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LACK OF SHOES PREVENTED O'BRIEN FROM MAKING GOOD HIS ESCAPE

Precautions of L. W. Traver and Chas. Watson in Hiding Footwear Thwarted Felon

SLIPPED HANDCUFFS AT LAIRD PLACE AT SITKUM

Marshfield Prisoner, En Route to Prison, Got Away for Few Hours Thursday

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 16.—Sheriff Alfred Johnson, Jr., last night received word that Deputy Sheriff Laird and his guards arrived safely in Roseburg with their party of prisoners, including James O'Brien, who was re-captured at Sitkum after having made his escape from the officers.

O'Brien was known to be a bad boy and a careful watch was kept on him, but at that he proved too smooth and had it not been for the extra precaution taken would have made his getaway.

When they left here, the lines were down and word could not be sent in advance to the James Laird place, where they were to spend the night, going out the old Coos Bay Wagon road which was said to be in better condition for travel than the Myrtle Point route. When they reached the Laird place, they found that they could not all be provided with sleeping quarters and they divided. L. W. Traver and Chas. Watson, two of the guards, took O'Brien, Kelly and Young and remained at the James Laird house, J. C. Laird and A. P. Davis taking with Osborne, Kelly and Young to the Walter Laird place, about a quarter of a mile beyond to spend the night.

Traver and Watson handcuffed O'Brien to Kelly and all went to bed. About 12 o'clock O'Brien slipped the handcuff off, got up and saw his clothing out of the window and jumped. He could not find his shoes, Traver and Watson having hidden them, although they left the clothing. Soon after O'Brien got outside, Kelly gave the alarm. The officers searched all the balance of the night in vain for him. Yesterday morning James Laird went up on the hill and underneath a big myrtle stump found O'Brien. He had his clothing but a pair of shoes kept him from getting away.

O'Brien is a hardened crook. He is well educated and uses good language, but letters that he has written have convinced the authorities that he has a bad record.

Prisoners Taken Out. Mr. Laird was accompanied by A. Davis, clerk in the Sheriff's office, L. W. Traver, of Marshfield, and Chas. Watson, as guards. The officers they took were Wm. R. King, of Port Orford, six months for two years for adultery. James Osborne, a boy of 18, for stealing a check, one to five years. John Kelly, of Marshfield, originally sentenced to a term of from one to seven years for larceny from a dwelling, having broken his parole by getting drunk, now goes to serve his time.

George W. Cummins, from Marshfield, goes to serve two sentences, one one to five years, for obtaining money under false pretenses and from 2 to 20 years for forgery. Orlando Smith, of Prosper, has to go from one to 20 years for detaining young girls.

James O'Brien for robbing a salaried man for 2 to 5 years. O'Brien's Record Here. James O'Brien, alias "One Eye" O'Brien, convicted on a burglary charge in the Circuit Court last week for robbing the till in the Boston Bar and sentenced to from one to five years in the penitentiary, he escaped. The meager report as it has reached here has it that the man got loose from Deputy Sheriff W. C. Laha near Sitkum the Coos Bay wagon road while his way to Roseburg and Salem five other prisoners, and thus is added a third chapter to the career of a man who, detected the very middle of his crime, successfully fled Judge Penneck in Justice Court and pleaded not guilty and last week made a similar plea before Judge John S. Coke. "Have you anything to say?" asked the judge, following his issuance of the sentence.

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TO EXHUME BODY AT MYRTLE POINT

Sheriff Johnson Arranges for Thorough Investigation of Alleged Poisoning

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Or., Jan. 16.—Sheriff Johnson announced today that the body of Rancher Russell of the Myrtle Point section, concerning whose demise three years ago there are rumors of foul play, will be exhumed within a few days. He said that he had been waiting for ten days on Coroner Wilson, who is in Portland, and today he received a message that Mr. Wilson would be home Monday. A chemical analysis will be made in an endeavor to find corroboration of the sworn statements of admission of poisoning by relatives of Russell.

