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## NEW LIGHT THROWN ON CZAR EXECUTION

Tragic Notes From Romanoff Family Revealed by News Correspondent

## DEATH STORY IS TOLD

Letters Tell of Efforts Made to Escape From Imprisonment; Notes Are Concealed in Food

MOSCOW, Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—A new narrative of the last days of the former Russian emperor and his family is published in Krasnaya Gazeta of Leningrad. The chief new element appears to be a letter purporting to have been written by the imprisoned Nicholas, giving expected rescuers details concerning the house in which his family were held, so that their escape might be the more easily effected.

The writer, P. Yuritski, the papers' Ekaterinburg correspondent, reveals an alleged attempt to rescue the Romanoffs from the windows of their prison home in Ekaterinburg. He says the little czarévitch was to have been given narcotics to prevent the possibility of his accidentally crying out and raising an alarm, thereby frustrating the exploit. It is asserted that the following letter was taken from a book addressed to the Romanoffs, addressed by General Dietrich, former war minister and anti-Bolshevik leader in Siberia:

"With God's aid and your cool mood, we hope to obtain our goal without any risk. It is necessary to unchain one of your windows. Please point out the precise window for escape when you are ready. If the little czarévitch is not able to go the matter will become more complicated. But we have taken this into consideration; two men will carry him. Can not someone among you attend to this: would it not be possible to dope him for an hour or two with narcotics?"

We leave the decision to the doctor, but you must be very thorough regarding the exact moment of doing all this. You may be sure we will bring all that is necessary. If we were not certain of success we would not risk the enterprise. We promise this to you in the name of God, of history and our own conscience.

The correspondent says the foregoing letter was signed "O. F. C."

A letter from the former emperor from the would be rescuers of the Romanoff family from Ekaterinburg where they were executed follows:

"The second window from the corner overlooking the square has been open for two days and nights and the seventh and eighth windows from the main entrance overlooking the square are always open. One room of the house is occupied by the military commandant and his assistant; there are only 13 men armed with revolvers and bombs. The commandant and assistant visit when they choose, but with the exception of the military commandant and his assistant, no one else is allowed to enter the house."

## COAL HAULERS ATTACKED

GENERAL RIOT STARTED OVER COAL STRIKE TROUBLE

SCRANTON, Pa., Jan. 2.—The first act of violence here since the strike of the hard coal miners became effective September 3, occurred today when more than 50 men and women engaged in a fight with six motorcycle patrolmen and eight truck drivers at the Leggett Creek colliery, in North Scranton.

One man was beaten on the head with a policeman's riot club and so seriously injured that he had to be taken to the state hospital. He and four other persons, three of them women, were arrested. The disturbance came without warning. The truck drivers hauling coal to hospitals were alleged to have been attacked by the crowd. Clubs were used and stones hurled. As the policemen charged the crowd the officers and women turned on the fight was furious. Finally the police, aided by the truck drivers, got the upper hand, and the alleged attackers fled.

Officers of the miners' union had granted the truckmen permission to haul the coal to hospitals. A number of the striking mine workers, however, were said to have expressed disapproval of this action.

## WEEK OF PRAYER OPENS WITH SERVICES TODAY

CITY CUT INTO GROUPS WITH DAILY MEETINGS

Suggested Topics of Federal Council of Churches Will Be Carried Out

The week of January 3 to 8, has been set aside as Universal Week of Prayer, in which many Salem churches have joined. Each church holds its own service today. The churches have been grouped according to their location as follows for the Thanksgiving Day service. The meetings will open at 7:30 and close promptly at 8:30 p. m. The series of topics suggested by the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America will be followed. The so-called down-town group of churches, comprising the First Baptist, First Congregational, First Christian, First Evangelical, First Methodist and First Presbyterian will unite in the following schedule of meetings:

Monday, 7:30 p. m.—First Presbyterian church. Rev. Norman K. Tully, presiding. Address, "Thanksgiving and Humiliation." Rev. F. C. Taylor.

