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CAPT. A. M. SIMPSON DIED SUNDAY AT HIS HOME IN SAN FRANCISCO

Founder of Simpson Lumber Company and Coos Bay Pioneer, Succumbs Suddenly

HAD EXTRAORDINARY CAREER ON COAST

Attained Great Wealth and Influence in Lumber Business—Story of Work

CAPTAIN SIMPSON LEFT IMMENSE FORTUNE

Capt. A. M. Simpson was rated as one of the wealthiest men on the Pacific Coast. Few, even those most intimate with his affairs, would hazard a guess as to the value of the estate, but it will probably go well into the millions. In addition to about 40,000 acres of timber in Coos County and other valuable property on the Bay, he had big holdings elsewhere and also was largely interested in large concerns outside of the lumber business. Since the San Francisco disaster he met with many business adventures.

A. M. Simpson, founder of the Simpson Lumber Company and one of the oldest of the pioneer lumbermen of the Pacific Coast, died at the hospital in Oakland yesterday after a long period of ill health. Captain Simpson was 98 years of age and one February 26 would have celebrated his 89th birthday.

The deceased leaves three sons and a daughter, Edith, who was married several years ago to Roy M. Pike, a prominent business man of Cincinnati, Ohio, but who, with her family, have been living with Capt. Simpson. The sons are L. J. Simpson, Edgar Simpson, both of North Bend, and Dr. Harry W. Simpson, of Sacramento.

At Shore Acres yesterday L. J. Simpson received word that his father was very ill and had been taken to the hospital, and it was not until his return from there late yesterday afternoon that he received the news of his father's death.

This morning Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Simpson, accompanied by Edgar Simpson, left overland by way of Mapleton for Oakland.

Capt. A. M. Simpson, Nestor of the lumber men on the Pacific Coast, was the founder of the Simpson Lumber Company, the pioneer corporation in the development of the great timber resources of the Coos Bay country. The Simpson name will always occupy a prominent place among the pioneers who did the early development work of this section. It was in 1856 that Capt. A. M. Simpson purchased a small second-hand mill near Sutters mill in California, shipping it on a two-masted schooner to North Bend. His brother, Lewis Simpson, was captain of this vessel. The vessel was wrecked and Captain Lewis Simpson lost. They succeeded, however, in saving most of the machinery and removed it by lighters to North Bend, where the following year the first sawmill was constructed.

This mill was operated by a sawmill and had a capacity of 5000 feet per day of 12 hours, under favorable circumstances. It was located at what is now known as the Old Town, at which place a general merchandise store was also started, and a few dwellings for employes and messengers for the men, were constructed.

From this modest beginning the industry has grown to its present splendid proportions, with a fleet of vessels that carry Coos Bay lumber to South America, Australia and the Orient. Captain Simpson retired from the active management of the great business his genius had created many years ago and the enterprise has been under the skillful and successful supervision of his two sons, L. J. Simpson and Capt. Edgar Simpson.

In 1858 a ship yard was started. The first vessel to be built was called the "Argo." She was built out of white cedar frames and is still in commission, although not owned by the Simpson Lumber Company. She

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JAP VESSEL ASHORE.
[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
TOKIO, Jan. 11.—A wireless says the Peninsula & Oriental S. S. Co. steamer Niel ran ashore on a reef in the inland sea this morning. Japanese warships are on their way to the scene.

ROSEBURG LINE IS TALKED OVER

Plan to Go Ahead When Conditions Are Right to Market The Bond Issue

ROSEBURG, Or., Jan. 11.—A regular meeting of the Roseburg-Coos Bay Railroad Commission was held Monday night and a number of matters were discussed appertaining to this movement. DeWitt Van Ostrand, of Phillips, Wisconsin, president of the Neenah-Oregon Land Company, which has large holdings in this county, appeared before the Roseburg Commercial Club, and as a sequel to that visit the first railroad committee was appointed to take up the movement which resulted in the voting of the \$500,000 railroad bond issue and the creation of the present railroad commission at the regular city election last October. Mr. Van Ostrand stated that the financial depression in the East, as a result of the European war, now appears to be relaxing, and normal conditions seem likely in the not distant future.

The opinion seems to prevail in the east that the war is not likely to last more than another year, as the chief participants will have largely exhausted their available resources within that time. When the war ends there will be an enormous demand in this country for goods of various kinds, as well as for lumber and other building materials to replace the cities destroyed. This is bound to bring great activity to all business and financial interests in this country. On the Pacific coast this influence will be especially felt, on account of the traffic facilities afforded by the Panama Canal. This canal route for shipping will also make available the big lumber markets of the Atlantic coast, as well as farther in the interior, via the Mississippi River and other lines of transportation.

