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U. S. RUSHES CRUISER TO VERA CRUZ

Threatened Blockade Results in Prompt Action by Washington

TACOMA, SENT TO PORT, AGROUND

Revolutionists' Plan to Interfere with American Commerce Expected to Fall Through.

CALVESTON (AP)—Wireless messages intercepted by the naval station sent out by the Tacoma at 6:45 A. M. appealed to the American consul at Vera Cruz for two strong tugs, saying that unless the tugs arrived within two hours, it might be too late to pull the warship off the reef.

CALVESTON, Texas, (By the Associated Press)—The cruiser Tacoma is aground in distress off Beniquila Reef, sixteen miles from Vera Cruz, according to distress calls received here.

WASHINGTON (AP)—The American cruiser Tacoma is en route to Vera Cruz today.

A warning from the American government that it would not tolerate interference with American commerce by a blockade was called to Vera Cruz and is expected to be held before the rebel leader De La Huerta today by Consul Wood.

American officials do not believe that the revolutionists will carry out their threatened blockade in the face of these representations.

VERA CRUZ (AP)—A long, bloody battle in the oil district of Cerro Azul resulted in a victory for the revolutionists, according to reports. The federal army troops were dispersed and revolutionists occupied the town and took 300 prisoners.

The battle for the possession of Villa Hermosa continued unabated, said the report.

EX-MINISTER DEAD IN N. Y.

Dr. Egan, Former U. S. Minister to Denmark, Succumbs at Age of 71 Years.

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—Dr. Maurice Francis Egan, former United States minister to Denmark, died here at the age of 71 years.

Serving under three presidents as Minister from the United States to Denmark, Dr. Maurice Francis Egan, at the time of his retirement had the distinction of being the dean of the American diplomatic service, and was widely known as an author, editor, teacher and lecturer. He was born at Philadelphia, May 24, 1852.

Dr. Egan was educated at La Salle College and Georgetown University and for several years there after occupied himself as editor of various Roman Catholic publications.

In 1885 he became professor of English literature in the University of Notre Dame in Indiana.

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Hoogstraeten



This is the Count Ludovic Salvaux Hoogstraeten, former cavalryman, Austrian who married the country's greatest heiress, Millicent Rodgers, daughter of Colonel and Mrs. Henry Huddleston Rodgers.

EXPERTS FIND JOB A BIG ONE

Probe of German Budget to Be Started; Data From Berlin Found to Be Deficient.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Brig. Gen. Charles G. Dawes and Owen D. Young, the American representatives on the first committee of experts, are finding reparations a difficult question to hurry along. Instead of three sessions a day, as General Dawes wanted at the beginning, only one official sitting was held Tuesday, because it was found necessary, after the delegates had come into personal contact and the subject had been rounded up in rough form, to study out carefully a plan for future work.

In the meantime, Henry M. Robinson, American expert on the second committee, began in his turn getting acquainted with the people at reparations headquarters. Col. James A. Logan introduced him to M. Barthou, Sir John Bradbury and the other members of the reparations commission and showed him the workings of the institution.

It is understood that the real work of the committee will begin on the subject tersely defined as "the German budget." In its deliberations on this question, the committee will study data already in the hands of the reparations commission submitted by the German war burden commission; that this data will be insufficient to keep the committee occupied for long because, while it contains everything relating to the demands on Germany, it is remarkably deficient in information as to resources of Germany which can call on but has thus far failed to do.

The committee does not intend to take an attitude toward Germany that might be compared to that of a receiver rounding up the assets of a bankrupt concern for the benefit of creditors but it will ask of Germany what are comparable in their respective branches information it thinks it ought to have respecting the country's resources.

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NEW JAPANESE HOMES COLLAPSE IN NEW TEMBLOR

SHANGHAI (AP)—New homes in Tokyo since the earthquake last September collapsed in the late temblor, according to reports received here.

TUNNEY BEATS FOLEY GRAND RAPIDS

TUNNEY (AP)—Gene Tunney of New York, American light heavyweight champion, decisively defeated Harry Foley of Hot Springs, Ark., in a 15-round no-decision contest here Tuesday night, in the opinion of newspaper men at the ringside.

Highlanders Discuss Problems at Dinner

With G. L. Larison at the head of the table, about 25 members of the Highlanders organization, affiliated with the Chamber of Commerce, dined last evening in the Summer Grill. At the close of the dinner the meeting was turned over to a general discussion of plans for the year.

Inasmuch as the ranks of the Highlanders contain many of the chamber directors, the discussion rapidly turned to problems affecting the mother organization.

