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SERBIA TREATED TO SAME METHOD AS WAS BELGIUM

Little Nation is Being Crushed Under Iron Heel of German Militarism Says Minister to France.

OLD AND INFIRM ARE KILLED

Troops Receive Orders to Slay Helpless Women and Children in Charge Made—Aid of America Will Soon be Needed to Relieve Distress Among the People.

PARIS, Nov. 15.—That Serbia is being crushed wantonly under the iron heel of German militarism, as was Belgium, was the claim of Serbian Minister Vesitch.

"We have proof that our enemies wish to stamp us out. Massacres of inoffensive country folk who were non-combatants were actually commanded by the Germans. Troops were ordered to kill prisoners and finish the wounded. The orders were executed mercilessly. Helpless women, children and decrepit old men were slaughtered."

If hundreds of thousands of lives are not sacrificed America must come to Serbia's aid, the minister declared. At least half a million homeless, hungry fugitives are fleeing to Montenegro, Albania and Greece, he said.

"They are too poor to care for these refugees," the minister continued. "Soon it will be as cold as a New England midwinter. Typhus is sure to break out along with other diseases caused by exposure, privation and exhaustion. Many refugees are from districts recently swept by typhus. The American relief commission has generously promised help, but I wish the world to know our need. The victims' suffering is the hardest to bear."

ALLEGED PLOTTER IS EXPECTED TO REVEAL SOME OF HIGHER-UPS

ROBERT FAY IS ANGERED AT THE DESERTION OF WEALTHY FRIENDS.

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—Angered over the desertion of wealthy friends in his hour of trouble, Robert Fay, the confessed anti-ally bomb plotter is expected to reveal soon a complete list of "higher-ups" in the alleged nation-wide conspiracy to halt munition exports to the allies. He has already confessed many details of the work to Chief Flynn of the United States secret service and these facts were given the federal marshal. That he was supplied plentifully with money was Fay's claim.

VINEYARDS ARE DESTROYED BY VOLCANO; PEOPLE FLEE

ROME, Nov. 15.—The Stromboli island vineyards have been destroyed by an eruption of Stromboli volcano and the neighboring island of Lipari is in a panic. Huge blocks of incandescent lava are being hurled up from the crater and ashes and cinders are being spread for miles around.

To save firemen carrying hose high into buildings a standpipe has been invented from which water can be turned on at any floor by valves at the street level.

Baby Round-Up Scores Home Run With American-National League Stars Here Saturday

Pendleton was more entertaining than entertained Saturday when the American and National League All-Stars played an exhibition game after witnessing a miniature Round-up put on by local citizens. The bucking, bulldozing and roping was much newer to the ballplayers than the article of baseball they played was to local fans.

The game was a southpaw engagement between Big Jim Vaughn of the Chicago Cubs and Harry Harper, the 20-year-old Washington sidewheeler, and Vaughn had all the better of the argument. The Nationals, therefore, won an easy victory from the Americans by a 7 to 1 score.

County Property is Assessed at 80 Per Cent of Value

STATE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION MAKES TENTATIVE DECISION IN MATTER.

Umatilla county property has been assessed by Assessor C. P. Strain at 80 per cent of its real value, according to the tentative decision of the state board of equalization. Announcement of this tentative decision was received by the assessor this morning.

This 80 per cent ratio is the same as that of last year, and is higher than the ratio allowed to the majority of counties. After the statement of the assessable wealth of each county is in its hands, the state board of equalization determines how near the actual value each assessor has assessed property. Having decided on the ratio for each county, the board places a full value on all of the property in the state and uses this as a basis for apportioning the state tax among the various counties.

GREAT NEGRO EDUCATOR IS DEAD AT SOUTHERN HOME

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON SUC-CUMBS TO NERVOUS BREAK-DOWN.

TUSKEGEE, Ala., Nov. 15.—Booker T. Washington, foremost teacher and leader of the negro race, died early yesterday at his home near the Tuskegee Institute, where he was founder and president. Hardening of the arteries, following a nervous breakdown, caused death four hours after Dr. Washington arrived from New York.

