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FIUME IN CHAOS AND CIVILIANS IN HURRIED FLIGHT

Hundreds Defy Government Siege and D'Annunzio's Proclamations and Hasten Away From Shell Swept Seaport.

ITALY DREADING CIVIL WAR OVER POET'S MOVE

Hunger May End State of Hostility as Regulars Surround City and Settle Down to Call Starvation Their Ally.

ROME, Dec. 23.—(U. P.)—Italy is dreading civil war as a possible result of Gabriele D'Annunzio's retention of Fiume. Troops from the regular Italian army today surrounded the city, enforcing the blockade ordered by the government.

Starvation May Intervene LONDON, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Starvation is expected soon to end the "state of war" between the regency of Quarnero at Fiume and Italy. Italian troops today appear settled down to await hunger to defeat Gabriele D'Annunzio and General Cavaglia, government commander.

GRAND JURY WILL HEAR EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Charges of embezzlement against Joe Kerley, formerly in the insurance and grain business here, will come before the January grand jury. Justice of the Peace J. H. Parker having bound Kerley over in \$1000 bond yesterday afternoon following a preliminary examination in the case. Charges against Kerley were placed by William E. Hanson.

DOMINICAN RULE BY AMERICA IS RELAXED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Preliminary relaxation of American rule in Santo Domingo was authorized by the president today.

PANTOMIME IS TRUE TO EARLY MIRACLE PLAYS

A remarkable fidelity to the characteristics of the early English miracle plays is shown in the presentation of a Christmas pantomime which will be given tonight at the Church of the Redeemer, say local people who witnessed the dress rehearsal held last night.

CONGRESS, SO FAR, BUSY WITH FARMERS RELIEF

AND BUSINESS HOUSES WILL NOT BE OPEN FOR CHRISTMAS

Banks, city, county, state and federal offices, stores and the grain exchanges will close all day tomorrow in observance of Christmas day. The federal postoffice will be open for general delivery from 9 to 10 a. m., the usual holiday hours. Church services will be held in several of the churches during the morning.

HE MAILED PACKAGES IN CORNER BOX AND FIRE ENGINE COMES

DENVER, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—A stranger with an armful of Christmas packages tried to mail them in the red box on the corner. Two fire engines and several hose companies responded.

DRAWING AT WOOLEN MILL DIVIDES FLOUR

Four employees of the Pendleton Woolen Mill today were demonstrated the practical side of the "Buy a Barrel of Flour" movement when four sacks of local flour which the management of the mill bought to aid the cause were drawn by lot.

CHIEF ENLISTS AID IN FIGHTING DEMON FIRE

That Christmas joy may not be marred by the demon fire, William E. Rinbold, fire chief, today issued a few instructions for safety's sake in regard to Christmas trees and their lighting.

PENDLETON MAY MEET WALLA WALLA JAN. 7

Walla Walla and Pendleton high schools will have their first basketball contest of the season probably on January 7 at Walla Walla, says word received here today from Coach Dick Hanley, who is in Spokane spending the holidays with his relatives.

HOPE LOSS FOR PEACE IN ERIN BY CHRISTMAS

Chance for Definite Act Disappears With Proroguing of Parliament by King and Burying of Britain's Worries

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—A check up on congress adjourned for Christmas recess today showed that much of the time of the recent session, now a little more than two weeks old, has been spent on farmer legislation. The net result is:

IRISH LAWS CLAMPED ON CELEBRATION EVE

LONDON, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Hope for Christmas peace in Ireland is lost. The chance for definite action disappeared with the proroguing of parliament by King George. Britain planned to bury her worries in a three-days' holiday. Newspapers will not publish for three days and communication and transportation will be curtailed.

MAN HELD ON LIQUOR CHARGE WILL NOT TALK

Wilbur Hill, of Freewater, is in the county jail and 20 gallons of what the sheriff believes is moonshine whisky, are held by Justice of the Peace B. B. Edwards at Athens as evidence, as the result of a raid yesterday afternoon on Hill's home near Freewater, where he is batching. The young man is held in the jail in default of \$250 bond which was required for his trial on Monday morning.

TUTUILLA CHURCH WILL BE SCENE OF FESTIVITY

Santa Claus will visit the Presbyterian Indian Mission at Tutuilla church on the reservation tomorrow evening when a Christmas tree and program by members of the congregation will be enjoyed. The fabled saint of Yuletide has given his proxy to Parsons Motanic, well known Indian, and it is said that he will represent Santa at the festivities.

