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J. L. ETHERIDGE IS ARRESTED

FIUME IS SCENE OF BLOODSHED

Dr. Annunzio's Forces Fire on Regulars Resulting in Brisk Fight and the Casualties Include Officers

POET IS REPORTED KILLED OR WOUNDED

Naval Force Co-operates With Regulars and Directs Fire on Palace

ROME, Dec. 27.—Official communications show that Christmas day regular Italian troops in the vicinity of Fiume had orders to remain in positions they had reached in the hope that this evidence of the government's determination to retrieve the situation would create a revulsion of feeling against D'Annunzio on the part of the legionaries.

The legionaries, however, on their own initiative, fired on the regulars and the advance was resumed on the morning of December 26.

A communication from Zara dated December 26, says the Fiuman legionaries and the Dalmatian volunteers at Zara surrendered to the regulars.

The regulars, under General Cavaglia are bombarding Fiume in combination with the navy, a systematic siege being under way. The guns are being directed against the barracks, the palace and similar buildings, the intention being to damage the city as little as possible.

The casualties sustained by the regulars in the fighting with D'Annunzio's legionaries up to the present are reported to be 39 killed and about 100 wounded. The wounded include several carabinieri officers. The rebel forces have blown up four bridges over the Recina.

VENICE, Dec. 27.—Reports of the death of Gabriele D'Annunzio spread quickly throughout Venice today. The Italian colors on the flag staff in St. Martin square were immediately hauled down and soon afterward flags on houses were lowered.

According to some reports received here D'Annunzio was only wounded. One report says that, notwithstanding the absence of D'Annunzio, fighting continues, the legionaries trying to prevent the passage of the regular troops, which are composed chiefly of carabinieri.

It is asserted that the battleship Andrea Doria participated in the operations against Fiume by firing grenades which killed several persons. One of the grenades struck the torpedo boat destroyer Espero, setting fire to the vessel.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Gabriele Annunzio is said to have been slightly wounded, according to the Milan correspondent of the London Times. The report that D'Annunzio has been killed, the correspondent adds, is officially denied.

Pierce Fighting is proceeding in the environs of Fiume, says the London Times dispatch from Milan, and the losses to the regulars are very heavy, among the casualties being two colonels mortally wounded.

COLLEGE BOYS READ MORE THAN GIRLS

THE WAR MADE BOOKWORMS OF THE DOUGHBOYS Not Strong on Fiction But Demand Texts on Plumbing, Engineering and Agriculture

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—American college girls have no time for reading, not even of the daily newspapers, but American boys frequently call on the libraries for technical books, according to speakers at the opening session of the American Library association today.

"The war made book worms of the American Expeditionary Force," said Henry O. Severance, librarian of the University of Missouri. "The kids, as they say, are off of Henry and Alger, but demand texts on plumbing, agriculture, engineering and chemistry."

"The public seems greatly interested in the 'Sir Oliver Lodge ideas on spiritualism,'" said George T. Settle, head of the Louisville, KY., Free Public Library. "I don't know why, but the men are more excited than the women."

INDIANS SLAP BEARCAT STYLE

Chemawa Athletic Authority Censures Willamette for Refusal to Play

The athletic management of Willamette university is exhorting a statement made yesterday from the Indian training school at Chemawa by one of the athletic authorities of the school. Willamette is taken to task for refusing to place the Indians on the regular athletic schedules and for considering the Indians merely as practice material.

The Chemawa statement says: "The Indians cannot get on the Bearcat basketball schedule. The Indian management has failed to get any reply for a date. The days for the Chemawa athletic team to be used for practice material for Willamette are passed."

"Chemawa has the same claim to be in the conference as Willamette university. The Indians are the most feared rivals the Bearcats have. Willamette nosed out in a victory of football through a bad turn made by the Indian team and at this time of the season the Indians had not all returned to school. Willamette claimed the non-conference championship in football by comparative scores, but failed to recognize the Indian scores. Willamette beat Pacific university by a score of 23 to 7 and the Indians met Pacific university a week later tallying 14 to 0 on Pacific."

