



4 CHILDREN SLAIN; FATHER ARRESTED

Brutal Crime Revealed at Auburn, Wash.

BODIES FOUND IN BURNED BEDS

Life Insurance Policies Taken Out on Quartet.

LYNCHING IS THREATENED

Prisoner Is Removed to Seattle. Bloody Hammer and Signs of Kerosene and Chloroform Discovered in Room.

TACOMA, Wash., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Four small children were brutally murdered at Auburn early today as they lay in their beds. The room and beds had been saturated with kerosene and then the house set on fire.

Their father, S. A. Hewett, a Northern Pacific brakeman in the railroad yards at Auburn, was placed under arrest by the King County Sheriff and taken to Seattle following the gathering of a crowd of nearly 1000 persons, among whom there was considerable talk of lynching.

Father Gives Alarm.
Hewett's story is that the four children retired as usual to their beds last night, but during the night one was taken ill. Hewett, who was in the house, took a kerosene lamp, which he left burning on a chair between their two beds. Being restless, he said he took a walk, returned later and fell into a sound sleep, from which he was awakened by flames crackling all about him. Unable to reach the children, he rushed to a neighbor's to give a fire alarm and then returned, and with a garden hose tried to quench the flames.

Examination of the children's charred bodies, the coroner said, revealed the fact that their skulls had been crushed in, while the mattresses on which they lay were saturated with blood.

Blood-Stained Hammer Found.
Behind a little trundle bed on which slept the only girl of the four, Myrtle, aged 5, was found a blood-stained hammer, and in the room an empty bottle labeled chloroform.

Under the bed in which the three boys lay was found a blood-stained pillow slip.

The other three children, Ephraim, aged 10; Arthur, aged 8, and Clarence, aged 5, were found in one big bed.

This morning the father handed to a neighbor, Frank McGilvray, an envelope containing the insurance policies which it is said he had taken out recently for his children and which had been saved from the fire.

The insurance policies on the lives of the four children were issued April 3, last year.

Mrs. Hewett, the mother, left the family home last Monday and was in Everett. By some unknown means she learned of the tragedy this morning.

When Mrs. Hewett left home last Monday she took with her the youngest child of the family, 7 years of age.

Domestic Trouble Reported.
Domestic trouble is believed to have been the cause of the separation. Mrs. Hewett is 28 years old, and Mr. Hewett is said to be about 40.

Further circumstantial evidence uncovered by the King County officials this afternoon shows that Alice Gove, a 5-year-old neighbor girl, went to visit Myrtle Hewett last night, and while there remarked, "I smell coal oil."

"Oh, yes," Myrtle is said to have replied, according to the Gove girl, father poured kerosene all over the floor and the walls and the beds today.

VICTIM'S MOTHER PROSTRATED

Mrs. Hewett Charges Husband Drove Her From Home.

EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 28.—Mrs. S. A. Hewett, almost prostrated by the news of the death of her four children, is here at the home of Mrs. Alice V. Minnick. Since leaving Auburn, a week ago, Mrs. Hewett, who is very frail, has been employed as a domestic and has been staying at nights at Mrs. Minnick's home.

Mrs. Hewett said that she had been brutally treated by her husband and that he finally told her to get out of their home. He consented, she said, to her taking with her their youngest child, which is three years old and which is here with her.

She expects to go to Auburn tomorrow.

LAMBS CAN GET NO FEED

Scarcity of Nourishment May Send Yearlings to \$8 or \$9 a Head.

STOCKTON, Cal., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Owing to the lateness of green feed, half of the season's increase of lambs in the Coast Range mountains will be lost, according to sheep men. The ewes are unable to get nourishment and there is not enough mill for the lambs. Last year lambs sold from \$4.50 to \$5 and already this year contracts have been made at \$6 a head. It is believed that the prices will go higher. Mutton yearlings sold at \$5 and \$9 a head.

HIGH ROUMANIANS DIE IN TRAIN WRECK

LOCOMOTIVE JUMPS TRACK AND CARS CATCH FIRE.

More Than 100 Prominent Men Are Among Victims—Senate Is Transferred From Jassy to Kherston.

