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.

SURANTON, Pa., Jan. 16 .- Rioting between rival factions at the church of the Sacred Heart of Jesus 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, wa shot through the thigh, the bullet severing the artery. Trooper Rois Sumner, of Pottsville, sustained a fracture at the base of the skull and Joseph Tinh, of Dupont, was shot through the lungs. Neither is expected

Faction Opposes Bishop.

This church has been the scene of half a dozen riots in as many weeks, one faction objecting to the authority ex-ercised by Bishop M. J. Hoban, of the two hours later. Catholic diocese of Scranton, and th other supporting him.

Every time a newly appointed priest has sought to hold services he has been prevented from entering the church by the opposing faction, but teday arunder the protection of the Sheriff, who called on the state police,

Troopers Send for Help.

sent in for more and 24 responded. Before the reinforcements arrived the most had attacked the first detachment and when the second reached the scene most of the damage had been thungarian cruiser of the sirous of nominating is Associate Justice Charles E. Hughes. They are not the house. The Mayor was struck on the thigh the roof and out the side of assemble at the big box and mail their the house. The Mayor was struck on the thigh the formal the scene most of the damage had been the scene most of the scen A second riot ensued, in which the fighting was spectacular.

When Father Kurkowski, surrounded by state troopers, reached the church pleaded with the mob to disperse and permit the priest to enter the church.

Telling of Bell Is Signal,

Then the church bell began to toll 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 stag gered 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

Then the call was sent for reinforce ments. 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. Prooper 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. stretched out beside him by a fellow

Troopers made wholesale arrests of

the ringleaders. These were taken into the basement of the church and placed guard. Twenty-three men who sought refuge in the parochial residence and seven who were hidden in the belfry were beaten into submission when they showed fight.

Two Generals Leading Small Bands Ask for Amnesty,

JUAREZ, Mex., Jan. 16.-Two Villa officers, Colonel Valles and Lieutenant-Colonel Cisneros, were executed at Gusman, Chihuahua, yesterday, ac-cording to advices received today from can meeting. Page 4. cording to advices received today from Casas Grandes by the Carranza com-mandant here. Two Villa generals

with small bands have sought amnesty. Colonel Valles was the leader of bandits who terrorized Durango and Chihuahua state before the Madero re-It was he who also had charge of the executions which followed the capture of Juares by Villa two years

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.

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, tele-graphed 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 explana tion that the delegates are undesir

Sweden and Norway, who came here with the peace expedition, are desirous of returning to their homes, which they are unable to do unless by way of the North Sea. This route is regarded unsafe. Included in those maconed here is Paul Lyndhagen, mayor of Stockholm, who says he may lose his

Mme. Schwimmer, who is a Hun garian, telegraphed authorities at Ber-lin that the blockade against the returning delegates is proving a great inconvenience to the expedition and urged the lifting of the embargo.

SLED PLUNGES; BOY KILLED

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

this afternoon. He sped down the steep Twenty-second-street hill on an improvised sled Railway tracks, 35 feet below

FATAL ERROR HINTED AT

Berlin Thinks Allies Sank Own War Vessel by Mistake.

an Austro-Hungarian cruiser of the sirous of nominating is Associate Jus-

As an indirect result of the snow storm tendary a crowd of 500 men and women all holly bushes in Albany have been ficulty, since he would have back of stripped of their berries. They were him Colonel Roosevelt and practically pleaded with the mob to disperse and or their berries. They were had caten by robins. After the Christmas all of the Progressives, as well as the season some berries remained on many Republican party itself, The mob ignored him and began to local holly trees, especially the upper throw red pepper and mustard into the branches, but the robins, deprived of faces of the Sheriff and troopers. stripped the bushes clean.

As if this were a pre-arranged signal, INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS

TESTERDAT'S - Maximum temperature, 28 degrees; minimum, 29 degrees.
TODAT'S - Threatening, with snow flurries, possibly turning to rain during the afternoon; easterly winds.

rman authorities taking good care of ex-hibits abandoned by enemies at Lelpzig book fair. Page 2 Russia begins new drive in Caucasus. Page 1. Mexico.

National.

Mexico to be deminant issue in Congress this week. Page 4. Edison's chief engineer says new battery did not cause E-2 explosion, Page 3. Wilson outlines plan for mobilizing indus-tries against event of war. Page 5.

Sports. VILLA COLONELS EXECUTED Canadian League outcast may Join Beavers.

Pight promoters bid high for Willard-Moran bout. Page 10. Pacific Northwest.

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Lumber and agriculture declared to be in thriving condition. Page 11.

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Page 11.

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UNITED OPPOSITION TO WILSON LIKELY

Republicans Count on Restored Party.

