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TEN GERMAN ARMY CORPS REINFORCE TROOPS ON AISNE

No Doubt Exists Now of Plan of Teutons to Make Another Drive Toward French Capital.

ALLIES BECOMING ALARMED

Part of the Garrison at Paris Is Being Rushed to the Front to Help Keep Back the Kaiser's Forward Rush—British Troops Will Be Hastened to the Scene.

PARIS, Jan. 15.—There is now no doubt that the Germans are planning a new drive toward Paris. Ten German army corps, all veterans, are reported to have been withdrawn from Flanders and along the Meuse and sent to the battle front along the Aisne.

Fighting in the vicinity of Soissons, apparently the central point of contact in the German drive, continues with undiminished ferocity. So serious is the necessity for the French holding the enemy back that part of the Paris garrison has been sent there. It is understood that part of the British troops will be rushed to the threatened points.

GILMAN FOUND GUILTY OF STEALING INDIAN'S COW

VERDICT COMES AFTER TRIAL LASTING GREATER PART OF YESTERDAY

Walter Gilman, squawman of Cayuse, was yesterday evening found guilty of the larceny of a cow from Po-wa-kee, an Indian, the jury returning a verdict to that effect about 7:30 after a trial lasting the greater part of the day.

Gilman will be sentenced Monday morning. The principal witness for the state was Ed Kilgore, alleged to have been implicated with Gilman in a number of criminal deals. Gilman attempted in his defense to shift the blame to Kilgore but was unsuccessful.

MEXICO CITY BESIEGED BY CARRANZISTAS SAYS REPORT

VILLA IS ASKED FOR REINFORCEMENTS TO HELP HOLD THE CAPITAL.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Jan. 15.—Mexico City is besieged by Generals Obregon and Sanchez, according to advices received by the local constitutionalist consul. Gutierrez, the dispatch said, has asked Villa for reinforcements.

Another dispatch from Vera Cruz said Querataro had been attacked by 10,000 constitutionalists.

Silver Fox Found Dead.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—Portland's silver fox is no more. The little animal was found dead in his cage at Washington Park zoo, a victim of old age.

WHEAT DECLINES TODAY IN CHICAGO; CORN, OATS DOWN

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—May wheat dropped to a dollar forty-three and three-quarters at the opening today, a decline of one quarter from yesterday's close. It receded three-quarters more after the first fifteen minutes of trading. By 10 o'clock it had reached a dollar forty-two and three eighths. It continued to recede and closed at a dollar forty one and five-eighths. Corn and oats also declined.

Birdman Equal to Army Corps



M. Pegoud, famous French aviator who is covering himself with glory by his sensational exploits in the air as a member of the aviation division of the French army. One French general has described Pegoud's work as being as effective against the Germans as that of an entire army corps. Pegoud has dropped bombs from his aeroplane that destroyed German supply bases, ammunition and supply trains and disorganized regiments of the German advance guard.

Russians at Gates of Thorn

German Stronghold is Threatened—Turks Defeated in Caucasus—8 Transports are Sunk.

PETROGRAD, Jan. 14.—A sweeping victory by the Russians over the Turks in Caucasus was officially announced by the war office. Eight transports, conveying Turkish troops from Anatolia are reported sunk in the Black sea. It is believed many of the troops were drowned.

The tenth and eleventh Turkish army corps, recently defeated by the Russians in Caucasus, endeavored to reorganize, but were beaten with enormous losses in the vicinity of Kara Urgan according to the announcement. The sixty-second Turkish regiment was practically annihilated by Russian infantry in a bayonet charge on the trenches. Five thousand were taken prisoners.

In northern Poland a Russian force engaged in a drive toward German territory has reached a point within 40 miles of the great German fortress of Thorn. These troops expect to effect a junction with the main Russian army. It is confidently predicted the movement will force Von Hindenburg to withdraw from the region of Warsaw and for the third time abandon his offensive with the Polish capital as the objective.

