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AVALANCHE FROM ALPS WIPES OUT ENTIRE VILLAGES

Severe Storms Sweep Mountains Along Swiss Frontier and Mammoth Slides Smother all in Pathway.

POPULATION, WARNED, FLEE BEFORE DELUGE

Rush Down Valley at Night Buries House and Sleepers; Workers Search Through Ruined Towns for Dead.

ROME, Jan. 13.—Several villages in the Alpine regions were wiped out today by avalanches, following severe storms, according to dispatches received here. In the province of Piedmont among the Swiss frontier, an avalanche smothered the village of Demonte. Workers there so far have recovered six bodies.

The villages of Vernante and Limone were also destroyed but the populations were warned, and fled before the avalanche struck.

An avalanche swept down a valley at night burying a house in which seven were sleeping near Aosta.

COMMANDER CENSURES SERGEANT'S ACQUITTAL

The acquittal of Sergeant Joe White, former army recruiting officer here, on a charge of adultery, was officially disapproved of yesterday by General Hunter Liggett, commanding the western department of the army, according to a news dispatch from San Francisco. Sergeant White was accused of having committed the offense in an apartment house in Walla Walla.

The court martial was held at Vancouver Barracks. Not only was Sergeant White charged with the statutory offense but was also alleged absent without leave. He was acquitted on both charges.

Mrs. Myrtle Perkins, wife of an Alameda manufacturer, whose infatuation for Sergeant White led to most of the trouble, was convicted in a ci afloat with difficulty until 3 a. m. yes- and served about two months in jail there. She was recently released as a Christmas dispensation and she left, with the soldier, for Yakima the following day. Since their departure from Walla Walla nothing has been heard of the couple.

WOODMEN INSTALL OFFICERS, THEN FEAST

Wodmen of the World held installation of officers, followed by a banquet, in Eagle-Woodmen hall last evening. Two teams of 12 each were named to undertake a new membership campaign which will be ended June 1. W. L. Cederdale is captain of one team and C. T. Vaughan of the other.

The banquet last night was tendered by the team which lost out in the recent drive for new members. The campaign was reported successful, however, and better results are expected in the coming drive.

The new officers installed last night are: Fred Stroble, consul commander; C. T. Vaughan advisory lieutenant; Thomas Fitz Gerald, banker; J. P. Walker, clerk; H. D. Stillman, escort; Carl McGinnis, sentry; C. D. Livermore, watchman.

OPERATORS WILL ABIDE BY COMMITTEE AWARD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Coal operators Monday submitted to President Wilson's coal commission a list of reservations which they asked be passed before they will agree to accept the commission's award. Miners agreed to accept the award without reservations. Chairman Robinson announced that the commission will consider the operators' questions and make a statement later.

KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS INSTALL NEW OFFICERS

Charles W. Howell was last evening installed as chancellor commander of Damon Lodge No. 4 Knights of Pythias. Other officers elect taking their places last evening were Chester Marplaces, vice chancellor; H. R. Mangold, prelate; J. H. Gwinn keeper of records and seal and master of finance; W. L. Gadwa, master of exchequer; N. J. Blydenstein, inner guard, and R. M. Tannler, outer guard. J. H. Morris served as installing officer. During the meeting six candidates were given the work in the second rank.

TRAPPING WILD ANIMALS HER JOB

Mrs. Ada Tingley of Idaho, who was formerly employed by the local office of the United States Biological Survey and who is now trapping independently, is famous as a hunter and trapper. Mrs. Tingley has to her credit the scalps of 278 stock killing predatory animals, which she killed in 17 months.

Mrs. Tingley is of frail stature and weighs but 90 pounds, but those who have seen her in a tussle with a trapped coyote say her looks belie her strength.

Frank Tingley is famous not only as the husband of Mrs. Tingley, but because he, too, is a trapepr of note.

17 MEASURES IN HOUSE, 11 IN SENATE FILED ON FIRST DAY OF SESSION

Lower Branch Considers Three Bills Voncerning Labor; Umatillans Propose Setting up of Country Kindergartens

STATE CAPITOL, Salem, Jan. 13.—House bills introduced Monday were:

H. B. 1—By committee on labor and industries; to repeal chapter 435, Oregon laws, for creation of fund for industrial and reconstruction hospital.

