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FIND SHORTAGE IN STATE FUND

Twenty-Eight Thousand Dollars Missing from Minnesota Trust Money.

TREASURER QUILTS

Grand Jury Has Returned Five Indictments in Connection With Case.

ONE MAN IS ARRESTED

Robert M. Pickit of the Auditor's Office in Custody—Other Indictments Have Not Yet Been Made Out.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

ST. PAUL, Feb. 12.—State Treasurer Walter I. Smith today tendered his resignation to Governor Burquest. The resignation immediately was accepted by the governor, and Arthur A. Gooding was appointed in his place.

The resignation followed the disclosures that there had been irregularities amounting to \$28,000 in handling the permanent trust funds of the state.

The grand jury voted five indictments which resulted in the arrest of Robert M. Pickit in the auditor's office.

The remaining indictments are not yet made public. Smith is in a sanatorium.

GUESTS POISONED

ONE HUNDRED PERSONS ILL AFTER CHICAGO BANQUET

University Club Manager Says Employee Put Poison in the Soup and Disappeared

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—The belief that 100 guests made ill at a banquet at Arch Bishop Mundelein at the University Club were the victims of a deliberate attempt to poison them was announced today by the club manager.

He says a considerable amount of active poison was placed in the soup by an employee, believed to be a fanatic, who since has disappeared.

REBELS VICTORS

CITY OF YUEN CHOW IN HUNAN PROVINCE TAKEN.

Chinese Government Troops Are Said to Desert and Join the Revolutionists.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Revolutionary successes in the Hunan province with the capture of Yuen Chow are reported in a cablegram today from the Chinese Republic association at Shanghai. The cable said all territory around Yuen Chow this morn from the rebel headquarters was occupied with little difficulty through the defection of the government troops.

THEFT A BIG ONE

ABOUT \$600,000 IN REVENUE STAMPS STOLEN.

Confession Made to Robbery of Government Office at St. Paul in January.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—Confession to the robbery of the internal revenue office at St. Paul January 6, when revenue stamps aggregating more than \$600,000 in value were stolen, was obtained from one of three men arrested with their wives here last night, according to the secret service operatives.

It is believed that at least two of the men were implicated in the robbery of a bank at New Westminster, B. C., in 1911.

Dance North Inlet hall Saturday, Feb. 12. Take boat Cooston.

Libby Coal, \$5.00 ton. Phone 72.

Modern Piracy



Drawn by a Times Artist from a vivid description by Jack Kendall and W. F. Miller who were on the spot. Jack says South Slough Pirates have nothing on the Coquille brand and W. F. Miller says the old bunk about water transportation being cheaper than rail has been exploded.

PLAN TRANSFER OF SMITH LAND

HOLDINGS OF SMITH COMPANY TO BE CONSOLIDATED

Alsea Bay Tract and Humboldt Redwood Tract to go to Poole Syndicate—Enlarge Logging Facilities

(Special to The Times.)

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 12.—Plans for the transfer of the extensive timber holdings of the C. A. Smith company at Alsea Bay, Oregon, and the redwood holdings in Humboldt county, California, are underway and it is expected that the deal will be consummated March 1.

These holdings are being transferred to the Poole syndicate, which holds a \$5,000,000 mortgage on the Smith properties, under a valuation of \$3,500,000. Attached to the transfer is a stipulation in the nature of an option whereby the Smith companies can either buy the property back, if financial conditions will permit such a deal, or to sell the tracts to other concerns at a higher valuation by complying with the terms of the option.

The proposed transfer was evolved by the Creditors Committee as a quick means of adjusting the Smith company's affairs. The Poole Mortgage Syndicate will be given a new mortgage on the Coos Bay properties of the Smith company for the balance of \$1,500,000, due them, making the total indebtedness of the Smith company \$4,500,000. This reduction in the indebtedness will materially reduce the overhead expense and lessen the interest and tax expenditures.

