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MORE REASSURING NEWS ABOUT SMITH COMPANIES' ARRANGEMENTS

S. Chandler and J. W. Bennett Give Additional Details—Praise Plans Made

PLANCE OF PAYROLL MET THIS AFTERNOON

Mr. Merceen Expresses Appreciation of Confidence Shown in Organization

Each day brings more reassuring news concerning the C. A. Smith companies and the success of the new arrangements that Mr. Smith has made. Today the following telegram received from W. S. Chandler J. W. Bennett who are in San Francisco:

We have had a lengthy conference with the members of the liquidating committee. The Smith matters are progressing satisfactorily. Chicago negotiations are arranging for the sale of the shares of capital stock by Mr. Smith in the various companies so that the full control of Smith properties will rest with committee until they can dispose of enough outlying timber holdings to put all the companies in good shape, when the shares of capital stock will be returned to Mr. Smith. The proposed arrangement does not affect the companies in any way they retain the stocks of lumber, all their various property and continue to operate in the usual manner with C. A. Smith as president. When the committee assumes control they will have additional funds furnished by eastern credit to in the business so that unsecured creditors and employees should be gratulated and have no cause for worry as the arrangement is really to their benefit. The committee consists of practical lumbermen and men of large means and integrity hence no apprehension as to the satisfactory outcome need be anticipated.

Statement by Merceen. The following statement was made after noon by Arno Merceen, vice-president and general superintendent of the C. A. Smith Lumber & Manufacturing Company:

The payrolls at the company's mills are being taken care of this afternoon, and we wish to state that there has been very gratifying at this time to note the confidence, under circumstances, that has been shown by our employees and the public in general. The action taken by Mr. Smith is not an assignment and a receivership, but an arrangement beneficial for all creditors, secured and unsecured, as well as the general lumber interests of Coos Bay.

Banks Open Tonight. At noon today telegrams were received by Arno Merceen, general manager of the C. A. Smith mill, from the local banks announcing that arrangements had been made to take care of the payroll of the Smith mills immediately.

In consequence, the pay checks will be issued to the men this afternoon and the banks will be open in evening to cash them as usual. The news was most gratifying, as was the last thing needed to eliminate any possible misunderstanding or misapprehension as to the exact status of the Smith companies.

Through a misunderstanding, the fire payroll was not taken care of usual on the tenth of the month. Smith-Powers company's checks were taken care of on the tenth as usual and it was firmly believed that the balance would be that day. However, through the misunderstanding at San Francisco, the balance was not and the issuance of the pay checks was deferred until it was arranged.

The following dispatch from Chicago gives additional reassuring news concerning the Smith companies:

"The liquidating committee in charge of the affairs of the C. A. Smith Timber Company, which, because of present financial conditions, has been unable to obtain money to meet its obligations, is making good progress in getting the affairs of the company straightened out. There will be no receiver asked and no court action will be taken. When the affairs of the timber company are finally straightened out it will continue in operation. The lumber company owns five

STRANGE ACCIDENT IN CURRY COUNTY

E. C. Claypool Found Drowned in Illinois River—Plan an Investigation

(Special to the Times.) GOLD BEACH, Or., Feb. 13.—The body of E. C. Claypool was found about a quarter of a mile below Indigo Creek in the Illinois River. Mr. Claypool, together with Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Conner and Jack Murray, were coming down the trail. At the crossing of Indigo Creek, one of Mr. Claypool's horses bucked off his pack, and they were unable to get the pack back on the horse and make him carry it. Mr. and Mrs. O'Conner and Mr. Murray went on to the next stopping place, about three miles, leaving Mr. Claypool with his two horses. When the party returned, in about an hour, Mr. Claypool and the two horses were missing. Search was instituted, but no trace could be found of either horses or owner. After continuing the search until dark without results, they abandoned further effort until this morning, when the two horses were found browsing, and the body as before stated. How the body got there is a mystery. Nearly every one has a theory of his own as to how Mr. Claypool lost his life. There is some talk of an inquest, but no definite steps have been taken so far as known. The District Attorney, W. H. Meredith, was seen, but was unable to throw any light on the affair. He is in communication with parties in the vicinity of the happening, but as yet has determined upon no plan of operation to follow in solving the mystery. Curry County has no coroner, and in such cases the nearest Justice holds the inquest if one is held. Many people feel that the community is entitled to know all the facts, although there may be no suspicion attached to any one.

