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ONE THOUSAND ARE HOMELESS
Fire Today Virtually Destroys the Business Section of Wirt, Oklahoma

HELP IS REQUESTED
Citizens of Town Call Upon Governor Williams to Give Them Aid

WANT THE STATE TROOPS
petition that militia be sent to the Stricken Place and Take Charge of the Situation Until Order Is Restored

WEEK DISCHARGED
MARSHFIELD MAN WINS IN HIS WHITE SLAVE CASE

Return Home Today
William Shook, who was before Federal Court on a charge of white slavery, returned home this morning on the steamer F. A. Kilburn, having been discharged.

WILL DROP PROSECUTION
Ben Fisher, special U. S. white slave officer, who returned, said that Assistant U. S. Attorney Johnson agreed to dismiss the case against Shook in the jury discharged this time.

ICE IN COLUMBIA
Last Vessel From Astoria to Portland Had to Cut Ice Two Inches Thick

PERSONAL MENTION
MRS. CARRIE MOTLEY and daughter of Sumner, left today for their old home in Missouri, where they will remain.

MRS. PAULINE BAHN left today to join her mother and brother in San Francisco, having recently resigned her position as instructor in the North Bend schools.

MRS. HUGH LONG left today for New Mexico where she will join Mr. Long, who recently went there to locate. She will visit relatives in California on route.

MRS. ALICE KRUSE, of Isthmus Inlet, left today for a short visit in San Francisco with friends. Her daughter, Miss Grace Kruse, has been spending the winter here.

Pine Street Case.—C. R. Peck and wife for Eugene, where they will appear for the property owners, who object to improving the street and the lines which would damage a number of buildings.

TURN DOWN SURVEY IS NOT GRANTED FOR PORT ORFORD HARBOR

House Committee of Congress Makes An Adverse Report As to Proposed Improvement
(Special to The Times)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—The survey for the proposed improvement of Port Orford harbor was turned down by the house committee in an adverse report similar to that on Willapa harbor, Washington.

BILL INTRODUCED COAST GUARD STATION AT PORT ORFORD ASKED FOR

Copies Sent to People at That Place—Site for Building to be Donated
(Special to The Times)
PORT ORFORD, Ore., Jan. 17.—There has been received here copies of the bill introduced by Representative Hawley in Congress providing for the establishment of a Coast Guard station at Port Orford. The bill states that the station shall be located at such place as is directed by the commandant of the Coast Guard may recommend and is to cost not to exceed \$12,000.

The people here have for a long time past been working to secure the station as it is greatly needed. The crew at Bandon has been called upon to give relief when wrecks occurred at any point on the Curry County coast and on account of the distance it has been very difficult, especially during stormy weather. The establishments of the station at Port Orford will be a great protection to all passing vessels.

SNOW SHUTS CAMPS LOGGING OPERATIONS AT POWERS STOPPED BY THE STORM

Danger of Big Freshet If There Should Come a Sudden Warm Spell
With about three feet of snow on the higher altitudes around Powers, all of the Smith-Powers logging camps in that vicinity were closed down Saturday. Camp One on South Coos River had been closed down for several days owing to the snow. F. W. Powers stated this morning that they expected to get a couple of the camps at Powers in operation today, but some of the camps on the higher altitudes will not be able to start until a thaw.

Worst Snow Yet
Fred Powers said this morning that it was the worst snow that they had encountered in their operations on Coos Bay. He said that at an altitude of 1,300 feet, there was easily three feet of snow on the level. Others from Powers said that within two or three miles of Powers, there was easily four feet of snow in the mountains.

At Camp One, Mr. Powers said that there had been between one and two feet of snow for more than a week. As the snow is one of the difficulties of logging that has seldom been encountered in this section, the camps were not prepared for it.

However the tie-up will probably not be for long and as the logging company has quite a supply of logs ahead of the mill, it probably will not affect the mill operations. The freshets a few months ago brought out many thousands of logs from the smaller streams which will now be available. Ralph Kruse who took a jaunt through the hills west of Marshfield yesterday said that there was about five inches of snow up where the McDonald & Condon camp is operating.