Tuesday, 7:30 p. m.—First Evangelical church. Rev. G. L. Lovell, presiding. Address, "The Church Universal." Rev. E. C. Hickman.

Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.—First Baptist church. Rev. E. H. Shanks, presiding. Address, "Missions." Rev. C. E. Ward.

Friday, 7:30 p. m.—First Congregational church. Rev. C. E. Ward, presiding. Address, "The Home Base." Rev. N. K. Tully.

The program for the East Salem group is in charge of R. L. Putnam, minister of the Court Street Christian church.

The exchange services will begin Monday. The places and speakers are as follows: Monday, January 4, at Swedish M. E. church, South Fifteenth and Mill streets. Rev. H. C. Stover, speaker. Subject: "Thanksgiving and Humiliation"; Tuesday, January 5, at Court Street Christian church, Court and North Seventeenth streets. Rev. P. C. Hoffman, speaker. Subject: "The Universal Church"; Wednesday, January 6, at Nazarene church, Marion and North Nineteenth streets. Rev. E. C. Hickman, speaker. Subject: "Families, Schools, Colleges and the Young"; Thursday, January 7, at Central Congregational church, Ferry and South Nineteenth streets. Rev. A. L. Putnam, speaker. Subject: "The Home Base"; Friday, January 8, at Castle United Brethren church, Nebraska and North Seventeenth streets. Rev. C. H. Hopkins, speaker. Subject: "A Call to the Lord's Own Flock." The services will be held at 7:30 each evening. The church where the meeting is held will furnish the music.

## THREE CARS IN CRASH

PORTLAND WOMAN INJURED WHEN CARS SIDESWIPE

As a result of a three-car collision on the Pacific highway last night, Mrs. Zelpha Grund of Portland was sent to a hospital with a leg broken, several other occupants of the cars were cut and bruised and two machines damaged. The accident occurred a short distance north of the Valley Packing plant.

Mrs. Grund was driving south, following another machine. R. T. Gore of the Capital hotel was driving south and in some manner collided with the car ahead of Mrs. Grund's. The steering gear on the Gore machine was broken, throwing the vehicle in the path of the Portland car. Wet pavement and glaring headlights are blamed for the accident.

Mrs. Grund also suffered from shock and bruises. She was taken to a hospital in a Golden ambulance.

## RECORD TAX COLLECTION

INHERITANCE FEES TOTAL \$345,000 DURING YEAR

A new high record in connection with the collection of inheritance taxes in Oregon during any single year was established by Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, during 1925. There was collected in inheritance tax during the year 1925 an aggregate of \$345,000, while the unrecouped amounts due the state were reduced to a figure lower than ever before.

Approximately \$22,000 due an inheritance tax from the estate of the late Joseph Hirschberger of Independence was received at the state treasury department Thursday.

## PRISON FLAX PLANT WILL SHOW PROFIT

Success Is Forecast Under Present Management, Men and Equipment

## GRAND JURY REPORTS

Future Losses to Taxpayers From Penitentiary Department Is Declared to be Improbable, Says Report

Expressing the conviction that the flax plant at the Oregon state penitentiary will show substantial profits under the present management and with the present facilities, the Marion county grand jury, after an investigation of the prison, returned a report yesterday in which it was stated that any future loss to the taxpayers from the prison flax department is not to be expected, and that should any such loss occur it would be due to "misadventure or incompetence." Under competent management, the report reads, "the flax department should make substantial profits."

"We paid particular attention to the flax industry, in so far as this institution may be concerned," the report handed to Circuit Judge Percy R. Kelly read. "We visited the flax plant and observed it in operation. The state of Oregon has a large investment in flax machinery, and those things that go to the preparation of fiber for commercial use. The facilities for properly treating the flax are present and have been present for some time past.

