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FRENCH ANNOUNCE BAD WEATHER HAMPERS OPERATION OF ALLIES

Declare Allies Artillery Made Effective Attack on German Line Near Ypres

MOST SEVERE FIGHTING NORTHEAST OF SOISSONS

Violent Artillery Engagements Between Rheims and Soissons—Snow and Fog

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The official statement this afternoon says: "Unfavorable weather conditions which have prevailed along the entire front have hindered operations. Near Nieuport and Ypres the French artillery directed an effective fire on the enemy's earthworks. Northeast of Soissons the fighting around Spur 132 continued with great severity yesterday. We maintained our position to the west of the spur. To the east our troops were obliged to give ground. The fighting here continued. From Rheims to the Argonne there were exceedingly violent artillery exchanges. In the Argonne there was rain and wind storms; in the Vosges fog and heavy snow.

MOTOR SOUP HOUSES

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The first motor soup kitchen is now on its way to the front. A dozen others, bought jointly by the British Red Cross and St. John's Ambulance will soon follow.

The motor soup kitchen is entirely a new provision for the wounded, its functions being to keep in close touch with the field ambulance and provide a hot, nourishing drink for those who have received first aid. Soup, meat extracts, tea, coffee and cocoa, will be served. The motors carry their own water supplies.

A number of courageous women volunteered for this service, but their services were not accepted, as the war department does not allow women to go as near to the firing line as the soup wagons would have to go.

GENERALS IN GAME.

DUBLIN, Jan. 13.—A letter received here from the front says that last week a football match was played between the staffs of the First and Second Cavalry Divisions. Major General Gough and Major General King played on opposite sides.

The result of the match is not stated, but a return match was arranged. A football game in which two major generals took part is probably a unique record in military operations.

COOS BAY WILL HONOR SIMPSON

Business North Bend and Marshfield Will be Suspended During Funeral

In tribute to the memory of Capt. A. M. Simpson, the pioneer developer of Coos Bay, who died in San Francisco last Sunday, Mayor F. E. Allen and Acting Mayor Henry Kern of North Bend, today decided to proclaim a suspension of business in both cities during the hours of the funeral.

It is not certain yet whether the funeral will be held Thursday or Friday. L. J. Simpson and wife, and Capt. Edgar Simpson, will reach San Francisco today and a message is due from them tonight or in the morning announcing the hours of the funeral.

If the funeral is held Thursday, four whistles will be sounded by the C. A. Smith mill in Marshfield and the Porter Mill at North Bend; otherwise the announcement of the time of the funeral will be made in The Times tomorrow night.

In North Bend, mills, factories and business houses will suspend operations for two hours, in compliance with the proclamation of Acting Mayor Henry Kern.

In Marshfield, all business will be suspended for an hour. The Smith mills will all stop in tribute to the memory of the pioneer lumberman.

NEW VERSION OF HUNT CHARGES

Bandon Grandjurymen Was Present When Mac Simpson Made Private Statement

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 13.—"Yes, Mr. Hunt was present at the interview in Mr. Treadgold's office, when I was 'pumped' regarding my sister's movements," declared Mac Simpson in answer to questions asked of her concerning an article giving her version of the Simpson-Treadgold-Coach affair.

"Did Mr. Hunt explain to you that he was a member of the grand jury?" "Yes, he told me that he was a member of the grand jury and that I should be careful what I said, although he told me to say nothing about it when I was called before the grand jury."

"Did Mr. Hunt ask you any questions?" "Yes, he did a good deal of the 'pumping'."

"Is the interview of cross examination a correct one, said in your own language?"

"Part of it is mine, but there are many things in it that I never said."

The foregoing conversation is the gist of an interview with Mac Simpson by a Times representative in Bandon Sunday evening. It was brought out because of an interview previously published with Detective W. J. Mitchell, in which Grand Juror Hunt was charged with having cross examined Miss Mac Simpson in the office of City Attorney Treadgold, of Bandon, on November 17, after Mr. Hunt had been summoned as a member of the grand jury. Miss Simpson was asked to read the article in question, and she marked many paragraphs which, she said, she had never uttered in the alleged cross examination before Mr. M. Treadgold, a brother of the city attorney of Bandon, in the latter's office on the above date. The article in question was a three column interview, purporting to have been held in the presence of City Attorney Treadgold and "other witnesses."

Grand Juror Hunt neither denied nor affirmed the correctness of the charges made against him by Detective Mitchell. "The only reply I wish to make to Mr. Mitchell," declared Grand Juror Hunt, "is that I consider him so beneath me as to require no answer. I told Mitchell what I thought of him and his story in the grand jury room. Further than that I do not care to say anything."