"The sporting public wanted to see the Bearcats and the Indians in a post-season contest. The Indians were eager to play but Willamette did not want the contest. The Indians are true sportsmen and enter these contests for the sport that is in it and are game losers."

"In track the Indians have developed a team that Willamette failed to meet last year after meeting a day before the date set. There was a time when the varsity piled up the score over the 100 point, but no more."

"The Indians have a baseball team each year and Willamette will agree that we have. There will be no more practice games and if she wants to play us, we want to be on the regular schedule or not at all."

The Chemawa Indians are improving each year in all branches of athletics and the time is coming soon when the Chemawa Indians will make the public recognize them. We are one of the largest Indian schools in the Indians service and Salem should recognize us as such."

Remember that the Indians have no paid coach. If we had Salem and Chemawa would soon be placed on the map as was Carlisle. We have no hard feeling for Willamette but we want a contest in all branches of sports and be recognized on a regular schedule."

CANAL WILL BE HEAVILY FORTIFIED

Coast Defense Committee Agreed on Plan to Make Great Water Way Practically Impregnable

ISLAND OFF ENTRANCE INCLUDED IN DEFENSES

Guns to be of Longer Range Than Those of Most Powerful Dreadnaught

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Adequate protection for the Panama canal is to be provided for in a bill soon to be drafted by the house committee on appropriations and fortifications and sea coast defenses. Members of the committee now are virtually agreed upon plans to make the canal impregnable. They involve the sending of the largest calibered artillery pieces to the canal as they are produced.

In addition to the canal's main defenses, the war department has proposed the placing of several of the longest range rifles on an island, located about 15 miles off the Pacific entrance. The committee members are said to have agreed to this proposal.

The Atlantic entrance, under the present plans, will be provided with an elaborate system of tracks designed to carry the heaviest railroad artillery mounts with guns calibered to greater distances than those used by the most powerful dreadnaught afloat.

House members believe that the canal thus can be made impregnable by use of material now under construction and with only slight additional expense to the government.

SOLDIERS BONUS BILL ESTIMATE

To Carry Out Its Provisions Would Require Appropriation of Two Billion

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Approximately \$2,300,000,000 was the estimate submitted today by Secretary Houston of the treasury department as the cost of carrying out the provisions of the soldiers' bonus bill.

The secretary presented his estimate to the senate finance committee without comment other than to urge that no legislation be enacted which would lay an additional burden on the nation's finances. The estimate was accompanied by figures showing the cost of carrying out any one of the five optional provisions of the bonus bill provided all former service men chose a single plan. The figures for the various plans ranged from \$1,342,000,000 for the adjusted pay provisions, to \$4,534,000,000 for the insurance provision.

The maximum cost of the vocational training aid and the farm and home development plans were placed at \$1,880,000,000 each, while the secretary said the fifth provision, a plan for land settlement held so many uncertainties that it was impossible to estimate the possible expenditure.

Submission of the estimated total cost made an apparent impression upon members of the committee, which is considering the bonus bill as passed by the house at the last session. Members declined to forecast the decision of the committee on the question of reporting out the measure, but it was recalled that Senator McCumber, Republican of North Dakota, stated at the opening of hearings on the bill that its passage would depend largely on the state of government finances and that Mr. Houston had testified the treasury with normal expenditures would have a deficit of \$2,100,000,000 for the year ending next June 30, and a deficit of \$1,500,000,000 for the following 12 months.

SALESMAN, Mr. Dec. 27.—A general alarm was sounded in police and naval circles tonight for the arrest of H. W. J. Meyers, 20, member of the crew of the United States destroyer Satterlee, alleged to have absconded from the Norfolk navy yard late today with \$72,000.