As yet, no trace of Penlon, who revealed the evidence of the alleged crime, has been found. However, the officers are hopeful of securing him soon as it appears certain that he went to the Siuslaw. Penlon is thought to have been frightened away lest he be prosecuted for his connection with the case, but the officers have no such intentions as his revelations, if true, will entitle him to clemency. The officials are very reticent about the case and would give out little of it until the story was read there in The Times. While there are a lot more details, they are not printable now.

Catch Joe Harry. Joe Harry, wanted here for failure to provide for his wife whom he married last year when threatened with prosecution has been located by Sheriff Johnson at Dallas, Polk County. He has wired Deputy Sheriff Laird to bring him back next week.

Committee Not Commission. District Attorney Liljeqvist stated today that a slight error had been made yesterday in the story regarding the Port of Bandon. Instead of the Bandon Port Commission changing the boundaries, it should have stated that it was the Bandon committee which organized the port. They altered the boundaries prior to the commissioners being appointed.

Need More Equipment. The Sheriff's office is sadly lacking in equipment for handling prisoners. O'Brien's temporary escape was due to this. Sheriff Johnson has arranged to take the matter up with the County Commissioners to have needed equipment for handling bad prisoners secured. Had it not been for the precautions which Sheriff Johnson urged, O'Brien might have made his getaway lasting.

pallof of the jail still on his cheeks, blinked his one well developed optic faced the judge and the jury and for the tenth time told them he was not guilty. "All I wanted was a square deal," he declared. "Gentlemen, I have not got it in this court," and he was hauled away to the county jail there to await his transference to the state penitentiary. On the night the crime was committed a cook and a waiter of the Right Cafe, finishing their work shortly after midnight, were on their way home when they glanced through the open curtains of the Bohemian Bar and there saw O'Brien with his hat and coat off, busily scrubbing behind the bar. All seemed well; he was taken for a swamper, and the men walked on for a block before becoming suspicious. They came back and saw O'Brien take money from the cash register. One of them remained on guard while the other called a policeman. In the Circuit Court O'Brien appeared without an attorney, the court appointing James T. Brand to defend him.

LINNEA SOCIETY NOTICE All members of the Linnea Society are requested to meet at the Eagles' Hall at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon for the purpose of attending the funeral of Brother A. E. Johnson. By order of ERIC EDLUND, Pres.

Killed And Injured In Quake Now Total 100,000

BABY BORN IN RUINS NAMED FOR DISASTER

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AVEZZANO, Jan. 16.—While the rescue was proceeding at Capelle, the soldiers heard strange cries and led by the sound reach a spot where they found a woman buried under the debris with a new-born child. Both were extricated uninjured and are doing well. The captain of the rescuing engineers became god-father and the child was named "Terro Motino." (Little Earthquake.)

FRENCH VERSION OF BATTLE GIVEN

Report Germans Repulsed in Some Attacks, Gains by Allies and German Gain (By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Jan. 16.—The official statement this afternoon says: "Near Nieuport and Ypres, artillery fighting continued yesterday. At Notre Dame de Lorette, the enemy reoccupied a portion of the trenches they lost Thursday. We repulsed the German attack at La Boisselle. In sections of Soissons and Rheims, our artillery obtained noticeable advantages. We checked a spirited attack against our trenches at Filirey, and the Germans evacuated the crest of a hill north of Clemery under the fire of our artillery. In upper Alsace, there is no change."

OREGON STARTS ON FAMOUS VOYAGE

U. S. Battleship Which Gained Renown 17 Years Ago, to Lead Panama Fleet

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 17.—The battleship Oregon, refitted and repaired until her officers say she is even in better trim than when she made her cruise around the Horn, sailed today from the Puget Sound Navy Yard at Bremerton, on the first leg of the voyage to the Panama Canal, where she will lead the international fleet through the waterway next March. The Oregon, in command of Commander Joseph M. Reeves, who was assistant engineer on the battleship when she made her famous cruise 17 years ago, will call at San Francisco for stores, and stop at San Diego, besides Captain Reeves, Captain Ramsey of the Marine Corps and several enlisted men who were aboard the Oregon in 1898, sailed with her.

