

## FRENCH SENATOR ELECTED PRESIDENT OF LEAGUE OF NATIONS, TODAY MADE REALITY

STAGE CULCH FLOOD WATER  
INUNDATE CITY STREETS AND  
UNDERMINE RAILWAY BRIDGE

Six Stanfield Families Forced From Homes by Tide From Melting Snow; Engine Swerves to Side When 18 Attempts to Cross Weakened Structure on Government Canal.

(Special By Phone.)  
STANFIELD, Jan. 16.—(Noon)—Coe avenue is covered with 18 inches of water and main street with 8 inches today as a result of last night's flood from Stage Culch. Between 7 and 10 this morning the water rose an inch, due to the rainfall of last night, but at noon today the water showed signs of subsiding.

The railroad bridge across the government canal three-fourths of a mile west of town was again undermined by the overflowing of the ditch and no trains were able to cross since last evening. When the engineer on No. 18 last night attempted to cross the weakened bridge gave way and the engine swerved to one side but did not topple completely over. The train was barely moving at the time and was stopped without damage.

**Homes Abandoned.**  
The crest of the flood was reached about midnight last night and it was about 1 a. m. that the railroad bridge gave way for the second time this winter. Trains were routed back through Umatilla and Walla Walla.

When the flood began last evening, six families living on Furnish avenue in the east end of town were forced to abandon their homes, with an inch of water in their living rooms. Melting snow and the thawing ground started the flood and the rain later increased the flow this morning. The water increased at the rate of four inches an hour last evening and by 7 o'clock had reached Main street.

EVIDENCE READY ON  
SHIPBUILDING FRAUDS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Evidence of shipbuilding frauds on the Pacific coast is now practically ready for consideration by a grand jury, according to officials of the department of justice. Although they refused to divulge the exact nature of the evidence, it is known to include proof that advantage was taken of the coast-plus contract system by which builders were allowed a profit of ten per cent above the cost of production. Padding of construction cost estimates was a method used to defraud the government of millions of dollars, according to justice officials.

STATE WHEAT GROWERS  
TO COME JANUARY 24

PORTLAND, Jan. 16.—Oregon wheat growers will meet in Pendleton January 24 to organize an Oregon unit of the Northwest Wheat Growers' Association, formed at Spokane this week. Chairman A. A. 92more of the tri-state executive committee, made the announcement late Thursday.

SIMS FOR ABOLITION  
OF ALL NAVAL MEDALS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Abolition of all naval decorations is favored by Admiral Sims who appeared before the senate naval affairs subcommittee today as the first witness in the investigation of the naval awards controversy.

"If the government could see its way clear to wipe out the whole business and start clean I think the majority of the service would be pleased," he said. He denied that personal enmity is responsible for his criticism of Secretary Daniels.

OLCOTT SIGNS FISH AND GAME COMMISSION  
BILL BUT RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS NOW LOOMS

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 15.—Governor Olcott has signed the fish and game commission bill. It is understood that the old commissioners after being reelected and thus vindicated by the legislature will resign, thus leaving the appointment of their successors to the governor. Prospective new commissioners mentioned are H. B. Vanduser, Portland, E. V. Carter, Astoria, Charles Hall, Marshfield.

**Teachers Win Point.**  
The house unanimously passed a two mill tax at the request of the state teachers' association. The house passed a memorial petitioning congress to deny citizenship to children of aliens who may not acquire citizenship. Olcott issued a statement saying that while the fish and game bill doesn't permit him to clean out the

CHRISTIAN POURED OUT  
HIS HEART IN REAL BEER

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Five hundred guests at a banquet of the realty board last night were each presented with a case of pre-war beer by Christian Faegenspan, a brewer.

PREMIER CLEMENCEAU  
WITHDRAWS CANDIDACY  
FOR PRESIDENT'S CHAIR

Paul Deschanel, Leader of Chamber of Deputies, Polls Majority in Test Vote Taken on Eve of Election.

PARIS, Jan. 16.—Premier Clemenceau this afternoon announced his withdrawal as a candidate for president of France. The premier notified the president of the Versailles congress that he would not accept the presidency if elected.