Besides this there is sure to come to this coast soon after the close of the war a heavy tide of immigration from the war stricken countries. Most of these will become desirable acquisitions to our population and their children will soon become real American citizens. These immigrants will help to develop latent resources, clear up logged-off lands and add largely to the production of material wealth.

In order to share in these benefits it is necessary that this railroad movement be advanced as rapidly as possible. While at present the bond markets are practically nil, the idea expressed by Mr. Van Ostrand is not to wait for the bond dealers to make proposals for the local issue, but to go right ahead with necessary arrangements so that when the bond market opens, Roseburg will be in line for the first money available for new investments.

These ideas were very favorably received by the commission, and before adjournment steps were taken for getting directly in touch with large financial interests in Minneapolis, St. Paul, Chicago and New York. It is believed the matter can be talked over with some of these within the next 30 days.

JAP SHIPS IN ATLANTIC

First of Mikados Warships Sighted in North Atlantic

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
NEW YORK, Jan. 11.—A cruiser which Capt. Williamson, of the steamship Curaca believes to be Japanese, was sighted off the Azores during the Curaca's voyage here from Havre, which ended today. This is the first report of a Japanese cruiser in the North Atlantic since the beginning of the war.

England Parleys In Reply To U. S. Shipping Protest

AUSTRIAN SUBMARINE SINKS SHIP

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The official statement today says: "Vienna reports the French dreadnaught Courbet was hit by the Austrian submarine No. 12. The Courbet had just been rammed by her sister ship, the Jean Bart, which was attempting to tow her. The Courbet sank. The Jean Bart docked at Malta."
The Courbet was of 23,467 tons displacement and armed with twelve 12 1/2-inch guns, twenty-two 5-inch guns and four 3-pounders. She was built in 1911 and carried a complement of 904 men. The attack occurred December 24 in Ortranto Channel.

FLOUR IS TWENTY CENTS HIGHER

Another Advance in Portland Market on Practically All Grades Today

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
PORTLAND, Jan. 11.—The wholesale price of flour made another sharp advance here today, the price of Patents reaching \$6.60 per barrel, a record price for the Northwest. The advance amounted to 20 cents in all grades.

AEROPLANE BATTLE.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
PARIS, Jan. 11.—A German aeroplane flying over Amiens was brought to the ground by a French machine. The French airman went aloft the moment the German appeared. He opened fire with the result that the German machine fell. One of the German pilots was killed.

RUSSIA HAS HELD BACK RELIEF WORK

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Russia's approval of the relief expedition for German and Austrian prisoners in Siberia, headed by American missionaries at Peking, which was taken by the officials here as granted, has been withheld, it was learned today. The explanation was held up at Harbin.

BEN SELLING IS CHOSEN SPEAKER

Portland Man Wins Over Allen Eaton in Oregon House—How Vote Stood

[Special to The Times.]
SALEM, Or., Jan. 11.—Ben Selling of Portland was elected speaker by a vote of 37 to 22 over Allen Eaton of Eugene.
Peirce of Coos and Curry voted for Selling and Barrow of Coos voted for Eaton.
W. Lair Thompson, of Lakeview, was elected president of the Senate, and Ben Selling, of Portland, speaker of the House at the opening of the twenty-eighth biennial session of the Oregon Legislature. Both houses are overwhelmingly Republican. A sharp contest for the speakership between Ben Selling and Allen Eaton resulted in a vote of 37 to 22 for the former. Thompson had practically no opposition, receiving 26 to three for W. D. Wood.

RAIN COATS AND UMBRELLAS, GREATLY REDUCED. MATSON'S CLEAN-UP SALE

WEED CHAINS FOR THE FORD, \$2.65 AT GOODRUM'S GARAGE.

