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ALLEIES AND GERMANY MUST WORK OUT OWN FINANCIAL RECOVERY UNAIDED BY U.S.

MAYOR, SEVEN DETECTIVES AND FOUR MINERS ARE DEAD ON DAY AFTER WEST VIRGINIA SHOOTING

Eviction of Workers From Coal Company Houses After Formation of Union Develops Quarrel Which Starts Killing

THREE AMONG MANY ARE CRITICALLY HURT

City Executive Intercedes and is Fired on by Secret Service Man Who is Instantly Felled by Chief of Police.

MATEWAN, W. Va., May 20.—With 169 armed deputy sheriffs patrolling the streets and a detachment of state constabulary expected momentarily, the situation in this mining village, the scene of the killing of 12 persons last night in a battle between private detectives and citizens, was quiet early today. Last night's shooting, according to authorities, resulted from the action of detectives who evicted a number of miners from Stone Mountain Coal Company houses.

A shot, said to have been fired by Albert Pelt, a detective, which ended the life of Mayor Cabell Testerman, started the battle, Pelt being killed an instant afterward by Chief of Police Hatfield. The shooting then became general, seven detectives, four miners, and the mayor losing their lives. Three others were badly wounded.

State Troops Arrive.
(By United Press.)
MATEWAN, May 20.—With at least 10 persons dead and many wounded, Matewan was quiet when the first detachment of state troops arrived this morning to take charge following last night's battle between miners and operatives of the detective agency. Eviction of miners from their homes by detectives caused the battle.

The dead include seven detectives, Mayor Testerman and two miners. Excitement ran high throughout the night, and authorities feared they would be unable to handle the situation so summoned the state troops.

Union Is Subject.
A battle in the streets of Matewan late yesterday came as a climax to the fight over the new miners' union. Coal companies hired a detective agency to hunt out the union members. Former employees of one coal company are reported to have been discharged and evicted from company-owned houses due to membership in the union. Detectives were at the depot waiting for a train when the fighting opened.

Reports vary as to how it started. Sheriff Blankenship reported that Mayor Testerman interceded for the men evicted from their homes and that as he was talking to a detective he was shot down. This, it is said, started the general fighting.

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MERCHANTS DECLARE HIGHER WHOLESALE PRICES PREVENT ANY GENERAL PRICE CUTTING

(By Associated Press.)
CHICAGO, May 20.—While the wave of price-cutting in wearing apparel continued yesterday, merchants in several cities denounced the campaigns, as a futile step, predicting that the movement would be short-lived and result in higher prices later.

They asserted that the reductions could not be maintained because the merchant did not control the cost of manufacture and that when stocks were depleted, market prices would have to be paid for new stock.

Pendleton merchants take the view reported above. They say that price cutting on certain classes of apparel is always to be noticed at this time of the year and that such sales do not mean any real decline in prices.

Local businessmen show invoices money, proving that wholesale prices for fall merchandises are much higher than in the spring and that under such conditions higher prices are inevitable. They are not only paying more for more handouts but frequently they have great difficulty securing supplies.

Many instances are given where current wholesale prices are shown to be paralleled with local retail prices. Should stocks be exhausted by a price reducing campaign a merchant would be compelled to restock at higher figures.

Information given by trade publication shows that the wave of price cutting in the east originated with the Wannamaker store and one other large store. It is believed these stores either handled the move for advertising purposes or else found themselves overstocked and were obliged to raise prices.

VICE PRESIDENT TALKS FOR LEAGUE, DEFENDED AT MAMMOTH COST

(By United Press.)
INDIANAPOLIS, May 20.—The league of nations "in defense of which President Wilson has broken his body" was defended here today by Vice President Marshall in an address before the Indiana state democratic convention.

BOLSHEVIK ARMIES FORGE AHEAD FOR GAIN OF 30 MILES

(By United Press.)
LONDON, May 20.—Russian bolshevik troops have advanced 30 miles in the region of west of Vitebsk, capturing Polotsk, according to a Moscow dispatch today.

Claim Much Booty

(By Associated Press.)
LONDON, May 20.—An offensive begun last Friday by the bolsheviks against the Poles along a 50 mile line on the northern front, was continuing successfully up to Wednesday, according to a soviet wireless from Moscow today. The Polish retreat was panicky at some points, the statement declared. The capture of many prisoners and much booty is claimed.

Poles Flee in Panic

(By United Press.)
LONDON, May 20.—Russian soviet troops have started a general advance against the poles over a 50 mile front in the Polotsk-Lepel region, according to a Moscow dispatch today, adding that Russian forces pierced the Polish front May 14.

The enemy's attempted resistance amounted to a panic in some districts.

CATTLE MARKET IS UNCHANGED TODAY

(By Associated Press.)
PORTLAND, May 20.—Cattle and sheep are weak and unchanged; hogs are weak, prime mixed at \$14.50 and \$15 and butter and eggs are steady and unchanged.

