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ITALIAN REGULAR TROOPS CLOSE IN ON FUME HEART

Terms of Truce Are Proposed, One is Quickly Accepted and Early Capitulation of City by Surrender is Looked For.

ITALIAN PREMIER THINKS ARMY NOW IN POSSESSION

Denial is Made of D'Annunzio's Injury But Late Word Today Tells of Slight Wound in Head Inflicted by Shell.

ROME, Dec. 25.—(By Camillo Cianfarra, U. P. Staff Correspondent)—Wreathed in smoke from burning forests and exploding mines, Fiume today neared surrender to Italian soldiers. Premier Giolitti was informed by General Cavaglia commanding the regulars, that he could expect occupation of the city this afternoon. He reported that progress of his troops is impeded by D'Annunzio's tactics of burning bridges and streets and by sniping, but said his men had already occupied several important centers in the city.

Navy officers thus far have refrained from bombarding the city except for a few shells thrown on the barracks of the Fiume legionnaires. Scores of wounded have been taken aboard vessels in the harbor and carried across the Adriatic to permanent hospitals.

From refugees, it is learned that D'Annunzio had many bitter enemies within the city. They objected to the manner of the legionnaires who, they said, treated Fiume as a conquered city and gave the civilians no recognition. The poets troops are accused of mining many buildings as well as streets and bridges.

Swarming through barricades and slashing wire entanglements, the soldiers edged their way through the crooked streets until they had undisputed possession of a number of important structures. Out in the harbor they trained their guns on Fiume, ready to support the land forces if necessary.

MILAN, Dec. 25.—(U. P.)—General Cavaglia's forces are within a mile of the center of Fiume, according to reports arriving here today. The city is in dense smoke, caused by the burning of the forests surrounding the city and by the almost continuous explosions of mines and blowing up of bridges and streets to impede the regulars, who have occupied the railway station and public gardens.

Truce Looks Near. ROME, Dec. 25.—(A. P.)—The mayor of Fiume has asked General Cavaglia, commanding the Italian forces for suspension of hostilities, says a Fiume dispatch today. Cavaglia stipulated two conditions, one of which has already been accepted. It is expected terms of capitulation will be arranged today.

Believes City Taken. LONDON, Dec. 25.—(A. P.)—There is reason to believe that Fiume is now occupied by regular troops, Premier Giolitti declared at a press conference in Rome, says a dispatch today.

Shell Wound Received. TRIESTE, Dec. 25.—(A. P.)—D'Annunzio was slightly wounded in the head by a piece of shrapnel while conversing in the palace, according to latest advices this afternoon.

Operations Develop. ROME, Dec. 25.—(U. P.)—Land and sea operations developed today around Fiume. With constantly increasing pressure, regular forces crept toward the heart of the city. Thirty regulars were killed and 150 wounded in sniping, bombing and mining defense of the D'Annunzio troops which have fallen back to the center of the city.

It was officially denied this morning that D'Annunzio had been wounded as a message yesterday declared.

E. E. KIDDLE, M. HIGHWAY COMMISSION, DIED LAST EVENING

LA GRANDE, Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—Edward E. Kiddle, state highway commissioner, died early today after two hours illness due to acute indigestion. He returned a few days ago from Washington where he went with others in the interest of the McArthur road bill.

E. E. Kiddle, state highway commissioner from Eastern Oregon and prominent Union county businessman, died suddenly at his home at Island City last evening. He was ill for but 20 minutes, passing away at 6 o'clock.

First news of Mr. Kiddle's death was received here by phone this morning from Fred Kiddle, a brother who informed H. W. Collins of the startling event. Mr. Collins and R. M. Crommelin are going over for the funeral as representatives of the grain trade.

COIN SAVING IN STREET IMPROVEMENT SHOWN

Money can be saved on future street improvements if projects in Pendleton now in a formative state are not advertised for bids until spring, City Engineer F. B. Hayes believes. Mr. Hayes said this morning that he would advise such a course when more new districts come up for resolutions in the city council.

Paving is being laid in Pendleton at present at \$2.50 a square yard. The engineer believes that this is a peak price and that when spring comes the cost of material and labor as well probably will have lowered. He feels certain that it will not go higher in the meantime.

Operations on the north side of the river, which have gone along quite a way, have been held up for several days by snow and rain. It is possible that the delay may be permanent if the rainy weather continues, for the city will not allow paving to be laid on a soft foundation.

The engineer says he will get out plans and preliminary estimates for contemplated projects as soon as possible but will recommend that they be not rushed through to contract. It is possible that they could not be completed until the time when costs will be lower, anyway, he says, and in most cases are not so important as to be needed at once.

CANADIAN COUNCIL LAYS WHEAT MARKETING PLAN

WINNIPEG, Dec. 28.—(By Canadian Press).—A form of agreement has been drawn up here by a special committee appointed by the Canadian Council of Agriculture on which it is proposed to handle on a co-operative basis for the next five years the wheat crop of Ontario and western Canada. Agreements are to be between the United Farmers' Grain Corporation, a non-profit corporation, and the individual producer, and it is set out that contracts are not to become effective until similar contracts covering at least sixty per cent of approximately ten million acres of wheat have been entered into.

The grower who enters into contract with the corporation agrees to deliver to it all his wheat save what he retains for his own seed and feed, and the corporation agrees to sell this wheat at the best price obtainable under market conditions and to turn over to the grower the proceeds less all costs of operations.

PRESIDENT'S YACHT, TIED IN YARDS, TAKES FIRE; INQUIRY IS STARTED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—The mess room and several staterooms in the officers' quarters of the presidential yacht *Mayflower* were burning at 10 o'clock today while the yacht was tied up in the navy yard here.