ROSEATE PROSPECT IS SEEN

Hughes Leading Figure if He Permits Use of Name.

LEADERS SEE ROOSEVELT

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

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN,

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16 .- That there will be united opposition to President Wilson in the coming campaign is the confident expectation of Republican leaders, hased on the recent decision of the Progressive National committee to hold the Progressive convention in Chicago at the same time that the Republican convention is in session.

Conservative leaders of the Repub-

licans make no secret of their intention to go practically the full limit so far as the platform is concerned—now that the Progressives have relegated the initiative and referendum and recall of judges to the states—and to consider the best interests of the party and the country with reference to the nominee.

Leaders Talk With Roosevelt. It is known that Senators Smoot and Penrose have been in communication, slight damage to the place, perhaps indirectly, with Colonel Roosevelt and that they have made it clear to the preparedness advocate that they lively artillery fighting and mining acregard 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 ques-BERLIN, Jan. 15.—(By wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)—Among the items given out today by the Overseas News Agency realize that even if nominated he could

would not be considerate of them and was \$200 damage done. their wishes as they would like. But they want to restore the Republican party to power. They believe Mr. As an indirect result of the snow storm Hughes would win without much dif-

The attitude of Mr. Hughes on the

(Concluded on Page 3, Column 1.)

2000 NORWEGIANS

THRIVING SEAPORT OF BERGEN

Destruction of Large Storehouse 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 90,000, 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.

The conflagration is said to be the worst ever recorded in Norway. The business section, with its old wholesale ouses, several of the largest of the hotels, several schools, the electric plant and banks and newspaper buildnes, was burned.

The difficulties of the 2000 persons ow without homes were increased b the fact that the largest storage houses, filled with provisions for sup plying the surrounding country, were groceries today than at any time since

the outbreak of the war. Bergen never was so flourishing a at the beginning of the present year, these conditions being largely due to the increased merchant marine.

The fire started Saturday night in an ironmonger's shop. Fanned by a hurricane, the flames spread rapidly and soon enveloped all the business portion of the city.

The firemen finally blew up buildings on the outer edge of the path of the The King has gone to the scene at

the head of a relief expedition

BRITISH BOMBARD LILLE Berlin Says Only Slight Damage Has

Resulted Thus Far. BERLIN, via London, Jan. 16.—British

artillery is bombarding the important

The statement also says there was

STOVE BLOWS ROOF OFF

Woodburn Mayor Struck on Thigh in Explosion at His Home.

WOODBURN, Or., Jan. 16 .- (Sperange Saturday, it biew up, part going through the roof and out the side of assemble at the big box and mail their

ALBANY BIRDS WELL FED

ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16 .- (Special.)-

should be unanimity displayed by both the Republican and Progressive conventions.

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HOMELESS BY FIRE ALL OREGON IS TO WRITE EAST TODAY

Tourists to Be is ited to Surfiess Court Blos Cale.

MAIL BOX IS READY

Half Million Letters Expected to Be Sent at Opening.

PORTLAND TO SEND 100,000

burned down. It is flarder to obtain Rivalry Between Clubs Keen, Each Trying to Send More Missives Than Others; Individuals Urged to Write, Too

All Oregon will write to the East to-

More than 160,000 letters are expected to go out of Portland alone today, Summer of 1916 to include a visit to machine guns."

Oregon's scenic wonderland.

The participation of people in other cities has been organized as carefully as in Portland, and predictions are made that the mail sacks of the state will be stuffed with perhaps a half a million letters today.

All Classes Join Move.

example and have issued Letter-Writ-French town of Lille, near the Belgian ing - week proclamations, ministers border and inside the German lines, but throughout the state announced it from so far the shells have caused only their pulpits yesterday, and commer-slight damage to the place, German cial and civic bodies everywhere have pledged themselves to join in the movement with all of their might.

lively artillery fighting and mining activity yesterday along the French front, the week in Portland will be at noon today at the giant mail box which has been set up on Sixth street by the postoffice.

The railroads have been given the conor of the opening day.

Members of the O.-W. R. & N. Club, the Transportation Club, employes of the Southern Pacific, the North Bank, the Great Northern, the Oregon Electric cial.)—Shortly after Mayor John Steel-hammer made a fire in the kitchen Light & Power Company and other rail Company and the Pertland Railway. assemble at the big box and mail their

Committee to Canvass Meanwhile A. M. Grilley's canvassing the fighting in Persia:

committee will be out in the business district calling the attention of the many prisoners. The enemy abandoned the consolidation heads of all the firms in the city to the many dead on the battlefield. Our losses

There will be no excuse for anybody question of the nomination still re- scores of local people have been feed- overlooking Letter Writing Week, or mains to be disclosed, but the impression is that he will accept in case there should be unanimity displayed by both In draftings their platform, the Re- day it would give away 1000 pounds of ties of form letters, for men and women (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.)