MRS. ETHERIDGE TALKS WITH NEWSPAPER MEN

HUSBAND'S BOOKS AND RECORDS IN GOOD CONDITION Censures Portland Newspapers and Alleges Their Opposition to Her Husband

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 27.—John L. Etheridge, former president of Morris Brothers, bond dealers, wanted in Portland, Ore., on a warrant charging larceny by bailee in connection with an alleged deficiency of \$100,000 in overdrawing his accounts with Morris Brothers, was arrested here late today at the request of the Portland authorities. He had just arrived here from Seattle and was about to board a train for Chicago, when taken into custody by police detectives.

Etheridge and his wife, who accompanied him, were questioned by the police. Mrs. Etheridge was not held, however, and spent the night at a local hotel. Etheridge was locked up pending the arrival of Portland authorities to take him back to that city.

Reports that Mr. and Mrs. Etheridge were on their way to England could not be confirmed. At her room tonight Mrs. Etheridge to reporters denied any connection with the case. With regard to the charges against her husband, she said she could not see how anything like that could be true.

"My husband's books and records were in the best possible shape when we left Portland," she said. "I know who is to blame for this. It is the Portland newspapers. They have been after my husband continually and his business competitors there."

SENTIMENT FOR DISARMAMENT

Senator Johnson Says It Would be One Great Step to Prevent Wars

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The United States, if it does not enter the league of nations, should initiate a movement looking to an international conference for the reduction of armament. Secretary Daniels of the navy said tonight. If an agreement is not reached by all nations for such a program, the secretary added, "the United States should have a navy second to none."

The question of disarmament also was discussed in the senate today, Senator Johnson, Republican of California, declaring that a disarmament agreement by the nations which constituted the five allied and associated powers in the world war, would constitute "the one great step that could be taken toward the promotion of peace and the prevention of all future wars."

Secretary Daniels, in his statement tonight, declared that his naval estimates recently submitted to congress, called only for the construction of a few more vessels and expressed approval of the general board's building program only in the event that the United States does not enter the league of nations or become a party to an international agreement to limit armaments.

He advocated legislation similar to that in the 1916 naval appropriation bill which authorized President Wilson to appoint a commission of nine members to represent the United States at an international armament conference.

"If we do not want the league of nations," Mr. Daniels said, "we ought to have a conference purely on the subject of reduction of armaments. Every nation that has joined the league has promised this and all they need now is to get us in. Unless there is some such agreement the United States should have a navy second to none. This is the reason that I have advocated the sinking of the German fleet in mid-ocean as an object lesson to all the world that it is unhealthy to build great armaments for purposes of conquest."

GRANTS PASS BANKING Houses Consolidate

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 27.—Corporal J. H. Durham, United States army, died in a hospital here tonight from the effects of what physicians characterized as "bootleg whiskey." Durham had been furnished the liquor in a saloon by two men who had robbed him of \$125, the police said. He was 29 years old.

FIGHT OVER TARIFF IS PROMISED

Spirited Debate in Senate and Two Roll Calls Required to Effect Formal Action on Tariff Bill

DEMOCRATIC FORCES SPLIT IN HOT CLASH

Five Minority Members Vote With Solid Republican Strength

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Indications of the fight ahead over tariff legislation were given in the senate today when several hours spirited debate and two roll calls were required to effect the formal passage of the tariff bill to the finance committee. The emergency tariff bill passed last week by the house.

Democratic forces split in the opening clash, five minority members voting with the solid republican strength against a motion by Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, asking that the house bill be referred to the commerce instead of the finance committee. After defeat of the Hitchcock motion and severe democratic attacks on the bill, the senate voted unanimously to send the bill to the finance committee.

Senator McCumber of North Dakota, acting chairman of the finance committee, announced during the debate that the bill would be taken up in committee early next month and given "fair and adequate consideration."

There were indications that the republican decision against hearings would be revoked. The house bill was denounced as an "embargo" bill and "suicidal" by Senator Hitchcock, who charged that the machinery was set to rush it through. American commerce should be aided, he contended, and not hampered by tariff barriers.

The tariff measures were designed to enhance living costs, Senator Harrison said, adding that the bill was a "sop" to western farmers and would not aid them.