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BATTLES LESS SEVERE ON BOTH EAST AND WEST FRONTS TODAY

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 11.—Senator LaFollette introduced a resolution today to prohibit the eastern railroads from putting into effect the increased freight rates recently granted by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

FRENCH TELL OF GAINS ON GERMANS

Paris Statement Tells of Advances and Capture of Trenches at Many Places

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
PARIS, Jan. 11.—The official communication this afternoon says: "From the sea to the Lys, there was intermittent cannonading yesterday from Lys to Oise. In the region of Boiselle our troops took possession of a trench of the enemy after violent fighting. Northeast of Soissons on Spur 132 they yesterday repulsed a German attack. Following this they attacked and occupied two lines of the enemy's trenches along a front of 500 yards, thus assuring complete possession of Spur 132. North of Perthes, after having driven back counter attacks, we gained 200 yards of trenches. North of Benzejour the enemy made desperate attempts to capture a little fort which he had previously lost. Two attacks were repulsed. In the Vosges there was a heavy fall of snow. Some shells fell in Old Thann and on Hill 425."

GERMANS CLAIM ALLIES REPULSED

Berlin Statement Says Attacks of French Repulsed—Bad Weather in Poland

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
BERLIN, Jan. 11.—The official communication today says: "At Neuport and Ypres and south thereof, only artillery combats are taking place. A French attack at LaBoisselle northeast of Albert failed. North of Soissons, the French who established themselves in a small section of our outer trenches, attacked afresh but gained no success. The battles continued. East of Perthes our troops recaptured that portion of the trenches which the enemy had taken. In the Argonne forest our attacks made further progress. In East Prussia and northern Poland the situation is the same. On account of unfavorable weather our attacks in Poland, west of the Vistula, are making slow progress."

HINDU IS HANGED.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 11.—Accompanied to the scaffold by a Hindu priest and chanting hymns from the Sikh Bible, Mewa Singh, murderer of Immigration Interpreter William J. Hopkinson, was hanged in the provincial prison at Westminster today. Hopkinson was shot in the Vancouver court room last October because of circumventing plans to evade the immigration laws.

LEGISLATURE AT OLYMPIA.

Washington Legislature Opens With Republicans in Complete Control.

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 11.—The state legislature met at noon, beginning a session that will continue for sixty days. The Republicans have a large majority in the House and have nominally two-thirds of the members of the Senate, but five of the Progressive Senators announced their intention of voting with the Republicans.

Hence the Republicans can easily pass a bill over the veto of Governor Lister, a Democrat. The Republican caucus has already agreed upon W. W. Conner as speaker. In the Senate, Lieut. Gov. Hart is president. Governor Lister's message will be read this afternoon.

Comparative Calm Prevails in Belgium and France—Allies Await New Troops

STRUGGLE ON FOR CONTROL OF ROADWAY

Battles Near Perthes for Great Prize—Bad Weather in the East—Rumania Ready

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
LONDON, Jan. 11.—Official accounts of the fighting in the west from Berlin and Paris today show that a comparative calm prevails except at a few points. Even in upper Alsace and in the Argonne, where there had been violent encounters recently, activity has slackened.

Near Soissons and in the vicinity of Perthes, however, spirited engagements are in progress. The German war office admits that the French captured trenches north of Soissons, but states that further onslaughts were repulsed. The French say that two more lines of trenches covering 500 yards of front, have been occupied.

A similar disparity of statements is noted concerning the progress of the fighting near Perthes, which has assumed importance because the prize at stake is the control of railroads of high strategic value. The French communication states that 200 yards of German trenches were seized, while the German says the positions won by their opponents have been retaken.

Although further progress is being made in the advance toward Warsaw, according to Berlin, the movement is slow on account of the weather.

London authorities suggest that the inactivities of the Allies in both the east and west is due to the fact that they are awaiting the entrance of new forces into the campaign.

London reports allege that Rumania, with 600,000 soldiers, is ready to enter the war on the side of the Allies.

VILLA'S TROOPS WIN IN MEXICO

Defeats Carranza Force at Saltillo by Trick—Attack Begins at Monterey

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
LAREDO, Texas, Jan. 11.—The attack by the Villa troops upon Monterey is believed to have begun about noon, when the operators at Monterey deserted the telegraph office there. Since the defeat of 15,000 Carranza troops under Villa before Saltillo yesterday, the troops began making rapid advance toward Monterey.

