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SECRETARY OF INTERIOR WILL RESIGN

Announcement is Made By the White House Today—Regret Expressed

MOVE MADE DUE TO BUSINESS PRESSURE

Secretary Fall Offered a Place on Supreme Court But States That He Will Leave Public Life.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Secretary Fall, of the department of the interior, will resign March 4, the White House announced today. It was said that Fall's retirement is due to the heavy pressure of private business and the president is said to sincerely regret that Fall found it necessary to retire and to have tendered him a place on the supreme court.

UNITED STAND TO FACE TURKS

England and France Will Maintain a United Front Against Ottoman's Demands.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—Premier Poincare and Prime Minister Bonar Law, in a conversation today at the Hotel Orillon, discussed the Near East situation, and it is understood that they agreed that France and Great Britain should maintain a united front at the Near East conference to face the Turkish attitude.

LA GRANDE MEN WILL GIVE REPLY

Elmer Stoddard and Charles Reynolds will make a friendly reply to the recent talk given by Ed Stuck in La Grande a short time ago regarding the labor situation, the reply to be made tomorrow noon at the Ad club luncheon which is to be held in the K. of P. hall with the Royal Neighbors as caterers. The subject of the addresses to be given by Messrs. Stoddard and Reynolds will be "Workman's Compensation."

SETTERS AND KRATZ ANNOUNCE SELECTION OF ASTORIA OFFICERS

ASTORIA, Jan. 2.—Official announcement has been made by Mayor-elect Setters and City Manager Kratz of the appointment of city officials effective tomorrow as follows: Chief of police, William Dethridge; city auditor, Ira Nelson; city treasurer, E. B. Hauke; city engineer, Robert A. McGowan; city attorney, Joseph Mannix; superintendent of streets, Jerry McAllister; health officer, Dr. Nellie Vernon; superintendent of the water department, Albert Johnson.

The appointees for city engineer, city health officer and superintendent of the water commission are in all the other offices. The appointees as chief of the fire department and as clerk of the water department have not been announced.

MARKET STEADY
PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—Cattle are steady with choice steers at \$7 to \$7.50; hogs steady, prime light at \$9 and \$9.25; sheep steady; eggs weak; butter slow but steady.

Trojans Wallop Penn 14-3; Toledo Defeats Corvallis

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GOVERNMENT TO STAND BY HAGUE AWARD

Twelve Millions of Dollars Will Be Awarded for the Commandeering of Norwegian Ships in Wartime.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The government will stand by the award of The Hague on claims arising from the commandeering of Norwegian ships under construction in this country when the United States entered war, the White House said today. It was stated that the government would pay \$12,000,000 award.

DIXIE FLYER JUMPS TRACKS

Ten People Hurt When Derailment Overturns Five Cars Near Macon, Ga.; Pullman's Remained Upright.

(By Associated Press)
MACON, Ga., Jan. 2.—Two were seriously injured and 8 were painfully hurt when the Dixie Flyer, northbound tourist train from Jacksonville, Florida, to Chicago, jumped the tracks near here today. Two baggage cars, on mail car, a day coach and the diner turned over. Ten Pullmans left the rails but remained upright.

STRIKERS GET HEAVY FINES

Fines Aggregating \$9,800 Imposed on Union Railway Men Found Guilty of Commerce Obstruction.

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Fines aggregating \$9,800 were imposed by the federal court today on eight Union railway men convicted of a conspiracy to obstruct interstate commerce in connection with the strike last August. The Santa Fe Union are to pay the fines, the attorney announced.

CAGE LEAGUE OPENS SEASON

The city basketball league, composed of six teams from La Grande, Union and Perry, will hold its official opening game with one and possibly two games tomorrow evening at the Y. M. C. A. gymnasium. The Clerks and the M. I. A. teams will meet in the first game and negotiations are being made to schedule a game between the Union team and the Standard Oil team. All four teams are top-notch performers and an interesting evening is expected by the followers of the court contests.

The city league this year is composed of six teams, which is thought to be an ideal arrangement, all strong and the race for the championship is expected to be fast and furious. Teams from Union and Perry, and four teams, the Standard Oil Five, the Clerks, last year's champions, the M. I. A. quintette and the American Legion team are entered for the season's play.

CORVALLIS LOSES
CORVALLIS, Jan. 2.—Scott high school football team of Toledo, O., champion of the east and middle west, Monday defeated Corvallis high school champion of the Willamette valley, Oregon, by a score of 22 to 0. Scott made a touchdown in the second period and two more in the third period. In the last period Scott made two more touchdowns with goal.

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BOXING CARD IS SCHEDULED

Battling Lubbes and Sailor Manning Will Clash in La Grande Thursday In a Ten-Round Event.

The Boxing Commission of La Grande is to stage a boxing card said to be one of the best series of fights that has been before the fans of this city for some time at the Eagles' hall on Thursday night with Battling Lubbes of Baker, and Sailor Manning of Spokane, in the main event which will go ten rounds unless the K. A. punch stops it sooner. Both men are among the best of class in the northwest, Lubbes being well known to the fans here, having appeared on several cards in the past and Manning comes from the northern town recommended highly as being able and willing to deliver the goods to the satisfaction of those present. If records count for anything, the match will be one that will find both men punching to the best of their ability during each round.