PARTS OF NAVAL RESERVE NEARLY SLACKERS HEAVEN

Secretary Daniels Tells How He Had to Take Summary Action to Prevent Enrollment for Safe Shore Jobs.

BY MAY 11, 1917, 2315 OFFICERS WERE LISTED

Halt Called on Wholesale Giving of Commissions, Many of Them Sought for Congressmen's Secretaries.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Secretary Daniels had to take summary action to prevent a part of the naval reserves from becoming a "slackers paradise" during the war, he told the senate naval committee. This was in a reply to Captain Palmer, chief of the bureau of navigation during the war, that Daniels ordered him to stop enrolling reservists.

Daniels said the bureau of navigation permitted that three fourths of the reserve enrollment be made in class four which forbade recruits being called outside of a three mile limit for duty, giving them safe shore jobs. By May 11, 1917, he added, 2359 of the navy's officers were also in this class, and many were without any qualification whatever.

"I called a halt in this wholesale giving of commissions which threatened to become a nationwide scandal," Daniels said. "I prevented the navy reserves from becoming a slackers paradise only by plain, direct orders." He told the committee of instances where congressmen asked him to commission their secretaries and upon being refused went to a subordinate officer and got the commission which the secretary of the navy had denied them.

The Weather
Reported by Major Len Moorhouse, Observer.
Reported by Major Len Moorhouse, Minimum, 41. Maximum, 47. Barometer, 29.35.

BANDITS SHOOT UP MAIN STREET, THEN FLEE WITH \$12,000

(By Associated Press.)
TOLEDO, May 20.—Six bandits this morning shot up the main street of Delta, Ohio, near here, seriously wounding one, looting a bank and escaping with \$12,000 in cash and liberty bonds.

FUGITIVE READY TO SIGN RESIGNATION REBELS ARE TOLD

President Carranza, in El Paso Story, is Declared to Have Found Refuge on Mexican Gunboat "Progress."

(By United Press.)
MEXICO CITY, May 20.—Advices received here today indicate the situation throughout the country is gradually returning to normal. The outlook for the formation of a new government is considered bright.

An unconfirmed report stated that Carranza has advised the provisional government that he is ready to sign his resignation. Embassies are said to have been sent to confer with him.

J. N. JOHNSON, PIONEER, IS CALLED BY DEATH

J. N. Johnson, aged 67, died yesterday at his home, 315 14th street. Mr. Johnson had been a resident of this city for the past 16 years. He was born in Texas, but went to Idaho early in life. Later he came to Oregon. He is survived by the following children, Bert, William, Edward, James, Douglas and Bernice Johnson, and Miss Ivy Johnson. Mrs. Johnson died 13 years ago.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the Folson chapel, with Rev. H. L. Bussabarger, pastor of the First Christian church, officiating.

FURTHER ASSISTANCE WITHHELD BY DECISION OF PRESIDENT AND CABINET, CAPITAL LEANS TODAY

FIRST SAILOR DEAD COME FROM OVERSEAS

(By Associated Press.)
NEW YORK, May 20.—Secretary Daniels yesterday paid tribute to the first American sailor and marine dead of the world war to be brought home from overseas.

At impressive ceremonies in the New York navy-yard over 151 flag-draped caskets which were landed by the transport *Nereus* last Monday, he called upon the nation to "ever bear in mind that they made the supreme contribution on the altar of their country—reverently, solemnly and as courageous men always go into battle."

Of the bodies, 26 will be buried in the National cemetery at Arlington on Saturday. The others were claimed by relatives.

Among them was the body of one civilian, Llewellyn Snowden, of the American Legion at Rome.

FOOD PRICES SLATED FOR DROP IS CLAIMED

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 20.—Oiled clothing and other commodities in the downward sweep of prices. Although the slump in food prices is not general, it is reported mainly from southern points. Leading wholesale grocers in northern cities and government officials here predicted food quotations will soon be lowered throughout the nation. They believed their forecasts on the tightness of the money market and economic conditions. The contraction of credit will force on the market goods being held by speculators, causing a flood of sales throughout the nation, it is predicted. Liquidation of loans ordered by the federal reserve board have been proceeding quietly throughout the country for several weeks, it is earned. The stock market continued to drop, due to tightening of the money market. Another important factor in the slump of prices was the falling off of exports. This is due to the fact Europe is getting back on its feet war basis economically and won't longer need such a large amount of American products.

DEEP PROBE OF ALL CAMPAIGNS ORDERED

(By Associated Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—Investigation of the presidential campaigns of both parties, including contributions and expenditures or use of influence, was ordered today by the senate.

(By United Press.)
WASHINGTON, May 20.—The investigation was reported favorably from the expenses committee, and adopted without debate. It directs the privileges and elections committee to investigate immediately the campaign expenditures of all presidential candidates and to get the names of all persons, firms, corporations and organizations contributing to such funds and the amounts given. The committee is also to learn how the money was spent and whether any influence or promise of patronage was made to obtain support for any candidate.

