

COLUMBIA GORGE PARK FREE FOR USE OF PEOPLE

Order of Secretary Houston Setting Aside About 14,000 Acres on Columbia Highway Is Announced.

Improvement of fine scenic spot planned. Roads will be built, natural beauty places will be preserved.

Oregon has received a most welcome Christmas gift from Uncle Sam. It is a great park lying for 23 miles along the Columbia river highway with Eagle creek as its central point. Secretary of Agriculture David F. Houston on Christmas Eve signed an order which sets aside for the free use of the people 13,873 acres of land a mile and a half wide, which shall be known as the Columbia Gorge park division of the Oregon National forest.

The order of the secretary provides no national park in the ordinary acceptance of the term "national park," but leaves the great tract still in the national forest. This means that it will be developed as a national park, but the great tract still in the national forest. This means that it will be developed as a national park, but the great tract still in the national forest.

Local Campaign Wins.

Announcement of the gift was made today at the weekly meeting of the executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce. It represents a campaign that has been going on since last April when a group of Portland citizens, strolling along the highway, speculated on the extent of the adjoining lands so rich in scenery and grimly foretold that "some rich scoundrel will some day fence all this grandeur from the people."

Development of the park will begin as early as possible next spring. It is anticipated that the interest of the department officials is so strong that Columbia Gorge park will be made a "model park" and all the conveniences possible will be provided here as a "show place" of the forest service.

Secretary Houston's order follows: Pursuant to an act of congress directing the secretary of agriculture to set aside certain lands for national forest purposes, but should also be permanently retained in government ownership for the benefit of the Columbia highway, an admirable public enterprise and utility, and can be so administered as to be a source of additional expense to the government.

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Simon Resigns From Cabinet, Opposes Force

British Secretary of State for Home Affairs Quits Because of Decision to Enforce Conscription.

London, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Premier Asquith today confirmed reports that Sir John Simon had resigned from the English cabinet. His announcement was made in the house of commons following a two and a half hour session of the cabinet, from which Simon was absent.

Simon was a Liberal, who served as attorney general in the previous cabinet, and was given the home affairs post in the coalition cabinet.

AMERICAN DESCRIBES SCENES OF TERROR AS THE PERSIA WAS SUNK

Charles H. Grant of Boston, Landed at Alexandria, Tells of Sudden Explosion.

London, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Scenes of horror preceded the plunge of the P. M. S. Persia, a liner of the Cunard line, in the Mediterranean.

She turned turtle while lifeboats were getting away from her side. The waves washed more than a score of passengers from the deck. Then the ship disappeared abruptly, sending striking women and children slipping into the water.

Hotel Fire Is Fatal To One; Five Injured

Victims Jumped From Windows; Lives of 60 Guests Were Endangered; Hotel in Heart of Business Section.

Liquor Shipments Consigned to Two "Preachers" Seized

Two liquor shipments, consigned to "preachers" in Oregon, were seized this morning by Deputy Sheriff Ward on the arrival of the steamer Johan from San Francisco. One was consigned to a "Rev. Book" of Minnville, and the other to "Rev. Stock" of Juntura, Malheur county. The sheriff's office and special agents of the district attorney's office believe the names of the consignees are fictitious.

WILSON TERMS PERSIA AFFAIR GRAVE MATTER

Gives Out Announcement He Will Act as Soon as All Possible Facts in Connection Are Ascertained.

LEADERS OF HOUSE AND SENATE ARE CONSULTED

Evidence at Hand Thus Far Is Held Not Conclusive of Torpedoing.

War Rate Takes Jump.

Underwriters who hitherto have quoted 25 per cent as against war risks in the United States and Austria today advanced their figures to 40 per cent. The prediction was made that any increase of business would result in a further increase of the rate.

Witnesses Testify COMPANY EMPLOYEES INDUCED ENTRIES

Evidence Is "Somebody" Paid Costs and All But One Got \$100 for Rights.

Testimony that employees of the Oregon Lumber company and the Sumpter mill were induced to make entries under the government land under the timber and stone act, was given in federal court today in the case brought by the government against the lumber company, asking cancellation of title to 43 timber holdings in Baker county and for an accounting for the value of the finished lumber taken from it.

