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of Europe are engaged in a death struggle which may change the map of the world. Each day brings new developments of vital importance.

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MANY DENY STORY GIVEN OUT BY CHAS. SKERRETT'S ATTORNEYS

Declare Statement Given Out About Foreigner Starting Fire Not Substantiated

GUS SKUUG DECLARES HE DID NOT SMOKE

Story Told by Him Now is Same as Was Given Coroner's Jury at Inquest

The story given out by Attorneys McKnight, Graves and McInturff, who are representing Chas. Skerrett in the case growing out of the burning of the Bunker Hill hotel a few weeks ago when seven lives were lost, has caused quite a furor.

He says he never smoked cigarettes in his room and did not on the night of the fire.

Occupied Other Rooms. Mr. Casey says that the story given yesterday as to the probable origin is untrue. He says that Skuug occupied room No. 5 and Hammond occupied room No. 3, instead of vice versa as was given out yesterday.

Furthermore, Mr. Casey says that he occupied room No. 24 which was on the next floor above room 5 and in fact straight up above Skuug's room. If the fire had been burning in Skuug's room for three-quarters of an hour, he feels certain that he would have been aware of it before he was shown that the building was on fire.

Demand Full Investigation. Mr. Casey says he and many others who were in the fire are insistent that a most thorough investigation of it shall be made and that the investigation should not be stopped until the real facts and causes are known.

Facts Coming Out. Gradually more facts about the fire are becoming known, some of the heroic incidents of it having been lost sight of in the first shock of the horror.

With a perfectly dry track and ideal weather, the big auto classic, the Vanderbilt cup race, starting on the Panama-Pacific Exposition course today before one of the greatest crowds that ever watched this event.

L. W. Langdon, of the Eastside mill, is the man who rescued Byron Craig, who later died, from the hallway. Mr. Langdon was spending his last night at the hotel the night of the fire and after he got safely out, he heard that the Craig boy was still in the building.

J. Johansen, the blacksmith, who is still in the hospital suffering from his injuries, was badly burned in getting out. However, he found C. A. Reese, who sustained a fractured thigh, and picking him up carried him to an auto.

About 300 in Danger In Fire On Allies Ammunition Ship

BAD MISSOURI FIRE

WARRENSBURG, Mo., Mar. 6.—The Warrensburg State Normal School was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss was half a million dollars.

SAY GERMAN LOSS TO DATE 3,000,000

PARIS, March 6.—An official note issued by the French press declares that the German losses since the beginning of hostilities in killed, wounded, sick and prisoners, reaches to the enormous total of 3,000,000 men.

GREAT AUTO RACE IN SAN FRANCISCO

Vanderbilt Cup Contest on With Thirty-Six Entries—Weather is Ideal

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600 WRECK VICTIMS

BOSTON, March 6.—The report of a railroad accident in Mexico last January in which 600 lives were lost is contained in a letter received today by the American board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions from their representative in Mazatlan.

WASHINGTON LAND BOARD LAW INVALID

Measure Which Deprived Governor of Voice Knocked Out By the Supreme Court

OLYMPIA, Wash., March 6.—The State Supreme Court declared invalid the emergency clause of House bill 64, reorganizing the State Land Board, so as to deprive the Governor of representation thereon.

DIPLMATS LEAVE

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 6.—The foreign diplomatic corps in Mexico City has decided to leave in a body. Dispatches telling of the decision were received here today by European diplomats and forwarded to their home governments.

Every woman should see the display at CLARKE'S MILLINERY, Friday and Saturday. FLOUR, \$1.80 at HAINES.

Latouraine, Which Sailed From New York, Burning 200 Miles West of Havre

VESSEL IS OWNED BY FRENCH STEAMSHIP CO.

Five Relief Ships Sent From England—American Physicians and Nurse Aboard

ILL-FATED SHIP CARRIED AMMUNITION

NEW YORK, Mar. 6.—When the Latouraine sailed from here Saturday she had about 84 passengers. She carried 4494 cases of cartridges intended for use in the European war.

Stored away in the Latouraine's hold was 4594 ammunition cases, which caused keen apprehension. Wireless stations along the Atlantic directed vain queries through the air to the burning ship.

CANADIAN BANK ROBBERS CAUGHT

Search for \$317,000 Hidden Loot Follows Arrests in Chicago Today

CHICAGO, March 6.—The search for the hiding place of a sum supposed to be \$120,000, part of the loot in the \$317,000 robbery of the Branch Bank of Montreal at New Westminster, B. C., September 1911, was begun here today by a score of detectives.

FIRE IS FIERCE

LONDON, March 6.—A message from Queenstown says the fire on the Latouraine is "fierce." The London office of Campagne Generale trans-Atlantic which owns the Latouraine, is without special information concerning the vessel.

FOUR SLAIN BY CRAZED GEORGIAN

Monroe Phillips Runs Amuck at Brunswick and is Finally Shot by Policeman

BRUNSWICK, Ga., March 4.—Four men, including H. F. Dunwoody, a prominent attorney, were shot and killed and five others were seriously wounded here today by Monroe Phillips, a lumberman, who fired at random on the street.

Phillips Was Prominent. Every physician available was called to dress the wounds of Phillips' victims. Phillips was formerly Mayor of Brunswick, and had been a member of the Georgia Legislature.

Wounded Many More. Before he was killed, Phillips, in addition to killing the four men, had seriously wounded five and slightly wounded 15 others. Worry over financial difficulties which he blamed on others, is said to have made Phillips temporarily insane.

DON'T miss the COOS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME SATURDAY EVENING. Libby Coal. The kind YOU have ALWAYS USED, Phone 72, Pacific Livery and Transfer Company.