FINDS PENDLETON IS A VERY THRIVING PLACE

CHARLES COWAN WILL TAKE STEPS TO OPEN IRVINGTON HEIGHTS.

"I am so encouraged over the general development of Pendleton since I was here a year ago that I have decided to go ahead with further work in connection with Irvington Heights," says Charles Cowan, owner of that edition who is now in the city. Mr. Cowan arrived here a few days ago from Seattle expecting to remain but a day, not intending to place any of his property on the market at this time. However, he has changed his opinion since arriving and will proceed with further work. He will first have the streets marked and the lots staked so that sales may be made to anyone desiring property in that desirable district. Mr. Cowan will remain here for a week.

QUAKE SURVIVORS FACE STARVATION IN STRICKEN LAND

Hundreds of Peasants are Without Food Throughout Dis'icts in Italy Visited by Tremors.

WITHOUT FUEL OR CLOTHING

Despite Efforts Being Made to Relieve Conditions, But Small Portion of Those Left Destitute Have Been Reached—Estimates of Dead Remain Unchanged.

ROME, Jan. 15.—Huddled in groups in the open country, without food, fuel or adequate clothing, hundreds of peasants and survivors of the earthquake are facing death. Only the outer rim of the vast zone has been touched by relief efforts. Many places where destruction and suffering are known to exist have not yet been reached. Champon and southern Abruzzi are among them. Officials admitted there were slight hopes that estimates of the fatalities based on latest reports may be reduced. The official death estimate was still 30,000, although unofficial complications increase it by thousands. The total number of dead and injured probably will be 100,000. Eight thousand are dead at Sorra; 4000 are still to be buried at Pescara and 3000 at Benedetto. It is impossible to get the estimate from many towns of the dead and injured. Official and unofficial opinion this afternoon was the list of deaths will be not less than 30,000.

Despite great efforts by government officials it has been impossible to restore communication. Even mountain trails are blocked by landslides. As a result thousands of injured are still unattended. Food and clothing are being sent to the province of Abruzzi by circuitous routes but it is certain that many will die of starvation and cold before the supply reaches them.

FORMER HELIX FARMER IS REPORTED SERIOUSLY ILL

WILLIAM SCOTT MAY NOT SURVIVE—IS AT DAUGHTER'S HOME IN PORTLAND

News was received from Portland this morning in this city that William Scott, former prominent Helix farmer who has been living in Walla Walla during the past few years, is very seriously ill in that city at the home of his daughter, Mrs. E. A. Mann, and is not expected to live more than a few days longer. He is suffering from a complication of heart trouble, kidney disease and other ailments incident to old age. His son, Ira Scott, of Helix, and all of the other children are at his bedside, having been summoned last week. A letter from Dr. Mann the first of the week stated that he had rallied a little but the information received this morning was to the effect that he could not survive much longer. He is about 77 years old.

PENDLETON HIGH SCHOOL IS DEFEATED BY WALLA WALLA

GARDEN CITY BOYS TAKE VICTORY BY SCORE OF 46 TO 20.

WALLA WALLA, Wa., Jan. 15.—Outplayed in practically every department of the game, the Pendleton high school basketball team was easily defeated at the hands of Coach Cox's Walla Walla high five here last night, the final score being 46 to 20. As usual McGrun was the star of the game. Schreiber and Rich also played a stellar game. For Pendleton, Seibert showed well at center.

The lineups were: Pendleton—Center, Seibert; forwards, Peters and Fowler; guards, Vaughn, Garden and Mims. Walla Walla—Center, Zaring; forwards, Schreiber and McGrun; guards Rich, Jones and Richmond. Referee, Ralph French. The Pendleton team left today for Waitsburg to meet the high school team of that city tonight.

BIG SNOWSTORM SWEEPS KANSAS

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 15.—The worst snow storm of the winter visited Kansas today. All wires to the northwest are down and sweeping northwest winds are piling up huge snow drifts. Zero weather is expected to follow the storm.

ALLEGED COMBINE WILL BE SUBJECT OF INVESTIGATION

Illegal Boosting of Wheat and Flour Prices Will be Made Subject of Federal Probe.