BERLIN, Jan. 27, via Sayville, N. Y., Jan. 28.—More than 100 Roumanians of high rank lost their lives in a train wreck near the Roumanian station of Tshura, according to a dispatch said by the Overseas News Agency to have been printed in the Russki Slovo. The locomotive of a train carrying the Roumanians to Russia jumped the track and the cars took fire.

It is reported from the same source that 45,000 Roumanian refugees have already settled in the Russian province of Poltava and that a large number of others continue to arrive. Among the prominent Roumanians said to have arrived in Russia are G. Cantacuzene, Minister of Justice; M. Constantinescu, Minister of the Interior; and Take Joneacu, minister without portfolio.

The Roumanian Senate and the Roumanian National Bank are reported to have been transferred from Jassy to Kherston.

MILWAUKEE NOT GIVEN UP

San Diego Man Says He'll Get Cruiser Up for \$350,000.

Another effort is to be made to salvage the United States cruiser Milwaukee, ashore near the mouth of Eureka harbor, according to advices received from San Francisco. The Navy Department, the advices declare, through Mare Island officials, has asked for bids for salvaging the vessel "as a whole."

The activity is said to be the result of an offer made by John T. Flynn, of San Diego, who represented he could salvage the cruiser at a cost of \$350,000. His plan was to dump rock-laden barges to seaward in order to stop the breakers and then remove the vessel by means of a cofferdam.

OLD FLAGS IN PORTLAND

First Regiment Colors Are Returned to General Beebe.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—Old flags of the First Regiment, Infantry, Oregon National Guard, have been transferred from the Capitol at Salem to Portland and today Secretary Olcott received notification of their receipt from General Charles N. Beebe, president of the association formed from that regiment.

The flags sent include one American silk flag and one blue silk flag, regimental standard, comprising the colors formerly used by the regiment. They were transferred by authority of the Legislature recently adopted by the Legislature.

KING'S TRAIN IMPERILED

Attempt Made to Cause Death of Alfonso in Spain.

MADRID, Jan. 28.—An attempt was made today to wreck a train on which King Alfonso was a passenger. The royal train was preceded by a freight train, the engineer of which saw an obstacle on the track and removed it. Neither the royal train nor the freight suffered any damage.

The spot chosen, near Granada, Andalusia, was a particularly favorable one, as the road here begins to run down grade. The police had arrested two men, one of whom was found with code letters from Barcelona.

MEXICANS' REFUGE CLOSED

Guatemala to Permit Extradition of Plotters Against Carranza.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 28.—Guatemala has declared her intention of strictly enforcing the neutrality laws, and as the first act toward this end President Estrada Cabrera ordered the arrest of General Luis Medina Barron, said to be one of the leading Generals supporting Felix Diaz in operations against the de facto government of Mexico, according to information here.

President Cabrera also declared his intention of permitting the extradition of all former followers of Huerta now living in Guatemala.

GREEN AND ORANGE BLEND

Both Colors Seen at Reception to Canadian Rangers.

ARMAGH, Ireland, Jan. 28.—The Orange and the Green united here today in welcoming the Duchess of Connaught's Own Canadian rangers, green and yellow favors, respectively the emblems of the Catholics and Orangemen, being blended perhaps for the first time since the battle of the Boyne.

The visiting soldiers attended in parties, respectively, the Catholic cathedral and the Protestant cathedral.

MUNICH BARS BLOOMERS

Military Forbids Women to Wear Men's Clothing Unnecessarily.

MUNICH, Bavaria, via London, Jan. 28.—Munich's military authorities, the old-time enemies of too startling dress for women, have again stepped to the fore and forbidden the "unnecessary wearing of men's clothing by women."

The visiting soldiers attended in parties, respectively, the Catholic cathedral and the Protestant cathedral.

ALL OREGON TROOPS ARE ORDERED HOME

News Telegraphed by Senator Chamberlain.

EARLY START IS PREDICTED

Major Wilson Expects Return by February 15.

TWO UNITS AT CALEXICO

Friends of Soldiers Asked to Give First Thought to Their Health and Not Risk Their Lives by Making Social Demands.

"All Oregon troops on the border ordered home."

