

AUSTRIANS ARE IN FLIGHT, SAYS CZARS REPORT

They Are Fleeing, Abandoning Supplies and Cannon in Southern Galicia, According to Petrograd.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Petrograd, Dec. 30.—Russian successes against Germans, Austrians and Turks were claimed here today.

So pronounced was the advance against the Germans and Austrians declared to be that their speedy expulsion from the czar's territory was predicted.

To the west of Warsaw, it was said, the only thing which was delaying the Russian progress was the condition of the roads. This was admitted by making the army's movements slow.

The fighting was described as consisting mainly of artillery encounters.

In southern Galicia the Austrians have reported not to have been beaten, but routed, and in precipitate flight. Such was their haste, it was declared, that they were abandoning equipment, supplies and cannon, which were falling into the Russian hands.

The latter were said to have surrounded many of the fugitives and their capture was expected.

Summing matters up, it was stated that the situation in both Poland and Galicia was much improved, from the Russian standpoint, and a general Russian advance was prophesied, before the Muscovite New Year, January 13.

In the Caucasus the czar's troops were said to have taken the Turkish trenches at Merdenek at the point of the bayonet. Cosacks were reported also in the vicinity of Khorassan. The Ottoman forces were conceded to be fighting hard and manning positions at close quarters were described.

The Turks were accused of behaving with bestial ferocity to non-combatant residents of the Russian territory they were occupying, massacring thousands of men and outraging and torturing women.

The French claimed to have advanced slightly in the Four-de-Paris region, between the Argonne and the Meuse, especially on the heights of the Meuse; fierce artillery duels were reported in progress, and in the Vosges a German attack on Tete de Paux was said to have been repulsed.

Austrians are not routed, war office at Vienna asserts.

Vienna, via Berlin and London, Dec. 30.—Russian stories of an Austrian rout in Galicia were denied by the war office.

The Austrian force had been compelled to withdraw, it was true, said the official statement, but the movement was purely strategic, and it was executed in perfect order and without losses of artillery or transport equipment. Losses in killed, wounded and captured, it was added, were not out of proportion to the number of men engaged.

The war office confessed that regret was felt at the necessity for abandoning operations for Przemyśl's relief.

So far as northern Galicia was concerned, it was asserted the Austrian front was intact, no general retreat having occurred anywhere, though there had been some withdrawal to straighten the lines. The Hapsburg forces were said to be still holding the Sromnik-Sortice, Jabliska line of trenches.

That the Russians had resumed operations against Cracow was denied.

The Montenegrins were reported to have renewed their activity and to have made repeated attacks on Trebinje, where, however, it was declared they were repulsed.

To fix value of estate.

The appraisal of the estate of E. Henry Wempe, the road enthusiast, who died in Los Angeles, December 17, has been set for 9:30 o'clock on the morning of January 8, according to notice sent to State Treasurer Kay.

The estate is valued, according to the petition for probate of Mr. Wempe's will, at \$500,000, but it is believed it will amount to at least double that sum. The appraisers are Jacob Beck, Max Hirsch and George R. Funk.

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DRIVER ASLEEP

Horses Run Away and One of Them Is Badly Cut on the Leg.

While Fred Bolinger, a farmer living west of the city, lay in the bottom of his wagon, asleep, his team ran away and one of the horses fell under an automobile and nearly died to death from a cut on one of its legs yesterday afternoon. The runaway occurred along Westover Terraces and the horses stopped in front of the residence of O. E. Stubbs, 1021 Westover road, when one of the animals slipped and slid under the automobile. Residents of the neighborhood say they found Bolinger asleep in the wagon bed. Motorcycle Patrolman Bates reported that Bolinger was intoxicated. The horses were taken to a barn at Fifteenth and Couch streets.

WORK ON INTERSTATE STRUCTURE MAY NOW BEGIN BEFORE MARCH

Chairman Holman Called Meeting of the Commission for This Afternoon.

Should nothing interfere with present plans the interstate bridge between Portland and Vancouver will probably be actually in course of construction before the end of February, according to E. E. Howard of the firm of Harrington, Howard, Perkins and engineers of the great bridge. But two questions remain to be settled before the completion of the bridge can be advertised for, the completion of right of way negotiations and the determination of tolls to be collected.