To Increase Operations Plans are also being perfected for increasing the operations of the Smith properties on Coos Bay. The logging facilities are to be increased so that the output will permit the mills to operate full time. Considerable additional equipment and steel will be necessary to increase the logging output and it will take some time in which to do it. As soon as this is accomplished, the mills at Coos Bay will be operated on full time and possibly extra shifts if the lumber market continues to improve.

GETS GOOD PLACE

R. K. Booth Made Manager of Astoria Company

Robert K. Booth, formerly manager of the retail business of the C. A. Smith Company, and who went to Astoria to take a position with the Clatsop Mill Company, a firm with which R. A. Wernich is connected, has received quite a promotion. He has been made manager of the City Lumber and Box Factory of Astoria. Mr. Booth knows the lumber business thoroughly and the position which he has been given is one carrying with it much responsibility. Mr. Booth has many friends in this city.

Times Want Ads Get Results.

LOGS ARRIVE HERE

THREE TRAINS OF 120 CARS COME DOWN FROM POWERS.

More Cars Ready—"Shoo-fly" About Rock Slide—Trains Go Through To Powers Today.

One hundred and twenty carloads of logs, in three trains, arrived today at the C. A. Smith mill from Powers. It is said that there are some 75 more cars about ready to come down a little later and it is expected this emergency rush will forestall the closing of the mill for several days early next week as had been anticipated.

Three of the Smith Shay engines were necessary. Beyond the tunnel on the Smith-Powers line there has been a slide that necessitates "shoo-flying" about the low side of the slide.

At this point the track is not very stable and it would be impossible to use the heavier engines.

Trammen this morning expected that one of these little engines would have to be used to haul the passenger cars into Powers from this side of the rock slide.

News of the coming of the logs is welcome. It is close to ten days or so since the track has been in such condition that A. H. Powers could send his logging trains down. Immediately after the floods lessened he had men at work clearing the line, repairing slides and getting prepared again for traffic.

Superintendent Miller was active in the same manner on the Coos Bay, Roseburg & Eastern line and last night at 5 o'clock the passenger train arrived at Myrtle Point, returning to Marshfield at 7:40 p. m.

Back on Schedule. Today the local trains are making their schedules the same as before the floods. In many places the trainmen found the track weak, but they were able to get over it and section crews are at work along the road tamping the ballast back into place again.

The Coquille river has fallen considerably but the stream is still up to the top of its banks at the county seat.

GETS MARBLEHEAD

CRUISER ASSIGNED TO OREGON NAVAL MILITIA

Other Vessels Are Set Apart for Different States—California Gets the Oregon

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Large naval bases were assigned to the naval military organizations of several states today by Secretary Daniels. The battleship Kentucky, now in Mexican water, was assigned to New York, the battleship Kearsarge to Massachusetts, and the historic battleship Oregon to California.

The cruiser Marblehead, now being used by California, was given to Oregon. Smaller warships were assigned to other states.

ENGLISH SHIPS WILL BE ARMED

No Evidence That Allies Will Change Their Policy Regarding Merchantmen.

SUSPECT GERMANY

Great Britain Has No Faith In Declaration by Kaiser's Government.

SEES NO ALTERNATIVE

London Says Germany Wants to Keep Neutral Off Boats So Submarines Will Have Clear Field for Destruction.

SAYS WARNING WILL BE GIVEN AMERICANS

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—A Berlin newspaper publishes dispatches from the United States announcing it is understood the Washington administration will soon issue a warning to Americans not to travel on armed merchantmen.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—There is no evidence that the British government or her allies propose to change the status of their merchant ships or the policy of arming merchantmen on account of the Austro-German declaration.

The consensus of opinion as shown by newspapers is that Germany's declaration of policy means no alteration in her practice except that it may keep neutrals off the ships of belligerents and thus give a clearer field for submarines to sink merchantmen.

