

SWISS PARLIAMENT ELECTS PRESIDENT

Camille de Coppet, of French Canton, Follows Italian, Who Followed German.

NEUTRALITY TO CONTINUE

Time for Serious Movement Toward Peace Deemed Not Arrived, in View of Fixed Attitude of All Belligerents.

BERNE, Switzerland, via Paris, Dec. 15.—Camille de Coppet was today elected President of the Swiss republic, and Edmund Schulthess Vice-President. M. de Coppet is an ex-Minister of Justice and present Vice-President.

Nationalities Succeeded Each Other. M. de Coppet comes from a French canton. His predecessor, Dr. Giuseppe Suter, came from an Italian canton.

After his election M. de Coppet received the Associated Press representatives. He expressed satisfaction with the result of the election and referred to the simplicity of Swiss elections as compared with the extensive preparations for the campaign in the United States.

Neutrality Difficult Task. "However, America views the conflict from a distance, whereas our geographical position makes neutrality a serious question with the fighting elements all around us—Austria on the east, Germany on the north, France on the west and Italy on the south—a complete circle of belligerent frontiers."

Food Prices Normal. "It became important to secure the co-operation of American industries and shippers, and I found them ready to assist us fully. As a result of these American co-operations Switzerland has never lacked the essential supplies, particularly wheat and flour, and has never lacked prompt facilities for their shipment."

When Mr. de Coppet was asked about peace and the possibilities of action in this direction by the neutral governments, he shook his head and said:

"The time has not yet come for any serious movement toward peace, and it is difficult to say when that may arrive with all the parties ready to fight against considering the question. In this, as in all questions relating to the war, the position of the people of Switzerland is one of impartial distastefulness and neutrality."

10 O. A. C. PIGS WIN PRIZES

Entries in Portland Livestock Show Are Successful.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 15.—(Special.)—Every one of the 18 pigs entered by the department of animal husbandry of the Oregon Agricultural College at the Portland Livestock Show last week won a prize in some one of the various classes.

In the Poland China class, four exhibited, four junior and grand champions; gilt under six months, first and third; sire, second.

In the Duroc Jersey class—Three entered; board under six months, first and junior champion; gilt, under six months, first and fourth.

In the Berkshire class—Three entered; gilt, under six months, second and third; gilt, over six months and under 12, third.

IMMIGRANT TIDE IS LOW

Year's Arrivals 326,709, Compared With 1,218,480 in 1914.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The tide of immigration into the United States ebbed to its lowest point in more than 20 years during the past fiscal year, according to figures made public today in the annual report of Secretary Wilson of the Department of Labor.

The total number of immigrant aliens, the report shows, fell from 1,218,480 in the previous year to 326,709 in the period ending June 30 last.

Departures of aliens, emigrant and non-emigrant, likewise show a notable decrease. For the fiscal year of 1914, departures were 622,895; for 1915, 354,274.

TEXANS DOUBT CARRANZA

Some Think Oregon Is Real Leader and Gives Orders to President.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—"Among Texans there is an earnest disposition to give Carranza a chance and let him show what he can do in Mexico, but there are many who fear that the aged Mexican cannot keep the country at peace," said Colonel Russell M. John-

ston, owner and editor of the Houston Post, at the Fairleigh. "Many of our people are afraid there will be continued revolution, and are convinced that only a man of the type of Diaz can restore permanent peace. Carranza is not that type of man. Obregon, who is known to many Texans, is considered the 'real leader' of the Carranza faction, and there is belief in some places that Carranza is taking his orders from Obregon. The latter might be strong enough to put down the revolutions that are sure to crop up. Huerta doubtless could have done so had he been recognized."

PARIS SAVANT VISITOR

PROFESSOR VICTOR BASCH LECTURES ON FRENCH CIVILIZATION.

Object of Visit Is to Combat German Propaganda in America. Frenchmen Are Exploited.

Victor Basch, professor of aesthetics in the Paris University and one of the ranking savants of his country, lectured in the Portland Hotel parlors last night under the auspices of the Alliance Francaise of this city.