Rufus C. Holman, chairman of the commission, composed of the county commissioners of Multnomah county and Clark county, Washington, and Governor West, has called a meeting of the commission this afternoon at 4 o'clock to discuss the preliminary steps to be taken. Governor West, it is expected, will be present.

Will Discuss Tolls. At the meeting it will probably be determined whether tolls will be fixed at such a rate that the bridge bonds can be redeemed from the proceeds as well as interest and operating charges. The tolls will be fixed at such a rate that the bridge bonds can be redeemed from the proceeds as well as interest and operating charges. The tolls will be fixed at such a rate that the bridge bonds can be redeemed from the proceeds as well as interest and operating charges.

District Attorney Evans and J. Fred Larson reported this morning that all right of way except strips owned by the Union Meat company and by the P. R. & L. Co. are under option, and that it can be secured when wanted. Mr. Larson was asked to go on with negotiations with the two companies for the remainder.

District Attorney Evans advised the commissioners that he understood the legislature would be asked to amend the bridge law by making the present bridge law permanent. He said that the burden of the bridge instead of placing the burden on the state railroad commission, as the present law does. He said that he saw no difficulty in the way of the commission negotiating with any company for the lease of the bridge for street car service, provided the railroad commission and the Clark county commissioners agreed. Under such a provision, he said, the railroad commission could not object to taking over the lease should the law remain as at present, and the railroad commission would have control when the bridge is completed. The only restrictions placed on the commission, he said, were that perpetual or exclusive franchises could not be granted.

Mr. Howard reported that the plans and specifications were in the hands of the printers, and that he anticipates their arrival in a few days.

To Keep Money Here.

It cannot say what portion of the \$1,750,000 provided for the bridge will be used for labor and how much for materials. Mr. Howard said, "but I can say that every dollar that we can possibly turn to local manufacturers and to local labor will be their way, do not anticipate that much outside of the steel work will come from eastern points. I do not see why many artisans should be brought from outside points for I believe that practically every trade to be employed is well represented on the Pacific coast."

Examiner Fred Rasch, of the railroad commission, is preparing figures to show the traffic which crosses the Vancouver ferry that the commission may have data on which to base whatever tolls may be decided upon.

3 Boys Arrested on Robbery Charges

Detectives Hellyer and Tackabery this afternoon arrested three boys on charges of robbery and secured confessions from all of them. They are Steven S. Joubilsky, aged 16, 687 East Sixteenth street; Walter Chase, aged 18, living at East Twenty-fifth and Division; and Walter Goetten, aged 18, 766 East Eleventh street.

The story of the three boys reads like a dime novel. They confess to having broken open and robbed the safe of the Sterrett & Oberle Packing company, one mile north of Kenton, on Christmas eve, in which they secured \$95, and to a string of nine house robberies on the east side.

Aged Veteran of Civil War Is Dead

Edward W. Thompson, Civil war veteran, died last night at the home of his son, Henry G. Thompson, 1028 East Thirteenth street north. He was past 84 years old, having been born in Portland, Maine, in 1830. When he was 20 years old he joined the rush to California, where the gold fields had been discovered a short time before.

When the Civil war broke out he enlisted and when mustered out on March 25, 1865, was the first sergeant of Company K, 9th regiment of infantry of the California volunteers. He came to Portland to live about eight years ago.

He leaves four children: Mrs. D. P. Pullen, Mrs. Helen E. Cal., Mrs. Grace Hurst of Seattle, Edward W. Thompson Jr. of Portland, and H. G. Thompson.

Funeral services will be conducted at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon by the Gordon Granger post, G. A. R., of which he was a member, at Erickson's funeral parlors, Twelfth and Morrison streets.

TWO YOUTHS ADMIT THEIR INTENT TO ROB EAST SIDE HOUSES

Lads Are Armed When Taken Into Custody by the Police Last Night.

ONE FLASHLIGHT FOUND

Suspects May Have Been Connected With Other Jobs, the Police Believe.