"Any loss to be sustained by the state necessarily will be sustained through misadventure or incompetence. We have investigated the books of the institution pertaining to the flax industry, whereby we find that the flax industry at the Oregon state penitentiary has been maintained at a loss to the taxpayers. That there should be some loss in the pioneering of an industry of the kind in question is not unexpected, but the loss sustained to the state in connection with the flax industry is not to be expected. With the present facilities and the labor situation as it prevails at the penitentiary, and under competent management, the flax department of that institution should make substantial profits."

Members of the grand jury were well pleased with conditions at the state prison generally, and especially with the labor situation in the penitentiary. "The grand jury investigated the prison carefully," the report states. "We commend the present management of the institution and the apparent discipline that is now being enforced at the institution. We noted with gratification that the clothing and shoes necessary for the prisoners in the institution are made by the prisoners, and that all laundry necessary is done within the walls of the institution."

The only note of criticism expressed by the grand jury after its inspection of all the state institutions was in connection with the boys' training school. A few minor defects were mentioned and the suggestion was advanced that ventilation in the hospital of the institution be improved.

The new buildings of the boys' training school came in for adverse criticism at the hands of the grand jury, the charge being made that the new branch was an expense.

## BULL FIGHT PRESENTED

FLORIDA PROMOTERS HOLD SHOW IN SPITE OF SHERIFF

TAMPA, Fla., Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The appearance of a sheriff, who issued instructions that the bull fight arranged by local promoters be called off, failed to stop the show here today and the fight was started on scheduled time.

The promoters said they had received permission to hold the show which was arranged as a part of a Spanish festival from both the city and the local humane society. They declared it only a "sham" battle in which the toradors would use "spring swords" which would not hurt the animals.

Toradors were imported for the event. At the close of the fight, Manuel Garcia, the promoter, was placed under arrest and was later released on bond of \$5000. Vivid red cloaks were used to encase the bulls. They charged at the fighters furiously only to hop in vain as the toradors sidestepped. Each charge was greeted with great applause. No person or any of the bulls were injured, it was said.

## KAROLYI CASE WILL GO BEFORE SUPREME COURT

COUNTESS, BARRED FROM UNITED STATES, TO SUE

Petition Filed With District of Columbia Supreme Court Yesterday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—The much discussed Karolyi case, growing out of the refusal of the state department to lower the immigration bars to Countess Katherine Karolyi, wife of the former president of Hungary, has wound up in the courts.

In a petition filed today in the District of Columbia supreme court the countess asked that Secretary Kellogg be compelled to order the American counsel in Paris to visa her passport. Although Mr. Kellogg refused to comment, department officials indicated they had anticipated such a proceeding inasmuch as the countess' lawyers had signified their intention of resorting to the courts in the extensive correspondence exchanged with the department.

The petition will not come up for consideration until next week. In the countess, whose exclusion has been characterized by the state department as justifiable under the law, said her object was to visit friends and arranged later for a lecture tour. She added that she did not belong to any of the classes excluded under the American act of 1924 and that the secretary had no right to exclude her.

The legal proceedings are regarded at the state department as of unusual interest since they raise for the first time for consideration the question of discretionary powers vested in the secretary under exclusion acts.

## COURT GETS TESTIMONY

BRIEFS FOR KELLY AND WILLOS TO BE READY SOON

Transcript of testimony and exhibits in the cases of Ellsworth Kelly and James Willos, convicts, who are under death sentence for the part they played in the break at the Oregon state penitentiary on August 12, were filed in the state supreme court yesterday.

Will E. King of Portland, attorney for the defendants, announced that he will have his briefs prepared within the next few weeks, when the final arguments will be set by the court.

Judge Percy Kelly of the Marion county circuit court last Thursday signed a writ of probable cause that neither Kelly nor Willos were under the jurisdiction of the supreme court of the state of Oregon, and could be brought into court to answer the charge preferred against them only through proceedings in habeas corpus.