As an outcome of the round table talks, three plans were recommended to the Chamber. One had to do with a drive for membership that is already underway with the view of raising the mem-

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HURLEY IS FAVORITE OF PRESIDENT

Chicago Business Man Nominated to Debt Finding Committee

PUBLIC SERVICE BOARD PROPOSED

Would Function as Reclamation Board and Also Develop Muscle Shoals.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Edward S. Hurley, Chicago businessman, formerly a chairman of the federal shipping board, was today nominated to President Coolidge to the Democratic vacancy on the debt finding commission.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Congress faced with the task of evolving methods of aiding the farmers, received another proposal to add to a list already in hand when the McNary-Haughen bill, proposing a \$200,000,000 federal agricultural export corporation, was introduced into the Senate and House.

The measure was referred to the agricultural committees in both houses. The purpose of the measure is to maintain the prices of farm products of which there is an exportable surplus at a level of pre war prices from 1905 to 1914 as determined by the secretaries of agriculture and labor.

WASHINGTON (AP)—Creation of a public service commission with power to take over the authority and functions of the reclamation service and the federal power commission and specifically authorized to develop Muscle Shoals and Alabama properties, as part of the "public super-power system" was proposed today at a public super power conference.

This proposal as presented for consideration was in the form of a bill prepared by a special committee of the Public Ownership League of America.

Hope to Secure Changes WASHINGTON (AP)—House Democrats prepared Tuesday to follow up their advantage in the (Continued on page 5)

BANDITS ROB BANK; SHOOT JOHN BECKMAN

CHICAGO (AP)—Six bandits held up and robbed the Lanning State Bank in Lansing, Ill., a suburb near Hamilton, Ind., today and shot, perhaps fatally, John Beckman, lumberman, who tried to prevent their escape. They fled with \$7,500.

ON WITH THE DANCE

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La Grande to Lose Forest Ranger Soon

Floyd Kendall, Local Ranger, to Be Quartered in Pendleton.

Announcement was made at Pendleton yesterday that three forest rangers' headquarters have been changed from other localities to Pendleton. Among the three mentioned was Floyd Kendall, of La Grande. The Evening Observer has been unable today to get in touch with Mr. Kendall.

The report from Pendleton, Or. in detail, as published in a newspaper there, follows: "Among the changes made at the Umatilla Forest office is the transfer of H. A. Botcher, assistant supervisor, to read work, and the transfer of Harvey Vincent from Eugene to Pendleton, to succeed Mr. Botcher. Mr. Vincent has been employed in forestry work in the Cascade Forest.

Several forest rangers are here on detail work and will remain for two weeks. They are S. B. Woods, of Ukiah; C. F. Groom, of Walla Walla; W. B. Kendall, of Dayton; and Albert Baker, of Pomeroy. They will be joined shortly by Walter Allison of Ukiah.

Three rangers have had their headquarters changed from other localities to Pendleton. They are Floyd Kendall, of La Grande; Ray Meegan, of Toltgate, and George H. Trace, of Corporation Station.

The Umatilla office is making plans for a meeting of cattle and horse owners to be held at Pilot Rock January 26, at which time will be presented the results of the range appraisal work of the forest service. It is planned that Walter Hutton, ranging examiner in charge of range appraisal work, will be one of the speakers. Present at the meeting will be members of the Pike Mile, Canons and Hildway, Texas Bar and Starkey cattle and horse associations. The discussion of the range appraisal work will be reported at the Oregon Woolgrowers' convention here January 27, 28 and 29."

Stanfield Man Gets \$350 Fine and 60 Days

PENDLETON, Or.—R. E. Wendenstein of Stanfield, arrested by W. R. Taylor special agent, on a charge of operating a still, pleaded guilty in the court of Justice Joe W. Parkes and received a fine of \$350 and a jail sentence of 60 days.

Moonshine to the amount of about 20 gallons, two stills and a quantity of other equipment was recovered in the raid.

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Boxer Exonerated of Any Blame for Death

NEW YORK (AP)—Bud Taylor, Terro Haute, Ind., bantamweight boxer, Tuesday was exonerated of any blame in connection with the death of Franklin Jerome, Bronx pugilist, who died Sunday night from the effects of his knockout by Taylor at Madison Square Garden two days previously.

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She Surprised Gotham Society



Millicent Rodgers, "\$10,000,000 heiress," gave New York a shock the other day when she slipped down to the city hall and married Count Ludovic Salvaux Hoogstraeten, former Austrian cavalryman. Miss Rodgers is a granddaughter of the late H. H. Rogers, former Standard Oil magnate.