Preliminaries Good.
Kid Sarp, usually a main event, and Ted McGee, will take the ring in the semi-final and two preliminaries will start the evening off. Kid Sarp is an aggressive fighter that needs no description in La Grande for he has showed his stuff in the ring many times during the past year and McGee is reputed to be as tough a leather puncher as any opponent would want to mix with.

Seeks to Revive Boxing.
In speaking of the future cards to be shown in La Grande, it is understood that considerable expense is incurred by the boxing commission in bringing such a card to La Grande and that they feel that if the boxing game is kept alive in this city, it is up to the fans to patronize the cards unless they want to see the grand old game of leather padded fists die a natural death.

Reports indicate that the commission is doing their best to maintain a high class series of cards during the season and that the fight-loving public must get behind the movement in order to insure a successful completion of the undertaking.

The following week two of the best lightweights in the west will fight in La Grande, although the announcement of who they will be has not been made public yet.

JUDGE KNOWLES WORD AFFIRMED

Supreme Court Decisions Today Included State vs. T. J. Keelen, Appealed from Union County.

SALEM, Jan. 2.—The supreme court decisions today included the State vs. T. J. Keelen, jointly indicted with C. J. Dooley, appellant; the case having been appealed from Union county, and was before the court on a prior appeal.

The opinion was given by Justice McBride and Judge J. W. Knowles was affirmed.

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DISSENSION IN CHINA IS AT AN END

(By Associated Press)
PEKIN, Jan. 2.—Canton, or the Southern Government factions, have settled their difficulties and are prepared to recognize the Peking administration as representatives of a re-united China, is the word received today by unconfirmed reports.

EXECUTIONS IN IRELAND END 4 LIVES

(By Associated Press)
DUBLIN, Jan. 2.—Official denial was made of the report that four rebels recently arrested in the Tralee district have been executed in Kerry.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A dispatch from the Dublin correspondent to the Evening Standard says that four rebels recently arrested in the Tralee district were executed by the Free State today.

COREY NAMED CHAIRMAN OF STATE BOARD

SALEM, Jan. 2.—H. H. Corey was elected chairman of the Public Service Commission today. Thomas K. Campbell assumed office as commissioner succeeding Kerrigan and Justice Thomas A. McBride became chief justice of the supreme court succeeding Burnett.

MEAT COMPANY TO CHANGE ITS NAME

With the coming of the new year the retail meat company which has been known since its organization as the M. A. Stilwell Meat company changes its name to the Crescent Meat company and will conduct the growing business along similar lines that has marked its success in the past. The principal stockholder of the company is L. W. Weeks who recently purchased all interests in the concern owned by M. A. Stilwell but operated under the old name until the first of the present year.

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LADIES WILL ENTERTAIN

Auxiliary Will Give Dance for Legionnaires Tomorrow Eve Following Business Meeting.

The first regular meeting of the American Legion and the Ladies Auxiliary to the Legion will be held tomorrow evening in the K. of P. hall at 8 o'clock sharp. The meetings will take up several matters of importance at this time, especially the Legion, which will make plans for the membership drive during the coming year. Following the business session the ladies will entertain the gentlemen with a dance from nine until 12 o'clock in the K. of P. hall. A first class orchestra has been employed for the evening and the Legionnaires are looking forward to a fine evening of fun. Refreshments will be served during the dancing.

During the new year the Legion and Auxiliary will hold their business meeting at the same hour and at the close of same, the ladies plan to entertain the men with a social program. In this way both a business and social meeting will be observed jointly.

The business session tomorrow night will be closed by 8:15 o'clock which will give the unmarried men a chance to bring their lady friend to the dance. All members of the Legion are urged to be in attendance at the opening meeting of the present year, both at the business meeting and the social meeting to follow the first.

NEW ACCOUNTING FIRM ORGANIZED

H. M. Maloney and Frank Pierson Open Offices in the Holmes Building.

Making La Grande its headquarters, a new accounting firm has just been organized for the purpose of handling income tax returns, and to do all kinds of expert accounting. The firm is composed of H. M. Maloney, former government income tax man, and Frank Pierson, for several years head of the accounting department of the Carr Furniture company.

The new firm has leased offices from Julia B. Holmes in the Holmes building on the corner of Jefferson and Chestnut streets and are ready for business.

Mr. Maloney is also secretary of the White Pine Box and Lumber company. He has a long list of clients whom he has served for several years on income tax reports and these will continue to be taken care of by the firm just organized.

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FRANCE WILL NOT ACCEPT NO-WAR PACT

Plan for No War for Generation Without Plebiscite Had Not Formally Been Presented to France.

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The state department announced that the German proposal for the powers agreement for no war without plebiscite agreement for a generation, had not been formally presented to the French government, but informal inquiry had brought out the fact that it was not acceptable to France.