H. B. 2—By committee on labor and industry; providing additional compensation for injured workmen.

H. B. 3—By Committee on labor and industry; providing for rehabilitation of workmen.

H. B. 4—By Gallagher; designating certain raids in Malheur county as part of system of state highways.

H. B. 5—By Gallagher; for payment of interest by state on irrigation and drainage district bonds.

H. B. 6—By Jones of Lincoln and Polk; to extend time during which United States may appropriate funds for Roosevelt highway.

Ban on Fishing

H. B. 7—Thrift, by request; making it unlawful to fish for salmon in Coos bay or Coquille river or tributaries.

H. B. 8—By Hosford; to repeal chapter 260, Laws of Oregon.

H. B. 9—By D. C. Lewis; dealing with insanity as a defense in criminal actions.

H. B. 10—By D. C. Lewis; making it unlawful to profiteer by combine, monopoly or other means.

H. B. 11—By D. C. Lewis; granting right to practice pharmacy to certain classes of soldiers and sailors.

H. B. 12—By D. C. Lewis, relative to methods of practice and procedure in cases pertaining to insanity, dependency, delinquency and administration in counties having population of 200,000 or over.

H. B. 13—By Kubli; to amend section 6874, Oregon laws, providing for the acquistion, ownership and control of property by incorporated cities and towns within or without their corporate limits.

H. B. 14—By Kubli; amend section 3209, Oregon laws, for changing boundaries of municipal corporations and repealing all laws in conflict.

H. B. 15—By Hughes; to authorize county assessors and deputies to administer oaths.

H. B. 16—By Hughes; to authorize inclusion of lands belonging to the state of Oregon or any incorporated towns in irrigation or drainage districts.

H. B. 17—By Marion county delegation; to amend section 3354, Oregon laws, to provide for holding nonpartisan primary nominating election in cities and towns of more than 2000 inhabitants.

11 In Senate

Eleven senate bills were introduced as follows:

S. B. 1, by Senator Baldwin—Increasing the number of bank examiners allowed the state superintendent of banks.

S. B. 2, by Senator Orton—Extend-

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SECURITY APARTMENTS NOT TO BE COMPLETELY FURNISHED SAY BUILDERS

The new Security Apartments for which contracts were let yesterday are not to be completely furnished, as the builders fear might have been understood from the story in an evening paper yesterday. There will be a large number of conveniences furnished without extra charge, however and these, the builders say would mean about $25 5a month to a householder.

Light fixtures, a range, heat, refrigerator, bed and springs, telephone, laundry and storage facilities in the basement, dumb waiters and numerous other conveniences are to be furnished and without extra charge. Furniture, linen, silverware, cooking utensils, etc., however will be furnished by the occupants of the apartments according to their own choosing. The gas and eelctricity will also be paid for by the tenants.

REALTY BOARD MEN OF PORTLAND VISIT

Five members of the state sessions department of the Interstate Realty Board were entertained this afternoon by the Umatilla County Realty Association. The visitors arrived on No. 11 today from Baker.

The Interstate Realty Board is a Portland organization which is sending out its members as far as Idaho to bring the local dealers into closer touch with the Rose City. Yesterday the men were at Caldwell for a meeting and were to have been in Baker last night. They will go to Walla Walla this evening to meet with the Walla Walla dealers tomorrow noon.

The county dealers as well as those of the city who are members of the Umatilla Association were invited to attend today. The membership is now 18. The five who were entertained here are: Frank McCrillis, Allen B. Cleveland, President Arthaud and Secretary Cowgill and Fred W. German, president of the Portland Realty Board.

4000 CAPTIVES OF WAR GRANTED REPATRIATION

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Premier Clemenceau has ordered the immediate repatriation of 4000 German prisoners still held in France.

