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## VENEZUELA WAR SCARE DISCREDITED IN EUROPE

FOREIGN OFFICES BELIEVE  
THAT RUMOR WAS STARTED  
IN BOGATA, COLOMBIA.

THINK CASTRO IS  
NEVER TO RETURN

AND HAS LEFT COUNTRY BE-  
CAUSE OF POLITICAL TROUBLE  
AND NOT SICKNESS.

(By Associated Press.)

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Both the German Foreign Office and President Castro discredit the report that Venezuela has declared war against The Netherlands. The feeling is growing here that Castro left Venezuela not because of illness, but because of the political turmoil and that he has no intention of ever returning. Castro is to go to the hospital Sunday for a week of observation to determine whether the operation is necessary. Castro still denies the truth of demonstrations at Caracas on December 11.

Not Believed.

THE HAGUE, Dec. 18.—The Foreign Office gives no credence to the report that Venezuela declared war against The Netherlands. The rumor apparently originated in Bogota, Colombia. It is believed the only basis of the declaration was when Acting President Gomez of Venezuela, declared that his country was "in a state of defense."

## MAKES UP LOST TIME

Breakwater Arrived On Sched-  
ule This Morning Although  
Late In Leaving Here.

Although the Breakwater left Coos Bay on her last trip two days late she arrived this morning on time. The passengers were landed at Marshfield at 9 a. m. On account of the rough weather the boat laid in the lower bay before going out on the last trip and consequently was behind two days but the loading and unloading work at Portland rushed so that the captain was able to be up to the regular schedule this time.

There was a large cargo of freight and a big passenger list this morning. The Breakwater will leave on the trip to Portland at 7 o'clock tomorrow morning.

Passenger List.

The following is the list of the passengers who arrived yesterday:

J. W. Buttz, Mrs. Buttz, Glen Rozell, Mrs. Rozell, Mrs. Warren Stem, Miss Stem, T. J. Super, W. H. Killifer, L. E. Warner, J. W. Knopp, Geo. Hillen, W. H. Paul, C. J. Sears, Mrs. V. L. Holbrook, V. Holbrook, H. A. Holbrook, A. L. Holbrook, A. Norman, Mrs. Truax, Miss Truax, Mrs. C. Truax, C. S. Truax, W. H. Norvel, P. W. Washan, C. H. Hardy, Geo. Swanson, C. Y. Wheeler, J. W. Carlisle, F. O. Weeks, V. S. Ames, G. Welden, J. L. Pettit, Geo. Gille, E. O. Hammony, H. Thlene, G. Johnson, M. Sorensen, W. Johnson, T. Manton, Wm. Oddy, H. A. Oddy, W. G. Harmon, A. P. Jones, G. Gould, Ray Wilson, Mrs. Masters, C. Johnson.

County Clerk James Watson is nursing a good sized "pet" on the starboard side of his physiognomy. The boy is in just the right place to prevent Jim from looking at the court or jury from his accustomed desk without turning his entire anatomy in the chair. He will undergo a surgical operation when the "pet" reaches a head.—Coquille Herald.

Any one wishing to make a dollar call at the ANONA CASH GROCERY.

## CIVIC LEAGUE ENTERTAINS

Members Hold Meeting and  
Supper to Wind Up Business  
of Campaign.

The members of the Marshfield Civic League held a meeting and banquet last evening at the Finnish hall. It was a business and social session to close up the business of the late city campaign and was also in the nature of a jollification over the victory scored by the organization, the candidates for aldermen and recorder supported by the league being elected.

At 8 o'clock the business meeting was called to order by the president, C. A. Johnson and W. F. Reeder acted as Secretary. Some reports were presented by committees showing the expenses of the organization and all the bills were allowed and ordered paid. Other routine matters were brought up and disposed of.

The matter of admitting new members was taken up and it appeared that there were a number present who wanted to be enrolled. There are now nearly 370 members in the league.

Future work was discussed and it was decided that meetings should be held regularly in the future. It was also decided that at each meeting some topic regarding the city affairs should be discussed and a committee will be appointed each time to arrange a program. It was suggested that this ought to be done in order to keep up the interest in the meetings.

It was nearly 10 o'clock when the business was completed and those in attendance were then invited to the dining hall adjoining the lodge room to enjoy refreshments.

Two long tables were arranged and about 60 men were seated. A splendid supper served in excellent style was provided and greatly enjoyed. J. E. Schilling, the new owner of the Coos Bay Bakery, was the caterer and had charge of everything in the supper room.

The menu consisted of the following:

Roast Turkey	Cranberries
Celery	Cabbage Salad
Potato Salad	Mince Ham Sandwiches
Chocolate Roll	Ribbon Cake
Mince Pie	Coffee

## PUPILS HAVE CELEBRATION

Entertainment Held Today and  
Fine Display of Art Work  
Made.