When asked for a statement of his knowledge regarding the meeting in his office, in which Miss Simpson was interrogated regarding matters connected with the Treadgold-Coach feud and the alleged kidnapping of her sister, City Attorney Treadgold wrote the following statement:

"So far as Grand Juror Hunt is concerned, his skirts are clean and his integrity is unimpeachable. I do not think there is anything that Hunt knows or has done that he needs or wants to conceal. He is an honorable man and a law abiding citizen."

"He is perfectly safe and his position above reproach. Hunt is a man who cannot be threatened or brow-beaten into acquiescence by Mitchell and this arouses his (Mitchell's) ire. Apparently much of this published matter has been with a view of shifting the tide of battle by putting me on the defensive. But it will not work. I shall continue on, even as before, in the effort to enforce our laws within the City of Bandon, as my sworn duty requires."

And, even now, after the slander and abuse I have been subjected to, I would give even Coach and Mitchell the square deal that law and decency require. Personal dislikes shall not actuate me and certainly threats shall not deter me.

I have been surprised that reputable sheets like The Times and Sentinel should have lent their columns to further the wave of slander that has emanated from this organization, against me, but have no feeling of malice or pique. "I am sorry that I cannot tell you

Turks Capture Tabriz From Russians In Persian Battle

ROME SHAKEN BY SEVERE EARTHQUAKE

ROME, Jan. 13.—A terrific earthquake, the severest ever felt in Rome, occurred early today. It lasted for several seconds and caused a serious panic. Many buildings were damaged. Early reports indicated that no lives were lost. The Palazzo Chigi and the famous column of Marcus Aurelius were damaged.

A E JOHNSON DIES ON HUNTING TRIP

President of Marshfield Bartenders' Union, Dies Suddenly on Haynes Inlet

Meager word was received here today of the death at 7 o'clock this morning of A. E. Johnson, a bartender in the National Bar, who died in a cabin eight miles above the head of Haynes Inlet.

Five days ago he went there to the homestead of Tom Peake on a hunting and fishing trip. At that time he was in good health, and his employer, Peter Mirasoul, is at a loss to know what could have been the matter. In the absence of Fred Wilson in Portland an effort was made to get Justice Pennock to take charge of the case. He declared it out of his jurisdiction and Justice Shuster of North Bend being absent from home, D. S. Barnard of the Wilson Undertaking Parlor, undertook the journey. It is expected he will return late this afternoon.

Victim of Pneumonia. Johnson when he left here was suffering from a severe cold and friends think that he was the victim of pneumonia.

Johnson was about 38 years old and has no relatives here. His divorced wife resides in Coquille. He came to Coos County from the East about ten years ago. For a number of years he worked in the logging camps, at Coaledo, Cunningham, Blue Ridge and elsewhere, but for the last few years he had been working for Mirasoul Brothers, who regarded him highly. He was president of the Marshfield Bartenders' Union and was recently re-elected.

RUSSIAN AEROPLANES.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—Russia has recently completed several new aeroplane factories which are each to supply twenty or thirty aeroplanes weekly for army use. Under service conditions, the life of an aeroplane is comparatively short and a considerable part of the output of these factories will be needed to replace wastage at the front.

REDONDO CROSSES INTO UPPER BAY

Not Deterred by Bar—Brings 16 Passengers From San Francisco

Shortly after noon the Redondo arrived in the upper bay from San Francisco bringing 16 passengers from the South. She arrived off the bar about 8:30 this morning. The Redondo will sail again Friday morning at 9 o'clock.

The following passengers arrived today: Lew Keyser, H. A. Pearce, Fred Taylor, Charlotte Cowie, R. Collins, Mrs. R. Collins, Raymond Collins, R. B. Smith, J. A. Hunt, L. McClain, D. W. Broadbridge, R. Baker, Mrs. R. Baker and two children, Ruby Baker.

all I know about it, but it would not be ethical or good policy, but I assure you that everything is going to be all right."

Seize Second Largest City in Country, 100 Miles East of the Sultan's Boundary HAVE LARGE FORCES INVADING RUSSIA

Russian Claims of Recent Victory Evidently Incorrect—Is Important Base

LONDON, Jan. 13.—A Petrograd dispatch says an advance detachment of the Turkish army occupied the Persian city of Tabriz. It is the second largest city in the country, 100 miles east of the Turkish frontier. It was garrisoned by a Russian force, which evacuated.

Evidently large bodies of Turkish troops are still on Russian soil, and the recent statement from Petrograd that an overwhelming defeat had been inflicted on the Turks, involving the capture of one army corps and the cutting up of another, is denied officially at Constantinople. The statement today of the Russian staff shows that Turkish resistance is not broken. The reported capture of Tabriz today means that the Turks have secured an important base for a projected German-Turkish attack upon Russia through the Province of Erivan.