**Candidacy Announced.**  
PARIS, Jan. 16.—Premier Clemenceau today announced the French cabinet will resign Sunday.

He also announced his candidacy for the presidency of France. Paul Deschanel, president of the chamber of deputies will be Clemenceau's only opponent. It is indicated today. The election will be held at Versailles tomorrow. President Poincaré and Leon Bourgeois have both announced they will not be candidates.

**Opponent Polls Majority.**  
PARIS, Jan. 16.—In a test of strength at a plenary caucus of senators and deputies, prior to tomorrow's presidential election, Paul Deschanel polled 408 votes to Clemenceau's 339. The total membership of both houses was not represented in the voting.

The unexpected strength of Deschanel supporters came as a complete surprise to many political observers. Until a few days ago Clemenceau was the only candidate mentioned. His nomination and election were conceded.

JENKINS' ABDUCTOR IS  
CAPTURED AT PUEBLA

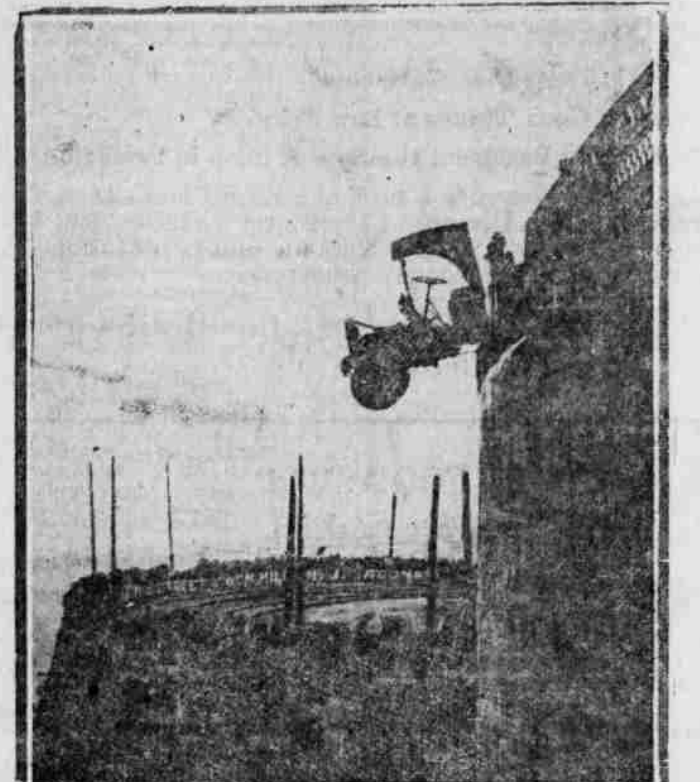
MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—Caelano Mendez, one of the leaders of the bandits who abducted American Consul Agent Jenkins, was captured today, according to Puebla dispatches. Mexican authorities reporting his arrest, declared Mendez seized important evidence supporting charges of a collusion with bandits against Jenkins.

SARVIS CANYON WILL  
JOIN IN RABBIT DRIVE

A rabbit drive will be held Sunday by the farmers of the Sarvis canyon region, 15 miles southwest of Echo, for the purpose of exterminating the rabbits which did not succumb to the recent rabbit poisoning campaign. Because the rabbits of the Sarvis section are untrapped, the campaign was not so successful as in the alfalfa region and for this reason the drive has been instituted.

Ed Pepperman and W. S. Gardison are in general charge of the plans for the drive. A half mile of rabbit fence has been put up across the mouth of the creek and the rabbits will be driven into this pen. The animals are very numerous in the heavy brush near the buttes southwest of Echo.

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RUNAWAY AUTO HALTED 250 FEET IN AIR,  
DRIVER ESCAPES BY CLINGING TO WHEEL

When Romeo Maslet was driving a motor truck down the viaduct leading from West Hoboken, N. J., to Hoboken, the steering gear jammed. The front part of the truck smashed through a retaining wall and more than three-quarters of the heavy vehicle was hanging 250 feet above the foot of the Palisades when the rear wheels caught and held it fast. Maslet clung to the steering wheel and thus escaped being hurled to certain death.