This telegram received yesterday afternoon from Senator George E. Chamberlain, by Major W. W. Wilson, acting Adjutant-General, is the first announcement that has been made of the decision of the government to recall from the Mexican border the last of the Oregon contingent which was called out seven months ago, and which has been in continual service ever since.

"It is probable that we know here in Portland that the troops are coming home before they know it themselves, for today being Sunday, the order will not reach General Funston in all probability until Monday," said Major Wilson yesterday.

Early Start Predicted.

"I do not know exactly when the troops will start for home, and have received nothing further than the telegram announcing that they have been ordered from the border. Captain White informed me that Troop A was ready to move on 24 hours notice. All will get started home probably before the end of the week and it is safe to predict that they will be in Portland before the middle of February, possibly much sooner."

There are at present on the border the troops in Battery A, and the cavalry of Troop A. In the battery there about 165 men and in the troop about 104, according to Major Wilson. They are stationed at Calexico.

The order that called them out was made on June 15 last, and they started for the border June 28, seven months ago yesterday.

64 Horses Will Be Returned.

Returning to Oregon they will bring back with them 32 head of horses in the battery and an equal number in the troop, which will be turned over to the state for use in further military duty in the future. They will bring back with them also, all equipment that they have with them on the border.

In view of the approaching return of the Oregon soldiers, Major Wilson (Concluded on Page 7, Column 2.)

TWO RULERS ARE OF LIKE OPINION

KAISER AND AUSTRIAN EMPEROR BLAME ENEMIES FOR WAR.

Compliments Exchanged and Confidence Expressed That Central Powers Will Win Victory.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—Emperor Charles of Austria-Hungary arrived Friday at German main headquarters to congratulate the German Emperor on the occasion of his birthday.

At the luncheon, which the German Emperor, Prince Henry of Prussia and his son, Prince Waldemar, attended, the Austrian Emperor, in proposing the health of the German Emperor, according to a Reuter dispatch from Vienna, said:

"I have made a point of appearing here today in order to convey to Your Majesty, my dear friend and true ally, my warmest congratulations. For the third time Your Majesty is celebrating his birthday in the war which our enemies forced upon us and for whose continuance they alone are responsible by rejecting our sincere offer of peace."

"I epitomize my wishes in the call for long life to the German Emperor, King of Prussia."

The German Emperor, replying, said:

"I express my warmest thanks to Your Majesty as a true friend and ally for your visit and congratulations. Your Majesty's presence here today is a new and sublime proof to me that in joy and sorrow in dark hours as well as on sunny days, Your Majesty, as well as your army and your people, feel themselves at one with me and my army and people in their unshakable purpose to bring the present war, with the help of the Almighty, to a happy and joyful conclusion for our peoples."

"The refusal of our offer of peace will recoil on those who roughly rejected our sincere act of conciliation. I sum up my thanks by calling: 'Long live the Emperor Charles.'"

SNOW BLOCKADE IS ENDED

Union Pacific Trains Again Begin Moving in Wyoming.

LARAMIE, Wyo., Jan. 28.—Union Pacific Railroad officials announced tonight the worst snow blockade in the history of the road was ended. At 6 o'clock it was announced that one track near between Rock River and Hanna had been cleared and the movement of trains had begun. More than 20 trains, some of which left Chicago Tuesday, were held at Hanna.

E. E. Calvin, president of the road, joined other prominent officials here today and engaged in the effort to relieve the situation.

HATIE EX-PRESIDENT DIES

General Davilmar Theodore Victim of Complication of Maladies.

NEW YORK, Jan. 28.—News of the death of General Davilmar Theodore, once President of Haiti, was contained in private letters from Haiti, received here today. It was said that his death occurred in Port au Prince on January 13 from a complication of diseases.

General Theodore overthrew the government of General Oreste Zamor in 1914, and was in turn forced to abdicate the Presidency in November, 1915. He fled from Haiti, but returned after American intervention.

BONE DRY BILL IS COMING UP TODAY

Measure Special Order in Lower House.

QUICK PASSAGE IS LIKELY

Senate Expected to Approve All Main Provisions.

