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STRONGHOLD OF POET BESIEGED BY HEAVY FIRE

Rifle Shots Ring From Crags and Promontories on Shores of Adriatic as Italian Regulars Brace Resistance.

GOVERNMENT BLOCKADES FIUME ON LAND AND SEA

D'Annunzio Meets Order With New Declaration of War as Enemy Forces Concentrate About Outlaw's Coveted City.

ROME, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Rifle fire spurt from crags and promontories guarding the Eastern shore of the Adriatic today and civil strife between the legionnaires of Fiume and the regular Italian army had begun. Where government troops have quietly yielded to the D'Annunzio troops previously, they braced today, employing machineguns and rifles to show that they will not give further ground.

It is indicated that the government has finally intended evacuating the post commander from his occupation of the port. His troops which occupied Zara without opposition yesterday were driven out today with no casualties and the regulars began concentrating in the Fiume territory. An encounter at Gellene, ten miles from Fiume, is said to have resulted in two deaths, and minor casualties.

Italian destroyers shelled D'Annunzio's garrisons on Veglia and smaller islands.

Seige is Claimed

UDINE, Italy, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Fiume, the stronghold of D'Annunzio, is being besieged by regular Italian forces.

Flume Blockaded

LONDON, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Italian government forces have blockaded Fiume land and sea. The situation became serious following D'Annunzio's announcement that he would resist enforcement of the treaty of Rapallo and declared he will fight until his demands are met.

Death is Penalty

LONDON, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—D'Annunzio today proclaimed that a state of war exists between Fiume and Italy. He forbade the population to leave the city, says a Rome dispatch. Anyone speaking against D'Annunzio is liable to be shot, the proclamation is reported to say.

Dispatches say that Italian government troops today began operations against Fiume. Military works along the frontier have been raised and an Italian destroyer shelled D'Annunzio's batteries.

AUTO PLUNGES INTO RIVER KILLING THREE

HOQUIAM, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Three were killed and three were injured today when an automobile stage went into the Humptulps river here from a bridge.

All Logging Employes

HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Two loggers were killed and four woodsmen seriously injured today when an auto stage plunged through the Snake river bridge on the Humptulps road, north of here. The machine dropped 20 feet into the river. All occupants of the automobile were employees of the Polson Logging Company and were enroute to Hoquiam.

COMMUNITY SERVICE WORKER COMING HERE

Pendleton will get its first taste of Community Service organization for leisure time development within a week. A telegram notifying the temporary committee that an organizer is to arrive here either December 27 or 28 was received Wednesday afternoon.

The invitation to send an organizer to Pendleton was made by a committee from the Pendleton Commercial Association about a month ago. The service comes here without cost to the city and if it is found desirable to retain a paid community service worker may then be employed by the city to carry on various activities such as community sings, playground work, etc.

GOVERNMENT TO FACE GROSS INEFFICIENCY IN FUTURE SAYS HOUSTON

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(A. P.)—Gross deficiency in national finances of \$2,100,000,000 for the fiscal year was forecast today by Secretary Houston before the senate finance committee considering the soldiers' bonus bill.

He said that federal revenues are in such a shape that new revenue must be found and no new burdens added.

Nation is Hard Pressed

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—The government will be hard put to find enough revenue in the next few years to keep its activities running and meet its maturing obligations, Secretary of the Treasury Houston today told the senate finance committee. If new tax burdens are assumed the situation will become doubly serious, he said.

Houston was asked to analyze the financial situation with reference to the proposal to pay soldiers a bonus of between \$1,000,000,000 and \$2,000,000,000.

"With all the burdens that confront us, it does not seem to me that we ought to throw on the government further burdens," he said.

Houston gave the committee a graphic picture of just what the treasury faces between now and the end of 1923. He said that in 1923 \$800,000,000, in war savings certificates and \$425,000,000 in victory notes and bonds will mature and must either be refunded or paid.

In brief, said Houston, "we have to take care of \$7,300,000,000 worth of obligations within the next two years in addition to financing the ordinary activities of our government."

At the same time, some sources of our revenue are gradually drying up, notably the income and excess profits taxes. We'll approach 1922 with a deficit of at least \$500,000,000 at the present rate.

PORTLAND ATTORNEY TO ACT IN PHONE HEARINGS

City Attorney La Roche, of Portland, will cross examine the attorneys and engineers of the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph Co., on behalf of the city of Portland and the other communities of the state, including Pendleton, when hearings are resumed before the Public Service Commission next month on the petition of the company to raise phone tolls in Oregon for an average of 50 percent.