Will Await Details.

After these conferences, it was officially stated that no action will be taken until the details of the Persia case are at hand. However, the intensity and delicacy of the situation permeated the White House, the state department, congress and diplomatic circles.

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Temperature Drops Suddenly and Ice Coats the Streets

After rising rapidly yesterday afternoon the temperature fell as suddenly again last night and froze the slush and snow, and this morning the streets were slick with ice.

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Kaiser Losing His Voice, Says Paris Report

German Emperor Menaced With Dumbness by Cancerous Growth in Throat, Says Paris Matin.

Blood Poisoning Kaiser's Trouble.

Rome, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—The Kaiser's illness is now admitted to be due to blood poisoning. The specific cause is being withheld. He has been operated on twice and his condition has not improved. Complications are feared. Long care and absolute rest are being insisted upon.

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BULLETINS

States to Fight Coyotes.

Sanramento, Cal., Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—California state health officials were notified today of a meeting to be held in Salt Lake City January 12 to 15, at which a comprehensive campaign against rabid coyotes that are causing great damage in western states will be mapped out. The states to be represented are California, Washington, Oregon, Arizona, Utah, Wyoming, Idaho and Nevada.

Ostriches Wet; Cruelty Charged.

Pasadena, Cal., Jan. 4.—(U. P. N. S.)—A. C. Hanson and Max Moore of an ostrich farm here entered two of their fine birds in the tournament of roses parade New Year's day and allowed them to get all wet. The men are under charge today of cruelty to animals. Answering to a complaint Humane Officer Kelly said one of the ostriches collapsed and had to be carried away in a wheel barrow. The entry won a prize.

Many British in Persia.

London, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—News agencies in Amsterdam quote the Constantinople correspondent of the Hamburg Fremdenblatt as saying that the concentration of Russo-British forces in Persia is very considerable. The situation has become extremely serious for the Turks, the correspondent says.

Ford Back in Detroit.

Detroit, Mich., Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—Henry Ford, peace expedition promoter, arrived home today with his wife, son, Dean Marquis, and several secretaries. That party had been in the city against the administration preparedness program is regarded as certain. Plans for an official reception to Ford have been abandoned.

Jewish Congress Called.

Chicago, Jan. 4.—(U. P.)—A call for an American Congress of Jews here January 23 was issued today by the Zionist convention. The session proposed to arrange for Jews to return to Palestine.

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Old Jack Frost Sends Another Mantle of Snow

Hopes of More Coasting and Sleigh Rides Revived This Morning.

Portland is revelling in the unusual snow sports. Last night it seemed almost gone and many childish hopes of a sleigh ride or a good coat were blighted, but Jack Frost came to their rescue when the snow was all but slush and again today the city is sparkling with ice.

Farmer May Be Able to Obtain Money at Six Per Cent Rate.

Washington, Jan. 4.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.) It is said that more than 90 bills on the subject of rural credits have been introduced in congress at various times. The measure that is at last expected to score has been fused out of many elements by the special joint committee appointed at the last session to frame a workable bill.

STATE GUARANTEE OF IRRIGATION, DRAINAGE BONDS IS CONSIDERED

Association Meeting Opens at Corvallis in Connection With Farmers' Sessions.

Money at Six Per Cent.

"At present the farmer usually has to pay 9 or 10 per cent on a loan," said Mr. Hawley. "But suppose he were able to borrow at 6 per cent?"

Huerta Is Dying; Priest at Bedside

Former President of Mexico Is Sinking Gradually and His Death at El Paso Expected Soon.

Huerta Is Released.

Washington, Jan. 4.—(I. N. S.)—General Victoriano Huerta, former Mexican dictator, who is now in the custody of the United States government on his own recognition, according to a message received at the department of justice here today, was released from his confinement.

Indicted for Selling Liquor.

Gus Anderson, a former bartender, was indicted by the grand jury on the charge of violating the prohibition law. Anderson was arrested yesterday at a rooming house, accused of having sold liquor to a man who gave his name as Lee. Several bottles of liquor found in his room were confiscated. This is the first indictment returned since Oregon went dry.

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