DEMOCRATS ASKED TO WRITE IN NAME OF C. P. STRAIN FOR PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

Arroused by the contest over the educational measures, the road bonding bill and various fights for nominations a good vote is expected at the primary election tomorrow.

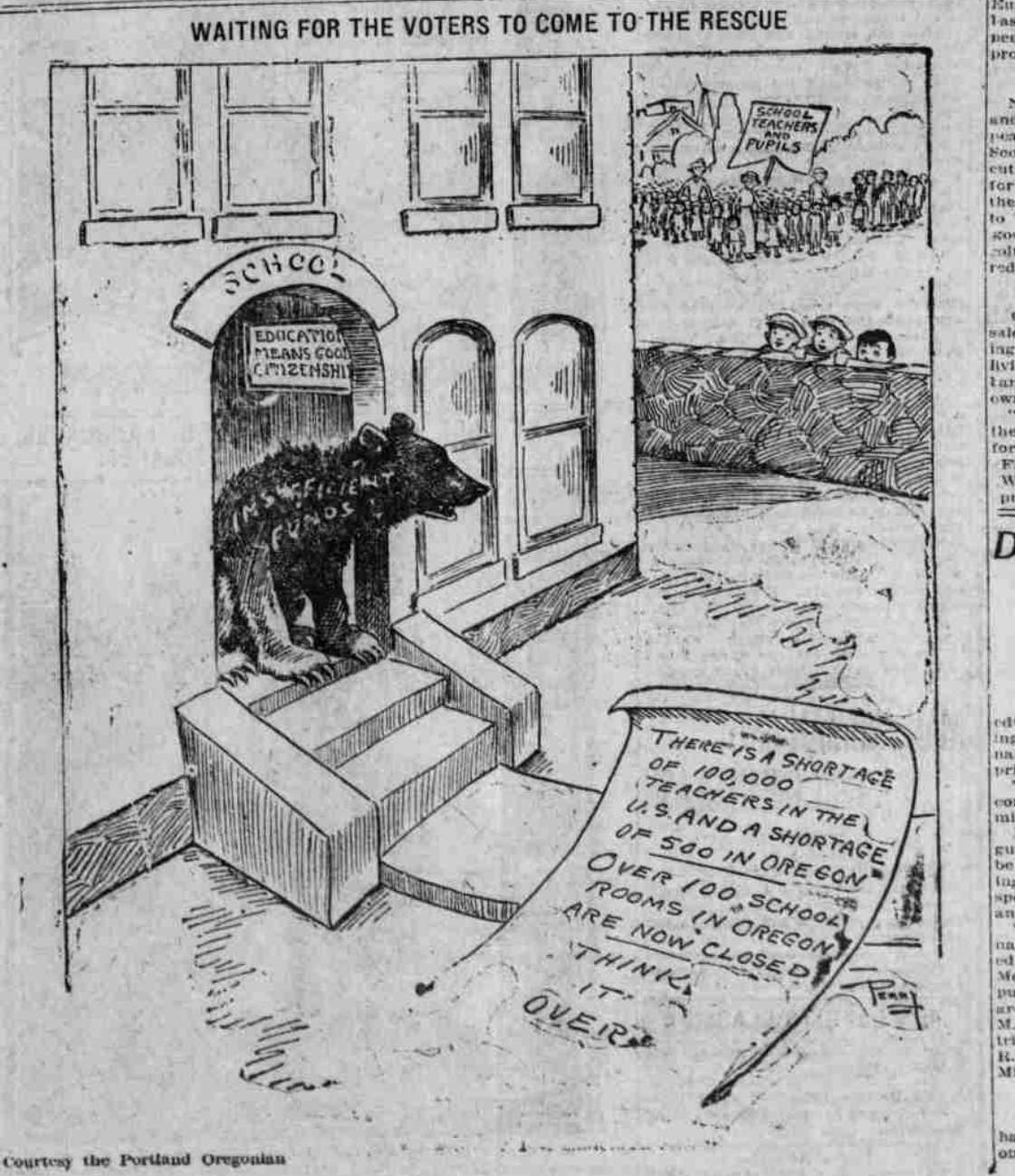
The voting starts at 8 a. m. and continues until 8 p. m. with an intermission of an hour for lunch today.

In the republican camp the last gun of the presidential campaign will be fired for Hiram Johnson at a meeting at Labor Temple this evening. The speakers will be Charles A. McGee and James Murphy.

The race for the republican nomination for commissioner has developed into a spirited contest between Messrs Demaris and Bean. The republican candidates for county Judge are B. B. Richards of Athena and I. M. Schanney of Pilot Rock. For district attorney the present incumbent R. L. Keator and S. B. Peterson of Milton are in the running.

Chamberlain Safe.

In democratic circles some interest has been aroused by the fight made on Senator Chamberlain by H. G.



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