WILSON APPROVES ACTION

Attorney General Gregory Announced He Is Determined to Discover Alleged Violators—Work Promises to Be Difficult—Data Is Now Being Prepared.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 14.—Illegal boosting of wheat and flour prices will be made the subject of a federal probe, it was announced today. Government authorities have served notice that punishment will be meted out to speculators implicated in an attempt to illegally advance the price of grain. President Wilson approves the proposed probe.

Attorney General Gregory announced he is determined to discover the alleged violators, but stated the work will be difficult because intrastate trade will be involved, and because of the secrecy and intangibility of the boosting combine. The department of agriculture is preparing data for congress in connection with resolutions introduced in the house to stop the rise of price in wheat and flour.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Stinging criticism of big dealers who, he said, hold America's surplus wheat crop, was voiced by Representative Farra (Pennsylvania).

"I believe," said Farra, "that between seventy-five and eighty per cent of the surplus wheat in the United States is in the hands of unscrupulous speculators who are holding it for speculative advance. The farmer won't reap any of the reward even if it brings two dollars a bushel."

The heart of a pretty girl may be as chilly as a dog's nose.

PROCEEDINGS BY TO OUST MAYOR AND COUNCILMAN NOW HOLDING OFFICE IN UMATILLA

Quo warranto proceedings to oust from office Mayor H. N. Dryer and Councilman T. S. Tillson of Umatilla were brought in the circuit court today by E. E. Starcher and E. T. Anthony who were elected on December 1 to succeed those two men. The state appears as a plaintiff in the proceedings and District Attorney Steiner therefore appears as an attorney. The relators, Starcher and Anthony are represented by Raley & Raley and Judge S. A. Lowell of this city. The relators ask that Dryer and Tillson not only be required to show by what warrant they still hold their offices but that they be subjected to a fine under the statute of Oregon not to exceed \$2000. Dryer and Tillson were mayor and councilman respectively prior to the election on December 1 at which Starcher and Anthony were elected to succeed them after a bitter contest. The charter of Umatilla provides that elected officers shall take their oath and file their bonds 29 days after the election. This the two men failed to do but in their complaint, they allege that by taking their oath prior to the second Tuesday in January which is the date of the beginning of the new terms, they did qualify.

OFFENSIVE BLOCKADE OF PORTS OF ENGLAND BEING ADVOCATED

BY CARL VON WIEGAND) BERLIN, Jan. 15.—Sentiment throughout Germany for an offensive blockade of England by the use of mines and submarines and other devices, including German raids on British merchantmen, is increasing. The suggestion recently was made by Vice Admiral Von Tripitz in an interview with the United Press that such an offensive would be Germany's answer to the flat of England that Germany must be starved out, is being taken up in all quarters, but it is finding special favor in official circles. It was agreed that inasmuch as England had emphasized the plan to starve the Germans into submission the Germans would be within their rights if they adopted similar aggressive tactics.

Muffle Sneeze Advice.

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 15.—If you must sneeze, muffle it. If you can't keep it in wear a silencer or imbed your face in the snowy folds of a handkerchief.

The noise used to be about the only disagreeable part of sneezing that was known to humanity, but now Dr. Max C. Starkloff, health commissioner, says a sneeze is liable to spread disease.

Thorn Again Disappoints.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—The Gastonburg thorn in Trinity churchyard disappointed its friends again this year by failing to put forth the "white buttercup" blossoms with which it never fails in England to greet January 7, Christmas day according to the old-time calendar.

Most men wouldn't do a thing if they didn't need the coin.

Tatum Home is Held by Wife After Battle

Mrs. Mary J. Tatum and Tatum Home at Great Neck, L. I.