## I'M GOING TO LEAVE," SENDS SHOT INTO BODY

JACK BIELDE WOUNDS SELF WITHOUT WARNING

Bullet Passes Below Heart Into Window Sill; Declared Recovering

Entering the farm house where he was employed, Jack Bielde, 37, believed to be mentally deranged, calmly stated that he had decided to leave.

He bade the family goodbye, seated himself in a chair and before anyone could interfere, pulled a .38 calibre revolver from his pocket and fired a bullet into his left side. The charge passed completely through his body, slightly below the heart. Bielde is in a local hospital where it is said he will probably recover.

Bielde was employed on the Honkola farm in the Fruitland district and had also been doing work for other people in the neighborhood, although no particular attention had been directed towards him. Several days ago, however, he declared he was not feeling well and declined to sleep in the house, saying he "thought he would go out to the barn and die in the hay."

No particular significance was attached to the remark although Bielde is said at the time to have attempted to secure a bottle of carbolic acid.

After turning the revolver on himself last night, Bielde flew into a rage when he found that his wound had not proved fatal. "Just give me time," he cried. "Just as soon as I'm able to handle a gun better I'll do it again and I won't miss like I did this time."

No vital organs were touched by the bullet in its flight through the man's body and Bielde did not appear to be in danger from the wound. After the flow of blood had been stopped he drank several cups of coffee and protested vigorously when forced to remain still. The bullet buried itself in a window sill after passing through his body.

Bielde has been working in the Fruitland neighborhood for over a year. He is said to have relatives living in Gervais.

## EUGENE HAS RAIN

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 2.—Rain this evening loosened up a cold snap that had been threatening late fuel buyers in Eugene. Thursday the mercury dropped to 24 degrees, the minimum for the season. The Willamette river is at a mean level of 1.5 feet.

## KLAMATH HAS SNOW

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 2.—After four days of freezing temperature, the weather moderated today and at dusk a brisk snowfall started throughout Klamath county. The snow is falling at a brisk rate, and gave indications that it will reach a depth of several inches before morning.

## VAST FLOOD PERILS WESTERN EUROPE

River Rhine Surpasses All Previous High Levels Swamping Country

Suffers More From Water Than From German Siege Guns in 1914; Flood Spreads Terror in Holland

COLOGNE, Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The Rhine river today surpassed all flood records, being 31 1/2 inches above the highest water mark. A fall of a couple of inches last night raised hopes, but during the night an enormous volume of water coming down stream turned these hopes into despair as the field of damage widened.

Many of the lighter structures along the embankment have been swept away and the heavy pontoons for mooring passenger boats are canting at a perilous angle owing to their short mooring chains and ropes. Should they be swept away they will do great damage by crashing into houses on their way downstream, as at some of these places the floods have reached the third floors.

From all parts of the Rhine, up and down stream, the same tale is forthcoming of flooded villages, suspended railway services and disaster. Today is a general holiday and the people are spending their time sadly watching the swirling flood spotted with debris and household effects. Cologne was without electricity last night, the underground lighting cables having been put out of commission.

BRUSSELS, Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Queen Wilhelmina of Holland and Albert, king of the Belgians, are trying to stem the tide of desolation which threatens to overwhelm their people because of floods. Albert is at Liege which has suffered more from the present flood than from the German siege guns which leveled her forts in 1915. Wilhelmina has gone to Nimeguen in Gelderland, accompanied by the prince consort. The entire country surrounding Nimeguen is under water and the losses mount into millions of florins.

Some estimates place the losses around Liege at twenty million francs. Ten thousand houses are isolated and the residents have been blocked in for three days. One hundred thousand refugees are being issued per day with King Albert and his ministers personally supervising this work.

The train service in central Belgium is paralyzed, great numbers of cattle have perished and the flax harvest has been partly swept away by the flooding of the Lys. A slight fall was observed in the Meuse at Liege but rain set in again this afternoon and the waters are rising.