SCENE OF HORROR

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AVEZZANO, Italy, Jan. 16.—Rescue work in this devastated town is becoming a ghastly and nerve-racking task. Mutilated bodies extricated from the ruins are being laid along the road which once led to the railway station. Some bodies are unrecognizable and frequently claimed as bodies of relations by different persons. During the night the work of rescue continued by torch light and flickering shadows made it appear as if the walls were about to fall. Some of them did collapse. Many inhabitants did not die of injuries sustained in the earthquake, but as a result of becoming exhausted and frozen during the long hours of the winter night. One girl was had been hanging by her clothing many hours from an upper floor of a building, was finally rescued alive.

Count Resta, a prominent resident, escaped, although his whole family of nine and two servants were buried in the ruins at his home.

Italian Catastrophe More Appalling Than First Reports Indicated It Would Be. MANY TOWNS WERE COMPLETELY DESTROYED

Italian Government Doing Everything to Alleviate Suffering Among Survivors

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Jan. 16.—At Massa d'Albe, one-eighth of the total population was killed. In this village some people are today still buried in the debris from their walls down. They cannot extricate themselves and there is no one at hand to dig them out. These unfortunates are being fed by relatives or friends. Men and tools are on the way to the rescue.

QUAKE TOLL IS NEARLY 100,000

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Jan. 16.—The correspondent of the Excelsior in Rome, wires that he learns officially that 35,000 persons were killed and 45,000 injured in the earthquake.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) AVEZZANO, Jan. 16.—Official reports of the extent of the disaster in the towns adjacent to Avezzano are as follows: Paterno, completely destroyed, except one house; 1000 dead out of 5000 inhabitants. San Pello, almost totally destroyed; 600 dead out of 1600 inhabitants. Scurocola, destroyed, number of victims unknown. Villalago, 25 dead and 20 injured. Fratturo, 200 dead, 60 injured. A hundred or more were killed and injured at Rajano, Popoli, Pentima, Barrea and Villetta-Barrea. The Duke of Abruzzi arrived last night and expressed his intention of visiting all villages that suffered, some of which are still cut off from communication. As an instance, the news only reached here today that in Pescasseroli many persons were buried in the ruins and up to the present time fifteen bodies had been taken out and 80 injured were rescued.

The catastrophe at Pescina is growing in gravity, and the victims now number 4000. The whole village of Gioja de Marsi is reported destroyed. At Collasso there are 24 dead and at Antepedio 40 dead.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Jan. 16.—The magnitude of the earthquake disaster increases with time and as more detailed reports are received from the wide area which is affected. The Messaggero estimated the dead in Avezzano alone at 11,000, most of whom are buried beneath the ruins of the city.

It is impossible to ascertain the exact number of dead and wounded. Harrowing stories of the destructions are being brought back. One party claimed that buildings were removed from their foundations and overturned some distance from their original locations.

At Cappadocia, the houses and buildings have been rendered too dangerous to be occupied and survivors are camping in the snow. Only about 20 of Sorocola's 900 population escaped, the others being buried in the ruins that marks the site of the village.

At Capelle, over 1200 lives were lost and the town is a mass of ruins. Giosmars, with a population of 3500 and Ortuochio, with 2400 inhabitants, are in ruins.

At Magliano di Marsi, it is reported 1200 of the 1500 inhabitants were killed. The number of victims at San Penedetto is given at 300 and at Pesojani at 400. The entire population of the villages of Lese, 500, Albufucanis, 500, and Capelle, are reported buried in the ruins of their homes.

Every village in the Livi Valley is reported either destroyed or badly damaged.

DEATH LIST GROWING

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Jan. 16.—The Messaggero declares that there are no fewer than 5000 dead at Pescara and 3000 at Celano. Lind that at Cenchio only 150 were saved out of a population of 2600. At Marsi the dead number 1000. Most of the survivors here are injured and they are suffering grievously from want of food and lack of care. H. J. McKEOWN returned last evening from a week's sojourn in Portland, where he went to attend the state hotel men's annual meeting. He came back overland.