RUSSIA BEGINS NEW DRIVE IN CAUCASUS

ARMY HEAVILY REINFORCED ON FRONT OF 100 MILES.

Turkish Version Says Museovites Are Losing Heavily; Petrograd Reports Many Prisoners.

CONSTANTINOPLE, via Berlin, and y Wireless to London, Jan. 18 .- A new general offensive along a front of almost 100 miles has been undertaken in DEFINITE STAGE REACHED the Caucasus by reinforced Russian columns, according to an official state-ment issued today at the Turkish War

heavily reinforced, commenced a general offensive on January 11. The fighting, which is taking place over a front of nearly 100 miles between Karadach, south of the Arasa River, and Icham, south of Milo, is develop-

ing favorably for us. "Two Russian attacks near Karadach, south of Kogij, on the 13th, resulted in the complete defeat of the enemy, who was compelled to flee in disorder. Prisoners taken at this point say that during four days' fighting each of their regiments lost at least

PETROGRAD, via London, Jan 16. An official statement given out today says:

"On the Caucasus front, in the coursof the fighting January 14, we captured 20 Turkish officers and more than 400 men, a quantity of war and engineerbearing the invitation to the tourists ing material and provisions, one heavy of the East to make their plans for the gun and seven other guns and eight

OREGON DEBATERS NAMED

Mrs. Rosalind Bates Is Only Co-Ed to Win Place on Team.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene Mayors of all of the leading cities Jan 16.—(Special.)—Six members of have followed Governor Withycombe's the debate squad, including a co-ed. the debate squad, including a co-ed, have been chosen as the sextet to represent the university in the forensic ests are associated with the negotiafield this year. The woman is Mrs. tions. Rosalind Bates, a junior and the wife of Dr. E. S. Bates, head of the department of English in the university.

There is but one member of last

year's team in college, Cloyd Dawson, of Tillamook. Fear is felt that Nicholas Jaureguy, also a member of the team of last year, will not be able to ompete. Other members of the squad are

Cloyd Dawson, Tillamook; Walter My-

rs, Eugene; Earl Fleischman, Eugene

Edwin Cox, Salem, and Hobart Mc-Fadden, Junction City.

RUSSIANS WIN IN PERSIA Presence of Germans Near Hamadai

Resorted by Petrograd. PETROGRAD, Jan. 16 .- The War Of-

consisting of Turks and Germans." ial statement, issued today, gives the

GIRL FALLS INTO BUILDING

Collision Throws Miss Stewart Through Open Window.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Jan. 16. - (Speial.)-To avoid a collision with an steered a speeding bobsled loaded with her wirl friends straight for a snowbank on the sidewalk.

When the girls picked themselves from the huge drift they found that Miss Stewart was missing. She had Oil has been furnished the Couch, been hurled from the sled, through an Shattuck and Failing schools and all open basement window into the lower story of a business block. The Janitor this morning. was summoned to release the young woman, who was not hurt.

BRIDE'S LUGGAGE MIXED

Salem Churchman Takes Wrong Suitcase From Auto.

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

Church district. He arrived here recently on business at night, and soon was located at the were killed and a fourth was seriously Methodist parsonage by a young man injured when Rock Island passenger who asked if the doctor would not like train No. 5 struck an automobile near to exchange suitcases. The trade was here today, effected with a hearty laugh at the The dead are: Edith Forman, aged

Dr. Ford's auto had broken down on aged 19. the way here.

mistake.

FLOOD RISING IN HOLLAND Devastation Continues and More Bodies Are Washed Ashore.

LONDON, Jan. 16 .- A dispatch to the Central News from Amsterdam says: "The floods in North Holland continue their devastation. The town of Pur-merend, which is less than 19 miles (Special.)—Heavy ahipments of stock from Amsterdam, is under water and have begun from this district, 25 at many points the flood is three feet carloads having been sent out yesterhigher than on yesterday. Everywhere day.

In the flooded section bodies of cattle

drowned can be seen floating. Only
trees and farmhouses are above the lambs have been fattened by Klamath surface of the water.

2 GREAT MERGERS

Giant Deals Involving Steel and Oil Pend.

Office, which said: "On the Caucasus front the enemy, Capital Is \$200,000,000 and \$150,000,000, Respectively.

INDUSTRIES ARE ACTIVE

Pacific Coast Interests Figure Conswiceously in Oil Combine, and Mexican Properties also Are to Be Included in Deal.

