

The Strangest War Tragedy Over in France there is what was once a trench and out of it in regular order protrude rifles with fixed bayonets. The strangest tragedy in the history of wars will be described in the next Sunday Journal Magazine.

It's All Here and It's All True THE WEATHER—Tonight and Thursday, probably rain; southwesterly winds. Minimum temperatures: Portland, New Orleans, 48; Helena, 24; New York, 42; Los Angeles, 46; St. Paul, 22.

CLARA HAMON IS CHARGED WITH MURDER

Accused of Shooting Multi-Millionaire Oil King of Oklahoma in Formal Warrant Issued for Her Arrest at Ardmore, Okla.

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.) Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon was formally charged with the murder of her "sweetheart," Jake L. Hamon, Oklahoma "empire builder," at 10 o'clock today. County Attorney Russell P. Brown swore out the information on which a warrant, charging first degree murder, was issued by a local justice of the peace.

The nation-wide search for the woman charged with shooting Hamon, Brown said, would be ended within 24 hours, either by her arrest or her voluntary surrender.

SURE OF ARREST

"I feel sure she will be in custody within the next 24 hours," he said. "I will know definitely later in the day." The prosecutor said he felt "more optimistic" over successful results of the hunt for Clara Smith Hamon today than at any time since she stole away from Ardmore the day following the shooting. County authorities today directed their attention to El Paso, where Sheriff Orndorff reported he had definite information that Clara Smith Hamon had fled into hiding in Mexico. Prosecutor Brown declared, however, he was "not overlooking" tangible clues obtained at San Antonio.

"The woman has not gone into Mexico, in our belief," said Brown. "I feel she will be found on this side of the border. However, we have no indisputable evidence as to her whereabouts and she may appear at any of the border points."

SYMPATHY FOR WOMAN

The county attorney said no action would be taken on the El Paso report until after further investigation into the claims made by Sheriff Orndorff. A definite wave of sympathy for the missing woman has gripped citizens of

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LIE FAILS TO SAVE DRIVER OF DEATH CAR

After Crashing Miss Maud Ferguson, Jefferson High School Teacher, Motorist Lays Blame on Another Car, Say Police.

Miss Maud L. Ferguson, teacher of English in the Jefferson high school, is dead as the result of being struck by an automobile Tuesday evening at East Forty-first and Gill-streets.

Alfred Axelsen, aged 25, living at 2054 Wasco street, is free on \$500 bonds, charged with failing to report an accident and released on \$100 bail. Traffic investigator Freiburg later filed a charge of reckless driving against Axelsen and he was released from this on his own recognizance.

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The following in Washington were reappointed: Arthur H. Graves, Asotin; Clarence A. Moran, Hoquiam; Averill Beavers, Kennewick; David B. Heath, Raymond; Antoine Faucher, Ritzville; George B. Ragdale, Scodro-Woodley; Uriah K. Lail, Sunnyside; Charles E. Alexander, Ridgefield, to succeed J. T. Harris, resigned; Thomas A. Graham, Goldendale, vice T. Bratton, resigned.

JONES NOMINATED FOR POSTMASTER

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COX WOULD NAME WILLIS IN SENATE

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, defeated Democratic candidate for the presidency, today wired President-elect Harding offering to appoint Senator-elect Frank B. Willis of Ohio to fill the unexpired portion of Harding's term as senator, should Harding care to resign immediately.

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King Constantine Is Urged to Retire

London, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—The Greek embassy was today without official confirmation of the press report from Athens that the Greek government has cabled to Constantine urging him to abdicate in favor of the former Greek crown prince, British government officials were skeptical of the accuracy of the report.

Japan Shifts Consul At San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—According to the editor of the Japanese American, Tokyo has decided to replace T. Ohta, consul general here, with S. Yada, now Japanese consul in London. The change is to be effected next month, it was said. Ohta has been in controversy with one faction of the local Japanese colony for some time.

Coast Women Must Paint to Enhance Beauty, Says Expert

Chicago, Dec. 8.—(U. P.)—Women in the East and West take the cake for pep and style, but the Middle Western women have the most natural beauty, according to Miss Emily Lloyd, beauty expert, here today.

Miss Lloyd, cosmetic expert for the Macellio company which operates scores of beauty shops throughout the country, said women living on the east and west coast have dried up skins which necessitate use of a great deal of paint and powder. In New York, she said, the air is moist and aids the natural complexion and women don't have to "paint."

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MOB DANGER IS BELIEVED PASSED

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Contract for Sale of Government Property in Pacific Coast Yards to Portland Concern Cancelled; To Readvertise for Bids.

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PERMIT TO BUILD SANITARIUM GIVEN

After three months of negotiation, protest and hearings, the city council this morning voted unanimously to issue a permit to authorize reconstruction of the Portland Sanitarium in the Mount Tabor district. The action was taken on motion of City Commissioner Barbur in the face of protests of nearly 100 residents of the district.

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36 Soft Drink Shops May Lose Licenses; Dry Law Is Violated

Thirty-six soft drink stands, pool and card hall operators and hotel men are slated for the revocation of licenses for violations of the prohibition, gambling and other laws, following the reports of the police department on the conduct of these places, Acting Mayor Bigelow announced today.

Mansion Robbed of \$50,000 in Rugs

Los Angeles, Dec. 8.—(I. N. S.)—Thirty-two Oriental rugs, valued at more than \$50,000, were stolen from the mansion of James Houston, here, according to a report made to the police today. Entrance to the mansion was obtained while the occupants were absent. The police believe the thieves were members of a gang who were here especially to commit the robbery.

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STEAMER ABLAZE, DUSHING TO PORT

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INCOME TAX OF 1918 URGED BY HOUSTON

Secretary of Treasury, in Annual Report to Congress, Recommends Heavier Revenue From Luxuries; More Money Needed.

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