PINIONED IN RUINS MANY STILL ALIVE

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FAMINE ADDS TO QUAKE SUFFERING

Rescue and Relief Work Hastened in Italy—30,000 Dead and 50,000 Injured

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Jan. 16.—Famine and intense cold are adding to the sufferings of the earthquake victims and slowly increasing the huge death roll. Food there is in plenty, but transportation to the many towns infected is almost impossible because of the obstructed roads. The latest reports add confirmation to yesterday's estimates of 30,000 dead and 50,000 injured.

Though it seems definitely established that the present earthquake will not rival that of Messina, the percentage of casualties in proportion to the population affected appears to be much higher. The rescue work is continuing feverishly, for each hour of delay means death by starvation or exhaustion for the buried victims.

Sora Not Hard Hit

From town after town come reports of excavations too late to save lives. In only one town so far—that of Sora—do the late reports show that the effects of the earthquake were less disastrous than was feared. Only 360 of Sora's population of 17,000 inhabitants appear to have been killed.

While trainloads of injured continue to arrive in Rome, additional details of the horror come in, all tending to confirm the earlier estimates of the tremendous loss of life. Next to Avezzano, the towns that suffered the most are Pescara, with 4500 victims, Paterno, with 1000 dead and Samelino, with 600 of the population of 1600 killed.

Flood Is Feared

The horror of possible flood added to the famine and cold exists in the neighborhood of the Fucino canal, which has been dammed by a landslide. Soldiers and civilians are working desperately to clear the canal of debris.

Up to the present the Italian government has declined foreign offers of assistance, but this has not prevented unofficial aid. Mrs. Thomas Nelson Page, wife of the U. S. Ambassador, contributed \$500 to the fund being raised and other American women are following suit.

RELIEF WORK PUSHED

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) ROME, Jan. 16.—The rescue and relief work are being rushed with fervent haste in the earthquake stricken districts of Italy. Thousands of soldiers are digging out and burying the victims and caring for the survivors. The need of the latter, of whom there are thousands homeless and penniless, is urgent and the people from the king down are doing all possible to alleviate conditions. The cold weather, which continues, adds to the terrible suffering and temporary buildings are being erected as fast as possible.

Colonel Dunn, military attaché of the American Embassy, said: "I never dreamed of such a horrible situation."

LIND AND C. A. SMITH TO WASHINGTON

A telegram received this afternoon states that C. A. Smith and ex-Governor Lind of Minnesota, will join the Coos Bay delegation in Chicago and go to Washington with them.

FURY OF AISNE BATTLE ENDS--RUSSIA THREATENS WEST PRUSSIA

WHEAT JUMPS TO NEW HIGH LEVEL

May Options Sell at 1.45 in Chicago and \$1.55 is Demanded at Portland

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 16.—President Wilson directed Attorney General Gregory to investigate whether there were any violations of law in the rise of prices of flour and wheat.

PROBE HIGH PRICES

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—May wheat yesterday vaulted to \$1.4525, an advance of nearly two cents. This is a record high price.

Portland Prices

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 16.—May bluestem wheat was bid at \$1.50 yesterday, with the holders demanding \$1.55, the highest price in the United States since the Civil War.

Flour Goes Higher

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 16.—Holders refused to sell here when wheat bids dropped one cent in sympathy with the Chicago market. Millers agreed to again raise flour 20 cents a barrel Monday, making patents \$6.80.

GERMANS TELL OF GREAT VICTORIES

Say That Defeat of French Along Aisne Was Similar to Battle of 1870.

KAISER WITNESSED GERMAN VICTORIES

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The War Office announces the northern bank of the Aisne river northeast of Soissons was cleared of French troops in the terrific battle which was waged there under the eyes of the Kaiser. There are big movements of troops on both sides and a forward movement is expected. Russia thinks the Germans are planning a new advance southwest of Warsaw to relieve the invasion of Hungary by Russia.