Arrested last night at East Thirtieth and East Glisan streets, by Patrolman N. M. Jones, Ward Welter, aged 21, and Wilber Welter, aged 19, confessed that they were striving out to burglarize east side houses. Both lads were armed with revolvers, and one carried a flashlight in addition to other tools of the burglary craft. In the pockets of one of the boys was found a knife and a collection of old coins, and both have been positively identified as being the property of a burglar who was arrested at the residence of Mrs. Merrill, Sixth street north. Mr. Merrill is visiting at the residence of O. L. Senger at that address, and the house was burglarized Saturday, while occupants of the residence were down town. Both lads deny having committed this burglary, but City Detectives Hill and Hamersley, who have been investigating the case, assert that they are implicated in half a dozen of the east side robberies that have occurred recently.

Measurements of tracks across the garden at the Senger residence, which were made by the robbers of Saturday night, coincide exactly with the shoe measurements of the two men arrested last night, even showing a badly runner heel that is on one of Wilber Welter's shoes.

PURSE SNATCHER CAPTURED

Charles L. Stanley Taken in Custody on East Side.

Just after he had snatched a purse from the hands of Miss Anna Stone of 332 Tenth street, at East Ninth and Caruthers streets, Charles L. Stanley was taken into custody by Patrolman W. A. Barker. The latter heard Miss Stone scream. Running toward her, he saw Stanley, who was carrying a revolver, but he had made no attempt to hold up the woman. Stanley was carrying a small coin, a gold locket and some trinkets. The case will come up in the municipal court tomorrow.

Boys Confess to Theft

Carl Shoemaker, aged 14 years, of 145 East Sixty-eighth street, and Harry Adams, aged 14, of 115 East Sixty-sixth street, were arrested by City Detectives Hill and Hamersley yesterday and Shoemaker told the officers that he had burglarized the butcher shop of E. G. Hunk, 1576 East Glisan street, last week. He said he had cut the screen from a back door while young Adams kept watch, and had stolen some meat. The boys will be taken before the juvenile court.

Robbed Vacant Houses

While investigating a reported burglary at 220 Fargo street yesterday, City Detective Tichenor ran across H. Snell and H. Larson, who were acting suspiciously and arrested them on Fargo street near Gantenbein avenue. He found their pockets full of lead, and they admitted that they had been taking the lead plumbing fixtures from east side vacant houses. Tichenor reported that the men admitted they had taken the lead traps from 12 houses.

Admits Stealing Ring

Charged with the theft of a \$50 diamond ring from Mrs. A. Hall at 484 Burnside street, Marion Warren, a roomer at the house, was arrested by City Detective Boyle and John Tackabery yesterday and after several hours' questioning admitted the theft and produced the ring. Mrs. Hall had left the ring in a bath room.

Accused of Stealing Milk

Leon Pointet was arrested early this morning after he had taken a bottle of milk from a back porch at 981 Vernon avenue. Persistent thefts of milk from this place have been reported by the patrolman on the beat had been notified. Pointet lives at 1128 East Twenty-ninth street.

Burglars Secure Loot

Burglars at the residence of R. V. Emerick of 661 East Taylor street last night secured rings, a watch fob, other small jewelry articles and a quantity of clothing. Members of the family were away from the house at the time.

Lines Will Handle New Year's Crowds

Even if Mayor Albee is about to clamp the lid on New Year's eve revelry, the Portland Railway, Light & Power company has no intent to limitate him. Announcement was made today that the car service would be made to fit the late needs of the merry-makers, so all could get home in time to get up.

The regular Saturday night schedule will prevail tomorrow night, and will be maintained until 2 o'clock. This will be general, with the exception of the "stub" lines, Arlington Heights, Westover, King's Heights, Murray-mead, Eastmoreland and East Twenty-fourth.

Nothing was said in the announcement about having extra straps in the cars for the tottering rollickers, nor of measures to be laid on the pavement to allow hangers of unsteady gait to fall easily when the cars stop.

Oregon City revelers must break away in time to catch the cars leaving First and Alder at 1 and 1:30 a. m. Those for Gresham and way points must leave on the 1 o'clock car, and residents out Estacada way must be at the train on the stroke of midnight.

Some relief was attempted for the Estacadas, but the company's operating department found it necessary to start just as the year was coming in. It was said, however, that comparatively few of these residents took advantage of New Year's eve in Portland last year, anyway.

Elks' Dance Date Changed.

The next dance to be given at the Cottillon hall by the Elks' band will take place Friday evening, January 8, instead of Monday, January 4, as announced in the invitations.

WOOD CUTTER HURT

Helpless Man Borne Miles on a Stretcher by Ambulance Men.

