

STURDEE'S ACCOUNT OF FALKLAND BATTLE DESCRIBES SURPRISE

Germans Had Planned on Attacking Islands, Not Realizing Strength of Foe.

BOER REBEL IS EXECUTED

Central News Carries Account of German Zeppelin's Visit to Warsaw, Dropping Bombs, Killing 50.

(Called Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 21.—England was reading with the keenest interest today the British account of the battle of the Falkland islands, cabled from Montevideo, where the warship Invincible had arrived, with Admiral Sir Frederick Sturdee on board.

Except that the number of Germans saved was placed at 130 instead of 94, instead of previously given, the account did not materially differ, however, from the one sent out several days ago from Buenos Aires.

It was clear that Admiral Count von Spee attempted an attack on the Falkland islands and did not discover the British squadron's superior strength until it was too late for the escape of any of his ships except the cruiser Dresden, which, so far as Admiral Sturdee's report indicated, was still afloat.

To some extent Admiral Sturdee's story served to divert the country's attention from the recent German naval raids on the English east coast. There continued to be, however, a good deal of criticism of the London admiral's account of the unsatisfactory showing which it seems to be generally felt the navy has made since the war began, a sentiment which is kept constantly stirred up by the frequent losses of British ships by submarine mines.

Boer Rebel Is Executed. The last of these disasters reported here befell the Donaldson liner Tritonia, blown up off the north coast of Ireland Saturday. It was said the crew was saved.

News of the execution at Pretoria of Captain Fourie, one of the participants in the recent South African Boer rebellion, caused a great deal of comment, which was far from being entirely favorable to the Cape town administration's apparently severe policy, many people holding the opinion that leniency toward the beaten rebels would be likelier to cement the loyal Boers' friendship for the British than would the execution of the rebel leaders.

The statement from Stockholm that the kings of Sweden, Norway and Denmark reached an agreement Saturday for "limited cooperation" as a means of safeguarding the three countries' common interests in connection with the war situation was regarded as only a partial acknowledgement of a compact which was likely to bind the trio permanently together to a greater or lesser extent and it was felt such an alliance would be more fully revealed in the near future. British officialdom generally thought well of the supposed plan.

Not much excitement was caused by the announcement that a German aviator dropped two bombs at Calais Sunday, the visit not having been the first of the kind paid to the French port, and no damage having been done by the latest bombardment.

The Central News' story that several houses were demolished, 30 persons killed and 50 wounded at Warsaw by a German Zeppelin was more sensational but it lacked official confirmation.

News that the use of troops was necessary to suppress anti-Austrian demonstrations in various parts of Italy Saturday night and Sunday was what had been expected since it was known such outbreaks were planned for the anniversary of the execution of Oberdan, the conspirator who plotted Emperor Francis Joseph's assassination at Trieste in 1882. Rome dispatches were to the effect that the authorities' vigorous action put the

WOMAN PREDICTS WORLD FEDERATION



Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman.

New York, Dec. 12.—A world federation which shall preclude war was prophesied by Mrs. Charlotte Perkins Gilman in the first of a series of lectures she is delivering under the group title "War and the World Hope." Mrs. Gilman admitted that the first attempts at the federation would be feeble, but the world was beginning to realize the interdependence of nations and the need for closer cooperation, she said; and one of the things that was bringing it home to this country was the task of feeding the starving nations during the European war.

demonstrations down before they reached a serious stage. The combined Serbian and Montenegrin forces were reported continuing their advance today from Vushgrad upon Sarajevo, capital of the Austrian province of Bosnia. From Nish and Cetinje came word that it was expected invaders would invest the city within a few days.

Children's Dinner Buckets Fight Fire

Forest Grove, Or., Dec. 21.—To save their schoolhouse from destruction by fire the pupils of the Watt's district, two miles west of Forest Grove, dumped out their dinners and improvised a bucket brigade. They sprinted to Galea creek, some distance away, filled their pails, and with their professor, Ernest Webb, extinguished the flames, which had already wrought considerable damage. The school has a good water supply from a nearby reservoir, but the hydrant was frozen so as to prevent the flow of water. As a consequence of the fire the children are taking a vacation this week and the birds of the Watt's section are singing merry airs over their abundant rations.