Professor Basch has sent to the United States to lecture on French civilization and to combat German propaganda. He is the last of four eminent French men of science and letters to visit America, since the war began and to speak in all of the large centers and greater universities and colleges.

Aesthetics to the French, for comprehensive enough to cover all philosophy, arts and the sciences. Professor Basch spoke in French last night to a large audience that gathered to hear him. He reviewed French civilization as far back as history runs and sought to point out how it was the same in that line through the centuries and even to this day.

The Germans had posed as leaders in the arts, sciences and kultur, but Professor Basch said their claims were not justified by history and the actual facts. About the only excellence he was willing to grant the Germans is their genius for organization, and even to this day.

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"1915 Is the Greatest Fur Season in History--All the Women Are Wearing, or Wish to Wear Furs"--Harpers Bazaar. GET YOUR FURS NOW

The Most Sensational SALE OF FURS in Portland's History

This Great Store Lets Loose. \$30,000 Stock Must and Will Be Sold Now--Right Now! "It's the End, the Wind-up, the Finish to My Retiring From Business Sale," Says S. Silverfield

Blue Fox Neck Pieces for \$1.00 \$15 Sable Gray Fox Scarfs \$6.50 \$12.50 Manchurian Bear Sets \$5.75; Children's Sets at Half; Ladies' Fur Hats, Half, in Fact Anything and Everything Goes (Pick 'Em Out) at

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The Steps of Portland's Shrewd Xmas Shoppers Will Lead to This Store Today, Tomorrow and All Next Week

The S. Silverfield Co. 286 Morrison, Between Fourth and Fifth Streets

—EVERYTHING GOES, WITHOUT REGARD TO LOSS, COST OR WORTH. —As you well know, I'm not broke. I'm not in distress. I have money--lots of it--AND THAT IS WHY THE ENTIRE STOCK IS TO GO IN SUCH A SALE AS THIS. —As soon as the stock is gone--and it will not be long--I shall close my doors, lock up shop AND RETIRE FROM ACTIVE BUSINESS FOREVER. —NOW, IF YOU HAVE READ THIS FAR, UNDOUBTEDLY YOU HAVE MADE UP YOUR MIND TO ATTEND THIS SALE TODAY, TOMORROW OR NEXT WEEK. DON'T PUT IT OFF LONGER. YOU MIGHT MISS IT. THERE NEVER WAS SUCH A FUR SALE AS THIS-- YOU CAN TAKE MY WORD FOR THAT, I KNOW. S. SILVERFIELD.

BIG PLANT PROBABLE Idaho Mine-Owners May Build Smelter in Portland. COST PUT AT \$1,000,000 Wealth of Fluxing Material and Ease of Transporting Coke Arguments in Favor--Advantage to City Is Noted. Portland may be the site for a big smelter, costing \$1,000,000, to be built within the coming year by the Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Company of Kellogg, Idaho. It is understood that the Bunker Hill & Sullivan officials, who have been investigating various proposed sites, for the last several months, will reach a conclusion within the next few days, and that they will begin actual construction operations soon after January 1. The directors of the company appropriated \$1,000,000 for the plant several months ago. Meanwhile they have been investigating various available places, including Portland, Tacoma, Spokane, Wallace, and a number of Eastern points. It is reported now, however, that Portland probably will be selected, although no definite conclusion has been put forth by officials of the company. F. W. Bradley, president of the company, is in San Francisco and is expected to make a decision before the end of the year. Officials of the company visited Portland several months ago and inspected a number of available sites offered