REV. BASSFORD RESIGNS CHARGE

Rev. A. F. Bassford, pastor of the Marshfield Baptist Church, has resigned, and his resignation has been accepted with a proviso that he remain until about June.

The resignation was submitted a week or so ago and action was then taken by the congregation, but it was not given out at that time. It is understood that the resignation will be brought up again at the quarterly meeting of the congregation which will be held the latter part of this month.

The reason for the resignation, while not given out officially, is understood to be that Rev. Bassford felt that he was not receiving the proper support from certain members of the congregation that he was entitled to.

Rev. Bassford has been in Marshfield for over two years, first being compelled to give up the work on account of ill health and after a few months' absence returning in response to the urgent petition of the congregation. He is one of the ablest pulpit speakers and has been most active in public affairs during his residence here.

TURKS FORCE FIGHTING IN CAUCASUS

PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—The statement by the general staff of the army in the Caucasus says: "The fighting in the region of Olti (55 miles west of Kars) continues obstinately, the rear guard of the Turks being on the river Olti and to the west. Bitter fighting in the Kara Urgan region latterly inclined in our favor. On January 11 we captured one regiment and partially destroyed another."

COOS BAY HAS BAD STORM TODAY

Wires All Down as Result of Squall—Shipping Impeded—Territory Affected

Coos Bay is today isolated from the rest of the world, both the Western Union and long distance telephone lines being down. This morning the Western Union was working for awhile and the phone line was down. Then the Western Union went down and the phone line came up for a little while, but went down during the squall about 1 o'clock. When service can be restored is uncertain.

The storm is one of the worst of the winter here, the heavy rain being accompanied by a terrific gale. The wind off shore must have reached extraordinary velocity. No damage was done except to the telephone and telegraph lines.

In the last forty-eight hours, about two inches of rain has fallen. During the short time the wires were working The Times received a portion of its regular Associated Press report, covering the developments, but the bulk of the wire news did not get through.

At noon the wires were down between Roseburg and San Francisco but were working between Portland and Roseburg, indicating that the storm was traveling northward over a wide stretch of the coast country.

BIG DANCE BY PASTIME CLUB. FINNISH HALL, SATURDAY EVE. JAN. 16, 8 P.M. FINE MUSIC. NO RAGGING. Gentlemen \$1.00; Ladies Free.

Let Us Talk It Over

THE TIMES is pleased to note a disposition of the new city Council to take up the matter of the city ownership of the waterworks. The city of Marshfield should own its water system and the time to commence action for the attainment of this purpose is now. The next two years promise to be epochal ones in the growth and development of this community. The coming of the railway means large additions to the commerce, manufacture and population of Coos Bay. The new transportation facilities that will link this section with the outer world with bands of steel means much in the way of development of the resources because of the easier access afforded the whole world for the examination and exploitation of these resources. One of the most important and vital features of any community and one that plays a large part in its development and growth is the source and sureness and reasonableness of its water supply. Coos Bay should prepare to meet the new conditions by municipal ownership and it is none too early to commence the discussion of this matter at this time.

It is not only opportune and the people of Marshfield not only owe it to themselves because of its vital bearing on their daily lives, but as a business proposition it deserves attention. The ever increasing burden of taxation demands that cities desiring a place among progressive communities heed the call of citizens to make lighter the demands of living costs. Every city on the Pacific Coast that owns its water system is making a success in service and financially as well. The following published in a recent issue of the Woodburn, Oregon, Independent, expresses a common experience in city-owned water systems:

"It is going the rounds of the state press that the Woodburn water works system, owned and operated by this city, is self-supporting. Not only is it paying expenses and meeting interest on bonds, but it is building up a sinking fund that will meet their bonds when due, after which water rates will be lowered."

Marshfield should profit by the experience of other cities and proceed to acquire or install a water works system of its own.

Now is a good time to begin.

GERMANS CLAIM GAINS AGAINST ALLIES IN SEVERAL BATTLES

FLYING MISSILES DODGED BY ACTOR

Youths Who Hurlled Vegetables Have Suspended Jail Sentence

When James Aiken and Walter Rehfield threw two onions at an actor in the Lemanski Theater last evening they brought upon themselves a jail sentence of five days apiece. Properly scared, the young men, both over 18 years of age, appeared before Police Judge Butler this afternoon and pleaded. During good behavior the sentence will be suspended.

Four boys were apprehended by Officers Shoupe and Richardson, though two of them, George Pratt and Howard Otter, proved they did not throw the missiles and the charges against them were withdrawn.

"This offense is more serious than can be settled with a mere fine," said Judge Butler, as he scored the two men.

