

AMERICANS IN MEXICO SLAIN

16 Taken From Train by Bandits and Executed.

ONE ESCAPES TO TELL TALE

Victims Stripped of Clothing and Marched in Body to Their Doom.

CONSULATE DELAYS NEWS

Ill-Fated Party Traveling Under Guarantee of De Facto Government.

EL PASO, Texas, Jan. 11.—Sixteen Americans, most of them Americans, en route from Chihuahua City to Cuernavaca, Western Chihuahua, yesterday were taken from a train about 20 miles from Chihuahua City, stripped of their clothing and shot by bandits.

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COUPLE MARRIED IN IRISH STYLE

HEPPNER FARM SCENE OF ALL-DAY CELEBRATION.

Humorists Ply Trade After Wedding of Anna Kenny to John Healey and Dance Ends Festivities.

HEPPNER, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Marriage customs of the "old country" were transplanted to Heppner today when Miss Anna Kenny, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Michael Kenny, pioneer ranchers of the county, became the bride of John Healey, a prominent woodworker, at St. Catherine's Church. The ceremonies lasted practically all day, the services conducted at the church by Rev. Father P. J. O'Rourke being followed by a dance at night at the country home of the bride's parents, where relatives and friends from adjoining ranches gathered. At the wedding breakfast Father O'Rourke, James Farley and John Kilkenney entertained with a fund of Irish jokes and anecdotes. At the church Miss Margaret O'Rourke sang "I Love You Truly" and "Ave Maria." Miss Sarah Deberry attended Miss Kenny and Barney Ward was best man.

VISITORS NOT WELCOMED

Germany to Permit Entry Only on Important Business.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Germany's new passport requirements, Count von Bernstorff today informed the State Department, provide that Americans must produce their birth certificates or naturalization papers in applying for a visa of their passports by German agents. German officials will use passports, Count von Bernstorff said, to travel to Germany only when such trips are unobjectionable and necessary and the business contemplated cannot well be conducted by correspondence.

1916 POSTAL TRADE GAINS

Increase of \$10,912 Indicated Over Same Period Last Year.

The Portland postoffice is beginning 1916 right with a big increase in business over that done at this time one year ago. Postmaster Myers announced last night that receipts for the first 11 days of 1916 are nearly 28 per cent in excess of those for the first 11 days of 1915. For the 11 days of this year yesterday last night receipts totaled \$13,704.68, as compared to \$10,704.27 in the same period last year. This is a net gain of \$10,912.41.

38 OF 40 JITNEYS FAIL

Inspector Refuses to Pass Cars Unless Safety Is Assured.

Out of 40 jitneys that have applied to the city for licenses under the new jitney ordinance only two so far have been able to pass the safety test given by Municipal Jitney Inspector Gill. All the rest have failed to measure up to the full degree of safety required by the ordinance. The Jitney ordinance provides that the machines must be in safe condition mechanically and the driver must be able to handle his machine properly.

MEN ARE FEWER IN BERLIN

Total Population 1,827,869, Compared With 2,095,030 in 1912.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 11.—The latest census reports show that Berlin's male population has decreased by 232,547 since July, 1914, due chiefly to the calling of the men to the army. In females, however, the population is strongly increasing. The total population of Berlin today is 1,827,869, as against the high-water mark of 2,095,030 in 1912 and 1,995,866 at the outbreak of the war.

HOODOO NUMBER DROPPED

Civil Service Commission Eliminates 13, Fearing Handicap.

Out of consideration for superstitious persons the Municipal Civil Service Board has decided to eliminate No. 12 from all examinations hereafter. In examinations applicants are known by number only and there has been much objection to 12. Civil Service Secretary MacLean said yesterday that this number had been a serious handicap in many cases to contestants.

ROPE SAVES 4 FROM FIRE

Scantly Clad Patrons of Hotel Escape Into 30 Below Zero.

GREAT FALLS, Mont., Jan. 11.—Fire caused \$25,000 damage to the Daily Hotel and a grocery store here today. Of the 18 persons in the hotel, four, including a woman, escaped scantily clad by sliding down a rope fire escape. The temperature at the time was 30 degrees below zero.

AUTO GAS CAUSES DEATH

"Petromoritis" Fatal to Man in Small Garage at His Home.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The body of Albert C. Long was found today in a small garage at the rear of his home. The garage was filled with gas fumes. Death was attributed to petromoritis, or strangulation by gas fumes from the automobile.

MOOSE PAVE WAY TO PARTY REUNION

Convention Date Same as Republicans.

CHICAGO IS MEETING PLACE

Resolutions Voice Hope for Common Nominee.