OTHER LEGISLATION PENDS

Rural Credits, Sterilization and State Aid to Sectarian Institutions Due for Action—Snag Struck in Merger Schedule.

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Or., Jan. 28.—(Special.)—The fourth week and second half of this session of the Oregon Legislature begins tomorrow morning. Most of the important legislation is yet to be considered.

The coming week probably will see a final disposition of at least one of the big problems before the Legislature, that of prohibition. The Anderson-Eddy bone-dry bill is a special order of business on the House calendar for 10:30 tomorrow morning.

It will undoubtedly pass the House in short order, and will then be sent to the Senate. As this measure has already been considered by the joint House and Senate committee, it will go on the Senate calendar in all probability, without the formality of again referring it to the committee.

Thus here is every likelihood that by Thursday or Friday, at the latest, it will be before the Senate on final passage. No Senator so far this session has cast a vote against any resolution, memorial or bill even remotely having to do with the prohibition issue, so it is safe to predict that it will speedily be passed by that body. The chances are it will not have a dissenting vote.

Few Wet Days Left.

As it carries an emergency clause, which will make it effective as soon as signed by the Governor, the end of this week or the first of next week will probably find the law of Oregon in effect. There is no serious opposition in the House to the emergency clause. Two or three members are basing their objections on that ground, but have been utterly unable to get any others to support them in their contentions.

Speaker Stanfield and leaders on the floor of the House have favored the emergency clause from the start. Governor Withycomb also has insisted on it, and has openly denounced the whisky lobbyists who have opposed it. It is apparent that if the emergency clause is not retained, the whisky interests will invoke the referendum. This either would hold up the bill for two years or force a special election at a cost of \$30,000 to \$50,000.

Copies of the amended bill have been (Concluded on Page 6, Column 1.)

F. JENNING BADLY INJURED BY AUTO

FURNITURE MAN IS CRUSHED WHEN HIS CAR UPSETS.

Condition Is Considered Precarious. W. H. Pierce Sustains Bruises and Sprained Ankle.

Fred Jennings, president of the Portland Furniture Manufacturing Company, was critically injured, and W. H. Pierce, of the San Marco Apartments, was hurt also by the overturning of Mr. Jennings' automobile at East Twelfth and Holiday avenue at 9:15 o'clock last night.

The machine skidded while Mr. Jennings was making the turn from East Twelfth street into the avenue, and turned bottom side up, after ploughing up the turf for 10 feet into the park. Mr. Jennings was caught under the steering wheel, and his chest was crushed. He also sustained a hemorrhage from the chest into the abdomen.

Mr. Pierce was thrown clear of the machine, and landed on the sod. His ankle was sprained, and he is bruised severely.

L. O. Lakin, 411 East Twenty-second street North; L. H. Peters, 292 East Fifteenth street; and Henry Myers, of the Finley Undertaking Company, lifted the automobile from Mr. Jennings, and took him to his home at 521 East Hoyt street. Patrolmen Tully and Ervin called the Ambulance Service Company and sent him to the Good Samaritan Hospital. He was attended by Dr. H. F. Oleg, who pronounced his condition precarious.

Mr. Pierce was taken home, where Dr. J. F. Wood attended him.

Mr. Jennings was on his way home when the accident occurred.

RADIO COVERS WIDE SPAN

San Diego Talks With Melbourne, Arlington, Nome and Darwin.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Jan. 28.—The new naval radio station at Chollas Heights, which was formally opened Friday, gave a demonstration of its power today when the operators on duty talked with Arlington, Va., station, Darwin, Panama, Nome, Alaska, and Honolulu, and overheard French operators at work on the island of Papeete, in the South Pacific.

They concluded by exchanging the time of day with operators at a radio station near Melbourne, Australia.

GERMAN SUBMARINE LOST

Crew Landed at Hammerfest and Will Be Liberated.

LONDON, Jan. 28.—The crew of 24 of a German submarine which foundered yesterday near Hammerfest, Norway, by a Norwegian motorboat, according to the announcement of the Norwegian minister of marine, transmitted by the Reuter correspondent at Christiania.

As the Germans were transported on a neutral boat they will be liberated.

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