"Here you are, both of you, full-grown and of an age when you should have more judgment and good sense than to commit a deed of this sort. It is for this reason that I will make the sentence one of five days apiece in the city jail and will suspend sentence on good behavior and mind you, another offense and you both will go behind the bars."

NEW INSURANCE RATES IN HANDS OF PRINTERS

Underwriters' Equitable Rating Bureau Finishes Compiling Data

New fire insurance rates, as they have been adjusted by the inspectors of the Underwriters' Equitable Rating Bureau of Portland, are now in the hands of the printers, according to word just received here by I. S. Kaufman & Company. By this it is expected Marshfield's new rates, in fact the figures for all the surrounding towns, will be received here within a short time. What changes will be made is a matter of much speculation.

Inspectors Brainerd and Coldwell, while here about three weeks ago, declared that the electric ordinance, having been strictly enforced, would probably aid toward reducing rates within the fire limits. Beyond this they had little to say. They visited the surrounding towns, making their investigations, later sending their data direct to the Portland office.

CITY OF MARSHFIELD TAKES OVER KEYS OF CARNEGIE LIBRARY

Two Hundred Witness Presentation by Mrs. Henry Sengstacken

The city of Marshfield was last evening formally presented with the beautiful new Carnegie library building complete which cost \$12,000, aside from the lot on which it stands. The presentation was made at the formal dedication of the building and was marked by a public reception and program of music and addresses. Today the citizens of the city may look at the imposing structure at the corner of Fifth street and Market avenue and in tones of pride speak of it as "our library."

To make such a gift possible there have been months and months of hard work by many men and women who have given unsparingly of their time and best efforts. The members of the library board have worked unceasingly for the past three years, with the goal always in mind which they formally achieved last evening, that of turning a well-built and fully-equipped library over to the people of Marshfield.

Over two hundred people passed through the building last evening, inspected it and expressed their unbounded appreciation.

Announce French Had to Vacate Trenches in Suburb of Nieuport Yesterday

CLAIM ALLIES ATTACKS BEATEN IN MANY PLACES

Announce Capture of Large Number of French—Poland Situation the Same

BERLIN, Jan. 13 (By Wireless).—"In the west fierce artillery duels took place in the neighborhood of Nieuport. They resulted in the evacuation of the enemy's trenches at Painsburg, a suburb of Nieuport. The enemy's attacks near the La-bassee Canal have been finally repelled. French attacks at LaBoiselle and Hill of Touvron were repulsed. Yesterday's unsuccessful attacks on the hills near Crony were followed up by a German counter attack which ended in the complete defeat of the French and the clearing of the hills northeast of Busate and north of Crony. Our troops took possession of two French positions and captured 1700 prisoners, four cannon and several machine guns. An attack by French sappers near St. Mihiel was repulsed. Our troops seized the hills north and northeast of Nomeny. The situation in the Vosges is unchanged. In the eastern theater the situation is unchanged."

COLD IN CAUCASUS.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Jan. 13.—Mid-December weather in Armenia was so severe that operations between the Turkish and Russian armies around Erzerum practically ceased. The temperature frequently reached 35 degrees below zero. The roads were covered with snow to a depth of six feet or more.

NEW DISEASE.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LODDON, Jan. 13.—A new liver disease, caused by a quick drying varnish; and to which varnishers and polishers may be subject, was discovered here by Dr. Bernard Spillabury and Dr. Wilcox, the eminent pathologists, in an autopsy upon a workman who had been employed at the Hendon aircraft factory.

This varnish is composed of tetrachloro-ether, menthylated spirit, benzine and other ingredients. Rats subjected to the vapor, said Dr. Wilcox at the inquest, became drowsy and developed an extensive liver disease. The workman's death was due to syncope from disease of the liver caused by the action of tetrachloro-ether.

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Two Hundred Witness Presentation by Mrs. Henry Sengstacken

Into the two large reading rooms the visitors gathered and there listened to a program of music and singing, after which Mrs. Henry Sengstacken, as president of the library board, made the formal speech of presentation to Mayor Allen, acting on behalf of the citizens of Marshfield.

Dr. E. E. Straw presided as chairman, having been Mayor at the time the library was first broached and when the original plans were formulated. He spoke briefly, introducing Mrs. Sengstacken as the daughter "of the first white woman in Coos County."

Mrs. Sengstacken spoke as follows: "As I stand here tonight, in this new and attractive room, the words of a sweet, familiar old poem of Tennyson's come into my mind— "O that my tongue could utter The thoughts that arise in me," for thoughts and memories come surging in upon me as waves roll in upon the shore. Amid this tumultuous ocean of thoughts, perhaps the one that stands out most prominently at this time is the fact that we have gathered here this evening to dedicate the first public library in the city of Marshfield—an event that marks an epoch in the history of the

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