DETAILS TO BE WAIVED

Continuation of Party Organization Favored—Roosevelt Sends Telegram Declaring Preparedness Is Issue.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The Progressive party will hold its National convention on June 7 in Chicago, concurrently with the National convention of the Republican party, in the hope that both may agree on the same candidate for President. This action was decided on today by the National Committee of the Progressive party. Forty-seven of the 48 states were represented at the meeting. Before adjourning the committee adopted a declaration of principles, in which the Administration of President Wilson was criticized for its failure to deal adequately with National honor and industrial welfare, and the Progressive party went on record as favoring a complete preparedness consisting of military armament, as well as mobilization of all the country's resources. A telegram was read from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt urging the necessity for adequate preparedness. This was applauded enthusiastically. Progressive leaders declared that there would be no amalgamation with the Republican party, even in the event that both parties chose the same Presidential candidate. The Progressive party plans to nominate a National ticket at its convention in June. Many of the party leaders declared that if Roosevelt or any other man who is regarded as unobjectionable, and would incorporate in their platform the salient features of the Progressive principles, both parties would unite on the same candidate in Chicago next June. Filan Says Results Are Wanted. William Filan, the committeeman from Pennsylvania, pleaded for the date finally chosen, saying he wanted the two parties to have an opportunity to get together on a candidate. He added: "I don't think it is possible that Theodore Roosevelt is the only man who can run this Government. Personally I think he can run it better than any other man, and I'd like to see him run it. I am not afraid to say that if the Republicans will do as we want them to do we will agree with them." (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

LA GRANDE RUSHES AID

Little Heroine of 12 Assumes Duties of "Mother" in Mountain Home.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—La Grande this evening rallied to the support of the Walker family, where the mother died suddenly yesterday in destitute circumstances. Family pride kept the state of affairs to the home alone. Funeral expenses, clothing and food were promptly subscribed when conditions were made known. Nellie, aged 12, who won renown by dragging Christmas gifts from Santa Claus to the mountain home, has assumed the duties of "mother."

DOCK RECORDS FLAWLESS

Commission Audit Involving Thousands Reveals No Error.

Thorough audit of the books of the Dock Commission by Deputy City Auditor Moody revealed the fact yesterday that during 1915 not a single error was made in the handling of hundreds of thousands of dollars. "Considering the amount of business transacted by the Dock Commission during the year," says Mr. Moody in his report, "it speaks well for the efficiency of the men in charge to get through without an error."

APPLE SUPPLY SHOWS GAIN

Ten Per Cent More in Storage Than One Year Ago.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The country's store of apples on January 1 was about 10 per cent larger than it was a year ago. A statement issued today by the Department of Agriculture said this was true, despite the fact that the supply decreased 12 per cent during December. The figures show that 2,501,000 barrels and 2,045,000 boxes of apples comprised the country's apple supply the first of the year. (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

"I. W. W." FINED \$10; HE PAYS BY CHECK

OUTBURST OF ADMINISTRATOR AT ACCUSATION BITTER.

Heirs Are Attempting to Have Seattle Man Removed From Charge of Estate of Mrs. Wirth.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—E. G. Wirth, mentioned as a member of the I. W. W., paid a \$10 fine for calling his accuser a liar in Presiding Judge Mitchell Gilliam's court this morning. The heirs of Millie D. Wirth, who died July 17 last, were trying to remove Wirth as administrator of the \$1,000,000 estate. Wirth and Mrs. Carrie L. Turner, a daughter, were appointed by the court shortly after the death. Frank P. Rutherford, attorney for the heirs, this morning told the court Mrs. Wirth's death wish was that Wirth have nothing to do with her estate. "She concealed more than \$1845 from him in banks and I am told that she denounced him as a worthless and a member of the I. W. W.," said the lawyer. "That's a lie," shouted Wirth, advancing toward the bar. Judge Gilliam fined him \$25, but later reduced the fine to \$10. Wirth passionately declared that he would not pay, but when Deputy Sheriff Frank Weir appeared, Wirth cooled down. "Oh, I don't have to go to jail," he exclaimed, and produced a check book.

REDMOND ABANDONS

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"I am profoundly disappointed with the way the coalition government has dealt with the matter of Ireland. Ireland less concerned with the result of the war than Great Britain? You may go on making sacrifices and we will be prepared to rejoice in and share the result. As an Irishman I say that Ireland should be ashamed to be open to such reproach. "Has Ireland done better than Great Britain in recruiting? She has not done half as well, and it is a great mistake to go on buttering her up, telling her she has done splendidly, when she has not. "I make one more appeal to Mr. Redmond." (Continued on Page 2, Column 1.)

COMPULSION GAINS VOTES IN COMMONS

Irish Nationalists No Longer Resist.

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ELECTRIC HAND IS DEvised BY GERMAN

FUNCTIONS OF HUMAN MEMBER SAID TO BE EXCEEDED.

Even Heavy Objects Can Be Grasped Easily and Work Requiring Dexterity Is Mastered.

BIRMINGHAM, England, Jan. 11.—After a long and arduous struggle, Dr. Klingenberg, Director Klingenberg, General Electric Company, announced the perfection of an electro-magnetic hand, with which it is possible to grasp even the heaviest metal objects and work with them as advantageously as with human hands.