FLOOD ABOUT OVER

FEAR OF TROUBLE IN COLUMBIA BASIN PASSES

Water of Tributaries Recede and Cold and Clear Weather Helps Conditions

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—Receding waters in the tributaries and cold, clear weather today put an end to the fears of serious damage from the floods in the area drained by the Columbia.

The Willamette river here at noon stood at 19.9 feet, a tenth of a foot below yesterday. While the lower Columbia continues to rise, it is not feared the waters will back up in the Willamette.

The steamer Tahoma, imprisoned in the Columbia, was released today.

RUSSIAN FORCE ATTEMPTS ESCAPE ON OFFENSIVE

Dzar's Army Starting a Forward Movement Over Entire Galician Front.

GERMANS DEFEND

Movement Will Check Teutonic Troops Being Withdrawn to Go Elsewhere.

TRENCHES ENDANGERED

Mild Weather May Cause Positions On Marshy Lands to Become Inundated—Capital of Bukowina Is In Danger

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PETROGRAD, Feb. 12.—The Russian offensive which has been indicated in the reports of the last few days is maturing rapidly over the rivers—whole Galician front. Germans are on the defense on three important rivers—the Sereth, the Pruth and the Dniester.

Czernowitz, the capital of Bukowina, again is seriously threatened by the Russian advance. An important advance has been recorded at Zale Szczyk.

Checks Withdrawal While it is admitted that these operations have an immediate strategic value, it is believed in military circles here that new Russian offensive has prevented the Germans from withdrawing troops from this front, thereby lessening the chances of successful attacks elsewhere.

Trenches Threatened The initiative on the Dvinsk front remains in German hands, but mild weather is threatening to inundate the trenches built by the Germans on the marshy ground.

TO FILL VACANCY

PRESIDENT CONSIDERING MAN TO SUCCEED GARRISON

Expected that His Selection Will Be Made Public Within a Few Days

PRESIDENT IS AT OLD POINT COMFORT

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 12.—The naval yacht Mayflower with President and Mrs. Wilson aboard arrived off Old Point Comfort this afternoon.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—Aboard the naval yacht Mayflower on his way down the Potomac river and Chesapeake Bay for a week end trip, president Wilson today is considering the selection of a successor to former Secretary of War Garrison.

He is said to be giving foremost consideration to Secretary Lane and Secretary Houston and Counsel Polk of the State Department.

It is expected that the president's decision will be made known immediately following his return. The President left here last night accompanied by Mrs. Wilson. The return is set for tomorrow night or Monday morning.

VIEW IN BERLIN

Newspaper There Comments On Garrison Resignation

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—Although the American press dispatches give no details in regard to the circumstances of Secretary Garrison's resignation, the Lokal Anzeiger sees an indication that make congress to "the new form of militarism they are proclaiming which President Wilson expected to take the wind out of the sails of republican opponents and above all to sober the rattling of Roosevelt."

TUG IS PURCHASED

(Special to The Times.)

BANDON, Ore., Feb. 12.—The Port of Bandon has decided to buy the tug Kithyam. The price so far paid is \$26,000 and the boat will be turned over to the port April 1.

ATTEMPTS ESCAPE FRENCH TROOPS TAKE TRENCHES

War Vessels Fire on Steamer Which Stops and Returns—Captain Explains

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Feb. 12.—The German steamer Asuncion, interned at Para, requested permission to approach the wharf to take water aboard. Under cover of a fog she turned about and headed toward the sea. The Brazilian cruiser Republica and the auxiliary Teffe fired a blank shot and as the Asuncion did not stop they fired on her with projectiles. The steamer then stopped and returned to the harbor. The captain later stated that he had no intention of escaping.

PRINCE IS TO WED

SON OF THE KAISER WILL MARRY MARCH 11

His Bride Will Be Princess Marie Augustine According to Announcement Made

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—An Amsterdam dispatch says Emperor William has announced that Prince Joachim's marriage with Princess Augustine is to take place at Potsdam, March 12.

