TARBES, FRENCH CITY BIRTHPLACE OF FOCH

Shrine of France Already Noted in History.

EVERY BASQUE A NOBLE

Language of People One Whose Origin Is Puzzle to Scholars; Ignatius Loyola of Same Race.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—The visit to America of Marshal Foch incidentally lends interest to his native city, Tarbes, in the south of France. This town, which is destined to be a shrine of France henceforth, already has contributed in other ways to the military prowess of that country, according to a bulletin from the Washington, D. C., headquarters of the National Geographic society.

"Honored by a conspicuous status and by the name of one of its principal streets is Dominique Jean Larrey, who introduced the 'flying field hospitals,' adopted and developed by Napoleon, the genesis of the modern ambulance. More recently it has been a center for the breeding of the famous Pyrenean horses, an Anglo-Arabian breed, valued primarily for their light cavalry use. It also has an important arsenal.

City in Sight of Pyrenees.

"Tarbes is a place of scarcely more than 25,000 people, a little less than a hundred miles southwest of Toulouse, from which the majestic Pyrenees are plainly visible. Standing out boldly from the principal range is the Pic du Midi Bigorre, bare and precipitous and rugged. The strength of the hills is in the people of the department of Hautes-Pyrenees, of which Tarbes is capital.

"This region is the home of the Basques, speaking a language whose origin is a puzzle to scholars, and possessing a Spartan character which has given rise to the saying 'every Basque a noble.' Dr. Edwin A. Grosvenor in 'The Races of Europe,' notes that Marshal Foch is a typical Basque and recalls that Ignatius Loyola, founder of the Jesuit order, was a Basque. One brother of the allied generalissimo is a Jesuit priest.

Town a Miniature Venice.

"Tarbes is a miniature Venice. It is situated on the Adour and channels have been cut into all parts of the town through which flow the waters of this stream. Physically the location is important because from it radiate three valleys, those of Lourdes, Argeau and Bigorre. The plains about the city are fertile and verdant. Agriculture and cattle raising are carried on. Beyond them are forests where wolves, bears and boars may yet be found.

"One traveler called Tarbes 'the most truly Pyrenean town of the plain.' A landscape gardener who directed the aboreal and floral arrangements of Versailles gave to this native town the Jardin Massey, a 35-acre tract, long before modern city planning made parks a municipal necessity. Herein is a museum and a cloister which has a bust of Theophile Gautier, reminder of another famous native son of Tarbes.

Parks, Gardens and Running Water.

"As one surveys the industrial establishments of Tarbes, its tanneries and mills and tile works, and its arsenal, he notes that they are not permitted to mar the beauty of its major 'garden' and many lesser parks, its houses with fruit trees and flowers growing about them and becomes conscious of the never ceasing murmur of its many artificial rivulets. Then he realizes why a Frenchman was called upon when George Washington conceived the ideal of a beautiful capital city for this republic.

"Its fairs are noted. Its market days present a never-to-be-forgotten picture. In the Place Maubourguet are tree-shaded booths, where women from the countryside sell produce and poultry, and the splashing fountains and statuary that form the setting for the scene do not seem incongruous. Another square, given over to auctions of horses, is shaded by tall plane trees.

Tarbes Capital of Roman State.

"Tarbes lacks the architectural treasures of the towns of northern France. Its ancient cathedral suffers from heaviness and a mixture of style. The only remaining part of the castle of the counts of Bigorre is a tower which latterly has been converted into a prison.

"Turba, some miles away from the present-day Tarbes, was capital of a Roman state, and the bishopric of Tarbes appears as early as the fifth century. It appears in later history as a sufferer from the religious wars in the 16th century, and the scene of a victory by Wellington, over the French, in 1814."

MARIONETTES ARE UNIQUE

THE ROSE AND THE RING AND RIP VAN WINKLE PRODUCED.

Small Figures of Wood Dressed to Perfection in Minute Detail. Scenery in Proportion.

The production of "The Rose and the Ring" and "Rip Van Winkle," by Tony Sarg's marionettes at two performances Wednesday at Washington high school was an artistic and unique event.

The vogue for marionettes is constantly increasing and critics throughout the country agree that Tony Sarg's creations are an institution pre-eminent in American art. The presentation is especially in popular favor at this the Yuletide season, and capacity audiences attended the charming entertainments yesterday. The proceeds will apply on the fund for the library of the Washington high school.