Upjohn's Mother Dies at Kalamazoo, Mich.

Don H. Upjohn, private secretary to Governor Olcott, yesterday received a telegram from Kalamazoo, Mich., announcing the death of his mother, Mrs. Millie K. Upjohn, in that city, Sunday night. She had been in failing health for several years and Mr. Upjohn received the telegram before Christmas saying her condition has become critical. He will leave for Kalamazoo today to attend the funeral.

Mrs. Upjohn had made several visits to her son in Salem.

Bandits Make Big Haul But Do Not Reap Profit

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 27.—A strong box containing a large amount in checks and drafts which was taken from the American Railway Express company motor truck this morning when five armed bandits held up the vehicle was found by detectives this afternoon near Kansas City, Kas. Police said they found \$50,000 in checks and drafts strewn about the opened chest.

Janitors' Union Demand for More Wages Denied

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—An increase of 25 per cent in salaries demanded by the Chicago Flat Janitors' union today was denied by the arbitration board of three members chosen to settle the dispute between the men and the Chicago Real Estate board, according to Charles C. Fitzmaurice, chief of police who acted as mediator.

A clause in the decision will make it possible for the janitors to demand and receive an increase in the event of rents being advanced.

BISHOP PLEADS FOR UNITY OF CHURCHES

INCLUDES ROMAN CATHOLIC AND EASTERN CHURCHES Plea Based on Conference in England, Which Suggested Interchange of Ordination

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—Bishop William Lawrence of the Protestant Episcopal Diocese of Massachusetts pleaded for church unity that would include the Roman Catholic and eastern churches, at an interdenominational church conference here today.

Bishop Lawrence's plea, based on the Lambeth conference in England which suggested the interchange of ordination through which one church would recognize and accept the minister of another in administering the sacrament, "started considerable discussion."

"I have felt," said Bishop Lawrence, "that the reunion of churches can come by the quiet, subtle influence of prayer that will melt the differences. In the holy communion there is the test of unity. Let us have a vision of all Christian people, including the whole world, including the Roman Catholic church and the Russian church. If you are going to have unity you can not do anything that will shut out that great body of Christian people."

Bishop Lawrence was asked whether the validity of other church services was recognized by the Church of England. He replied that much depended upon the meaning of the word validity adding that "in the war clergy members were sent to minister to all."

He was also asked whether, according to the Church of England, an ordination in that church gives "more grace and authority in the interpretation of the scriptures."

"That is an administrative feature," Bishop Lawrence replied. "I do not believe I have more authority or power the day after ordination than the day before."

Bishop William Hughes, of the Methodist Episcopal church, who presided, declared that he would not take another ordination "for a million dollars."

"I could have you," he said to Bishop Lawrence, "at any time to take part in the service of my church, but I would have to decline to be ordained anew to take part on yours."

WILL RESIGN SEAT IN SENATE

President-Elect Harding Will be Succeeded by Senator-Elect Willis

MARION, Dec. 27.—Senator Harding, the president-elect, today interrupted his discussions of foreign policy and an association of nations with prominent citizens to take up matters of domestic concern, around which most of the discussion during the present week will center. He commenced his talks on domestic subjects today with Congressman James W. Good of Iowa, chairman of the house appropriations committee. He also talked with Max Rabinoof, conductor of the Chicago Opera company on Russian trade.

Today also brought forth the first definite announcement that Senator Harding will resign his seat in the senate immediately upon the inauguration of Governor-elect Davis and the governor-elect's announcement that he will immediately appoint Senator-elect Frank B. Willis to the vacancy. This was announced by Mr. Davis after a conference with Mr. Harding.

Tomorrow will witness further discussion of domestic questions with Senator McCumber of North Dakota, ranking member of the senate financial committee, and Oscar Strauss, former secretary of commerce and labor.