Although he had been falling in health for several months, the negro leader's condition became serious only last week, while he was in the east. It was then realized the end was near, but he determined to make the long trip south. He had said often: "I was born in the south, have lived all my life in the south, and expect to die and be buried in the south."

Death soon follows arrival home. Accompanied by his wife, his secretary and a physician, Dr. Washington left New York for Tuskegee at 4 o'clock Friday afternoon. He reached home Saturday midnight and died at 4:40 o'clock Sunday morning. His last public appearance was at the National Conference of Congregational churches in New York, where he delivered a lecture October 25.

A widow, three children and four grandchildren survive. John H. Washington, a brother, is superintendent of industries at Tuskegee Institute.

The funeral will be held at Tuskegee Institute Wednesday morning.

Footprints for identifying babies is practiced in Chicago maternity hospital.

NEWS SUMMARY

General. Serbia is meeting the same fate as Belgium declares Serbian minister. Vesels will soon be in the hands of the French is belief. Assistant postmaster is reinstated by President Wilson following former's criticism of latter's marriage.

Local. Brig S. Young, supreme chancellor of K. of P. presented with Indian robe while here. National defeat Americans before 1000 people here. Woolmen's convention is advanced a week. Elks coming in special train from Walla Walla Thursday. Umatilla county property assessed at 80 per cent of its value.

ADMINISTRATION MAY SECURE NEW POINTS IN CASE

Conflicting Evidence in the Torpedoing of the Italian Liner Ancona May Force Action.

DELAY IS BOUND TO OCCUR

Ambassadors at Rome and Vienna Will Get at Facts After Due Time, is the Belief at Washington—Austria Assumes Responsibility for the Disaster.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The administration apparently faced today the problem of getting new evidence of its own concerning the torpedoing of the Ancona with the loss of American lives as Austrian and Italian versions of the affair conflict. Austria claimed it followed international law in the procedure but Italy did not hold this view. In view of the Austrian acceptance of responsibility, the suggestion that Germany was the real offender was swept away. The administration is resigned to the delay in determining the exact facts, believing that Ambassadors Page at Rome and Penfield at Vienna, will get at the true state of affairs.

LONDON, Nov. 15.—What has happened to one boatload of survivors from the Italian steamship Ancona, torpedoed by an Austrian submarine, is still in doubt. Some reports said three lifeboats were accounted for but there are fears for the fourth. The announcement of the sinking yesterday did not state the location, but it presumably was in the Mediterranean.

THANKSGIVING DAY SET BY GOVERNOR

SALEM, Ore., Nov. 15.—Declaring that for Oregon and the United States the year 1915 has "been full of blessings of peace, in welcome contrast to the great war which has ravaged so many of the fortunate countries of the world," Governor Whitcomb designated Nov. 25th as Thanksgiving day.

Clew to Alleged Robber of Kansas Train is Found Here

The two young men who stole the Maxwell auto from G. C. Schneller of Walla Walla on Nov. 10 are suspected of being connected with the robbery of the Missouri, Kansas & Southern Railway train at Parsons, Kansas on October 26, and efforts are now being made to trace them. Chief Alex Manning of Pendleton got the clew which started a vigorous search for the young criminals.

The clew upon which Chief Manning bases his theory is the fact that they carried a book of 100 \$20 travelers' cheques of the American Express Co. A number of these books were stolen in the Kansas train hold-up and the American Express Co. is offering \$3000 reward for the apprehension of the culprits. The car was stolen in Walla Walla on the 10th and on the same evening the men drove the car into the City Garage and presented an American Express traveler's cheque, asking that it be cashed. The request was refused. The couple drove on to Echo and presented the car check at the garage there. It was not cashed, and the two men, after spending the night in their car at the edge of town, presented themselves before the American Express agent there at 8 o'clock on the morning of the 11th and cashed the check. From him they inquired the way to Grass Valley and it is presumed they are headed for California.