The marionettes are small figures of wood, dressed to perfection in minute detail, surrounded by complete scenery adjusted to the scale of the tiny figures, with all effects in proportion. After the final curtain when Charles E. Searle, manager and director with the marionettes, made his appearance on the stage among the wee figures his size in comparison with the wee folk who had peopled "Rip Van Winkle" suggested a giant. Mr. Searle gave a delightful introductory talk, explanatory of Mr. Sarg's artistic ideals and tremendously interesting in general information about the marionettes and their history. A company, working behind the scenes, operates the strings, sometimes as many as 30 for each toy actor, at the same time speaking the lines that seem to come from the lips of the puppet. In mechanical ingenuity Sarg's puppets surpass his many imitators. This is the first occasion the tiny toy actors have been seen in Portland, although other marionettes have been exhibited at vaudeville theaters, and at the Little theater.

The afternoon's entertainment was William Makepeace Thackeray's "The Rose and the Ring," done into a play by Hettie Louise Mick. The history of Prince Giglio and Prince Bulbo, and the romance, which happened in the kingdoms of Paflagonia and Crim Tartary 16,000 or 20,000 years ago, was beautifully related by the realistic toy actors.

The evening offering was Washington Irving's American folk story, "Rip Van Winkle," puppetized by George Mitchell, with children marionettes and a parrot, and uncles and aunts and Rip and his friends, and a dozen old familiars, all tiny and animated. A complete stage with all facilities is carried by Mr. Searle, giving the effect of a full-sized stage with real actors.

STOCKMEN AGAINST PARK

WOOL GROWERS PROTEST PROPOSAL FOR RESERVE.

Report Current That Bill Will Be Introduced to Include Mount Adams in Playground.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The establishment of a national park out of territory embraced in the Columbia national forest reserve, including Mount Adams and the country surrounding the base of the mountain, at the present time will be vigorously opposed by livestock interests in Klickitat county and Goldendale business men.

Reports are current at Goldendale that a bill has been prepared and will be presented to congress through people at Yakima who have been working for years on a plan to make a national playground out of Mount Adams and the territory tributary to the base of the mountain.

Through a request made by the Klickitat County Wool Growers' association the matter was taken up by the Goldendale Commercial club at a regular meeting Tuesday night.

Telegrams requesting that no action be taken in the matter until details of the proposed legislation can be received here have been forwarded to Senators Jones and Poindexter and Representative Summers at Washington, D. C. Protests in the matter will be made by the Klickitat County Wool Growers' association, stockmen who use part of the range for cattle and the Goldendale Commercial club.

TROTZKY ISSUES APPEAL

Russian War Minister Tells Army and Navy Japan Is Enemy.

MOSCOW, Dec. 14.—(By the Associated Press.)—Warlike appeals have been issued to the Russian bolshevik army and navy by Leon Trotzky, minister of war and marine. These appeals, sent out by wireless, demand increased preparedness for hostile action, and declare that Japan, "hoping to strengthen her Siberian position at the Washington conference," has launched an attack against the Far Eastern republic.

"Attempts to gain the world's confidence by promises to recognize the debts of the imperial regime," he argues, "are futile and grand trade concessions are useless, if attacks on Russia continue with the aid of French and Japanese arms and gold."

GROCER ROBBED OF $25

C. H. Hanna Remembers Little of Highwayman but Revolver.

A conversation of three words between C. H. Hanna, proprietor of a grocery store at 910 East Glisan, and an unidentified man cost Hanna $25 Wednesday night.

"Hand 'er over," were the three words, which were emphasized by the threatening flourish of a revolver and a grim countenance which made money, for the moment of little importance to the grocer.

Hanna gave a good description of the revolver. He told police it held his eyes like a magnet while he handed over money from the till, and as a result he remembered little of the robber's general appearance.

Sheriff Seeking Missing Cow.

If anyone sees Theda Bara in Portland today Sheriff Wilson of Clackamas county will be much obliged to hear how she is and where she is. He wants her to return to Oregon City and behave. Theda was described to police as a brunette cow with blonde hair all over and she has short horns. She belongs at Cook station. Wednesday night she vamped an auto truck and hooked a ride to Portland. Anyway, her tracks led to the truck, and the truck tracks headed for Portland.

Loans Preferred to Bonus.