THIEVES TAKE MONEY CACHED IN BITS IN TOES OF OLD SHOES

BAKER, Jan. 13.—Grant county officials are searching for thieves who took $180 from the residence of E. E. Luce of John Day while Luce was absent. The money has been hidden in the theft were familiar with their victs, cached in small amounts. The authorities believe the perpetrators of the theft were finiliar with their victim's habits. The money was all in bills or greenbacks.

STEAMER DASHED BY TERRIFIC GALE: 589 ARE MISSING

Scores Still Unaccounted for Following Wreck of "Afrique" in Bay of Biscay 50 Miles Off La Rochelle.

VESSEL SPRINGS LEAK AND ABANDONS COURSE

Rough Seas Drive Ship Astray and Sinking, Yesterday, Ends Desperate Battle to Keep Liner Afloat.

PARIS, Jan. 13.—Five hundred eighty nine persons are still missing following the wreck of the steamer Afrique, which sank in the Bay of Biscay early yesterday. They are believed to have perished.

The Afrique sprang a leak during a terrific gale Saturday and was driven off its course. It was kept aflot with difficulty until 3 a. m. yesterday, when it sank fifty miles off La Rochelle.

DEFENSE OF NEW IS SUDDENLY HALTED

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13.—Arguments in behalf of Harry New, on trial for murder, were brought to a sudden halt today when Lecompte Davis, chief counsel for the defense after a brief address, announced he would leave the case in the hands of the jury without further argument from his side. Indications were today that District Attorney Woolwine might be able to close his argument tonight.

MEXICAN RESOLUTIONS URGE ABROGATION OF TREATY WITH CHINA

NOGALES, Ariz., Jan. 13.—Resolutions abrogating the Mexican treaty of friendship and commerce with China, as a step toward negotiating a new treaty permitting the passage of Chinese exclusion laws by Mexico, were introduced in the Mexican senate, according to a Mexico City dispatch today. The resolution is an outgrowth of anti-Chinese agitation which centers around Cananea.

REPORT OF JAPANESE CONVOY FOR ARMS TO MEXICO TODAY DENIED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The state department today denied knowledge of a report that a Japanese cruiser escorted a large shipment of arms to Mexico.

HOUSE UNANIMOUSLY FAVORS REHABILITATION FUND AND RECONSTRUCTION HOSPITAL

SALEM, Jan. 13.—The house today unanimously passed a bill repealing provisions of the industrial commission act requiring that $400,000 be set aside from the industrial accident fund and empowering it to construct an industrial, reconstruction hospital.

Benefits Increased

The house unanimously passed a bill increasing the accident and sick benefit provisions of the industrial compensation law. The house also passed a bill creating a rehabilitation fund of $100,000 from the industrial accident funds.

May Quit Saturday.

The senate passed a concurrent resolution calling for an adjournment at noon Saturday. A similar resolution introduced in the house Monday still awaits action by the house.

After Paying Royalty

Lachmund started a renewal of the fight on the Warren company by introducing a bill prohibiting the payment of royalty on a patented pavement and making the payment of the same a felony, punishable by imprisonment for not over five years. If passed the bill will be submitted to the people.

Commission of 7

The joint fisheries committee of the house and senate approved of a bill providing for a fish and game commission of seven members with two divisions and a neutral chairman.

CENSUS COMMITTEE WILL MEET TONIGHT

For the purpose of taking final steps for the taking of the Commercial Association's check-up on the census work in Pendleton a meeting of the ward captains and assistants has been called for tonight by George A. Hartman, general chairman. The meeting will be held at the Commercial Association rooms at 7:30 and detailed instructions will be given for the work.

Each ward has been divided into a number of districts so that no single volunteer enumerator will have much territory to cover.

GRANGE ASKS STATE MASTER TO RESIGN

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 13.—William Buck, master of the state grange, has been asked to resign by Washington grange at Orchards.

In the resolution adopted it was stated that "the national master has decided that the triple alliance is a political party and that any effort on the part of the grange leaders to align the members with this or any other political party is a violation of the rules of the organization; that the campaign being waged by Mr. Buck to align the grange with the triple alliance is detrimental to the grange and tothe interests of farmers generally; that by indorsing methods and principles of radical leaders whose speeches and literature are dangerously near to anarchy and rebellion, the grange is brought into disrepute, and also that shorter hours, more pay and cheaper food for labor do not fit in well with the grange policies.