New Officials at Walla Walla.

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 21.—Walla Walla has a new mayor and one new city commissioner today. M. Toner having replaced A. J. Gillis as mayor and H. H. Crampton having replaced George Struthers as commissioner of the result of the city election held December 7.

Shot Near the Knee.

Ridgefield, Wash., Dec. 21.—Claude Winston, who attends Meadow Glade academy at Battle Ground, Wash., and who is visiting with his brother-in-law, R. W. Nellis, of this place was accidentally shot just above the right knee with a .22 caliber box rifle yesterday while hunting with Nellis. The wound is not considered serious.

REVERSES PREVIOUS RULING CONCERNING PRINTING TAX LIST

District Attorney Accords Wider Powers in Selecting Newspapers for the Work.

OBJECTIONS SUBMITTED

Action Delayed for Further Conference in Interest of Taxpayers of County.

Reversing a previous opinion of his office that discretion rested with the county court as to whether it should publish the Multnomah county delinquent tax list in more than two newspapers having the largest general circulation, District Attorney Evans today informed the court that it had no discretion in the matter, but must publish the list in all four of Portland's dailies.

In a long letter forwarded to the board today Mr. Evans takes issue with the opinion of Robert Maguire, his former deputy, Maguire on July 20 told the board that the law obliged the commissioners to select at least two newspapers in which to publish the delinquent tax list and that it was at its discretion select others provided those selected each had 10,000 or more paid circulation within the county.

Original Law Cited.

Maguire based this opinion on the original law which says that the county court shall select the two newspapers having the largest bona fide circulation within the county and which says in this connection: "Provided, however, that in counties of 100,000 or more inhabitants the county court of said counties sitting for county purposes shall cause said delinquent tax list to be published in daily newspapers of 10,000 bona fide sworn to and ascertained circulation in said counties."

The fact that the amendment reads "daily papers" instead of "all daily papers," shows, said Maguire, that the power of selecting more than two newspapers rested entirely with the court. The district attorney in his opinion today puts another interpretation on the matter. In a letter he says in part: "I have given the matter further thought and attention and have examined the former acts relating to the publication of delinquent taxes and finally of the opinion that the enactment in question being chapter 201 of the session laws of 1913, intended to take away all discretionary right that had formerly rested in the board in the matter of selecting a newspaper for this purpose."

Action Is Deferred.

The amendment which was added to the old law by the 1913 acts makes it applicable to Multnomah county alone and I have no doubt was intended that the court should be relieved of the embarrassment of making a selection of rival newspapers, and further that it was intended to compel the court to give this service to all papers that are within the limit fixed by the law.

At its session this forenoon the county court took up consideration of the matter, but after hearing protests against any proposal to publish the list in more than two newspapers, voiced by A. L. Fish, business manager of The Journal, decided to confer further with the district attorney before taking any action toward the publication of the delinquent list.

Mr. Fish asserted that it was a waste of money to publish the list in all four newspapers, and said it was unjust to saddle the extra expense on delinquent taxpayers who are compelled to pay the cost of publication. The usual cost is about \$6000 when all four newspapers are used, and he said that he saw no reason why this could not be cut in half by selecting two.

Commissioner Lightner was also strongly set against the idea of using all newspapers. He went further and asserted that the best way would be to have no lists published at all.

Tons of Rabbits for Relief of the Needy

Pendleton, Or., Dec. 21.—Several tons of rabbits are being shipped to Portland today from Umatilla county points, as the result of shoots held yesterday out of Pendleton, Echo, Stanfield, Hermiston and Umatilla.

FIRE DESTROYS HOUSE

Defective wiring in the attic is believed responsible for a fire that caused the practical destruction of the bungalow of Anthony Couloudon, 655 Mason street, shortly before noon today. At the time of the fire the house was saved, but the house itself was damaged more than \$1000 worth. Because of the proximity of other dwellings, Assistant Fire Chief Laudenkio took personal charge of the fire and called out several companies to prevent spread of the flames. No one was injured.