Injured in the city woodcutting camp for the unemployed in the woods four miles back of Linnton yesterday, C. C. Herriek was carried four miles through rough country and over a bluff by G. A. Russell and Robert Reed, driver and helper respectively for the Ambulance Service company. Herriek was injured when he fell on the sharp blade of an axe, which cut a gash six inches long in one knee. Two hours was required to get the message to Portland. A messenger met the ambulance at Linnton and the ambulance attendants, after a two hours' trip, reached the camp. Wading in mud to their knees, scrambling through the brush, climbing the mountain and coming down on the other side required many hours as Herriek had to be borne on a stretcher. All the time he was suffering intense pain. He was brought to St. Vincent's hospital at 6 o'clock last night.

HUNDREDS JOIN IN PAYING TRIBUTE TO TEACHER'S MEMORY

Funeral Services of Miss A. L. Dimick Are Impressive; Floral Gifts Beautiful.

Tender tributes were paid to the memory of the late Miss A. L. Dimick, well known Portland school teacher, whose funeral at the First Unitarian church at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon was attended by a representative gathering of educators, business men, members of the legal fraternity and scores of personal friends, including many students from the various schools.

The Rev. W. G. Elliot Jr., delivered a short sermon in which he paid high tribute to the character and life work of the departed. Judge Henry McGinn responded in behalf of St. Dimick was Academy alumnus. Miss Dimick was a graduate of St. Mary's.

Curtis, president of the Portland Principals' association, delivered an impressive eulogy.

The singing was rendered by John Claire Monteith.

Floral decorations were elaborate. One of the most impressive of these was a huge piece which completely covered the top of the casket. It was the gift of the Portland Principals' association, the Portland Educational association, the woman's club, the teachers' association, a beautiful spray of roses, each rose representing one year in the educational career of Miss Dimick, was given by the teachers of the Brooklyn school, of which school Miss Dimick was principal. Another attractive piece was a large wheel beautifully wrought, the gift of the Brooklyn school alumnus.

Following were the active pallbearers:

J. A. Strowbridge Jr., Fred Bickel, Hopkin Jenkins, Abe Meier, Dr. John H. Tuttle and W. Irving Center. Honorary pallbearers were: L. R. Alderman, superintendent of schools; D. A. Grout, W. F. Woodward, George T. Willett, W. P. Olds, D. W. Tilford, Judge C. U. Gantenbein and T. T. Davis. The funeral was in charge of J. P. Finley & Son.

At a meeting of the Portland Principals' association yesterday the following committee on resolutions of condolence was named: Principal F. S. Ball of Franklin high school; Mrs. L. D. Thomas of Alinsworth school; and S. U. Downs, principal of Elliot school.

Following the church services the body was removed to the crematorium, where services were held in private.

ERNEST DUKEHART DIES

Ernest Dukehart, 36 years old, died suddenly yesterday at the Virginia Hill apartments, after an illness of little more than a day. He suffered an attack of tonsillitis, which infected his system and with the development of pneumonia his heart action stopped. Dukehart had been associated with various logging companies and was making his home with his sister, Mrs. Sarah Dukehart, at the Virginia Hill.

The funeral was held at noon today, Rev. Oswald Taylor officiating, with burial in Riverview cemetery. Mr. Dukehart was a brother of Graham Dukehart, assistant cashier of the Lumbermens National bank. His sister is employed at the First National bank.

Journal Want Ads bring results.

CITY'S AUTHORITY IS WIDENED BY RULING OF COURT, SAYS DALY

Chance for Regulating Rates of Public Utilities Seen by City Commissioner.

KALISH CASE IS RECALLED

Matter Is Now Being Considered With City Attorney La Roche; to Decide Issue in Near Future.

That the recent decision of the supreme court in the Peter Kalish case holding that the city had the power of regulating the speed of automobiles within its limits opens the way for the city to regulate public utility companies and their rates, is the belief of Will H. Daly, commissioner of public utilities. He is now studying the decision with City Attorney La Roche. Mr. La Roche, however, has studied the opinion written by Judge McNary and he believes that further investigation may prove that the city has the power of regulation of utilities within its limits. He would give no definite information this morning, however, as he had not gone into the matter thoroughly.

In the case of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, wherein the city attempted to reduce the street car fares, the federal court held that the city was without jurisdiction, the power being vested in the railroad commission under the utility act as voted on by the people.