VOLUNTEER CENSUS WORKERS  
FIND MANY MISSED BY THOSE  
TAKING REGULAR ENUMERATION

Pendleton's volunteer census campaign is underway and results thus far obtained show the unquestionable need of such work if a complete count of local people is to be had.

The Commercial Association enumerators are finding that in some instances homes have been missed entirely by the enumerators, while in other cases all the individuals living at a given number have not been entered. No criticism is made of the regular enumerators who have tried to do faithful work but it is declared the results they have secured will not show the true population of Pendleton except through use of the data being gathered by the volunteer enumerators.

The north side ward is being canvassed today and this evening by the district workers and the canvass is all on foot. In most of the other wards of the city, cooperation from local people is asked by George Hartman, general chairman, in order that the city may make a correct showing in the census.

U. S. MARINES BEAT OFF 300 BANDITS  
IN ATTEMPTED SIEGE OF HAITIAN PORT

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Two American marines were wounded, one seriously, when a force of 300 bandits drove back 300 armed marines who tried to capture Port au Prince, Haiti, Secretary Daniels was advised today by Captain Russell, in charge of marines there. The bandits attacked Port au Prince in three columns and were immediately countered by the American marines and local guerrillas and repelled. Over fifty percent of the bandits were killed, wounded or captured.

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JUDGE MARSH WILL  
NOT BE CANDIDATE  
TO SUCCEED SELF

That he will not be a candidate for reelection was positively declared today by County Judge C. H. Marsh. "I feel that I cannot afford to continue longer in the position and will not seek a reelection," said Judge Marsh to the East Oregonian today.

Judge Marsh has been requested by many friends of various political faiths to run again but he says he is determined not to do so.

Judge Marsh's term expires this year as does also the term of Commissioner Barney Anderson. Hence two members of the county court are to be nominated and elected by the people.

CENTER PARKING NOT  
FEASIBLE, CHAIRMAN  
ON STREETS BELIEVES

Claud Penland Declares Former Tests Show it Cannot be Done and That Time Limit Must Come Sooner or Later.

A demonstration of the center parking plan will be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock on Main street just south of the intersection with Alta street. The test will be conducted under the auspices of the board of managers of the Pendleton Commercial Association and the street committee of the city council.

Parking autos in the center of Pendleton streets, proposed by the board of managers of the Pendleton Commercial Association, will not bring the desired relief, in the opinion of C. E. Penland, chairman of the street committee of the city council. Mr. Penland was absent from the council Wednesday night when the proposition was submitted by President George C. Baer of the association.

"Pendleton is confronted by three problems that the center parking system will not overcome," Mr. Penland said today. "One is the absence of alleys, another is the narrow streets, and the third is that there are more autos per capita here than in any town in the state."

**Streets Not Wide Enough.**  
The center parking system will reduce the number of cars that can be parked on Main and Court streets, Mr. Penland said, but because of the width of the streets, will not do away with congestion. When the idea was advanced once before a large touring car was parked in the center and the large Pendleton truck driven up along side the curb to unload. The space left between the truck and the parked car was not sufficient to permit passage of an ordinary passenger auto, Mr. Penland said.

Reaching a car in the middle of the street brings more hazard to pedestrians, the council member says. The occupants of a car must cross in front of moving vehicles when going to and from the sidewalk.

**"Keep Moving" Only Remedy.**  
The real remedy for Pendleton's parking troubles is a time limit on parking, Mr. Penland declared. If Main and Court street are denied to autos for an indefinite time, cars are allowed to drive up to the curb parallel to the curb instead of at an angle of 45 degrees and a "keep moving" plan put in operation, the desired result will have been attained.

The city has not yet reached the peak in the number of autos to be handled, Mr. Penland believes. With "frank highways" open through here, hundreds of transient autos in addition to the ever increasing number of locally owned cars, must be handled in the streets here. It is only a matter of time until main streets must be restricted for parking, he said.