NEW YORK, Jan. 15.—Mrs. Mary J. Tatum continues to hold undisputed possession of the Tatum home on the fashionable East Shore, Great Neck, L. I. Her husband, John C. Tatum, the millionaire broker, who failed to secure a divorce last week at Mineola, has taken his trunk and gone, but not before he had been arrested on a charge of assault made by his wife. Among other arrested during the squabble for possession of the house were: Mrs. Tatum, herself, James MacArthur, her father; Mary MacArthur, her sister; Robert Pearson, the Tatum gardener; Henry Codrington, the Tatum chauffeur; Walter Toussaint, the Tatum butler.

Noted Explorer is Dead.

LONDON, Jan. 15.—The death was announced in London of Vice Admiral Sir George S. Nares, R. N., retired. He was born in 1831.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Russians within few miles of German stronghold at Thorn.

Ten German army corps rushed to reinforce lines along Aisne, Paris admits that German successes in that quarter are continuing.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels protests against bill introduced in Oregon legislature to abolish naval militia.

Local. Quo warranto proceedings brought to oust and fine Umatilla officials.

Tom Milarkey leaves \$75,000 estate to daughter.

Walter Gilman convicted of stealing cow.

William Scott very ill in Portland. P. H. S. defeated in Walla Walla.



DANIELS OPPOSES ABOLISHING NAVAL MILITIA OF STATE

Message is Sent to Gov. Withycombe Recommending That Branch of the Service be Continued.

AMPLE FUNDS ARE URGED

House Has Short Session This Morning—Bill Introduced Which Would Abolish the Fish and Game Commission and Create a New Board—Adjourn Until Monday.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—A half hour session was held in the house this morning when it adjourned yesterday. The senate adjourned yesterday until Monday.

Nine bills were introduced, the principal one by Schuebel which abolishes the fish and game commission and creates a new commission composed of the governor, one fish warden and one game warden.

The move in the legislature to abolish the Oregon naval militia brought a strong protest from Secretary of the Navy Daniels. Daniels sent a message to the governor recommending the militia be continued and the legislature was urged to make ample appropriation for its support.

NAVAL BILL REPORT SENT TO HOUSE

INCREASE OF OVER THREE MILLION DOLLARS MADE IN BUDGET.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The naval appropriation bill authorizing the expenditure of a hundred and forty-eight million, five hundred and eighty thousand, seven hundred and eighty six dollars was reported in the house by Chairman Padgett of the navy committee. The amount of the increase is more than three and a half million dollars over last year.

MRS JOSEPH P. MURPHY IS HEIR TO MILARKEY ESTATE

DAUGHTER RECEIVES ALL OF PROPERTY VALUED AT ABOUT \$75,000.

By the will of the late Thomas Milarkey, admitted to probate today, his daughter, Elizabeth Murphy, wife of Joseph P. Murphy of this city, is made the sole heir to his estate, valued at not less than \$75,000. The will was made on Jan. 4 of this year, just a few days before his death, in the presence of Col. J. H. Raley and Miss Sarah Cunningham.

In the will Mrs. Murphy is bequeathed all of the property, both real and personal, but she is especially instructed to mind and remember the children of his two deceased sisters, Isabelle Murphy and Eliza O'Neil, and to provide for them in case they should ever be in distress. In the event that she dies without children, the will directs that the property of the estate descend to these two children, share and share alike, but it is expressly stated that this provision is not to be a restriction upon the daughter in the use, alienation, management and ownership of the property.

The petition for the probate of the will, filed by Col. Raley, estimates the real property of the estate to be valued at not less than \$50,000 and the notes and other personal property at not less than \$15,000. All of the real property is in this city. Mrs. Murphy is named executrix of the will and County Judge Marsh has appointed Lot Livermore, E. W. McComas and E. J. Murphy as appraisers of the estate.

BATTLESHIP OREGON LEAVES PACIFIC TO GET WILSON

PRESIDENT AND HIS PARTY WILL BE ON VESSEL THROUGH CANAL.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 14.—The battleship Oregon left the Puget Sound navy yard for Cristobal on the Atlantic side of the Isthmus of Panama, where the president and his party will be taken aboard, preparatory to heading the international pageant through the canal when it is formally opened to navigation on March 19.