ABSCONDING HEAD OF MORRIS BROTHERS IS TAKEN IN MINNESOTA

Larceny of Tremendous Amounts Laid to Prisoner, Bonding Firm is Wrecked and W. D. Whitcomb is Named Temporary Receiver—Personal Account of Fugitive Overdrawn \$99,000 and Wife's Overdraft is \$25,000—Citizenship To Be Cancelled

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PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—John L. Etheridge, fugitive ex-president of Morris Brothers, bond dealers, whose houses here and in Seattle and Tacoma failed to open today, was arrested late today at Minneapolis, Minn., according to a telegram received by the sheriff's office. An officer will be sent at once to bring Etheridge to Portland, Sheriff Thomas Hurlburt said.

The office of District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county last night requested authority of Governor Olcott to send two officers to Minneapolis to return Etheridge to Portland. The authority was granted. Authority of the governor approving the expenditure is necessary when more than one officer is sent for a prisoner.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—Sheriff Hurlburt announced tonight that his deputies had seized \$75,000 worth of bonds which were sent back by Etheridge from Tacoma in custody of Roy Fike, an employee who had driven Etheridge and his wife that far when they left Portland.

These bonds were designed by Etheridge to be delivered to Fred S. Morris, who was left in charge at Morris Brothers. Sheriff Hurlburt said they would be held, subject to court order for benefit of the creditors.

In the federal court late today W. D. Whitcomb, an accountant, was appointed by Judge Charles E. Wolverson to be temporary receiver for the bond house. Simultaneously an order was issued by Presiding Judge George Tazwell in the circuit court, that all the books of Morris Brothers be brought into court tomorrow morning.

Lester W. Humphreys, United States attorney, said tonight that he was preparing proceedings looking to the cancellation of Etheridge's citizenship which was granted in 1918.

Voluntary Petition Filed. The order for production of the books of Morris Brothers in circuit court was in connection with the filing of a suit by P. E. Hale for recovery of \$5500 bonds of Edmondson, Ala., which he alleges he bought from Morris Brothers and said bonds which were not delivered. Appointment of Whitcomb as temporary receiver followed the filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy by Morris Brothers. The petition declares assets of the house already found aggregated \$1,495,315. The largest liability, Whitcomb said, as shown by the audit, was in connection with the Edmondson bond deal, which \$2,066,900 worth of interim certificates are outstanding in the hands of several hundred investors, banks and individuals.

Edmondson Not to Lose. EDMONTON, Ala., Dec. 27.—Edmondson will not lose a cent if Morris Brothers, bond dealers of Portland, Ore., fail to take up the Edmondson bonds for which they have sold certificates, according to Mayor Duggan this afternoon. The Edmondson bond issue, amounting to \$2,135,000, was taken to Portland last week by Secretary Treasurer Barnhouse and deposited with the First National bank to be given out to the purchasers when the face value in cash was deposited. According to a wire received by city officials today from the bank, the city is fully protected by the fact of the bank holding the bonds until the purchasers redeemed them in cash.

Etheridge trusted by Morris. PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—John L. Etheridge, fugitive, former president of Morris Brothers, Inc., bond dealers, whose houses in Portland, Seattle and Tacoma failed to open today, is an ex-convict with two prison terms in New Jersey charged against his record, according to published statements received and published here today from Irvin C. Bleam, clerk of the New Jersey state prison.

Fred S. Morris, who resumed his former position as head of Morris Brothers, when Etheridge resigned and fled from Portland last week, confirmed the fact of Etheridge's prison record. He said he knew about it long before Etheridge was promoted to be head of the bond house and left in full charge. Etheridge, he said, had told him his story and

he believed fully that Etheridge had reformed.

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SALEM HAS VICTIMS

Salem has a number of victims of John L. Etheridge's duplicity, it was discovered yesterday.

Several of these are persons in the employ of the state, some of them at the capitol building and some at the state institutions.

Like other persons up and down the coast they accepted interim certificates in lieu of bonds which were not yet ready for delivery.

Some of the heavier private bond buyers of the city refused to accept interim certificates, have the bonds and are safe. Those who accepted interim certificates are in danger of losing the money deposited by them.

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