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Passengers Taken Off Grounded Boat Wireless Reports That All Are Safe

New York, Dec. 25.—The transfer of the Turrillaba's fifty-seven passengers is completed and they should arrive in New York at 4 o'clock this afternoon on the cutter Seneca. This was the text of a wireless today from Captain Lindsey of the steamer Turrillaba, blown ashore by a terrific gale off Atlantic City. Work of transferring the passengers started at seven this morning. The mail and hand baggage were placed aboard the Seneca. The vessel is still on the shoals and an attempt will be made to release her today.

SENATOR TILLMAN NOT TO BE BLUFFED

Washington, Dec. 25.—When things were quiet in the senate, every senator takes turns approaching the desk of Senator Ben Tillman, from South Carolina, who has been in ill health, to tell him how well he is looking. Several senators during recess crowded about the senator. "You're looking fine, Ben," they told him. "You're as peppery as ever." Tillman gazed at them quizzically. "I'll have you all indicted for conspiracy," he drawled. "You're all in this darn bluff to make me believe I'm getting well."

LITTLE BALL GIVES SIGNAL TO SHIPS

Washington, Dec. 25.—When the little wooden ball on top of the state, war and navy buildings drops with a thud, ships thousands of miles at sea in all the directions of the compass, set their chronometers. For this little ball represents the official time of this country, and the official time at sea for American vessels. It is operated from the naval observatory, exactly at noon, and as it falls, the Arlington radio station wirelessly the one flash "noon," through the air, the telegraph operator flashes it over his keys, and tens of thousands of clocks are telegraphically regulated to the dot.

STEEL TRUST TO INCREASE WAGES

New York, Dec. 25.—Officers of the steel trust announce a general wage increase.

SULZER TO FACE MANY PROBLEMS

LABOR DEMANDS LAWS

Reform Measures Will Flood Legislature—Most Interesting Administration in History of Empire State Is Looked Forward to—Railroad Laws Pending.

Albany, New York, Dec. 25.—Probably never before in the history of New York state has a chief executive upon assuming office, faced such serious and complicated problems as will confront Governor William Sulzer, when he is inaugurated here one week from today. The Empire State is looking forward to one of the most interesting administrations in its history, and Albany is preparing for a record-breaking session of the legislature.

Progressive reform measures will flood the legislature. Organized and unorganized labor has united in demanding new laws which will protect the women and children from abuses the mere recital of which during the last few months has horrified the majority of the citizens. A real workmen's compensation law is demanded. Complete reorganization of the state factory department is asked. Taxation reforms are demanded. Radical railroad remedial legislation will be urged and reform organizations everywhere are asking that a merit system for all state employees be put into effect.

Sulzer, a democrat during his entire career covering 23 years as member of and speaker of the state assembly and member of congress, will encounter momentous problems from the moment he takes the oath of office on January 1. The incoming legislature, overwhelmingly democratic, takes office the same day. And already the leaders of the famous "Black Horse Cavalry" are on the ground ready for the hardest work of their career. If the general reform legislation is to be enacted, both the incoming governor and the legislative leaders will have to put it through in the face of an organized and most determined opposition.

Sulzer will have an able aide in charge of the senate, however, in the person of Lieutenant Governor Glynn, who, as state comptroller, made a reputation for progressive legislation.

THREE MEN ARE REPORTED DEAD IN ROCK BLAST

Boise, Idaho, Dec. 25.—There was a report current in Nampa and Boise that three foreigners were killed by a premature blast in the rock cut between Van Wyck and Crawford upon the extension of that line into Long valley. It is reported that the blast had been set and that before the workmen could get away from the place the blast prematurely exploded, completely covering the three men with rock and other debris. The report came from Van Wyck by telephone that the men were killed in an explosion in the cut.

JAPANESE LINER FITTED WITH LARGER PROPELLERS

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—The Toyo Kisen Kaisha liner Shinyo Maru will arrive Friday, four days behind her schedule. The Shinyo was drydocked at Nagasaki to change her three propellers for some of greater pitch, her engineers having complained that her engines were running at too great a speed.

OFFENDERS PUNISHED BY U. S. IN NEW WAY

Washington, Dec. 25.—For the past year, instead of sending enlisted sailors to prison for minor offenses and for desertion, the navy department has been confining them as "detainers" under the same regulations they had in service.

The result has been that several other men, who would have been otherwise discharged at the end of their terms as disgraced offenders against the law, go back to the navy department on the same footing as all the other men.

PIPE LINE WILL BE COMMENCED SOON TO SUPPLY CITY WATER

Signifying that the actual construction work on the pipe line which is to supply Pendleton with mountain water is a matter of the near future is the awarding of the contract for the digging of a tunnel through the bluffs just this side of the Thorn Hollow springs through which the line is to be run. The contract has just been let to Frank Faucett of Boise, who last year completed a pipe line for Baker and is now engaged in similar work at Union, and the work will be commenced immediately.