LINCOLN HONORED

SENATE ADJOURNS TO OBSERVE HIS BIRTHDAY

It Had Been Planned to Have Debate on the Nicaraguan Treaty

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 12.—The administration senators had planned a complete debate on the Nicaraguan treaty today but it was decided after a conference to adjourn the Senate in respect to the memory of Lincoln. The action was taken on a motion by Senator Kern.

FERDINAND VISITS

BULGARIAN RULER AT AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN HEADQUARTERS

Is Accompanied by Premier, Army Commander and Other Officials of the Country

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A Vienna dispatch says King Ferdinand of Bulgaria arrived yesterday at the Austro-Hungarian headquarters, accompanied by Bulgarian Premier Radoslavoff and General Jecoff, commander in chief of the Bulgarian forces, and the minister of war.

DYNAMITE BRIDGE

MAKE ROOM FOR ICE JAMS TO MOVE OUT

Families Are Driven from Their Homes by Flood at Odessa, Washington

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 12.—The last wooden bridge across Crab Creek at Odessa was dynamited today to release the ice jams. Only the steel bridge now remains. The flood caused by the jams drove 25 families at Odessa from their homes.

MANY DIE IN MINE

EXPLOSION IN PENNSYLVANIA FATAL TO WORKMEN

Twenty-five Bodies of Victims Have So Far Been Taken Out

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

INDIANA, Penn., Feb. 12.—Twenty-five bodies were recovered at noon from the mine of the Jefferson and Clearfield Coal and Coke Company at Ernest, where an explosion occurred yesterday. Searchers expressed the belief that no more bodies would be found. The men were buried under masses of earth and coal near the face of the entries.

FRENCH TROOPS TAKE TRENCHES

Make Gains Against Germans in Fight in Champagne District of France.

FIGHT VIOLENT ONE

Artillery Bombardment Kept Up Along the Entire Front By Both Sides.

PENETRATE GERMAN LINE

Paris Claims That Battle Resulted in the Taking of Positions Extending Over a Front of About 200 Yards.

PARIS SAYS FRENCH TAKE POSSESSION

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

PARIS, Feb. 12.—Further fighting in Champagne the French war office announced this afternoon, resulted in the French securing possession of certain trenches occupied by the Germans.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, Feb. 12.—After a violent artillery bombardment on the greater part of the Champagne front, the French infantry made an attack yesterday afternoon. German war office announced today the French penetrated German positions near Massiges over a front of about 200 yards.

CANADA ALARMED

FEARS GERMAN INVASION FROM AMERICAN SIDE.

Soldiers and Machine Guns Are Hurried to Strategic Points—No Apparent Foundation.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

NIAGARA FALLS, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Despite the strict censorship which has been imposed by the Canadian authorities on the publication of news of a military nature, information from reliable sources was received today of the precaution taken at Niagara Falls, Ont., yesterday to resist a threatened "invasion by German forces" from the American side.

Five hundred soldiers and three machine gun squads were rushed to strategic points. Apparently there is no foundation for the war scare.

MAKES CONFESSION

COLLEGE STUDENT TELLS OF YOUNG GIRL'S DEATH

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—William H. Orpet, a junior at the University of Wisconsin, confessed today to detectives at Madison, Wis., knowledge of the death by poison of Marion Frances Lambert, a Lake Forest High school girl, whose body was found in a wooded section of Lake Forest.

He said she took poison after he refused to renew his friendship with her. David James, a deaf mute, claims, however, he saw Orpet press something that looked like a bottle to her lips, and shortly afterward she fell dead.

Denies the Report

Williams H. Orpet, who was brought here from Madison by detectives, denied today that he had confessed seeing Marion Lambert take poison after their meeting in the woods.

"If I had only looked back, do you think I would have let her lie there?" he asked.

PORTION OF HIGHWAY IS WASHED AWAY

BELLINGHAM, Wash.

Feb. 12.—A considerable section of the Pacific Highway recently completed by the state south of here, was carried away today by an avalanche of earth and rock.