James A. Fee, city attorney for Pendleton, said this morning following his return from Portland where he represented Pendleton at the hearings.

The officials of the corporation presented a large amount of data in the two days' hearings which appeared to establish their side of the case, Judge Fee reported. The service commission experts, however, will get to work on their own account and prove or disprove, to the satisfaction of the commission, whether the corporation is entitled to all it asks for.

One request made by the corporation is for a new valuation placed upon its properties in Oregon. If this is done, with valuations at the peak now, the request for the 50 percent increase will mean a vastly increased revenue for the company. The hearing was put over indefinitely and the service commission indicates that it will take the time to look thoroughly into the matter before making a final decision.

More than a dozen city attorneys from over the state attended the hearings and delegated to Mr. La Roche their proxy for the cross examinations.

CAMP LEWIS DESERTER MUST DIE FOR MURDER

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Husted Walters was today found guilty by a jury on the charge of first degree murder which automatically sentences him to death on the scaffold.

Walters, a deserter from Camp Lewis, shot Policeman Palmer the night of November 17, when the officer attempted to arrest him as a holdup suspect.

UMAPINE EXCEEDS QUOTA

Umapine is over the top and has subscribed more than \$200 for European relief. R. E. Bean, telephoned today. The local Baptist church has subscribed about \$55 for the Pendleton quota.

YAKIMA CLUB ELECTS

YAKIMA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—F. A. Duncan, vice-president and manager of the Yakima National bank, has been elected president of the Yakima commercial club. He appointed a committee to arrange for raising funds in support of the Kennewick-Pasco bridge project.

FIRST DEGREE MURDER CONVICTION OBTAINED

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Husted A. Walters today was convicted of murder in the first degree for the killing of Patrolman Jerome Palmer on the night of November 17, when the officer attempted to arrest Walters and John Tilman for holdups. Tilman was sent to the reformatory because he was only 17. Both deserted from Camp Lewis.

CLARA S. HAMON AT ARDMORE TO RECEIVE CHARGE

Alleged Murderer of Jake Hamon, Oil King and Politician Spends Night at Home After Surrender at Juarez.

EL PASO, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Clara Smith Hamon, charged with shooting Jake Hamon, oil king and politician, who surrendered yesterday at Juarez to the authorities, was brought here last night and taken to Ardmore, Okla., today, where she will be arraigned on the charge of murder.

After arranging her bonds in Ardmore, Mrs. Hamon will return here to live with her parents until her trial starts.

Mrs. Hamon was turned over to Sheriff Garrett when she arrived here and greeted the official affectionately, as they are friends of long standing.

Arrangements have been made to get her two trunks sent to Kansas City when she fled after the shooting of Hamon. She told the official that the clothes she is wearing are all she had with her on her long flight.

With the arrival of the woman here there was a mad scramble by the officials and attorneys for the right to advise and defend her. It was indicated that she will be plentifully supplied with money with which to conduct her defense.

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GRAND LODGE OFFICERS INVITED TO UMAPINE

(East Oregonian Special)

UMAPINE, Dec. 23.—The annual supper given by Hudson Bay Lodge No. 212, L. O. F., will take place on Friday evening, December 24, at 7 o'clock. Extensive preparations are under way to make this one of the most successful events ever given by the local lodge.

The following committees have been appointed: Table arrangements, E. Moore; reception, R. E. Bean, D. J. Kirk and Kyle McDear; chairman; table committee, T. G. Goodman, Ray Records, C. M. White, G. C. Custard, C. Y. Beak, R. R. Tash, James Wisener, Glen Montgomery, carving committee, R. E. Bean, Lane Hoon, Edgar Holm, J. H. Marshall, C. W. Records and R. E. Records.

Invitations have been sent to E. Alexander, and H. J. Taylor, past grand masters of the state of Oregon; R. F. Kowman, present grand warden; R. F. Kirkpatrick, chief patriarch; and Earl A. Williams, past chief patriarch, all of Pendleton, and Mrs. Frank Whetstone, grand warden of the Rebekah Assembly of Oregon, and a number of prominent Oddfellows of Washington will attend this banquet.

This supper always attracts much interest for the reason that it is given by the Oddfellows with their wives as guests of honor all the work of preparation and serving being done by the men.

The menu this year will consist of roast goose spring chicken, scalloped potatoes, Boston baked beans, potato salad, fruit salad, assorted cake, pies, celery hearts, delicious apples and coffee with country cream.