"This and the anarchist thought running through much of their literature leads sober-minded people to fear what would occur if they got control. That a meeting held in Grand Rapids, in which Mr. Buck took an active part, the body voted overwhelmingly that farmers and labor organizations have nothing in common." It was resolved by Washington grange No. 82 "that we disapprove of your efforts along this line and we suggest that since you are out of harmony with true grange spirit and find the company of radical labor more to your liking, that you resign as state master."

The resolution committee included W. H. Chilson, R. B. Phipps and A. H. Griner. Metta D. McCafferty is master of the Washington grange and Mrs. Joseph Bersch is secretary.

KENTUCKIAN NAMED ASSISTANT TREASURER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Guy E. Allen of Somerset, Ky., was today appointed assistant treasurer of the United States by President Wilson.

FRANCE WILL DECORATE PREMIER LLOYD GEORGE

PARIS, Jan. 13.—France today decided to decorate Lloyd George with the grand cross of the Legion of Honor.

It is learned that Lloyd George sent an urgent message to the British minister of commerce summoning him to obtain agreement with the French ministry upon economic questions.

STATE CANNOT RECALL RATIFICATION ONCE IT HAS ACTED, SAYS DRY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—W. B. Wheeler, general counsel for the anti-saloon league, declared today that once a state has ratified a constitutional amendment its ratification cannot be withdrawn. Maryland and New York were reported considering recalling their ratifications of the prohibition act.

MOBS STORM TOWN HALL IN VILLAGE IN PRUSSIA

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Mobs stormed the town hall at Hamborn, in Rhenish Prussia yesterday, seized arms and destroyed the town's archives. A Berlin news agency dispatch declared today. Later Mobs looted stores along the Jaegestrasse and the disturbance spread to Marsberg and Bruckhausen. The dispatch added that clashes between mobs, and police continued throughout the night.

RADICAL RAILROAD WORKERS ADVOCATE SEIZURE OU LINES

ROME, Jan. 13.—Extremists among dissatisfied railway workers today openly advocated the seizure of roads. All concessions offered by the government have been rejected. The situation is complicated by the refusal of postoffice, telephone and telegraph workers to accept government offers.

WHOLESALE PROSECUTION LOOMS FOR OBSTRUCTORS OF CENSUS IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 13.—Wholesale prosecution of persons who refuse to answer questions asked by census enumerators or otherwise obstruct the census, was threatened here today by Roy Erford, district census supervisor.

Enumerators have reported that several radical residents slammed their doors when asked for data for the census. Trouble has also been reported in getting names and facts regarding lodgers in cheap hotels.

Chief of Police Warren, at Mr. Erford's request, today ordered the police force to back the enumerators whenever trouble is reported. Persons convicted of obstructing the census are liable to be fined $100, Mr. Erford declared.

"WHOLESALE AWARD OF ARMY MEDALS TO SWIVEL-CHAIR HEROES" IS BITTERLY ASSAILED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—Charges that army medals for distinguished service were awarded unfairly were made by Representative Gallivan today in urging a complete investigation by the house military committee. Many army officers who never fired a shot were given medals, and scores of heroes in the A. E. F. were not rewarded, Gallivan claimed, adding that the distinguished service medal as a result is now known as a "desk service medal."

The representative was bitter in denunciation of Chief of Staff March, claiming "he has not enough space between his belt and collar to display the medals received, yet he did not hear a hostile shot through the entire war."

To "Every Messenger Boy"

General Pershing was attacked as having given a medal to "every commissioned messenger boy."

"Scarcely a single member of the "Boulevard shock troops" of Chaumont, Paris failed to receive a personal glorification through the placing of a medal on his manly chest," said Gallivan. "It is believed that practically every member of the general staff here in Washington has been awarded one of these medals, regardless of the character of his service"

"War of Red Ink"

"Reading of the sum total of these citations to swivel chair officers who never left Washington would certainly impress one with the fact that the war was fought with red ink at mahogany desks near the Washington monument rather than in the Argonne and at St. Mihiel. If a single one of these was passed over he must feel like a gray horse in a barnyard of mules. Surely lounge lizzards of second army of the Potomac have no quarrel with their comrades, the lobby lancers of the capitol."