OSCAR SEAGLE WILL  
SING HERE MARCH 4

Oscar Seagle, one of the foremost American baritone, will appear here in concert at the Methodist church, Sunday, March 4. Mrs. S. H. Forshaw has been active in making arrangements for Seagle's appearance in Pendleton. She is a former pupil of the famous vocalist, having studied under him in Paris. Mrs. Forshaw in bringing the singer here is inspired by the success of Seagle, brought here last year by Mrs. Harriet Young, a former pupil of the pianist.

The baritone is an American who was born in the South. He lived abroad for many years but is now residing permanently in this country. Seagle has attained an international reputation on the concert stage. His visit to Pendleton will be a part of his northwest tour.

Another of the singer's former pupils is Mrs. Myrtle Prater Stiles, formerly of this city, now of Portland. She studied under Seagle in New York last year. The singer conducts summer schools for vocalists at Seberson Lake, in the Adirondacks, but devotes himself to concert work in the winter.

AMERICA'S ABSENCE DEPLORED  
ON OPENING DAY OF GREATEST  
OF INTERNATIONAL INSTITUTIONS

First Session Convenes in Famous Clock Room But Final Organization is Blocked Until Assembly of All States is Held; Honor Should Have Fallen to Wilson Says Bourgeois

BY HENRY WOOD  
(United Press Staff Correspondent)

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The League of Nations today became a reality. The first session convened in the famous "clock room" of the French foreign office. Leon Bourgeois, president of the French society for the League of Nations, and president of the French senate, presided.

At the conclusion of the session, Bourgeois was elected permanent president of the League of Nations council. In his opening address, President Bourgeois said the organization of the league will not become until an assembly of all the states is held.

The scene in the clock room was a marked contrast to a meeting 11 months ago when the league was born. Then President Wilson and the American delegation were the most dominant and powerful figures. Today the United States was not even represented officially. Her name did not figure either in the charter members of the league or in the list of those invited to join.

**Honor Was Wilson's.**  
Referring to the failure of the United States to accept the league, he said: "The task of presiding at this meeting and the inauguration of the greatest of international institutions should have fallen to President Wilson. We respect the reasons which still delay the entrance of our Washington friends and hope these will be soon overcome and representatives of the United States will occupy a place among us. The councils then will assume that definite character and that particular force which should be associated with our work."

"Organization of the league," declared President Bourgeois, "will not be complete until the assembly of all states comes together. Among the states invited to join within two months after the treaty of peace becomes effective, Spain, Argentina, Paraguay, Chile and Persia have already accepted. Even if the league thus remains incomplete until a later date, today's meeting nevertheless bears the character of the first solemn act. Today will go down in history, as the date of the birth of a new world."

**Right for Might a Reality.**  
"This decision is to be taken today in the name of the states adhering to the covenant of the league. It will be the first decree of all free nations leaguely themselves together for the first time in the history of the world to substitute right for might."

In closing his address the French leader solemnly said: "With eyes fixed on the distant future, with our feet on the solid ground of political and social relations, we will create a world by this league which can develop the spirit of justice and desire for peace."

Earl Curzon, British secretary of state for foreign affairs, emphasized the necessity of abolishing old secret diplomacy and said the success of the international labor conference "is a good augury for the future of the league."

**Welcome Awaits America.**  
Curzon said he wished to "express full concurrence with President Bourgeois' remarks relative to the United States."

He said: "The decision must be her own. But if the United States does elect to take her place in the new council of nations that place will be vacant for her and I am sure a warm welcome will await her."

Bourgeois presented the first resolution before the league's council. It was to appoint a Saar commission.

LETTER WILL DEMAND  
KAISER'S EXTRADITION

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The "big three" today wrote a letter to be sent to Holland demanding extradition of the former kaiser, it is learned.

NEBRASKA POLICEMEN  
SHOT BY MEXICANS IN  
SUDDEN ENCOUNTER

NORTH PLATTE, Neb., Jan. 16.—Chief of Police Macomber said 24 was shot and killed and Policeman George Rodgers, 50, was fatally wounded when they attempted to arrest two Mexicans, suspicious characters, last night. The Mexicans suddenly started the shooting.

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