ITALY CALLS RESERVES

LONDON, March 6.—The Rome correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says the reserve non-commissioned officers of four classes have been called to join the colors today.

SUBMARINE SANK VESSEL IN CHANNEL

NEW YORK, March 6.—The attack of a German submarine, silent, unhealed and unexpected, upon a big merchant ship that flew no flag, was witnessed from the bridge of the Dutch liner Ryndam in the North Sea about 30 miles from the British coast.

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DEMAND THROUGH LIVESTOCK RATE

Oregon Short Line and San Pedro Road Defendants in Action Just Begun

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—Petitions were filed with the Interstate Commerce Commission today by the National Livestock Association, asking that the Oregon Short Line and the San Pedro, Los Angeles and Salt Lake roads be required to establish joint through rates on livestock from Oregon, Idaho and Utah to California points.

SOUTH INLET GIRL REPORTED MISSING

Mary Ferrari, the 14-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ferrari of South Inlet has been missing from home since last Monday. Searching parties have been unable to find any trace of her.

Dr. H. E. KELTY, DENTIST—Phone 112-J, Room 204, Coke bldg.

DON'T miss the COOS COUNTY CHAMPIONSHIP GAME, SATURDAY EVENING.

LONDON SAYS ALLIES SLOWLY CLOSING IN ON DARDANELLES

SAYS AUSTRIANS IN FULL RETREAT

Russians Claim Grand Duke Joseph's Army is Being Pursued by Russians in East

LONDON, March 6.—The Petrograd correspondent of the Star telegraph: "Arch Duke Joseph's army is now in full flight through the woody country between Diester and the Pruth Rivers (Eastern Galicia), pursued by the Russian army which occupied Stanislaw Thursday."

PORTUGAL TORN BY REVOLUTION

Democrats Proclaim General Barreto President of Northern Portion of Country

LONDON, March 6.—General Antonio Xavier Correia Barreto has been proclaimed President of a Congress of Democrats who have been in session at Lamego, according to a dispatch from Madrid. This is the news that reached Madrid by way of Badajose.

FIND THIRTY MEN ALIVE IN MINE

Rescue Miners Who Have Been Entombed by Explosion Since Last Tuesday

HINTON, W. V., Mar. 6.—Thirty miners were found alive today in the Layland mine, where they had been cut off since last Tuesday, when a gas explosion wrecked one mine and seriously damaged two others.

G. Z. WELDON and J. J. Meany, local steamboat inspectors, returned last evening from Coquille and at noon left for Portland on the Breakwater. They state they found much better feeling among the steamboat men on the river than had existed before the arrival of Edwards and Fuller.

BALKAN NATIONS MAY JOIN IN EUROPEAN WAR SOON

Bombardment of Dardanelles Expected to Bring Decision From Countries Quickly

THREE ALREADY PREPARE FOR ENTERING STRUGGLE

Bulgaria Mobilizes Troops, Roumania Has War Loan and Greece Intrigues

PETROGRAD, March 4.—An official communication from the Russian army in the Caucasus says the Russians are continuing with success offensive operations in the vicinity of the Tchouk River, in Turkish Armenia, southwest of Baku.

Unfavorable Weather Delay Bombardment of Forts at Entrance to Waterway

LANDING PARTIES FIND LARGE FORCE OF TURK

Royal Marines Landed at Entrance—Fleet Begins Attack on Defenses of Narrows

MINES CLEARED

PARIS, Mar. 6.—The Dardanelles is now cleared of mines as far as Chanak Jalezi, about one-third of the distance through the straits, says a newspaper dispatch. Mine workers are working under protection of the Allied warships, which bombardment of the forts on the European side.

RUBLEE NAMED

WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 6.—President Wilson today gave a recess appointment to George Rublee, of New Hampshire, as a member of the new Federal trade commission. Rublee's nomination was not confirmed by the Senate.

BE WISE and ATTEND THE OWLS BALL, EAGLES BALL, SAT. EVE., MARCH 6.

MEXICAN SITUATION MOST CRITICAL TODAY IT HAS BEEN IN YEARS

Foreign Diplomats in Mexico City Announce That They Will Leave That City

UNITED STATES IS PUZZLED OVER IT

Conditions Worse Than at Any Time Since Huerta Precipitated U. S. Occupancy

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 6.—The Mexican situation is admitted in all quarters to be more critical than at any time since Huerta precipitated the landing of troops at Vera Cruz. Some definite developments are expected as a result of the European diplomats' determination to leave Mexico City.

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Mar. 6.—The foreign diplomatic corps in Mexico City has decided to leave in a body. Dispatches telling of the decision were received here today by European diplomats and forwarded to their home governments.

imposed by the Carranza commander, Obregon, it was pointed out, they would hardly go to Vera Cruz. Villa has invited the diplomatic corps to join him at his capital in Chihuahua. To do so might be construed as a recognition of his faction.

patches were that the bombardment of the Dardanelles might bring a decision in the attitude of the Balkan states.

Bulgaria is said to have mobilized secretly three divisions. In Roumania the Chamber of Deputies is considering the granting of a credit of \$40,000,000 to the government for military purposes.

Greece is awaiting eagerly the decision of the Crown Council concerning intervention in the war. The attack on the Dardanelles is proceeding steadily although it is a question of what has been accomplished. Paris newspapers declare a third of the straits has been cleared of mines.

The Russians are prosecuting a vigorous offensive movement. Bulgaria admits the capture by Russia of Myssyniec, near the Russian frontier, but in general it is asserted that the Russian attacks were repulsed.

Paris announces that the advance of the Allies in Champagne continues.