If there should be no other Christmas celebration in the city the pupils of the Marshfield school have certainly enjoyed the coming of their favorite holiday and will appreciate the spirit of the season. This afternoon the school was closed until the first Monday in January and the last day was marked by festivities suitable to the occasion.

At 2 o'clock in the afternoon there was a large attendance of parents and friends of the pupils at a Christmas operetta which was given by the First 'A' and First 'B' Grades and the Second Grade of the school, the pupils taking part and being directed by their teachers, Mrs. Wilber, Miss Sebolt and Miss McCormac. A dress rehearsal was held Thursday afternoon and the other pupils made up the audience and today the entertainment was given for the grown people.

In the large hallway on the lower floor a platform was arranged and

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## TRAIN HELD UP NEAR PORTLAND

Express Car On O. R. & N.  
Robbed of \$650 In Jewelry  
But \$3,000 Is Overlooked.

(By Associated Press.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 18.—One of the most sensational train robberies ever pulled off in this vicinity occurred last night. Three amateur bandits held up the local Chicago Express on the O. R. & N. about eight miles east of Portland. All the plunder secured amounted to \$650 worth of diamonds and cheap jewelry taken from the way safe. Something over \$3,000 in cash was overlooked by the robbers although it laid in easy reach, having been tossed behind a small way safe by Express Messenger Huff whose presence of mind protected the real valuables in the express car.

Neither one of the two combination-baggage and mail cars, which carried thousands of dollars of registered mail, and not a passenger in the coaches, six in number, occupied

by about two hundred through passengers from the east, were molested.

It was plain from all the circumstances that the robbers expected to find rich loot in the express car, which they prepared to secure by the use of nitro glycerine. There being no through safe, they had no use for the explosives after bursting open the car-doors with nitro-glycerine. The small safe was not locked and opened to the touch.

Two men have been arrested who, in a general way, answer the description of the two men implicated in the robbery. The arrests were made by the sheriff's deputies in the outskirts of Portland. There is some reason to believe it is the same gang that robbed the Great Northern train at Hillyard, Wash., on the night of December 9, but the work was crude compared to the work of the Great Northern robbery.

A reward of \$1,500 for each robber is offered by General Manager O'Brien of the O. R. and N. The Express Company will also offer a reward.

## TWO NEGROES AND CHINAMAN HANG

All Three Murderers Are Un-  
concerned and Standing On  
Single Trap Drop to Death  
at Same Moment.

(By Associated Press.)

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 18.—A dispatch from New Westminster says: "Without assistance James Jenkins, a negro; Jack Portella, a negro, and Lee Chung a Chinaman, walked to the gallows of the provincial jail this morning to drop to

death without a murmur. After the rope was adjusted around the neck, if each of the men the Salvation Army officers repeated prayers. The trio stood on a single trap dropping to eternity simultaneously. Portella was particularly unconcerned.

Jenkins assaulted and murdered Mrs. Mary Morrison at Hazelmore, Portella killed a mulatto at Vancouver and Chung killed another Chinaman. Chang and Portella confessed. Jenkins did not. Later he was convicted solely upon circumstantial evidence.

## ROBS BAKERY AND IS SHOT

Proprietor Kills His Former  
Employee In Act of Stealing  
Goods.

(By Associated Press.)

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 18.—Edgar Ames was shot and mortally wounded early today while in the act of stealing goods from a bakery, by Albert Richardson, the proprietor, who owing to previous thefts was on his guard. Ames was a former employe of the bakery and has a wife and three children.

## EIGHT SAILORS ARE DROWNED

Swedish Steamer Is Sunk Off  
Dover In Collision With  
German Boat.

(By Associated Press.)

DOVER, England, Dec. 18.—The Swedish steamer Lindholmen was sunk in a collision with the German steamer Friederike Muller. Eight of the crew of the Swedish vessel were drowned and the survivors of the unfortunate boat were landed here.

## WICKERSHAM GETS THE JOB

Reliably Reported That Taft  
Has Selected Him For At-  
torney General.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—That President-elect Taft has selected Geo. W. Wickersham of the New York law firm of Strong and Cadwalder to be attorney general, was learned today from a source regarded as reliable.

## FAINTS UNDER WEIGHT OF HAT

MUNICH, Dec. 18.—A fashionable woman, wearing a "merry widow" hat three feet in diameter, fainted in the street and was carried into a shop, where she recovered when the hat was removed. A doctor who had been summoned said the woman's collapse was entirely attributable to the enormous weight of the hat.

Watch The Times for Holiday prices on Groceries.—ANONA CASH GROCERY.

Xmas presents—Try the GUNNERY.

## VERDICT AGAINST ROSE; WILLIAMS PLEADS GUILTY

## WILL ACCEPT STREET BONDS

Arrangement Made Whereby  
New Planking On Broadway  
Will Be Laid.