The extent of the floods throughout Belgium now is realized. The revictualing of Namur is difficult. Several sections of Brussels have been deprived of electricity, in consequence of the flooding of the power station. Immense damage has been done throughout Flanders, the major portion of which is submerged. At Dinant, the famous collegiate church, is menaced, the waters already reaching the altar. Burials are impossible as the cemetery is submerged. More than 300,000 work persons have been thrown out of employment in the region of Malines because of the flooding of many factories.

AMSTERDAM, Jan. 2.—Latest reports tonight say that the waters are rising everywhere. The Meuse and the Rhine have gained 29 inches during the past 24 hours. Dykes have collapsed at various points.

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## FATHER PLEADS GUILTY

WESLEY SMITH WILL PAY FOR SERIOUS ATTACK

Wesley Smith, arrested here some time ago and indicted by the grand jury on a charge of rape, growing out of his alleged relations with Beulah Springer, 14 year old girl, yesterday entered a plea of guilty to the charge in the circuit court before Judge Percy R. Kelley.

Judge Kelley will sentence him on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock. Smith is 35 years of age, is married and the father of a child. He with three others were arrested following the disclosure of an alleged vice ring in Salem. Mrs. Anna Springer, 43, the mother of the girl, was also indicted by the grand jury, charged with contributing to the delinquency of her own daughter.

## TARDY DRIVER FINED!

SLIP DATED JANUARY 2, 1925, HELD YEAR OLD

Contrary to custom, Al Raynes, arrested December 31 for exerting too much motion from his car within a specified time, approached Judge Poulson with a smile yesterday morning to answer to the complaint.

"Here's the slip!" he grinned. "Seems as though I'm just a year late." "Examination of the slip disclosed that Raynes was cited to appear at 10:30 a. m. January 2, 1925." "Well," the judge drawled with deliberation, "we won't fine you this time for speeding, but for the year's delay—\$5."

## ANNUAL 1926 EDITION PRAISED BY READERS

DECLARED MOST COMPLETE AND ACCURATE ISSUED

"Worthy Representative of Great Territory," Says One; Sales Large

Hailing the 1926 annual edition of the Oregon Statesman as the most attractive and complete ever published by The Statesman Publishing company, now in its 75th year, compliments have reached members of the staff from all quarters.

A prominent man, whose name is familiar to all readers of this paper, and throughout the state, said yesterday: "Your Annual Edition is a credit to yourselves and represents a work that will prove of value to this entire section."

A well known business man came into the office to remark: "No more attractive paper has ever been issued by your company. It was thorough in its treatment of city and county interests here. Its analysis of the growth during the past five years was accurate and the most lucid I have seen. Your illustrations were to the point, your paper departmentized, and adequate attention paid to the important phases of our life here."

Demand for extra copies of the Annual Edition has been unprecedented. Though several thousand extra copies were printed, advance reservations and repeat orders hastily sent in has cut into the supply reserved by the paper for its own use.

Many persons who had counted on sending a few copies to their friends, have purchased additional ones to be kept for future use when presenting the possibilities of this section to newcomers, and to their distant customers.

Page one of the annual represented a complete innovation here, carrying as it did a detailed analysis of investments, building, home ownership, real estate activity and industrial expansion. In two columns adjoining, the future was forecast in frank, unflinching statements of expansion which will mark the early months of spring.

While thoroughly representative of the increased prosperity of this section, the edition was free from blind optimism, facts and figures being allowed to tell their own story, the editors realizing that no stronger story could be told.

Industries occupied the first section, the news copy being devoted to manufacturing, business, commerce and agricultural interests, with effective illustrations. Automotive industry was thoroughly treated in the second section, the page one illustration bringing many favorable comments.

One page was devoted to the Salem YMCA, whose splendid building will be occupied early in the year. Educational opportunities in the section were analyzed and compared favorably with those of other cities of the size. Detailed maps showed the Salem trade territory, the route of the Pacific highway, with its important bearing on local business and commerce. Another map showed the stage routes of the state.