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—(Via wireless)

The official statement Friday said: "Some torpedo boats appeared off Westende yesterday, accompanied by small craft which approached within nine miles of the coast. French attacks on both sides of Notre Dame de Lorette, southwest of Arras, were repulsed by us. A trench which we took eight days ago near Ecurie was lost by us. Fighting continues to rage. The northern bank of the river Aisne northeast of Soissons has been cleared of French troops. By continuous fighting, we were successful in taking Cuffles, Crouy, Bucy le Long, Missy, Vauxrot and Vallerie. The French suffered heavy losses. Their retreat to the south of the Aisne took place under the fire of our heavy artillery. Conditions which obtained in this battle are similar to those in 1870.

The French made a very strong attack north of Verdun but were repulsed. Near St. Mihiel, the French delivered attacks, reaching our front line trenches, but were driven off. During the fighting our troops occupied some positions of the enemy, but after rebuilding our positions we voluntarily left those taken from the enemy. We beat off an attack near Mesnil. "In East Prussia and northern Poland there is no change. Our attacks in Poland west of the Vistula are making slow progress. In the capture of one Russian vantage point northeast of the Rawka river we took 500 prisoners and three machine guns. Stubborn counter attacks by the Russians were driven back."

Germans Stop Efforts to Increase Gains Against Allies—Situation Uncertain

MILITARY CRITICS ARE PUZZLED BY CONDITION

Czar's New Army Threatens German Force in Central Poland

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Jan. 16.—The fury of the battle along the Aisne river has spent itself and the Germans for the present at least are making no effort to extend the gains won over the French. Further German success was reported from Berlin today, but it is of minor importance. South of the Aisne the Germans reoccupied the trenches previously captured by the Allies, as is admitted in the French statement, and in the Argentine small engagements are said to have resulted to their advantage. The French assert that they won definite advantages in the artillery fighting and compelled the Germans to evacuate the trenches near Clemery. Seldom since the beginning of the campaign in the east has the military situation been so uncertain.

The latest phase of the situation—the advance of a new Russian army against West Prussia in connection with a number of the forces which invaded East Prussia, is believed in London to threaten the German forces in Central Poland. The Russian general staff is convinced that the Germans east and southwest of Warsaw have determined on the general offensive movement. Farther south the Germans have reinforced the Austrians for a drive at the Russians, designed to relieve Bukowina and northern Hungary. The Austrians report in a violent artillery combat along the Dunajec river in Galicia several Russian batteries were silenced. The Turks are reported to have decided to attempt an invasion of Egypt.

TELLS OF HUNT'S ACTIONS IN CASE

Detective Mitchell Claims That Treadgold and Grand Jurors Were Together Much

(Special to The Times.) COQUILLE, Ore., Jan. 17.—Detective W. J. Mitchell positively denied here that Grand Juror Hunt had ever answered his accusations that Mr. Hunt had questioned a witness, Mae Simpson, in City Attorney Treadgold's office in Bandon, after he had been summoned to serve on the grand jury.

"Hunt did not deny the charges I confronted him with in the jury room," Mr. Mitchell said. "I tried to refrain from bringing grand jury affairs into the newspapers, but if Mr. Hunt claims that he denied or successfully answered this charge which I make against him while I was a witness before the grand jury he is wrong, I asked what grand juror was Hunt when I first got into the grand jury room. When Hunt answered that that was his name I confronted him with the statement that he had been a member of a star chamber, proceeding in Bandon, to which the two Treadgolds were a party. That was before lunch. When I went back to the court house after lunch I saw Hunt and Treadgold talking very earnestly as they walked from the Baxter Hotel toward the theater and back again.

"It was after this conversation between these two men and during the afternoon session of the grand jury that Hunt admitted having been a party to this 'star chamber' affair. He not only admitted it, but offered to resign as a grand juror. "During the entire time the grand jury was in session Hunt and Treadgold were together every day. This is so well known a fact that I have witnesses to prove it."

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