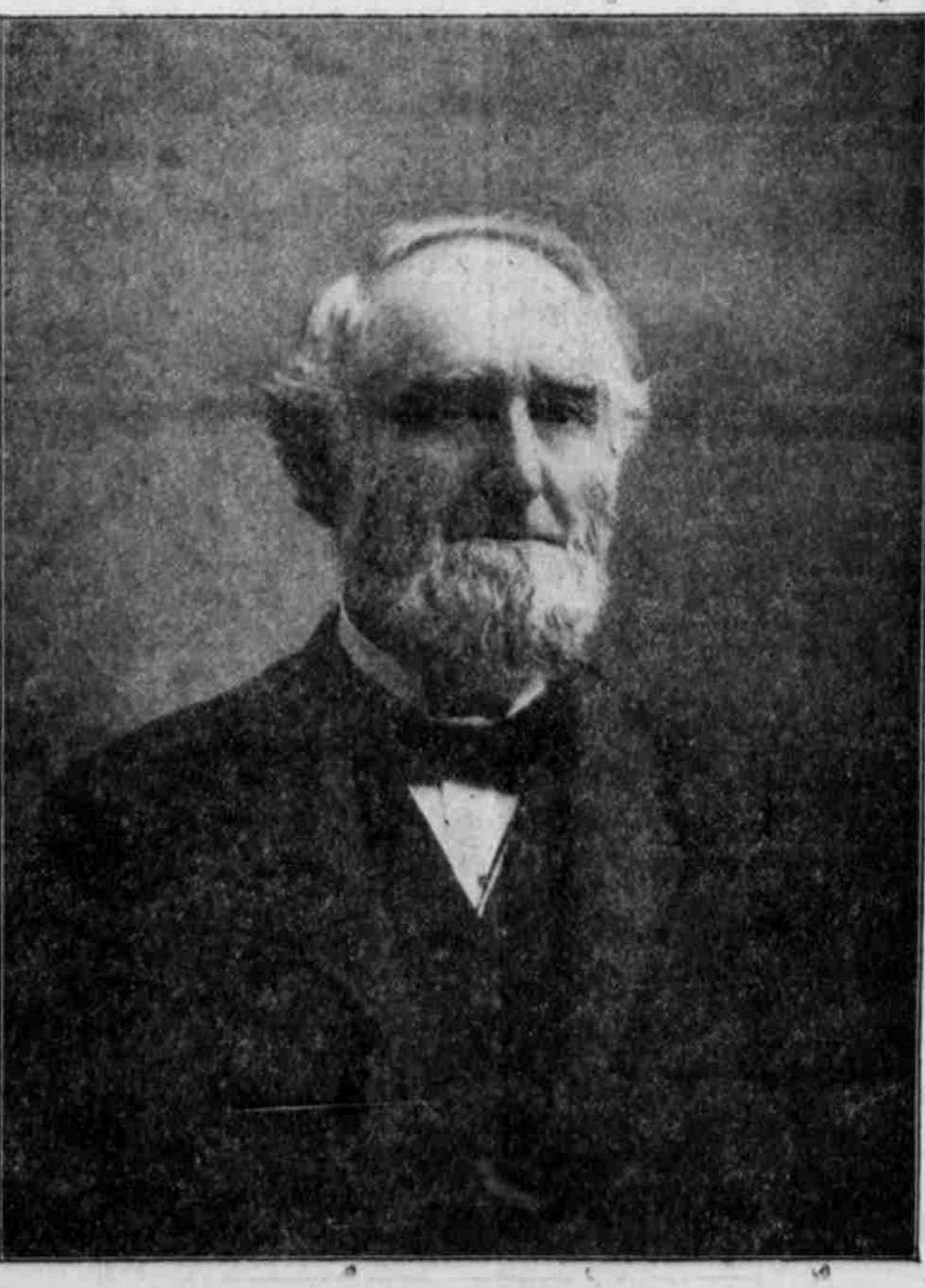
Tampico is reported to be at the hands of General Gonzalez Carranza supporter, but it is to be seriously threatened. Rail passengers repeat the report of night that Victoria, capital of Tamaulipas, was captured by the Villa troops yesterday. Details of the battle of Saltillo, which ended yesterday in the defeat of 15,000 Carranza troops by 10,000 Villa troops indicate a trick largely responsible.

A bugler, by pre-arrangement, deserted the Villa forces joining the Carranza troops. At a given signal after he joined the besiegers, he sounded a call indicating the enemy was on all sides of the Carranza troops. Other buglers took up the call and the Carranza troops retreated in disorder.

BEGIN PROBE OF GRAIN MARKETS

Federal Investigation to Determine Whether Attempt at Corner is Being Made

[By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.]
CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The federal investigation of the present high price of wheat began here today to determine whether speculation or an attempted food corner had anything to do with the recent sensational rise in the market. Bakers, grain men, grovers and commission merchants were summoned for examination.



CAPT. A. M. SIMPSON.
Born February 11, 1826, in Brunswick, Maine; Died January 10, 1915, in Oakland, California.