TRAVELERS NOT GIVEN ESCORT OFFICIALS TOLD AMERICANS THE TRIP COULD BE MADE BY THEM IN SAFETY

Some of Party Thought That Soldiers Should be Sent on the Train
WANTS NEUTRAL ZONE
Senator Gore Suggests One to be Established in Northern Mexico and That it be Policed by that Country and United States

SUGGESTED TROOPS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—Evidence collected at El Paso by the State Department agents, indicates that Carranza authorities at Chihuahua assured C. R. Watson, head of the party of Americans killed near Santa Ysabella, that no escort was necessary. In that opinion, however, many Americans agreed, although they had suggested to the authorities the advisability of sending troops with the party.

Wants Neutral Zone
The establishment of a neutral zone in Northern Mexico to be jointly policed by Mexico and the United States, unless the disorders are speedily controlled, was proposed in a resolution introduced today by Senator Gore, a Democrat.

Troops Are Sent
Concentration of Americans at Torreon, Monterey, and other points where Carranza troops can afford them greater protection was reported to the state department today by Consul General Hanna at Monterey.

Passports Given
The Carranza governor of Chihuahua gave Watson a personal passport and that the Carranza immigration authorities at Juarez gave a general passport for the whole Watson party.

Wants More Details
These developments were taken to point to the responsibility of the Carranza government for not adequately protecting the Americans. The state department officials, however, indicated that they did not consider the advice as being finally sufficient to determine the responsibility of the Carranza government and further investigation will be made.

Holmes Does Not Know
According to advices from El Paso given out by the state department, Holmes, the only survivor of the massacre had no knowledge as to whether Watson and his companions requested a military escort or guard for the trip from Chihuahua to Cuahuiraichic.

SCHOONER ASHORE THE PROSPER REPORTED TODAY TO BE IN TROUBLE

Was Bound from Port Allen, Kauai, For the Columbia River
(Special to The Times)
SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 17.—The four masted schooner Prosper was reported today ashore at Hanapepe, Kauai, T. I. The Prosper was bound from Port Allen, Kauai, for the Columbia river.

HEAVY STOCK LOSS

Southern Coos and Curry County Ranchers are Hard Hit by Recent Severe Weather
H. E. Bultmann, the well known hardware salesman, returned Saturday evening from a business trip to Port Orford. He reports that there was great suffering and some heavy losses among the live stock herds in that section as a result of the snow and cold.

HOLD CONVENTION CIVIC WORKERS GATHER AT WASHINGTON TODAY

The Question of National Preparedness Is The Feature of the Program Today
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—The national civic federation opened the sixteenth annual meeting here today with prominent civic welfare workers from throughout the country present. National preparedness was the feature of today's program. Seth Low, president of the federation, declared that if the United States is to prevent the hates of Europe finding lodgment on this continent after the war "It must be the strength of our own right arm."

CASE A FAMOUS ONE PRICE MUDDER TRIAL ATTRACTED MUCH ATTENTION

Found Guilty of Having Thrown His Wife Over a Cliff—Only Witness Confessed
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Jan. 17.—The trial of Frederick T. Price, who was found guilty Saturday on a charge of murdering his wife, Mary Fridley Price, began in district court here on January 4, and has attracted much attention. The prosecution charged that on the night of November 8, 1914, Price, accompanied by his wife and Charles D. Etchison, a traveling salesman, of Washington, D. C., drove to a point along the East River road where he brought his automobile to a halt, and seizing his wife, hurled her from a high cliff.

It was further charged that Price, who was a local business man, went to the foot of the cliff and finding his wife still alive, struck her upon the head with a rock. The state charged that the alleged act was committed for the purpose of inheriting a large sum of money given Mrs. Price by her father, David H. Fridley, a wealthy pioneer after whom the town of Fridley, Minn., is named.

Promised Big Pay
Etchison, chief witness for the prosecution, repeated on the witness stand the substance of a confession he made early in December after his arrest in connection with the woman's death. He testified that Price promised to cancel a note of \$1200 and in addition to pay him \$3500 if he would accompany Price to the cliff and then remain silent regarding the affair.

Sued the City
On March 22 last Price filed suit for \$7500 damages against the city, charging negligence in failing to provide a fence as a guard at the edge of the cliff, over which he said his wife fell to her death while pursuing a pet dog.

When the case came up for hearing on October 29, the question of the legality of Price's marriage was raised, counsel for the city contending that he had failed to divorce his first wife and therefore was not legally wedded to Mary Fridley.

Arrested for Bigamy
Three days later Price withdrew the damage suit. A warrant then was issued charging him with bigamy, and on November 12 he was taken into custody. He pleaded not guilty.