Dr. Klingenberg has evolved an unusually powerful battery, which can be carried by the operator, making it unnecessary for him to be near the electric current in order to magnetize the "hand." The invention, it is said, can perform all the functions of the human hand and other besides. The current is regulated by a switch operated by hand or foot. It is hoped that the invention will solve the problem of livelihood for many crippled soldiers, enabling them to engage even in trades requiring considerable dexterity, such as carpentry. By its use, the manipulation of knife and fork and similar instruments is simplicity itself.

2 MEET AFTER 39 YEARS

Brothers Are Reunited in Oregon City Long After Separation.

OREGON CITY, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Thirty-nine years ago John and George Reddaway, brothers, parted in Michigan. Today they met in the latter's grocery store on Seventh street, Oregon City, for the first time since then. George did not recognize the pleasant, elderly gentleman who walked into his store today as his brother, and it required a few minutes to establish the relationship. John Reddaway is a prosperous farmer from the southern part of North Dakota and will pass several days here with his brother and family.

'DIRTY RAGGING' UNDER BAN

Pendleton's New Mayor Comes Out for Reform in Dancing.

PENDLETON, Or., Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Dr. J. A. Beat, Pendleton's new Mayor, has announced a dancing reform policy. "This calisthenic dancing must be cut out," he said, specifying "dirty ragging."

Dr. Beat will advocate cutting the age limit in the curfew law from 18 to 16 years and strict enforcement. "Above all, Dr. Beat is keeping a close watch for bootleggers and blind pigs."

M'ARTHUR GATHERS DATA

Hearing on Columbia River Projects Is Probable Soon.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Jan. 11.—Representative McArthur is gathering data, which he will present to the river and harbor committee at an early date, in support of all Columbia River projects for which appropriations are being asked this session. He probably will have a hearing next week.

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TWO ALLIES TO JOIN IN VIGOROUS REPLY

Neutral Trade Policy Will Be Continued.

NO CONCESSION IS OFFERED

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OWN INTERESTS PUT FIRST

United States Charged With Violating Precedent—Arbitration Treaties Will Prevent Dangerous Situation.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—(Special.)—Great Britain and France are about to send an identical note to the United States in reply to the voluminous protest presented by direction of President Wilson against allied restrictions on American trade. Authoritative information is to the effect that the note was drafted in London by the Foreign Office in consultation with the French Ambassador. It is now in Paris being examined by the French officials. When the revision is complete it will be handed to the United States, probably in the course of the next few days.

Tone Will Be Vigorous.

The note will be quite as vigorous in character, from all accounts, as that sent by the State Department. It will point out that if the attitude adopted by the United States against the form of blockade established by the Allies should be concurred in by the latter, it would be possible to send through neutral ports anything of which Germany may be in need and that therefore the measures in restriction of enemy trade would be absolutely nullified.

Should Great Britain and France proclaim a formal blockade, which the United States considers the legal way to proceed, it is pointed out that ships violating the blockade would be condemned, whereas under the orders-in-council this action is not taken, and as to the goods seized in view of being returned or the owners being compensated, they would receive nothing.

Method Not to Be Changed.

Moreover, it will be pointed out that there is no guaranty that a shipment, say, of lead, consigned to a Danish agent would remain in Denmark, especially as the shipment is beyond the amount consumed by the Danish people in normal times. It may be taken for granted, therefore, that the allies will not change their present method of intercepting enemy trade.

In its note to Great Britain and France the United States declared that it viewed with surprise and concern the attempt to confer on British prize courts jurisdiction under which they could apply to vessels and cargoes of neutral nations, seized on the high seas, municipal laws of the country which it was argued could be rightfully enforced only within the territorial waters of Great Britain or against vessels of British nationality when on the high seas.

Violation of Precedent Charged.

The British and French governments regret that the United States has adopted such a position, especially in view of the fact that the same traditions observed with reference to American and British courts. There is no doubt that the declaration of the United States in the matter has created the presumption in the minds of the officials in London and Paris that this government in advance refused to accept the decisions of the allied courts. In view of the way in which American courts dealt with neutral ships and neutral cargoes, and the acquiescence of Great Britain and France therein, it is suggested that there is a departure of the United States from precedent.

Moreover, both Great Britain and France insist that their judicial procedure is their own and that any interference by a foreign power would be, in fact, an infringement of sovereignty.

Own Interests Held Vital.

The note will make it clear that the allies have done everything they can to impose as little inconvenience as possible upon American trade. But they have their vital interests to consider, and among them is the necessity of preventing Germany and Austria-Hungary from obtaining an economic which will enable her to pursue the war. At the same time, the desire to retain the most friendly relations with this Government is not to be lost sight of to lead to further discussion.

The question cannot possibly become dangerous, such as did that in connection with the operations of German submarines, resulting in the loss of American life. There is in force between the United States and Great Britain and France treaties of general arbitration which cover all differences of a legal nature, and there is also in force with these countries the Bryan treaties providing for a year's investigation of any dispute that may arise.

Senator Confers With Lansing.

Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, who has been the particular Senatorial critic of the British trade measures, called at the State Department today and had a conference with Secretary Lansing. Mr. Smith promised to make public the correspondence he has been receiving from Berlin and which, he says, contained information of value to him in his investigation of the effects of the British restrictions upon

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