SUPREME COUNCIL OF PEACE CONFERENCE ENDS EXISTANCE WITH DECISIONS TODAY

BY HENRY WOOD
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Jan. 13.—The supreme council of the peace conference today notified American Ambassador Wallace that its decision to award the United States only two percent of German shipping to be distributed among the allies and associated powers was unchanged. Ambassador Wallace immediately replied that the United States preferred to waive its claim entirely.

The conference completed the Hungarian treaty without modifications. It refused the Serbian request that the croatians be recognized as separate entity within Hungary. Following these actions the supreme council of the peace conference virtually passed out of existence. It was decided to refer all questions in the future to a committee of ambassadors. The council decided to publish the minutes of the peace conference.

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OLCOTT ENTITLED TO ENTIRE TERM OF WITHYCOMBE

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SUPREME COURT MAKES DECISION, FOUR TO THREE

Johns Writes Predominating Opinion, McBride, Bean and Bennett Concurring While Harris Benson and Burnett Dissent.

SALEM, Jan. 13.—Ben W. Olcott is governor of Oregon for the full unexpired term of the late James Withycombe, the supreme court decided today by four to three. Justice Johns wrote the predominating opinion with McBride, Bean and Bennett concurring the latter writing a special concurring decision. Judge Harris dissented, with Benson and Burnett concurring, the latter in a special opinion.

BROTHER-IN-LAW OF R. ALEXANDER IS DEAD

PORTLAND, Jan. 13.—In the passing of Max S. Bloch on Sunday night Oregon lost one of its well-known pioneer business men, one who had been engaged in the mercantile business in La Grande for more than 50 eyars. Mr. Bloch was esteemed by his many friends in La Grande, where he settled when about 18 years of age and where he became a factor in the business world in the half century he was in Oregon.

Mr. Bloch was born in Germany but came to America when a lad and chose Oregon as his home. He was a member of the Masonic and other fraternal organizations. His death occurred at 7 o'clock Sunday. He had benn in the city but a few days in search of health. Survivors are his widow, Mrs. M. S. Bloch of La Grande; a son, W. E. Bloch, of 309 East Thirty-sixth street, Portland; two other sons, Milton S. Bloch, an architect of La Grande, and Dave E. Bloch, an advertising man of New York city, and a daughter, Stella Bloch of La Grande. The funeral services will be held at Holman's at 2 p. m. Wednesday, with burial at Beth Israel cemetery. Officiating will be Rabbi Jonah B. Wise and the Masonic order.

Mr. Bloch was a brother-in-law of R. Alexander, Mrs. Bloch being one of Mr. Alexander's three sisters, the others being Mrs. William Wurzweiler of Portland and Mrs. R. Friede of Portland. Mr. and Mrs. Alexander went to Portland today for the purpose of attending their relative's funeral.

POLAND REJECTS RED'S OFFER TO MAKE PEACE

LONDON, Jan. 13.—Odessa was evacuated today by Denikin's troops, according to advices received here.

Poland has rejected the bolsheviki's peace offer, a Cracow dispatch declares.

A Milan dispatch said Nikolai Lenine, soviet premier, has transmitted a letter to the supreme executive of the Italian, socialists, imploring the party "to abstain from revolutionary movements for which present conditions offer little likelihood of success." He said an upheaval in Italy now would be a severe blow to the soviets' peace negotiations with various hostile powers.

IDAHO LABOR LEADERS SILENT AS TO ISSUES OF FIFTH CONVENTION

POCATELLO, Idaho, Jan. 13.—The Idaho State Federation of Labor met here Monday with 82 delegates in attendance. They include representatives of the miners, printers, electrical workers, teamsters, carpenters and many other classes.

Labor leaders are silent as to the issues that are being considered. This is the fifth annual convention.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Wed. fair.