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HOOVER AT MARION.



Herbert Hoover told President-elect Harding very frankly, when he went to Marion, on invitation, to discuss national and international questions with the latter that he thought the United States should enter the League of Nations if necessary safeguards could be provided.

Men close to Harding think Hoover will be offered a place in the cabinet, most likely the post of secretary of commerce. Picture shows (left) Hoover, (right) Harding.

WHEAT RISES TODAY CLOSING AT \$1.70 1-4

Wheat made an advance today both on the opening price and yesterday's market. December wheat which closed at \$1.67 1/2 closed at \$1.70 1/4, as contrasted with yesterday's closing price of \$1.66. March wheat opened at \$1.63 and closed at \$1.66 1-8, a gain over yesterday's closing price of \$1.61, while May wheat closed at \$1.62 3-8 after opening at \$1.59 1/2, the closing price yesterday having been \$1.67 3-8.

Following are the quotations from Overbeck & Cooke, local brokers:

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, and Barley, showing various price points and market movements.

CEMENT TRUST CHARGE AT PORTLAND UPHELD

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—R. P. Hutchart and Clark Moore, former salesmen of the Oregon Portland Cement company, were convicted on two counts in the federal court here today on indictments charging them with violation of the anti-trust laws.

Thirty days were allowed them to file a motion for a new trial. They had been twice on trial, the first jury having disagreed.

The indictment charged that the men as officers of the company had entered into an agreement with the other cement manufacturers along the coast under which the territory in Oregon was divided and monopolized.

OPERATION DECIDED ON FOR OREGON SENATOR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—Physicians who are attending Senator Chamberlain of Oregon who has been in a hospital this week suffering from prostatic trouble today decided to operate on him tomorrow or Saturday.

POPE WARNS AGAINST ACTIVITY OF Y. M. C. A.

ROME, Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—The holy office today issued a decree that Catholic bishops watch "an organization which, while professing absolute freedom of thought in religious matters instills indifference and apathy to the Catholic religion in the minds of its adherents."

The decree mentions the Young Men's Christian Association.

TWO THOUSAND LIVES SNUFFED OUT BY QUAKE

Isolated Province of Kan-Su Swept by Destruction as Earth Tremors Wreck Town and Surrounding Villages.

SHANGHAI, Dec. 22.—(U. P.)—Two thousand lives have been lost in an earthquake in the isolated province of Kan-su, according to reports here.

The shocks were still continuing at last reports. The town of Feng Liang and several surrounding villages were wrecked.

Rescue work is being carried out with great difficulty due to isolation of the provinces and its extreme ruggedness. Kan-su is also in the famous district.

MARKET ROAD FUND IS ABOVE 1-MILL FIGURE

Umatilla county will be obliged to transfer about \$470 from the general roads and highways fund to the market roads fund if it is to receive the full amount due it from the state under the provisions of the law which require the county to match, dollar for dollar, the state's allotment.

County Judge C. H. Marsh said today: "I was working with the county tax levy to satisfy myself that this amount can be transferred without adding anything to the total to be raised in the county."

The law says that the county shall levy one mill for the market roads fund and this would give Umatilla county \$37,994.68 on this year's assessed valuation. The state reached Umatilla county's share on a different valuation, however, and then added about \$18,000 which is the county's share of the surplus raised in Multnomah county. Thus the total to be given by the state reached \$62,665.42.

The county now must have the balance of the general road fund to add to its one-mill levy in order to match the state's \$62,665.42.

LITTLE RELIEF IS SEEN FROM SKY-HIGH RENTS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Little, if any relief is in sight from exorbitant rents and high prices of dwellings resulting from the nationwide housing shortage, it is shown in the federal reserve board bulletin today. It gave a country-wide survey of the building situation in a series of reports from all the important districts of the country.

Despite cuts of from 25 to 40 percent in the prices of lumber and building materials, there is so far no evidence of a revival of activity in the lumber industry, the bulletin showed. This means continuance of crowded and sometimes unsanitary dwelling conditions throughout the country, it concluded.

NORTH DAKOTA MILL WORK DISCONTINUED

BISMARCK, N. D., Dec. 23.—(A. P.)—The state industrial commission today decided to discontinue work on the state mill and elevator building at Grand Forks until further funds can be obtained through the sale of bonds.

Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, official weather observer.

Maximum, 38. Minimum, 19. Barometer, 29.47.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Friday probably snow.