Beautiful Indian Robe is Gift to Pythian Official

SUPREME CHANCELLOR YOUNG AND WIFE REMEMBERED BY LODGE HERE.

When they left for Portland after an enjoyable visit in Pendleton, Supreme Chancellor Young and Mrs. Young carried with them a souvenir in the form of a beautiful Indian robe from the local mill.

The robe was the gift of local Pythians and was presented to the supreme chancellor at the close of an address given by Mr. Young at the Presbyterian church. J. H. Gwinn served as spokesman for the lodge-men.

The visiting official proved himself a speaker of much force and charm. His talk was upon general fraternal lines with particular reference to the growth and progress of the Knights of Pythias. Judge S. A. Lowell served as chairman at the church meeting.

After the open meeting had been concluded, Supreme Chancellor Young was the guest at a smoker held in the I. O. O. F. hall. Many Pythians were present from other towns of the county and a half dozen boxes of fine Milton apples, accompanied by a barrel of cider and cigars constituted the refreshments for those present.

Two New Gangs at Terminal Are Put on This Morning

MEN WILL BE HAULED OUT TO JUNCTION IN AUTO TRUCKS EACH DAY.

Two new crews of men were put to work this morning at Pilot Rock Junction where construction on the new terminal for the O.-W. R. & N. is being rushed to completion.

W. F. Ogle, formerly of the Warren Construction company, has charge of the ditch gang. Arrangements have been made to have the laborers hauled back and forth in auto trucks each morning and evening. Most of the new men are local laborers, although it was necessary to get some from outside. There are 15 men comprising the two gangs. One is composed of bricklayers and the others will help do the excavating for the new terminal.

REINSTATEMENT OF POSTAL EMPLOYE IS ORDERED BY WILSON

ASSISTANT POSTMASTER IN ILLINOIS TOWN CRITICISED ENGAGEMENT.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—The reinstatement of Assistant Postmaster Burkitt of Winnetka, Ill., removed because he criticised the president's engagement, was ordered by the president. The president was distressed at the dismissal and acted quickly, while the postoffice department, it is understood, is reported to support the dismissal on other grounds.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—Unless there are other reasons than an alleged criticism of the president's engagement, Assistant Postmaster at Winnetka, Ill., under direct orders from the president. The fact Burkitt was dismissed because he commented the president "should wait a year before remarrying" came to the attention of the White House last night. Today the president ordered Burkitt to be reinstated. It is the only reason for his removal. In announcing the president's course, Tumulty commented: "This is a free country."

Burkitt's superior had called attention to alleged demerits against him but made a particular issue of Burkitt's statement. This statement, Burkitt admitted but professed he meant no disrespect. His superior charged him with disloyalty. In announcing the reinstatement instructions the White House said it knew nothing of the charges. Burleson was asked if he ordered the discharge and replied he knew nothing of the case.

Local Wheat Moving at Advanced Figures

Though comparatively little local wheat has been sold as yet there were a number of sales last week and today, prices going as high as 93 or 94 cents, if current reports are correct. On the basis of today's bids at Portland wheat is worth 83 cents here and 82 1/2 is openly offered. It is said 84 cent wheat reported sold was f. o. b.

Portland. PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—Merchant's Exchange prices today, club 93 bid, 94 1-2 asked; bluestem 95 bid, 93 asked.

Chicago. CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(Special)—At the close today, Dec. \$1.08 1-8; May \$1.07 1-2.

Liverpool. LIVERPOOL, Nov. 15.—Wheat—spot market easy; No. 3 Manitoba 11s 4d; No. 2, 11s 1d; No. 2 hard winter, old 12s 4 1-2d; No. 2 Chicago new, 11s 2d.

In American terms the highest Liverpool price, that for No. 2 hard winter, old, is \$1.80 per bushel.