An indictment charging first degree murder was returned by the grand jury December 1 and Price again was arrested. On the same day a first degree murder indictment was returned against Etchison, who was almost immediately arrested in Washington, D. C., and returned to Minneapolis. It was while on his way to this city that Etchison made the statement to the assistant County Prosecutor charging Price with the crime.

Married Fourth Wife
After the death of Mary Fridley Price, his third wife, Price married Miss Carrie Olson, of Minneapolis. Because of the prominence of the Fridley family and the social connections of Mary Fridley Price, the case attracted wide attention.

MANY SHEEP LOST (Special to The Times)
ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 17.—Sheep men report that more than 1,500 head of sheep in Douglas county have perished because of the rain and snow. Owners are having to feed grain because of the ranges being covered with snow.

TURKS RETREAT BEFORE ALLIES BRITISH RELIEF FORCE AT TIGRIS RIVER FORCE BACK THE ENEMY FORCES

In the East Weather Conditions Hamper Movements of the Opposing Armies
ARTILLERY DUELS IN WEST
Little Else Is Doing on the Western Front—Sixteen Killed by Bombardment of the Towns of Lens, Berlin Reports

SNOW STOPS FIGHT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
LONDON, Jan. 17.—After delaying for a week the advance of the strong Russian forces in the Caucasus, the Turks have withdrawn their advanced posts several miles at some points, Constantinople reports today.

In Mesopotamia, the British reinforcements, advancing up the Tigris to the aid of troops surrounded by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara, have forced the Turks to fall back to within six miles of Kut-el-Amara, London announces.

Snow Stops Fighting
In the East, military activities are hampered by snowstorms along a great portion of the front. Activities in the West are confined to artillery dueling. At the town of Lens, Berlin reports 15 inhabitants killed or wounded by the artillery fire of the enemy.

British Have Victory
The announcement was made by the Secretary for India, who said the Turks had retreated as the result of another British victory. The Turks' position at Waddi, he said, were carried Saturday by the British.

GIVES A DECISION SUPREME COURT ACTS IN WASHINGTON CASE

Decides Compensation Law Abolishes All Damages Against Employers and Third Parties
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 17.—The Supreme Court today construed the Washington state workmen's compensation law as abolishing all damage actions in courts by workmen in hazardous employments as covered by law, whether against employers or against a third party.

Sued the Railroad
The decision was in the case in which the widow and children of Benjamin Meese sued the Northern Pacific Railway for the alleged negligent killing of Meese, an employe of a brewery at Seattle, alongside the railway tracks.

The District Court held that the compensation law abolished all actions for damages, but the circuit court of appeals held that it abolished litigation only of employes against employers. The Supreme Court upheld the District Court.

FOUR PLEAD GUILTY ACCUSED OF SENDING CONTRABAND RUBBER TO GERMANY

Edward Weber, Paul Schmidt, Max Jaeger and Richard Wohlberg Are All Fined
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Edward Weber, Paul Schmidt, Max Jaeger and Richard Wohlberg, accused in a federal indictment with conspiracy to ship contraband rubber to the German government in violation of the customs laws, pleaded guilty today and were fined.

INVESTIGATE CAUSE

Are Convinced that Accident Was Due Entirely to Natural Causes—More May Die
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
NEW YORK, Jan. 17.—Officials conducting two inquiries, civil and naval, as to the cause of the explosion Saturday on the submarine E-2 which caused the death of four men and the seriously injuring of ten, were convinced today that the accident was due entirely to natural causes. Three of the injured are still in a critical condition.

TURK BOOTY IS BIG MONTENEGRO IS TO QUIT FIGHT

TEN MILLION DOLLARS WORTH HAS BEEN TAKEN
Allied Vessels Make An Unsuccessful Attempt to Bombard Seddur Bahr on Friday
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 17.—An official statement says: "A hostile ship Friday unsuccessfully shelled Seddur Bahr. The value of the booty captured by the Turkish forces on the Gallipoli peninsula now amounts to at least £2,000,000, (\$10,000,000.)

SPANISH BOAT SUNK STEAMER BELGICA IS DESTROYED ACCORDING TO REPORT

Twenty-three Members of the Crew on Board Are Said to Have Been Saved
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.—The Spanish steamer Belgica, 2105 tons gross, has been sunk. Twenty-three members of the crew were saved.

VESSEL IS BURNING WIRELESS CALL FOR HELP RECEIVED AT VIGO, SPAIN.