Plan to Unite Agencies.

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 21.—Taking cooperation as its slogan, a committee of fruitgrowers and business men appointed at a conference of fruitgrowers held at Spokane recently is attempting not only to bring together the big fruit marketing agencies of the Pacific northwest, but also to establish a central market for the Washington, Oregon, Idaho and Montana to manufacture by-products of surplus fruits and vegetables.

Trial of Brokers Set.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—The government suit against J. C. Wilson and B. A. Wilde Brand, stockbrokers, charged with conspiracy to secure the absorption of the Crocker National bank in connection with the embezzlement of \$200,000 by Charles F. Baker, was set today for trial February 23, 1915, upon the request of United States District Attorney Preston. Baker is now serving a term in prison.

Editor Given Appointment.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 21.—Charles A. Whitmore, editor of the Visalia Delta, was appointed by Governor Johnson today as a member of the state board of education to succeed L. E. Chenoweth, who was elected superintendent of the Kern county schools.

Car Strikes Auto, One Man Injured

Two Farmers Have Narrow Escape When Broadway Car Crashes Into Machine at Noon Today.

J. Kaiser and M. A. Shuster, two farmers from Oregon City, probably escaped serious injuries today because of the fact that Broadway car No. 568 was making a stop at Broadway and Taylor streets. The car struck the machine in which they were riding a terrific blow, crushing in the side and carrying the automobile on the fender of the car a distance of 30 feet. Shuster was dazed and badly cut about the face and hands by flying glass, while Kaiser, who was driving was unhurt.

The automobile was running west on Taylor street. Shuster was sitting on the right hand side, leaning slightly forward. Kaiser blames the accident to the position of Shuster, as it shut off his view of Broadway and he did not see the streetcar till it was almost on him. The car was stopping at the corner to let passengers off, and was brought to a stop within less than a car's length.

Dr. Ben L. Norden was passing the corner at the time and took Shuster to his office in the Medical building, where his wounds were dressed.

HOMEOPATHS TO VISIT PORTLAND IN SPECIAL TRAIN NEXT YEAR

Delegates Coming Here to Remain Several Days After American Institute Meet.

Although Portland finally lost out in trying to secure the annual convention of the American Institute of Homeopathy next summer, Dr. Byron E. Miller, its president, returned from the east last night with the announcement that the delegates from all over the land would visit the Rose City in a special train after the gathering is over.

The train will be known as the "Institute special," and Dr. Miller said the passengers will linger about Portland several days on their way to the Panama-Pacific exposition.

The big feature of the entertainment the president is planning for the members is a trip over the new Columbia highway, which he believes one of the grandest scenic drives in the world.

The convention will be held at Chicago from June 28 to July 3. On July 4 the special will start west, and Dr. Miller could not say today how many would accompany the train, but judging from similar journeys in other years, he believes it will be well filled.

Portland might have had the convention had it not been for the activity of several eastern cities, and the selection of Chicago by the trustees was a sort of compromise.

Dr. Miller said everywhere in the east is found a spirit of new confidence and business men generally are believing their troubles are near an end. Everywhere he observed a constant bustle and attitude of hope, with act-

ual business revival observable in most cities. "I found nowhere, however, such a prosperous condition as prevails in Portland," said the doctor. "There is more building going on here now than in Chicago, Kansas City, Denver, Minneapolis, St. Paul, Rochester, Buffalo, or Cleveland. I doubt if Portland suf-

fered nearly as much from the business depression as did many of these places." Dr. Miller attended the reunion of the College of Homeopathy of Ohio State University and made two addresses. He also attended medical meetings at Toledo, Cleveland, Columbus, Chicago and Milwaukee.

Marion Objects to Bill. Salem, Or., Dec. 21.—County Judge Bushey of Marion county announces that the county will not pay a bill of \$1878 which was presented by the state accountancy board for auditing the books of Marion county officers, and asserts that the charge is excessive. The judge says \$500 would be enough. The bill is back at the accountancy department for verification. County Treasurer J. G. Moore is out with a denial that his books showed a shortage. He says there was cash in the till sufficient to cover the alleged shortage.

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