CHICAGO, Jan. 16 .- (Special.) -- Anuncement of the formation of two great corporations-one a steel merger. with \$200,000,000 capital, and the other an oil combine, capitalized at about \$150,000,000—are expected this week. Negotiations, which have been on for everal weeks, have now reached the stage in both projects where the ransactions are in definite shape

In the steel deal, which is believed e involve the consolidation of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company and the Cambria and Lackawanna Steel companies, the Repogle syndicate and the Drexel firm, of Philadelphia, see back of the new enterprise, and Na-tional City Bank of New York inter-

In the oil deal bankers are working with Pacific Coast oil men in bringing

about the merger.

The best information obtainable so far regarding the steel merger is that the capital will consist of only one class of stock.

The capital stock of the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company is \$10,000,000 common and \$10,000,000 7 per cent cumulative preferred, of which \$34,-750,000 common and a small lot of the preferred are in the hands of the pub-iic. The company also has about \$41,-000,000 bonds outstanding, including those of certain of its subsidiaries. Cambria Steel has outstanding cap-ital stock of \$45,000,000, and has no

bonded debt. The total of the outstanding stock and bonds of the three companies mentioned as being parties to the merger is approximately \$150,000,000. Besides official statement today says of this, several other companies, among them the Inland Steel Company, have "In the fighting at Kangaver we took been mentioned as possible parties to

In the proposed combination of Mexican and California oil properties by ican and California oil properties by them to encourage their employes to back toward Daulatabad a detachment described by the control of the Company have figured conspicuously. LONDON, Jan. 18 .- The Russian offi- trolled by the Southern Pacific Railroad, through ownership of \$20,069,000 controls by a 50 per cent holding or more of stock. It owns 12 steamers and operates two pipe lines, and also owns interests in two other pipe lines. It also owns its own rolling stock.

dustry. other coaster, MIss Katherine Stewart ALL SCHOOLS DUE TO OPEN

The oil merger comes at a time of

the greatest activity in the oil in-

Some Portables May Have Trouble if East Wind Continues.

classes will resume at those buildings Superintendent Alderman has been besieged with questions as to what schools will be open this morning, and last night he announced that all schools would be open for all grades. A few portable buildings on the outskirts of

cold east wind continues.

the city may have to be closed if the

Chauffeur, Who Survives, Says Car "Went Dead" on Track.

ALVO. Neb., Jan. 16,-Three persons

17; Belle Forman, 20, and Alma Godby, J. H. Forman, who was driving the car, was seriously injured. He said at the hospital that the car went dead on

KLAMATH SHIPPING LAMBS Feeding Nets Farmers \$15 a Ton for

Their Alfalfa

the track.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 16,-

basin farmers, McKentree paying them The bodies of 12 persons drowned in an agreed amount for each por Marken washed ashore today at V-- added weight. In this way the farm-endam,"

THE HAGUE, via London, Jan. 16 .-

Dr. Charles F. Aked, Mme. Rosika Schwimmer and other members of the

Twenty-five subjects of Denmark,

office unless he returns soon.

Speeding Coaster Fails to Take Turn and Goes Over Bank.

and was unable to make the turn, shooting through the railing and landing on his head on the Great Northern At the Providence Hospital he died

A detail of a dozen troopers was on hand when services were to have epened, but so forbidding was the attitude of the crowd that a call was

Robins Strip Holly Bushes. ALBANY, Or., Jan. 16 .- (Special.)-

The Wenther,

Berlin regards Montenegrin campaign as ended. Page 2

Carranza to authorize all citizens to avenge massacres without formality. Page 5. Peace pilgrims appeal to Berlin, fearing to travel by North Sea. Page 1.

Bergen, Norway, has \$15,000,000 fire.
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Demestic.

United Republican opposition to Wilson fully expected by leaders. Page 1.
Church factions in fatal riot, Page 1.
Great mergers in steel and oil nearing completion. Page 1.
Governor Johnson doubts that Progressives will accomplish much in future as party. Page 4.

Mrs. Claude, Graham.

Mrs. Claude Grahams-White, aerial honey-mooner, sues husband, Page 3. Alien ownership in baseball is passing.

Vancouver Perry Out of Service, Page 11,

KAISER AGAIN AT FRONT

Mission, Page R.

Mrs. Charles Merrison recovers from collapse following revelation of husband's mischede. Page R.

Rev. Thomas S. Anderson in Atkinson Memorial pulpit. Page 9.

Democrats have no dearth of candidates as delegates to National convention, Page 14.

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Page 8.

following official communication was issued today:

"After his complete recovery Emperor William returned Sunday to the part theater."

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Question exists as to whether or not Jitney law becomes effective today, Page 8.

Hobos is enter highbrow class. Page 7.

Portland is warmer, Page 11.

All Crogon to write Eastern tourists today.

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DON'T FORGET TO WRITE THAT OREGON LETTER THIS WEEK. SHOW US YES