BEND, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Realizing the much greater benefit to be derived from the loan under the state bonus act, world war veterans who had previously made application for the small cash payment now are desirous of changing their preference to take advantage of the privilege of borrowing from the state under the easy amortization which the law outlines, Mrs. V. A. Forbes, head of the home service section of the Bend Red Cross, declared today.

Sales Expert Will Lecture.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—George M. Wessels of Los Angeles has arranged with a number of local merchants to give lectures on salesmanship Wednesday and Thursday evenings in the Vancouver Commercial club rooms. Mr. Wessels has spoken in nearly all the larger cities on the Pacific coast and does much research work upon which he builds up his lectures.

LIBRARY UP TO PATRONS

BRANCH AT UNIVERSITY PARK MAY BE CLOSED.

Residents of District Have Until January 15 in Which to Provide Suitable Quarters.

Unless residents of the University park district provide suitable quarters for the branch library now maintained there before January 15 the branch will be permanently closed. Such was the decision reached Wednesday night by the board of directors, meeting at central library, when a committee report came under consideration.

The quarters now occupied by the University park branch, it was said, are most unfavorably situated. Odors from adjacent buildings offend the librarian and patrons and on one occasion were so noisome that it became necessary to close the branch for three days. The board insists upon action by the residents and requires a suitable location at a rental not to exceed $30 monthly.

Plans were presented at the session for the holding of a series of public lectures in library hall on literary or scientific themes. Announcement will be made of the course and the lecturers as soon as details of the approved programme are perfected.

Preliminary to the regular meeting of the board the library association held its annual meeting, choosing two directors. Jonah B. Wise was reelected upon the expiration of his term, while Amedee M. Smith was chosen to fill the vacancy caused by the recent resignation of W. B. Ayer.

LETTER SENT TO HARDING

Social Workers Urge Restrictions on Submarines.

The Social Workers' association of Oregon has sent to President Harding and the United States delegates to the conference on limitation of armaments a communication commending the Hughes proposals and urging restrictions on the use of submarines. The communication went forward over signatures of Phil A. Parsons, as president of the association, and Martha Randall, as secretary.

With reference to submarines the letter urges "the strict limitation of the construction and use of submarines, and their ultimate elimination." There is expressed also "the profound hope that the problem of land armaments will be treated with like directness and vigor."

"Finally," says the communication, "we express the conviction that the people of the United States are looking to the conference to obtain, in the words of President Harding, 'Less of armament and none of war.'"

SALEM ROTARIANS MEET

Franklin T. Griffith Urges Use of Golden Rule in Business.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Franklin T. Griffith, president of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, defined business ethics as applicable to the golden rule in an address at the weekly luncheon of the Salem Rotary club here today.

Emphasis was laid by Mr. Griffith on the matter of taxation. He referred particularly to the income tax which was passed as a war measure. He said that this tax was discriminatory in that it was not as fair to one man as another.

The club voted a 25-cent assessment to assist in carrying on the charity work undertaken here during the winter.

SALEM DRUGGIST CHOSEN

J. C. Perry Is Elected President of Local Commercial Club.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—J. C. Perry, Salem druggist, tonight was elected president of the local commercial club for the ensuing year. George L. Arbuckle was elected vice-president and T. M. Hicks was chosen as secretary.

Other officers elected include W. I. Needham, treasurer; P. M. Gregory, social department director; W. E. Wilson, civil department director; Russel Catlin, agricultural department director; Dr. E. E. Fisher, legislation and tax department director, and William Busick, industrial department director.

The election attracted a large crowd and was followed by a luncheon.

NATURE CALLED HEALER

Out of 100 Who Become Ill, 87 Recover Without Assistance.

"Out of 100 persons who become ill, 87 will return to health without assistance from their fellow men, six will die in spite of all that can be done for them, and the life or death of the other seven depends on the quality of the medical service they employ."

This was the statement of H. F. McInturff, executive secretary of the Oregon unit of the League for the Conservation of Public Health, in a speech before the Oregon State Pedic society at the Portland hotel Wednesday night.

"Another thing to be considered is the psychology of a sick person," he said. "A man who is sick is, mentally, almost in the same condition as a drowning man and will grasp at any hand offered him, whether that hand be the hand of a friend or foe.

"The people at large must be brought to a realization of their civic responsibility to keep well and, when ill, to obtain qualified medical service and protect others from infection."

HIGHWAY UNIT TO OPEN

HOOD RIVER-ROWENA TRAVEL SOON WILL BE RESUMED.