SOUTHERN PACIFIC KEEPS BOAT LINE

Railroad Allowed to Retain Pacific Mail Steamship Line Despite Canal

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON D. C., Feb. 13.—The retention of control of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company by the Southern Pacific Railroad was authorized today by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the first decision under provision of the Panama Canal act requiring railroads to give up competing steamship lines except when joint ownership is found by the Commission to be to the public's advantage.

HIGH SCORES IN SHOOTING MATCH

Washington State College Leads Other Teams in Contest—Scores Made

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Washington State College has made the best score so far in the intercollegiate shooting competition, scoring 986 out of a possible 1000 in the fifth match. This places Washington State College well in the lead for the championship.

WED IN COQUILLE.

The marriage of Geo. P. Goodman, of the firm of Goodman & Gordon, to Miss Clara Worthington, of the Myrtle Point neighborhood, came as an entire surprise to his friends here, so quietly did he manage the affair.—Coquille Sentinel.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED

William C. White and Blanche M. Breun. Christian A. Lund and Mary Ase. George P. Goodman and Clara Worthington.—Coquille Sentinel.

Spanish Minister Ousted From Mexico; Appeal to Powers

TWO VESSELS TORPEDOED BY GERMANY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) HAVRE, Feb. 13.—Shipping circles here now consider it practically certain that the British steamer Oriole was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine. The vessel was last seen January 30 near Dungeness in company with the British steamer London Trader, which is also missing. A telegram from Rouen says a survivor of the London Trader was landed there by the steamer Poland.

NEW FILIBUSTER ON SHIPPING BILL

Republicans Renew Delay on Democratic Plans in Senate for Compromise

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—While administration democrats were reframing the bill for a new drive in the House, a Republican filibuster blossomed out anew today in the Senate, where Gore tried to have the commerce committee discharged from consideration of his substitute, which is to be used as one of the bases of a compromise. Burton took the floor for a speech that promised to last all day, and it was apparent that the republican opposition was prepared to hold the lines firm until the administration compromise took a thoroughly definite form.

SITUATION IS SERIOUS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 13.—Officials here are much concerned over reports coming in the last three days. With lack of food and unrest in the population and the fact that Mexico City is of no great strategic importance, diplomats fear the city will be left without the semblance of authority at any moment. The Spanish Minister, who was expelled from Mexico City by Carranza, went aboard the battleship Delaware as the guest of Captain Rogers, but will sail for Havana February 16 on a Spanish liner.

SEIZED CREW OF SHIP AT SEATTLE

Armed Men Kidnap Non-Union Sailors Aboard Schooner Columbia—Not Found

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—The non-union crew of fifteen, taken by armed men from the steam schooner Columbia, loading at the M' dock in the west waterway last night, has not yet been found. It is supposed they have been stowed away in some sailor boarding house. It is thought that no one was seriously injured in the struggle between the boarding party and the captured men. The Columbia is due to sail tonight for Chile.

PLAN TO BUILD PORT ORFORD WHARF

(Special to The Times.) PORT ORFORD, Feb. 13.—Plans are being made to rebuild the Port Orford wharf which was destroyed a few days ago by a storm. W. White and E. J. Loney, the heaviest stockholders, are urging the rebuilding at the earliest possible date, which will be about two months. It will be stronger than the old one. Enough of the old wharf stands to allow the Rustler and similar craft to unload cargoes.

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Madrid Government Requests Nations to End Anarchy in Southern Republic

SITUATION SERIOUS IN MEXICO CITY TODAY

Food and Water Supply Short and Troops May be Removed Leaving No Guard

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TONG WAR FATAL IN VANCOUVER

Three Chinese Dead and Three Injured in Shooting Scrape Chinese New Year

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 13.—Three Chinese are dead and three are wounded as the result of a New Year shooting affray today in a rooming house. Chin Guok killed Chin Ham and Chin Chong and then killed himself with a shot through the head after jumping from a second story window and being paralyzed by the fall. Chin Guok also injured three others who were attracted to the scene as he fired pistols from both hands. The police say the shooting was the result of Tong factional fights.