"Whether or not the federal court would change its decision," said Mr. La Roche, "in view of the facts contained in the opinion of the supreme court I am not in a position to say. The opinion has a number of interesting angles and further developments might prove that the city has the power of regulation under its charter in cases wherein the power is now supposed to rest with the railroad commission."

REMONSTRANCES OVERRULED

Council Will Make Another Attempt to Widen and Pave Broadway.

Another attempt is to be made to widen Broadway at Wheeler and hard surface the street from the Broadway bridge to Union avenue. The city council this morning overruled two remonstrances filed against the proposed assessment for the cost of widening the street and Commissioner Dick was asked to prepare a resolution providing for the improvement.

B. T. Soden and Emily E. Loveridge, owners of property which would be assessed for the cost of removing a log in the street at Wheeler, has protested against the improvement on the ground that they had already paid several assessments for improvements. On Commissioner Dick's recommendation the council overruled these objections and gave an ordinance providing for the widening first and second readings. Last August the council passed an ordinance providing for the widening, but it was remonstrated out.

Following the action Commissioner Bigelow asked that Commissioner Dick introduce an ordinance providing for the improvement of the street with hard surface pavement and the council unanimously agreed that this should be done.

This means that another attempt will be made to force through the improvement, which is believed by many to be a public necessity. It has been strenuously opposed by property owners within that district.

PLAN FINAL REHEARSAL

The Portland Symphony orchestra will hold its final rehearsal tomorrow for the third concert of the season to be given next Sunday afternoon. The rehearsal will be at the Heilig and special invitations have been sent to the clergy of Portland. The school children invited to the rehearsal are those of the grammar schools who will graduate in February and all members of the school orchestra. The rehearsal will begin at 10 o'clock. Moses Christensen conducts and David H. Nason will be the concertmaster. Raff's symphony "Lenore" will be the principal offering.

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PROTEST NO AVAIL

City Powerless to Stop Whistling in of the Happy New Year.

As the city is unable to prevent the blowing of whistles to mark the coming of the New Year, the protest of H. F. Johnson of 586 Maple street to Mayor Albee has been without avail. Johnson wanted the mayor to prevent the noise made by those celebrating the coming of the New Year by the blowing of whistles. The mayor informed Johnson today that the city could do nothing.

Plan to Abolish City School Census

Multnomah Legislative Delegation Agrees on Change of Apportionment of School Funds.

An important feature of the report of the committee on education of the Multnomah legislative delegation which will be submitted to the delegation next Monday night is in favor of doing away with the school census and providing for the apportionment of public school money on a basis of the number of teachers employed and average daily attendance of pupils.

The committee, which is comprised of Senators Gus C. Moser, T. L. Perkins, I. N. Day and Robert S. Farrell, held another meeting last night and engaged in general discussion of school matters. Another meeting will be held before Monday night to make the final draft of the committee's report.

Members of the committee, however, are now agreed in favor of the change in the apportionment of school funds. Under the present law a school census is taken under the direction of the school clerk each year. Clerk Thomas of the Portland school district informed the committee that it costs \$2500 a year to take the school census in this district. The school funds delivered from the state and from the county's general school tax levy are apportioned among the districts of the state according to the number of children of school age residing in each district.

Under the proposed plan one third of the state and county school funds will be apportioned among the various school districts on the basis of the number of teachers employed in the district, and the remaining two thirds will be apportioned on the basis of the number of days of school attendance. It is pointed out that this will result in a distribution of school funds according to actual school conditions, thus giving greater assistance to the small districts, and at the same time eliminate the expense of the school census.

East Side Churches May Consolidate

Committees from the Third Presbyterian church and the Hawthorne Park Presbyterian church are investigating the feasibility of a consolidation of the two churches, following a meeting of the Third church's congregation last night. The sentiment of the meeting was crystallized in a resolution, adopted by a vote of 56 to 4, recommending that the merger be brought about if conditions can be arranged.

The proposition has been under agitation for some time. Elder Charles Cleland presided at the meeting and Rev. Henry Marcotte, chairman of the church extension committee, urged that whatever is done should be preceded by close investigation. He was favorable to consolidation, however, feeling that the needs of the east side could be served better by one large church than by several small ones.

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