Blockades Between Mist Falls and Eagle Creek and Wyeth and Viento Still Remain.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—The upper Columbia river highway, which has been blocked by snow and ice resulting from a recent storm, will be reopened to traffic between Hood River and Rowena, December 20, according to announcement made by the state highway department today.

Telegrams received at the highway offices from resident engineers indicated that the road is still blocked between Mist Falls and Eagle Creek and between Wyeth and Viento. These blockades are between Portland and Hood River. No information has been received as to when this part of the highway will be opened, although the snow and ice are being removed as rapidly as possible.

The chief trouble between Hood River and Pendleton occurred between a point two miles east of the former city and Twin Tunnels and between Hog Canyon and Rowena. These sections of the highway will be cleared by next Tuesday.

ENGINEERS' FEE CUT OUT

Oregon Association Suspends Registration Charge.

Suspension of the annual registration fee for practicing engineers was urged by members of the Oregon chapter of the American Association of Engineers at the monthly business meeting Wednesday night. The sentiment of the engineers present was in favor of waiving the $3 registration fee temporarily, because of the fact that the state registration board has a surplus of more than $12,000 in its fund.

A resolution which was adopted favored the appointment of sanitary engineers in the United States public health service to rank comparable with physicians in the same service.

Major W. H. Emrick conducted a demonstration of a wireless telephone. Motion pictures made by the bureau of good roads to illustrate construction of concrete highways were shown. Another interesting reel showed the reception of C. E. Drayer, national secretary of the association, in Portland recently.

RED CROSS GETS $370

Employes of Crown Willamette Paper Company Subscribe.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Employes of the Crown Willamette Paper company have again proved their patriotism by "going over the top" in the recent membership drive of the Red Cross. Already $370 has been collected at the paper mills at West Linn.

During the world war these men lined up and purchased bonds and war savings stamps, besides helping out the Red Cross, Salvation army and the Knights of Columbus.

Youths Accused of Burglary.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—William Cota, 22, and Philip Dakey, 20, have been arrested on a charge of burglary. Cota, it is said, confessed he had burned part of the loot stolen from the Ross army store November 16, after admitting that the two entered the store through a rear window and stole a quantity of goods.

Legion Auxiliary Chooses Heads.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—At a meeting of the American Legion auxiliary held at the Willamette hall on Monday evening election of officers was among the business of the organization. These officers, to serve for the ensuing year, are as follows: Mrs. Mary Caufield, president; Miss Evelyn Harding, vice-president; Mrs. Grace M. Eby, secretary; Miss Mary Mitchell, treasurer; Mrs. Nellie E. Cooper, chaplain. The regular meeting to have been held December 26 will be postponed until January 9, 1922. Other business transacted was making plans for a New Year's eve entertainment.

SHEEPMEN PLAN STORE

Co-operative Buying Intended to Offset Slump in Prices.

GOLDENDALE, Wash., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—As a means of reducing the cost of production of wool and mutton and offsetting the slump in prices of their product, Klickitat sheepmen are considering a plan for the establishment of a co-operative store at Glenwood, the supply base for sheep camps on the Columbia national forest reserve in the vicinity of Mount Adams, where Klickitat sheep are pastured during the summer.

The matter was taken under consideration at a recent meeting of the Klickitat County Wool Growers' association at Goldendale and plans for the opening of a store will be submitted at the next meeting in February.

EVANS AGAIN SEEKS DEATH

Doomed Slayer Tries to Commit Suicide for Fourth Time.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 14.—(Special.)—Abe Evans, for the fourth time since he was received at the penitentiary a few months ago, early today attempted to commit suicide by hanging himself in his cell. When discovered by attendants Evans had placed a piece of twine around his neck, but had not yet had time to pull himself off the floor.

Evans is under death sentence for the murder of James Doran of McMinnville. The murder occurred near The Dalles and Evans was tried in the Wasco county circuit court. He pleaded insanity at the time of his trial.

When cut down by prison officials following his previous attempt to commit suicide Evans was unconscious, and it was several days before he was able to partake of food.

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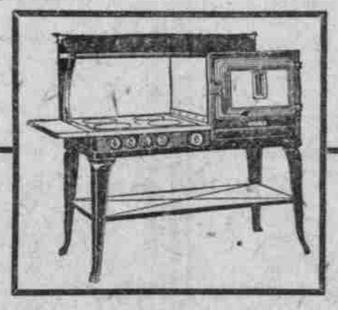

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