Message States Belgian Steamer Lille Is Burning 195 Miles Off Shore
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

VIGO, Spain, Jan. 17.—A wireless call for help was received from the Belgian steamer Lille, which reports that she is on fire 195 miles off this port.

FINDS A NEW HOME SERBIAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS ARRIVE IN ITALY

Will Make Headquarters for the Time at Brindisi—Driven From Own Lands
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BRINDISI, Italy, Jan. 17.—Forty members of the Serbian government have arrived here from Scentari accompanied by diplomats of the allied powers accredited to King Peter. The Serbian government will make its headquarters here.

TURKS RETREATING STATED THAT THEY HAVE FALLEN BACK BEFORE ALLIES

Announcement to that Effect is Made in the House of Commons Today
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Jan. 17.—Announcement was made in the house of commons today that the Turkish forces in Mesopotamia had fallen back to within six miles of Kut-el-Amara.

WANT SATISFACTION GERMANY IS ANGRY AT GREAT BRITAIN'S ACTION

Says Crew of Patrol Boat Guilty of Shocking Misdeeds Which Are Condemned
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Jan. 17. (Wireless to Sayville)—Announcement was made in the Reichstag today by Dr. Zimmern, under secretary of foreign affairs, that the German government "Would most certainly find means of getting satisfaction for the shocking misdeed" attributed to the crew of the British patrol boat Baralong. He said all German parties condemned the action, not only of the Baralong's crew, but also the reply of Great Britain to the German note respecting the incident.

MONTENEGRO IS TO QUIT FIGHT

Has Asked Austria-Hungary That Negotiations for Peace Be Started
MEETS CONDITIONS
Entire Army Must Lay Down Arms and This Has Been Agreed To
FIRST REAL PEACE MOVE

Announcement Made in Parliament at Budapest Today and Also Given Out at the German Capital—Creates a Commotion
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Jan. 17.—(Wireless to Sayville)—An Overseas News Agency dispatch announced today that Count Tisza, the Hungarian premier, had announced in the Hungarian parliament that Montenegro had asked for peace. Montenegro was asked unconditionally to lay down her arms and she accepted, the premier declared.

Causes Commotion
"Montenegro asks for peace," stated Count Tisza in the Hungarian parliament. Proceedings under the first paragraph of the order of the day had just been completed when Tisza asked permission to interrupt a discussion to make this announcement.

He stated that the King and government of Montenegro had asked the inauguration of peace negotiations. The announcement caused a great commotion in parliament.

Wall Lay Down Arms
"Just at this moment," continued the premier "news has arrived that the unconditional laying down of arms has been accomplished. Since the preliminary condition has been fulfilled peace negotiations will be entered into immediately."

This announcement, if accurate, marks the first known definite step taken by any belligerents in the European war toward making peace.

ANNOUNCED IN BERLIN ACTION OF Montenegro Given Out at German Capital

(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)
BERLIN, Jan. 17. (Wireless to Sayville)—The King and government of Montenegro on Jan. 13 asked for a cessation of hostilities and the opening of peace negotiations. It was officially announced today by the Austro-Hungarian government.

The Austro-Hungarian government replied to Montenegro that peace negotiations were possible only if the Montenegrin army unconditionally laid down its arms.

The Montenegrin government headquarters statement adds that the country accepted the Austrian conditions.

DIVIDES THE BLAME ITALY NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR SERBIAN DISASTER

Official Says It Was Due to the Ineffective Program of the Allied Countries
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PADUA, Italy, Jan. 17.—Signor Barzilari, a cabinet minister without a portfolio, in an address here today, speaking apparently for the government, declared it useless to attribute to Italy the responsibility for the taking of Lovcen and the Montenegrin disaster. As in the case of the loss of Serbia, he said, blame was collective and was the result of the allies' ineffective program.

PROTEST ENTERED AUSTRIA SENDS NOTE TO THE UNITED STATES

Objects to Occupation of Corfu Island by the British and French Troops
(BY Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Jan. 17. (Wireless to Sayville)—The Austro-Hungarian government has entered protest with the American Ambassador Penfield against the occupation by the French and British of Corfu island, which is a flagrant violation of London treaties, says an Overseas News Agency dispatch. It points out that Great Britain and France have again manifested a disregard of the general principles of international law.

HEATING STOVES at reduced prices. Pioneer Hardware Co. COTTAGE GROVE—Felix Curran, a well known grape owner dropped dead at his home.