FREE PORTS AID TO TRADE

Sweden's Free Ports Help International Trade; Numerous American Ships Stop There.

(By Associated Press)
STOCKHOLM, Jan. 2.—How American exporters can ship transit merchandise to Sweden and land and store it there without worrying about tariff regulations, is explained in recent reports issued by the three free ports of Stockholm, Malmoe, and Gothenburg.

Sweden is interested in the development of her free ports, all recently opened with the object of facilitating transit trade from the west to the Baltic states and Russia by enabling foreign exporters to place in the free ports consignments of goods intended for the Swedish and Baltic markets under conditions of absolute safety. There are no import duties, and the storage rates are so low, compared to American charges, that it is said an American shipper can send his goods to Malmoe, for example, resell them from that place in small parcels out of stock and then return the unsold consignment to America without having incurred any loss because of re-shipment charges. There is also the added advantage of having been able to supply his buyers with the latest possible delay.

Statistical returns show that during the past year the free port at Stockholm earned the interest on the investment and even a slight surplus. The free port of Gothenburg, during less than two months, has been used by 230 ships, chiefly American and Dutch, and the traffic is now growing so that the Gothenburg harbor has opened a special branch office within the port. Industrial plants will be erected within the confines of this port to manufacture products from goods temporarily in storage, and such manufactures may be shipped out without having incurred any Swedish tariff charges on the imported material.

Foreign exporters of automobiles and machinery may ship parts and do the assembling work in the free ports.

Presbyterian Brotherhood Will Meet Tomorrow Eve At Home of H. H. Taylor

The Presbyterian Brotherhood will hold their regular meeting tomorrow evening at the home of H. H. Taylor, 704 Washington avenue, to which the public is cordially invited. The discussion for the evening will be on "Religion of the World," with Dr. R. F. Murphy as speaker and Earl Reynolds in charge of the round table discussion.

Boy Scouts Return From Mt. Emily Winter Camp

"Don't think that we didn't have a good time," was the universal comment of the Boy Scouts who spent the latter part of last week in winter camp at Bloomer's cabin near Mt. Emily, upon their return. "We did and despite the wet weather experienced in the lower lands, we had nothing but snow and clear weather and our skis were just as handy to us as was rubber boots to those in La Grande."

Fourteen boys and three adults spent five days in the winter quarters and when they returned, one glance at their ruddy faces and general healthy and pleased appearance left no doubt but that they had enjoyed themselves to the utmost. The feature of the outing was an outdoor field meet held on Friday which was clear and sunshiny for the occasion. Troop No. 1, composed of older boys, won the troop honors in the contests and Marion Hendley, with the best all around average placed first among the individual swimmers with an average of 81.7. Despite the fact that his first were few his points gained on his grand average brought the reckoning in his favor. Ed Fitzgerald placed second with 80 and Fern Kelly third with 72.8. Divis, senior, Epling, Francis

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REPARATION PLAN GIVEN BY FRANCE

Premiers Open Sessions Today on Reparation Problems.

FRANCE PRESENTS PLAN TO SESSION

Failure of the Conference to Agree Brings Action By France; Moratorium Mentioned.

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Jan. 2.—Premier Poincare, of France, offered at today's conference of Allied leaders a proposal for the reduction of the German reparations to 50,000,000,000 gold marks. The French plan offers two years moratorium but exacts a productive guarantee to insure the resumption of payments later by Germany.

PARIS, Jan. 2.—The prime ministers of France, Great Britain and Belgium, together with the Marquis Delia Torretta, representing the Italian premier, will go into conference Tuesday, which is regarded as the final effort of the allies to reach a collective settlement of the reparations question. There was a sober and even anxious spirit in allied circles Monday night, in face of the probability that, if the conference fails, separate and direct action by France will follow.

The meeting is a continuation of last month's premiers' conference in London, which was called to examine whether any practical results could come from a general economic congress in Brussels. The main questions to be decided are, first, whether a moratorium can be granted to Germany, and, second, upon what terms.

Views Differ.
France and Great Britain are sharply divided in policy. The French insist upon settling the productive resources of Germany on the left bank of the Rhine and in the Ruhr valley, as guarantee that, when the moratorium terminates, Germany will resume her reparations payments. President Millerand, in replying to the New Year good wishes of the diplomatic corps Monday, made it clear that France stands upon her conception of justice and her rights under the treaty of Versailles.

"Complete peace can be established," he declared, "only on the basis of the treaties and through respect for the rights acquired and the obligations incurred."

OFFICES OF AD CLUB WERE MOVED TODAY

The offices of the Ad club were moved this morning from the United States National bank building into the La Grande Security Land and Savings company, situated in the La Grande National Bank building. Despite the many fixtures and records to be moved the work commenced promptly at 10 o'clock and the secretary, Earl Reynolds, and his equipment were installed comfortably in the new quarters one hour and forty five minutes later.

BANK STATEMENT DEMANDED
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