Business Men Endorse Wheat Men's Aid Plan

American Wheat Growers' Association Marketing Plan Is Approved

After the American Wheat Growers' association marketing plan had been endorsed by the agricultural committee of the Chamber of Commerce at yesterday's luncheon, Chairman C. L. Larson put the measure to a vote with the result that the chamber went on record as unanimously supporting the plan.

Whereas, the growing of wheat is an industry in which the people of the state of Oregon are vitally interested, but returns received by the wheat growers of this state are generally conceded to be less than the cost of production, which condition is seriously affecting the financial condition of such growers and of other industries, and

Whereas, congress has already recognized the wisdom of assisting producers of agricultural products, such recognition consisting of subsidizing the combination of the producers into cooperative marketing associations and has provided credit agencies for their financing, and

Whereas, owing to their present financial condition growers of wheat are unable to avail themselves of the benefits of such cooperative marketing associations and such credit facilities.

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TRIAL OF HORCK CONTINUED UNTIL TOMORROW MORN

Trial of A. Horck, Jr., begun yesterday afternoon in the justice court was continued until tomorrow morning on account of the illness of one of the witnesses.

Horck is facing two separate charges of failure to comply with provisions of the Oregon public service commission. Following the completion of the trial already begun, the second trial will start in the justice court.

Methodists Celebrate "Birth" of Prohibition

WASHINGTON, (I.N.R.)—Methodists celebrated the birthday of prohibition in this country today—January 18—by dedicating the new headquarters building for the United States Temperance Prohibition and Public Morals of the Methodist Episcopal church. The location of the new headquarters faces the Senate wing of the Capitol.

The building was named the "Methodist Building" at the dedication exercises and will house the offices of Resident Bishop William Francis McCreary, District Superintendent John H. Edwards and various one of the activities of the board now in Baltimore.

ROAD PLANS FOR 1924 EXPLAINED

County Roadmaster C. R. Seitz Speaks Before Chamber

MANY PROJECTS TO BE PUSHED

Island City-Cove Road Is Chief Among the Highways to Be Built This Year.

Using as his topic "Our Road Program for 1924," C. R. Seitz, Union county roadmaster, yesterday explained to the members of the Chamber of Commerce, the program as outlined and also many pertinent facts concerning the year's plans.

"This topic I believe," stated Mr. Seitz, "merits the careful consideration of every member of the club because, if not interested as a business man and taxpayer, you are in all probability the driver of a car.

"In any event you are, whether you realize it or not, exceedingly dependent upon the system and condition of our roads. This needs but slight consideration to become convincingly apparent.

Reviews Past Year. "However, before approaching the work attained for the ensuing year," Mr. Seitz continued, "it is fitting that you should know what has been accomplished in the past. You are entitled to this as a business man inasmuch as you are located in the financial and trading center for a vast area beyond even the county boundaries.

"Accordingly it will be my endeavor to place the figures before you in a brief way. During the past year the following communities and towns, which as late as last winter were compelled to flounder through muck and mud to get outside, were either by state or county construction connected with the state highway system by standard macadam roads: Imbler, Elgin, Wallawa, Lostine, Emery and Joseph (through the completion of the state La Grande-Walla-Walla Lake Highway), Summerville, Union and farming sections at the base of Mt. Emily, Ladd Canyon and Indian Creek, which are now served by standard roads.

"For your full information a statement is given of those roads constructed from the county market road fund.

"Expenditures—North Powder (Continued on page 3)

MOTION DAY TO BE FRIDAY

Motion day will be held in the circuit court Friday according to announcements today by Judge J. W. Knowler.

Circuit court will convene in its regular session on the first Monday in February, which falls on February 4th, and several cases, both criminal and civil, are expected to be tried.

Selection of the jury venire for the February term will occur shortly.

Late News Flashes

TO BUILD RAILROAD. WASHINGTON (AP).—Permission to build 32 miles of railroad from Crane to Burns was granted the O. W. R. & N. company today by the interstate commerce commission.

WOOL ONE-THIRD GONE. PORTLAND (AP).—Approximately one-third of the big Idaho wool pool offered on sealed bids here was disposed of the first day. Twelve of 33 clips sold at prices ranging from 36 to 43 cents. Only one lot was withdrawn. Many buyers are present and interest is keen. The pool, totaling 1,835,000 pounds worth about \$400,000 at current prices, is expected to be sold by tonight.

NEW RATES ANNOUNCED TODAY. SALEM (AP).—The Oregon public service commission today announced new through rates from Gypsum, in Eastern Oregon, to points south of Portland, on wall plaster, land plaster and Gypsum rock amounting to about \$45 a carload reduction from the present rates.