A settlement has been reached insuring the work of planking First street or Broadway as it is known, from 'C' street to Queen. Masters & McLain, who have the contract for the work, did not want to go ahead unless they could dispose of the bonds and a proposition was made to the C. A. Smith Lumber and Manufacturing Company to purchase the lumber from that firm and pay for it with bonds.

The Smith Company owns most of the property on the east side of the street and the firm has agreed to accept bonds in payment for the lumber to the amount of the bonds for the share of work in front of their property.

## NO GIFT HOUSE FOR FIGHTING BOB

Admiral Evans Tells Los Angeles  
People He Would Not Accept  
Present.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 17.—Rear Admiral Bob Evans, retired, will not allow the people of Los Angeles to give him a house or anything else. Admirers quietly started a movement to present him with a residence in Los Angeles. A Los Angeles friend wrote him. In a characteristic reply Evans says:

"Of course the people of Los Angeles who know me will understand that I do not want to be placed in the position of accepting a house, and those who do not know me would better be told I would not accept a house or any other thing."

## KNOX WILL NOT TALK.

(By Associated Press.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—When asked about the report that he was offered, and had accepted the portfolio of secretary of state in Taft's cabinet, Senator Knox said, "I did not start the rumor and I can see no reason why I should affirm it or deny it." The senator's attitude was entirely non-committal.

## BATTLE WITH BANK ROBBERS

Citizens of Gibbon, Neb., Fight  
Men Who Escape With  
\$5,500.

(By Associated Press.)

GIBBON, Neb., Dec. 18.—Six robbers after dynamiting the safes of the Farmers' State Bank of Keene, twenty-eight miles south of here, and the Commercial Bank of Gibbon engaged in a pitched battle here with the citizens early today and escaped in an automobile with \$5,500. One of the robbers, it is believed, was wounded and carried off. A posse is in pursuit. They got \$3,000 at Keene and \$2,500 here.

According to the records of the internal revenue department, last month, New York City drank fermented liquors enough to give each inhabitant nearly three quarts.

Coffee Percolators and chafing dishes at the RED CROSS.

"Uncle Josh" at MASONIC THEATRE TONIGHT.

JURY WAS OUT ONLY FIFTEEN  
MINUTES LAST EVENING BE-  
FORE FINDING HIM GUILTY

COURT BUSINESS FOR TERM  
IS ABOUT CONCLUDED

GRAND JURY HAS RETURNED  
INDICTMENTS BUT CASES WILL

COME UP NEXT TERM.

(Special to The Times.)

COQUILLE, Ore., Dec. 18.—James Rose and Joe Williams, the two young men who, with Kinnicut, were charged with assault upon Lillian Endicot, the daughter of a Maple Point blacksmith, are guilty and will be sentenced this evening.

Rose was tried yesterday and the jury returned a verdict last night, fifteen minutes after retiring from the court room, finding him guilty. This morning, the Williams case was to be taken up for trial, but the defendant ended the matter by pleading guilty. Rose was charged with assault and Williams with attempted assault. The sentence will be passed this evening.

About Finished.

A divorce case was being heard in court this afternoon but all the business is about finished and Judge Hamilton will likely adjourn tonight for the term. The grand jury has returned some indictments but they are cases which will not be taken up for trial until the next term of court.

## WATER PIPES ARE FROZEN

Cold Weather Season On Coos  
Bay Reaches Its Annual  
Limit.

The water pipes had their annual freeze up last night and this morning many a housewife turned on the water in her kitchen only to find that there was nothing doing.

Such a thing as a frozen water pipe on Coos Bay starts up a cry of distress such as would be caused by ten feet of snow and a twenty degree drop of the mercury in a less mild climate. For a pipe to freeze here is supposed to be the limit of severe winter and it came last night.

As a matter of fact the water systems in all houses are not arranged with an idea of any very cold weather and neither need they be, but generally about one night in the year it will be cold enough to cause a little freeze up.

No great damage was done unless someone tried to thaw out the pipes with hot water without turning the faucet and caused an expansion and breaking of the pipe. The freezing of the pipes never more than causes an hour or two of inconvenience and the annual event is regarded as a good reminder of the appreciation due the very pleasant weather enjoyed throughout the rest of the winter.

## SENTENCE GRABTERS.

Two Years and \$500 Fine For Penn-  
sylvania Men.

(By Associated Press.)

HARRISBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two years imprisonment and a fine of \$500 was the sentence meted out today by Judge Kunkel to each of the four men convicted of defrauding in connection with furnishing the Capitol building in this city. There will be an appeal. One of the defendants is John H. Sanderson, a Philadelphia contractor for architecture.

Steamer BREAKWATER sails from Coos Bay for Portland SATURDAY, DECEMBER 19, at 7 a. m.