today and bombarding the city with pamphlets issued by all the political parties, it is reported.

KILLS WOMEN WITH FLAT IRON

MASSACHUSETTS MAN COMMITS BRUTAL MURDER.

Ends Lives of Wife and Mother-in-Law Because They Nagged Him on Account of Idleness.

HAVERHILL, Mass., Jan. 20.—Charged with the brutal murder of his wife and mother-in-law, Joseph D. Lawford was arraigned in court today. Both women were beaten with a flat iron and other kitchen utensils. Danforth told the police that they had been urging him on account of his inability to get work.

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"Now that almost every nation in turn has foolishly or selfishly helped to keep the Turk alive as a nation, don't let the United States, through mistaken sentimentality or fear of a little additional argument, fall into the same error."