Lind and Silliman Confer With Carranza



Left to right—Gen. Obragon, who left the same night to direct the campaign at Agua Prieta against Villa; John W. Roberts, special correspondent of the International News service; Consul John E. Silliman, Gen. Aguillar and John Lind.

This picture was taken just after John Lind, the former personal representative of President Wilson in Mexico, and U. S. Consul John E. Silliman, has conferred with General Carranza at Piedras Negras on Nov. 1, and had conferred the wishes of this county to Carranza for success in his administration.

VELES EXPECTED TO FALL BEFORE FRENCH ATTACKS

Fierce Drives are Being Made on City Where Bulgarians are Attempting to Repulse Enemy.

ALLIES GAIN FOOT BY FOOT

Struggle in Southern Serbia Continues With Fierce Push—So Many Bulgarians Have Been Killed That Commanders Ask for Armistice to Bury Dead—Serbs Gain Town.

ATHENS, Nov. 15.—Foot by foot the allies are gaining in the struggle in southern Serbia. Besides the principal battle along the line through Veles to Tetovo, hot combats are raging at many places to the southwest. The French are driving heavily against Veles the fall of which is expected hourly. So many Bulgarians have been killed that Bulgarian commanders have asked for an armistice to bury the dead. The French have inflicted heavy losses on the enemy at several points. In capturing Tetovo the Serbs took 500 prisoners and quantities of munitions. Later reports declared the Bulgars again had invested the town.

Want No Interference. ATHENS, Nov. 15.—The newspaper Hestia said the British minister is about to present a demand that Greece guarantee not to oppose the allies in the Balkan campaign in any circumstances. The allies want assurance that they will not be attacked or interned in the event reverse compels them to retreat through Greece.

The pressure on Greece admittedly was said to have grown strong on all sides. The allies want authority so they can continue their landings unmolested and the king is reported to have agreed that this may continue as at the present. In the meantime representatives of the central allies are bringing pressure to bear to thwart the allies' plans in view of the menace that landings will hold for the Teutonic campaign in Serbia.

French Repulse Attacks. PARIS, Nov. 15.—Though attacked by a tremendous force, the French line in the Artois and Champagne regions has remained unbroken, an official review of the past week stated. The Germans lost 2000 in each unit engaged. Renewed violence along the western front was reported. The Germans lost heavily in a battle in the vicinity of the Labrynth and through the Artois last night. The Germans were repulsed in the neighborhood of Butte Thure in the Champagne. In southern Serbia the Bulgarian attack against the French along the entire Tuzerna river line were repulsed heavily.

Fighting in India. BERLIN, Nov. 15.—Fighting on the Afghanistan-India frontier is reported to have begun. This may mark the beginning of a campaign against India by Afghanistan that was reported as imminent.

Bulgars Claim Gains. LONDON, Nov. 15.—A Bulgarian official statement claimed that "operations on all fronts are developing in our favor."

Austrians Gain Victory. BERLIN, Nov. 15.—The Austrians have cleared the west bank of the River Sty, according to an official announcement. This is regarded as one of the most important victories in Galicia recently. The war office announced the capture of 3500 more Serbians in northern Serbia, with 11 cannon. The Teutons there are unconsciously pushing the invasion 20-24 the announcement.

Gate Lashes North Pacific. PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—The North Pacific is being lashed by a gale that has reached 72 miles an hour in some places. No distress to shipping has been reported.

Convention of Wool Growers to be Held One Week Earlier

In order to avoid conflict with the International Livestock Show in Portland next month, the annual convention of the Oregon Woolgrowers' association, scheduled for this city on December 9 and 10, has been advanced a week on the calendar and will be held on December 2 and 3. This is the announcement received this morning by local sheepmen and the Commercial association.

The dates for the 1916 convention were set several months ago before the dates of the livestock show were known. Fred W. Falconer of Enterprise and John H. Hoke of Medical Springs, president and secretary respectively of the woolgrowers' organization, held a conference in Baker Saturday and determined on making the change.