DAVID ALEXANDER BUYS RESTAURANT

Changes Name of White Grill to "New Home of the Java Coffee House."

David Alexander, who recently disposed of the Java Coffee House, today purchased the White Grill, located in the Blanco Hotel building, and this afternoon took possession. Mr. Alexander has changed the name of the restaurant to "The New Home of the Java Coffee House."

GERMANS ENEMIES MUST STARVE FIRST

AMSTERDAM, via London, Feb. 13.—The Cologne Gazette, in an article dealing with Great Britain's plan to cut off food supplies from Germany, says:

"Prisoners of war must starve first. We have 600,000 prisoners, and the parts of Belgium and France we occupy contain 11,000,000 people. If it comes to starving the subjects of hostile countries will suffer first."

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BRITISH SHIP IS LOST WITH CARGO

Andromeda, Carrying Wheat From Tacoma for England, Wrecked at Falmouth

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) SEATTLE, Feb. 13.—A dispatch to the Merchants' Exchange says the British bark Andromeda, with wheat from Tacoma for the United Kingdom, was blown ashore and wrecked at Falmouth, England, yesterday. The vessel and her cargo are a total loss. The wheat was valued at \$170,000.

TAX ADJUSTMENT CAUSE OF VISIT

Former State Tax Commissioner Starr Here Representing Timber Holders

Adjustment of taxes on timber holdings is the purpose of the visit here of C. L. Starr, a Portland tax attorney and former state tax commissioner. He arrived last evening and this morning left for Coquille, where he expects to remain until Tuesday. Mr. Starr has as his clients companies who own large timber tracts in practically all parts of the state and in California. He acts as a buffer between the county assessors and the companies. Disputes regarding the tax assessments are carefully gone over by Mr. Starr and straightened out and in some cases the land is reclassified. Coos county, he declared, has been well cruised by the county men and little trouble is experienced here, though Mr. Starr stated that in some counties taxes on the timber lands are assessed at an exorbitant rate. With the visit of this attorney following on the announcement of T. J. Thrift, county assessor, that the timber of this county must pay a higher rate it is presumed that an effort will be made by Mr. Starr to secure reductions for his clients. Mr. Starr is an old class-mate of J. W. McInturf, both men having attended the law school of Willamette University. While taking his course Mr. Starr was state tax commissioner. Before taking his office at the state capital Mr. Starr was Polk county superintendent of schools.

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Additional Gains in Northern Poland Reported in Today's Dispatches From Europe

CZAR'S TROOPS LOSE IN MANY ASSAULTS

Berlin Claims Victory Over French in Argonne and Allies Lose in Vosges

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) BERLIN, Feb. 13.—Morning papers hail the victory in East Prussia particularly as removing further danger of invasion in that province. They point to the Russian report of the battle as an indication of the completeness of the defeat, as it admits the Russians are falling back to the protection of their chain of fortresses.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) LONDON, Feb. 13.—Berlin is today celebrating the striking victory said to have been won over the Russians in East Prussia and further successes stated in today's official report. It is stated that in northern Poland as well as in East Prussia the Russian attacks failed and the Germans were uniformly successful. Persistent German attacks in Argonne gained further ground, according to Berlin. More than a half mile of French positions are said to have been won. There has been further fighting in the Vosges and Berlin says all attacks of the Allies were repulsed. The French communication gives few details of yesterday's fighting. The contest in the Carpathians continues stubbornly contested without definite result.

FRENCH REPULSED GERMAN ATTACKS

Paris Official Report Tells of Activity of Aviators and Artillery

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.) PARIS, Feb. 13.—The official communication this afternoon says: "From the sea to Lys the Germans yesterday bombarded violently Neuport and the country of the dunes. Some ten aviators flew over the region of Verdun. Bombs thrown did no damage. Two German attacks night before last on the trenches north of Verdun were repulsed. In Alsace the enemy bombarded positions which we took near Mount Sudekopf. The effects were insignificant."

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