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CHURCH FACTIONS BATTLE TO DEATH

1 Killed, 2 Probably Mortally Wounded.
DOZEN OTHERS ARE INJURED

Knives, Revolvers and Clubs Are Used by Rioters.
STATE TROOPS ATTACKED

Objectors to Authority of Catholic Bishop of Scranton and His Supporters Fight for Possession of Building.

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 16.—Rioting between rival factions at the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus in Dupont, near here today resulted in the death of one man, the probable fatal wounding of two others and the serious injury of at least a dozen more. Knives, revolvers and clubs played a prominent part in the riot. 11 state troopers being among the wounded.

George Greizer, the dead man, was shot through the thigh, the bullet severing the artery. Trooper Rola Sumner, of Pettaville, sustained a fracture at the base of the skull and Joseph Tink, of Dupont, was shot through the lungs. Neither is expected to live.

Faction Opposes Bishop.
This church has been the scene of half a dozen riots in as many weeks, one faction objecting to the authority exercised by Bishop M. J. Hoban, of the Catholic diocese of Scranton, and the other supporting him.

Every time a newly appointed priest is brought to hold services he has been prevented from entering the church by the opposing faction, but today arrangements had been made to say mass under the protection of the Sheriff, who called on the state police.

Troopers Send for Help.
A detail of a dozen troopers was on hand when services were to have opened, but so forbidding was the attitude of the crowd that a call was sent for more and 24 responded.

Before the reinforcements arrived the mob had attacked the first detachment and when the second reached the scene most of the damage had been done. A second riot ensued, in which the fighting was spectacular.

When Father Kurkowski, surrounded by state troopers, reached the church today a crowd of 500 men and women already had gathered. The Sheriff pleaded with the mob to disperse and permit the priest to enter the church. The mob ignored him and began to throw red pepper and mustard into the faces of the Sheriff and troopers.

Tolling of Bell Is Signal.
Then the church bell began to toll. As if this were a pre-arranged signal, the mob charged the Sheriff and the troopers. Captain Pitcher, who stood beside the Sheriff, was struck on the head with a heavy club. As he staggered back one of the rioters hit him with a stone. He fell unconscious into the arms of one of his men and was carried through the crowd to a house nearby.

Then the call was sent for reinforcements. Eighteen troopers hurried from the local barracks to the scene. Riot sticks were brought into action in an effort to disperse the mob. The women fled in terror. The men stood their ground and one after another fell.

Ringleaders Are Arrested.
Trooper Hummer was in the thick of the fight when a burly man crept up behind him and struck him on the head with a heavy club. Hummer dropped. In another moment his assailant was stretched out beside him by a fellow trooper.

Two Generals Executed
Two Villa colonels were executed today by Mexican soldiers at Cuernavaca, according to advices received today from Casas Grandes by the Carranza commandant here. Two Villa generals with small bands have sought amnesty. Colonel Valle was the leader of bandits who terrorized Durango and Chihuahua state before the Madero revolt. It was he who also had charge of the executions which followed the capture of Juarez by Villa two years ago.

Kaiser Again at Front
Complete Recovery Officially Announced in Berlin.

PEACE PILGRIMS APPEAL TO BERLIN

MAROONED DELEGATES FEAR TO TRAVEL ON NORTH SEA.
Mayor of Stockholm, Who Is Among Number, Says He May Lose Job if He Does Not Go Home.

THE HAGUE, via London, Jan. 16.—Dr. Charles F. Ake, Mme. Rosika Schwimmer and other members of the Ford peace board, after having vainly appealed to the German Minister at The Hague for permission for the Scandinavian peace delegates to return home through Germany, telegraphed today to Berlin for the desired permits. Recent efforts of members of the Ford party to cross Germany have been blocked by the German military authorities, with the explanation that the delegates are undesirable.

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SLED PLUNGES; BOY KILLED
Speeding Coaster Falls to Tack Turn and Goes Over Bank.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Gerald Pilon, 12, plunged to his death in a coasting accident at the Norton-avenue trestle at 12:30 o'clock this afternoon.

FATAL ERROR HINTED AT
Berlin Thinks Allies Sank Own War Vessel by Mistake.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Among the items given out today by the Overseas News Agency was the following:
"Reports from Vienna say the Stefani Agency on January 14 announced that the French submarine Foucault sank an Austro-Hungarian cruiser of the Novara type. Since the Austro-Hungarian ship is missing the Foucault must have sunk a ship of the entente powers by mistake."