EXTENSION OF FOREIGN CREDITS IS ADVOCATED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Extension of credits to foreign governments to pay for American farm products was advocated by James R. Howard, president of the American Farm Bureau Federation at a joint meeting of the senate agriculture and banking committee today.

JIMMY'S NIGHTMARE



CENTRAL TO RING IN ON OLD SAINT NICHOLAS PARTY

Central, that invisible but very amiable being whom patrons of telephone service growl at, so, was impatient over and occasionally say mean things to, has decided in Santa Claus. She will ring in on Old Saint Nicholas' party line at 7:50 tonight and share the gifts which the old fellow, in a spirit of good-will toward men, and men, they tell, embrace the women, has for them.

CLARA SMITH HAMON SAYS SHE WILL ATONE

BIG SPRINGS, Tex., Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Concentration of her future energies to atoning to her family "for the sorrow she has brought it," was avowed today by Clara Smith, in an interview with an Associated Press correspondent while en-route to Ardmore to face a charge of murder in connection with the death of Jake Hamon. She spoke freely on many topics but avoided discussing the charge against her.

VANDERLIP SAYS TRADE IS STILL RESTRICTED

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—Washington Vanderlip, who has just returned from Russia with a \$3,000,000 order from the bolshevik government for American raw materials, and manufactured goods, branded as "camouflage" the announcement from Washington that trade restrictions with Russia have been removed by the state department. "Trade with Russia is still effectually prevented," Vanderlip declared, "because our government will not permit United States firms to purchase Russian rubles or bullion. Furthermore, actual trade relations cannot be re-established until the United States government consents to arrange for clearance ships, postal, telegraph, banking provisions and consular officers accredited to ports of Russia."

LIFE LOSS IS FOUND HEAVY IN TERRIFIC ERUPTION OF MONT ASAMA WITH BLAZE AND QUAKE

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—Loss of life was expected to be heavy as officials today began checking casualties in the worst eruption in the history of Mount Asama. A terrific explosion Wednesday showered smouldering ashes over a wide territory followed by a great display of smoke and flame and a number of shocks. Sparks from the crater started a great fire near Karuizawa and set ablaze a village at the foot of the mountain.

PROGRAM UNDERWAY TO INCREASE YIELD IN EAST END ORCHARDS

Pruning School Was Successful; Orchards Charted to Permit of Check on Results Attained by Pruning Methods. Hopes are held that a four days' pruning school held in the east end of the county, ending yesterday, will result in a larger fruit crop in that section. In the evening meetings were held at the library in Milton and during the days practical pruning work was carried on in the orchards of the Milton-Freewater section.

ARNSTEIN JURY CAN'T AGREE, IS DISCHARGED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(U. P.)—The jury which tried Jules (Nickey) Arnstein, and others, on the charge of "bringing stolen New York securities to Washington," reported it was unable to agree and was discharged. The Arnstein case was the outgrowth of Wall Street bond thefts in connection with which Arnstein was arrested after a long search. It was charged that Arnstein and other defendants conspired to bring stolen securities to Washington and disposed of them through brokers here.

SENATOR CHAMBERLAIN UNDERGOES OPERATION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—Senator Chamberlain was operated on today. It is reported at the hospital that the senator came through well. Physicians are expected to perform a second operation within two days.

Worst Explosion in History of Crater Shows Smouldering Ashes Over Wide Territory as Flames Pierce Air.

SPARKS FROM PEAK SET FIRE TO TOWN AT BASE

TOKYO, Dec. 24.—(A. P.)—The continued activity of the volcano Asama is causing alarm. Violent explosions occurred in the crater Wednesday evening and the country for many miles around was strewn with ashes. Later a thick column of flame and smoke shot skyward and the entire crater was a blazing furnace. The towns around the volcano suffered from heavy earthquake shocks. The forests and several villages were set on fire. It was impossible to gain access to the fire zones owing to the lava streams.

DECEMBER WHEAT SHOWS STRENGTH IN CHICAGO PIT CLOSING TODAY AT \$1.71

December wheat showed strength in the Chicago pit today but March and May futures closed a half cent lower than the opening. December closed at \$1.71, the fourth of a cent higher than the Friday close. March closed today at \$1.85 and May at \$1.81 1/2. The quotations from the Chicago exchange as received by Overbeck & Cooke, brokers, here today are:

Table with columns for Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Foreign Exchange, and Seattle Cash Market. Includes prices for Dec, May, and other months.

Weather

Today's weather report by Major Leo Moorhouse, official weather observer. Maximum 48, Minimum 21, Barometer 29.30 indicating storm. Precipitation .65.



THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Saturday rain.