Attention was given to each of the city, the capitol, the interests of Marion and Polk counties. The annual was received with enthusiasm and has merited praise beyond the hopes of its editors. By their, it has been ranked a journalistic endeavor of the first order.

## SEVENTH DEATH REPORTED

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—The seventh death in the spinal meningitis epidemic was registered here late this afternoon when Maxine Rideout, ten year old school girl, succumbed. Her sickness was not diagnosed as meningitis until this morning. She had been ill less than two days. Another case of the disease was reported from another section of the city tonight, chamber of commerce.

## STOP STREET BILL SIGNED BY MAYOR

Delay in Enforcement Gives Ample Time for Construction of Signs

## EFFECTIVE JANUARY 12

Immunity of Street Cars, Fire Trucks and Ambulances to Be Discussed at City Council Tomorrow

J. B. Giesy, mayor of the city of Salem, yesterday signed the ordinance declaring certain streets in the city to be through streets. The ordinance had to be signed yesterday in order to keep within the ten days' time limit allotted the mayor for signing ordinances. Ten days from yesterday the ordinance will go into effect. This period is allowed after the mayor has signed. Reason for delaying the ordinance 20 days was to allow ample time for the making of the stop signs. It is reported that between 50 and 100 are already made. It is believed that the signs will be constructed and all of them put in place by the time the ordinance becomes effective.

Several questions have arisen since the creation of the ordinance. The most important of these is, will fire trucks be required to observe the through street ruling and stop at other vehicles? It seems that many of the council and of the police force believe such to be the case.

By others it is thought this might be a violation of the state law which provides the fire trucks, ambulances, etc., shall have undisputed right of way at all times. Another issue not yet decided is whether or not street cars will be classed as vehicles and be required to stop when approaching through streets.

These matters will be discussed somewhat at the first 1926 meeting of the council, to be held tomorrow night. Question of whether or not fire trucks will be required to stop is expected to bring the most comment.

The matter of selecting a city attorney for 1926 is also a problem. The two candidates in the race are Chris Kowitz, present incumbent, and Fred Williams, councilman.

Kowitz has been attorney for the past year, having defeated Fred Williams in the race for 1925. Prior to that he had been connected with the city attorney's office for about four years.

Fred Williams was an attorney in southern Oregon before coming to Salem. He came here as a member of the public service commission. Since that time he has been residing in Salem and practicing law.

When asked for verification of the report that he is claiming sufficient votes from the council to retain the position, Kowitz said: "I am claiming nothing. The council certainly knows its own mind. The report that I claim a majority of votes is erroneous. Where else it received its birth than in imagination, I don't know at this time."

Some members of the council feel, it is said, that Williams is out of town so much of his time that he could hardly devote the time necessary to the city job. Besides, several members would be reluctant to see him resign from the council.

Matter of buying the Kay site in Englewood park is a question to be settled. It is said this site is about the last in Salem that the city can obtain for a park. Kay has shown willingness to sell at a low figure, only asking that the council declare its intentions in a reasonable amount of time.

The council has been deliberating on this matter for the last two weeks.

## ANNUAL REPORT IS DUE

LUNCHEON CLUB PRESIDENTS TO REVIEW YEAR

Members of the Salem chamber of commerce who turn out to the luncheon Monday noon will have an opportunity to learn just what the Rotarians, Kiwanians, and Lions have done for Salem during the past year.

Each of the presidents of the three clubs will speak on the work his club has done for the city during 1925. Each president will be allotted ten minutes.

Belle of Washington, Whom President Saw Wed, Now Actress on Broadway



Nancy Lane Kaufman, daughter of the late Franklin K. Lane, whose wedding was attended by President Wilson, the cabinet and foreign envoys, has come on the stage in New York to earn a living for herself and son, Franklin. A. She obtained a divorce from her husband, Philip Kaufman, last May. The belle of the 1915 social season in Washington, she was the Prince of Wales' dancing partner during his first visit here.