According to Chairman Will Moore of the water commission, the tunnel will be about two hundred feet in length and will be four feet wide and five feet high. Contractor Faucett declares the work will be completed thirty days after the first dirt is thrown.

QUEER REQUEST IS MADE OF UNCLE SAM

Washington, Dec. 25.—The capitol of the United States is in receipt of one of the most extraordinary requests received in many years. It comes from an Ohio woman whose name the secretary of the senate has for obvious reasons, declined to make public.

It calls upon the "Capitol of the United States" to repair a piece of paper, about two inches wide, evidently torn from the end of a dollar bill. The secretary, who has fallen heir to the missive, says he has handled many documents, delicate communications and all variety of requests but this one "has his goat." It has been recommended that the communication be referred to the senate committee on banking and currency but the secretary does not look upon the suggestion favorably and retains the letter.

CHRISTMAS CHEER IS ENJOYED IN PENDLETON HOMES TODAY

SANTA CLAUS BRINGS RESTORATION OF SIGHT

Chicago, Dec. 25.—Of all the 2,500,000 people in Chicago, Olson Cannaro, a boy of 19 years, probably is the recipient of the dearest Christmas present. His gift is the recovery of his eyesight. He had been blind since he was two years old. "I looked upon my mother's features for the first time today," he said, "and oh, such beauty! I asked myself if it were true I realized that I could see—no one knows such joy. You, who know how to read and write, can realize my position. I know nothing of that, but I will start immediately to learn. Of all the people in the world I am the only one to whom Santa Claus has given his most prized gift."

YOUNG AIRMAN HAD PROVIDED FOR BURIAL

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 25.—With the members of the high school society to which he belonged as pallbearers, funeral services for Horace F. Kearney, the youthful aviator who lost his life in a flight from Los Angeles, December 14, were held here yesterday.

Realizing the hazardous nature of the aviation, Kearney soon after his first successful flight sent a substantial sum of money to his mother here to be used to pay funeral expenses in case of his death.

Public Offices and Business Houses Are Closed and But Little Stir Upon the Streets.

CHURCHES OBSERVE DAY

Children are Happy—Everybody Seems to Have Been Well Remembered by Old Saint Nick—Many Amusement Features are Scheduled—Christmas Business Big.

Merry Christmas! Today is the day when the Christian world is supposed to forget all rancor, malice and discord and join in peace on earth and good will to men. It is the most anticipated day for young and old of the entire 355 and, while to some it brings but small cheer, to the great majority it is a joyful time.

Christmas day is quiet in Pendleton. With all public offices and practically the entire business district presenting closed doors, there is but little stir upon the streets. But in the many homes, there are almost as many family celebrations. What with the exchange of presents and the preparation for a feast of the season's offerings, the celebrations are happy enough.

The various churches of the city commenced their observance of Christmas last night when, by appropriate programs and the distribution of candy, popcorn and nuts, they administered to the happiness of the children. At midnight, the Catholic church held Christmas mass and the music rendered by the large, well trained chorus and the orchestra under the direction of Eugene Mollitor was a musical triumph. The same music was repeated this morning at high mass.

Most of the churches are holding special Christmas services this morning and afternoon and many people attended to worship the Child born in a manger at Bethlehem 1912 years ago today.

Wrestling Bout This P. M. The only event to call Pendletonians away from their family circle this afternoon, aside from the various picture shows, is the O'Connell-Buzukos wrestling bout for the welterweight championship. It will occur at the

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ONE DEFENDANT PLEADS GUILTY

McWHORTER IN COURT

Appears Before Judge Bean of His Own Instigation in Columbia River Orchards Case—Trial is Set for Other Defendants for Next Thursday—Many Witnesses.

Portland, Ore., Dec. 25.—R. H. McWhorter, one of the three defendants in the Columbia Orchards case, which is set for trial next Thursday in the United States district court, went before Judge Bean at his own instigation yesterday morning and pleaded guilty.

McWhorter is a Seattle real estate dealer and from evidence in the hands of the United States district attorney he was least concerned in the case. He has been anxious to come into court for the past three months and acknowledge his guilt, although no promise of immunity of any kind has been held out to him.

In receiving his plea, the court told McWhorter that he would be sentenced after the trial is concluded, probably in January, and he would be treated in receiving sentence the same as he would have been in case he stood trial.

Whatever evidence is introduced concerning McWhorter personally will be considered later in fixing his punishment. The maximum sentence for any of the defendants is five years, should they be convicted.

Over 100 witnesses have been summoned by the government in the case. United States District Attorney John McCourt will be personally in charge for the government. H. H. Humphreys and A. J. Heal are the remaining defendants.

The Columbia Orchards case is better known as the DeLarm case, as W. E. DeLarm was the principal defendant involved. DeLarm, however, is thought to be dead, although post-office inspectors who made the investigations have their doubts about the matter.