them here. The Chamber of Commerce officials here sought to impress them with the advantages of locating here. The Chamber also has had some correspondence with Mr. Bradley and other officials of the company, but has had no direct information regarding the probable final decision. It is pointed out that a smelter in Portland would go far toward establishing the permanency of the plant at Tacoma. It is said the particular cause of the lack of steamship service between Portland and Alaska always has been the inability to secure southbound cargo. Alaska always has an abundance of various grades that it ships to the smelter at Tacoma. The plant at Tacoma, it is said, could be operated on full time on the Alaskan ores alone. With a smelter in Portland, it is argued, Portland could handle enough ore from Alaska to supply the southbound vessels with cargo and at the same time not interfere with the activity of the plant at Tacoma. While the Bunker Hill & Sullivan officials propose to build the smelter to handle their own ores, it is said that they could readily equip it to handle the Alaska products as well. Portland Advantage Cited. Another point in favor of Portland, it is said, is the ease with which coke and lime--materials necessary in fluxing the ores--can be obtained in this city. Coke can be brought in here by steamship at little expense or can be produced close in the vicinity of Portland. Native limestone fields in various parts of Oregon would be utilized to obtain this commodity. Further than this, it is pointed out, there are an abundance of sentimental reasons for locating the smelter in Portland. The Bunker Hill & Sullivan property formerly was owned by Portland people. S. G. Reed, who, with his wife, left the endowment to found and to maintain Reed College, at one time was the principal owner. The mine has had an interesting career and has been the subject of much litigation. It has been a steady producer, however, and is one of the best paying properties in Idaho. Mr. Bradley, who represents a majority of the stockholders, is active in the direction. At present the mine ships most of its ore to the Tacoma smelter.

"HOLDUP" IS PLANNED BROADWAY TO BE SCENE AND MOVIE MAN WILL BE THERE. December Roses Will Be Ammunition of "Highwaymen" and Funds Are to Go for Vista House. Broadway, from Taylor street downtown to Oak street, or farther, perhaps, will be put into moving pictures Saturday morning at 10 o'clock and with it will go the faces and forms of 109 leading business men of Portland. For the benefit of the Vista House fund, from which the memorial to the Oregon pioneers will be erected at Crown Point on the Columbia Highway, the 109 men will stake a little "hold-up" tag day. While they are doing it some of Portland's December roses will be carted down from the Heights and pinned to pedestrians and others who are accosted by the Vista House "gang." The Rosarian band will be out in uniform. While this is going on a Pathe Weekly man will be grinding out pictures which will be put on the screen in practically every city in the United States. The committee staging the event will meet today at 10 o'clock at the Chamber of Commerce to complete plans. The fact that the roses picked from out of doors bushes will be used by the "holdup" men in the middle of December has appealed to the moving-picture concern.

INDEPENDENCE MAN DIES Eli T. Henkle Succumbs to Paralytic Stroke. INDEPENDENCE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Eli T. Henkle, Justice of the Peace for this district, died at his residence here on Tuesday. He had just recovered sufficiently from an operation, to be able to resume his

office work when he was stricken with paralysis and died within a few hours. He was found in an unconscious condition in his wood shed in the morning after being out for quite a while. Mr. Henkle was 69 years old and a member of the Eastern Star, Oddfellows, Masons and Knights of Pythias. He leaves a widow and one daughter. Colleges Confer at McMinnville. McMINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—The faculty of McMinnville College will give a banquet to faculty representatives from all the denominational schools of the valley tomorrow night. It will be the opening feature of the faculty conference of colleges, including Reed College, Pacific University, Pacific College, Albany College, Willamette University, Philomath College and McMinnville College. Drain Barbershop Hit by Fire. DRAIN, Or., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Fire yesterday partially destroyed the building and fixtures of Guy Hamlet's barbershop in this city. The loss is partially covered by insurance. Quick work by the fire company saved adjoining buildings.

REMOVAL SALE Take Advantage of This Jewelry Opportunity \$1.25 Alarm Clocks.....50c \$5.00 Cut Glass Bowls.....\$2.75 \$15.00 Diamond Rings.....\$9.25 \$150 Sterling Silver Tea Set \$87 \$20 Cut Glass Electroliers \$11.65 \$5 Solid Gold Cuff Links \$2.15 This is a few of the hundreds of Bargains to be found here. Come in and look us over. STAPLES, The Jeweler "The Big Little Jewelry Store" 162 FIRST ST. JUST SOUTH OF CORNER OF MORRISON.



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The Doors Open at 9 A. M. Sharp Today, Friday