Robins Strip Holly Bushes.
ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—An indirect result of the snow storm all holly bushes in Albany have been stripped of their berries. They were eaten by robins. After the Christmas season some berries remained on many local holly trees, especially the upper branches, but the robins, deprived of usual sources of food supply, have stripped the bushes clean.

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UNITED OPPOSITION TO WILSON LIKELY

Republicans Count on Restored Party.

LEADERS SEE ROOSEVELT
Colonel Invited to Participate in Councils, With Suggestion That He Forego Personal Ambition for General Good.

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Leaders Talk With Roosevelt.
It is known that Senators Smoot and Penrose have been in communication, perhaps indirectly, with Colonel Roosevelt and that they have made it clear to the preparedness advocates that they regard him as too big a force to be outside of the Government and that they strongly desire to co-operate in defeating the Democratic Administration. Whether they would be willing to support the Colonel is another question. From what can be learned, they seem to take the view that he will realize that even if nominated he could not be elected and that he will be disposed to step aside and to select a candidate mutually agreeable.

STOVE BLOWS ROOF OFF
Woodburn Mayor Struck on Thigh in Explosion at His Home.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Shortly after Mayor John Steelhammer made a fire in the kitchen Saturday, it blew up, part going through the roof and out the side of the house.

ALBANY BIRDS WELL FED
Feed Store Offers 1000 Pounds of Seed to Provide for Songsters.

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—Scores of local people have been feeding the birds during the present snow storm. Both of Albany's daily newspapers have been urging the matter of looking after the birds.

BRITISH BOMBARD LILLE
Berlin Says Only Slight Damage Has Resulted Thus Far.

BERLIN, via London, Jan. 16.—British artillery is bombarding the important French town of Lille, near the Belgian border and inside the German lines, but so far the shells have caused only slight damage to the place, German headquarters announced today.

2000 NORWEGIANS HOMELESS BY FIRE
THRIVING SEAPORT OF BERGEN HAS \$15,000,000 LOSS.
Destruction of Large Storehouses Containing Food Makes Problem of Supplies Acute.

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, via London, Jan. 16.—A third of the city of Bergen, a thriving Norwegian seaport with a population of 30,000, was destroyed last night by fire. Two lives are reported to have been lost and 2000 persons are homeless. The property damage is estimated at \$15,000,000.

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RIVALRY BETWEEN CLUBS KEEN
Trying to Send More Missives Than Others; Individuals Urged to Write, Too.

All Oregon will write to the East today. More than 100,000 letters are expected to go out of Portland alone today, bearing the invitation to the tourists of the East to make their plans for the Summer of 1916 to include a visit to Oregon's scenic wonderland.

PORTLAND TO SEND 100,000
Rivalry Between Clubs Keen

Members of the G. W. R. & N. Club, the Transportation Club, employees of the Southern Pacific, the North Bank, the Great Northern, the Oregon Electric Company and the Portland Railway, Light & Power Company and other railroad employees will march at noon to assemble at the big box and mail their letters, while whistles of all the factories in the city herald the opening of Letter Writing Week.

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CONSTANTINOPLE, via Berlin, and by Wireless to London, Jan. 16.—A new general offensive along a front of almost 100 miles has been undertaken in the Caucasus by reinforced Russian columns, according to an official statement issued today at the Turkish War Office, which said:

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Pacific Coast Interest Figure Conspicuously in Oil Combine, and Mexican Properties Also Are to Be Included in Deal.

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Presence of Germans Near Hamadan Reported by Petrograd.

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GIRL FALLS INTO BUILDING
Collision Throws Miss Stewart Through Open Window.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—To avoid a collision with another coaster, Miss Katherine Stewart steered a speeding bather loaded with her girl friends straight for a snow-bank on the sidewalk.

BRIDE'S LUGGAGE MIXED
Salem Churchman Takes Wrong Suitcase From Auto.

STAYTON, Or., Jan. 16.—(Special.)—A bride's suitcase was the luggage carried away from an automobile which had given him a lift by Dr. T. B. Ford, superintendent of the Salem Methodist Church district.

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