A board of inquiry has convened.

NEW ADMINISTRATION TO VISIT COUNCIL MEETING

Machinery will be put in motion tomorrow night for the change in the city administration which takes place with the new year. Mayor-elect George A. Hartman and members of his new council will attend the final meeting of the old council and later will caucus.

Committees probably will be talked over and possibly appointed at tomorrow night's caucus. The appointive city officials will also be discussed and possibly agreed upon so that changes may be made effective next Monday. The councilmen-elect will be on hand to familiarize themselves with procedure.

No intimation has been given by either the mayor-elect or his colleagues of the council regarding where the plums will fall. It is felt quite certain that the city recorder's position will continue to be filled by Judge Thomas Fitz Gerald. Whether there will be changes in the city attorney, chief of police and city health officer remains to be seen.

Five men who are at present serving on the council will retain their seats and three men will be seated at the first meeting. The new men are Richard Lawrence, who succeeds Ralph Polson in the third ward, Robert Simpson, who succeeds J. H. Ebert in the first ward, and Willard Bond, who succeeds Henry J. Taylor in the second ward. Both Claude Penland and William Dunn, from the fourth ward, were reelected, the latter, however, having been on the council by virtue of an appointment to fill out the unexpired term of Frank E. King, resigned.

Joe Ell, third ward, F. J. McMonies, third ward, and Manuel Priestly, third ward, are the holdover councilmen.

RAILROAD PROBLEMS CAUSING UNEASINESS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Growing uneasiness that the railroad problem may be thrown back into congress is apparent among both legislators and railroad men, despite the passage of the Esch-Cummins transportation act, and action of railroad executive and the government to work out a solution under it. Several questions, including that of rates are demanding answers. The transportation act guaranteed the railroads earnings of six per cent on a valuation of \$18,900,000,000. In August, the interstate commerce commission fixed the highest rates in history to accomplish this but in September the roads fell \$29,000,000 short of earning the six per cent, and in October \$20,000,000 short. Reports for other months are not compiled, but railroad men admit they also will show a shortage. According to railway executives, the roads despite these shortages, do not expect to ask higher rates.

However, according to Representative Esch, co-author of the transportation act, it is mandatory upon the interstate commerce commission to fix rates high enough to insure a six per cent return whether or not the roads ask it. An alternative for higher rates is seen here, is payment by the government to the roads for their deficits.

IRISH WOMAN IS SHOT IN SAVING COMPANION

DUBLIN, Dec. 27.—The holiday passed fairly quietly in Dublin contrary to expectations. The curfew order was not relaxed but on Christmas eve, it was to some extent ignored by rollickers throughout the night and there was much alarm and shooting. Several persons being slightly injured.

ANTI ALIEN LAND LAW REACH ALL FOREIGNERS

Report That Japan Has Withdrawn Opposition to California Legislation Takes Turn With Newer Project.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—The report that Japan had withdrawn her opposition to the California anti-alien land law took a new turn today when Representative Kahn announced he had called a meeting of the California delegation to consider widening of the law to prohibit land holding by all foreigners. Application of the present anti-alien land law to all foreigners would automatically nullify the protest of Japan against the measure as discriminatory to the Japanese even if Japan continued her opposition.

WIDE APPLICATION WOULD NULLIFY DISCRIMINATION

Widening of the law would act as a check against large British oil holdings in California.

SMALL OFFICERS' ARMY SWOOPS UPON ILLINOIS TOWN AND BOOZE RING

HURLEY, Wis., Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—A small army of prohibition agents today swooped down on Hurley and started a widespread clean-up of alleged liquor traffic. Seventy-five agents arrived from Chicago and immediately started serving warrants for the arrest of saloonkeepers and other members of an alleged whiskey ring. There are nearly 70 saloons here and federal agents declared that practically all have been running "wide open." Threats are alleged to have been sent federal agents that if they tried to clean up the town they would meet with resistance.

Much Liquor Seized

Forty-eight federal prohibition enforcement agents from Chicago walked in unexpectantly on Hurley's wide open saloons today, seized large quantities of liquor and arresting forty seven persons, including several well known men.

This camp has been the center of anti-prohibition feeling for several months. The whole district in this part of the northwinds has been riddled by dry officials as a law defying city officials.

Fifty-seven alleged liquor law violators were arrested and 37 places of business closed. Several Hurley officials and some of the government's prohibition agents were among those arrested. A drayload of illicit liquor was confiscated. All the prisoners were taken to Ashland for arraignment. The raids were conducted rapidly and few if any of the alleged liquor law violators had time to escape or cover up anything.

Business in the widest open town in the north woods came to a stop as the agents deployed down the wide streets with their hands on their revolvers, ready for trouble. The band of whiskey runners who vowed to keep the place a "man's town" for real men, were apparently taken by complete surprise and the federal agents met no opposition.

POSSE AND BLOODHOUNDS ARE TRAPPING MURDERER

OSCEOLA, Ark., Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—Charley Glick, negro who shot and killed O. T. Craig, a planter, and Mr. Craig's daughter, Mrs. May Belle Whitlamson, at Wilson, Ark., Christmas day, last night was believed to be surrounded by a posse about nine miles from here.

More than 100 men were in the party pursuing Glick which had with it a pack of bloodhounds.

FARMERS COMMITTEE MEETS TO DISCUSS NEW SELLING PLANS

Cooperative marketing of grain through the Tri-State Terminal Co., or through a pool is to be discussed at a session that is on here this afternoon and promises to continue over tomorrow. Those in attendance are from the executive committees of the Farmers' Union organization of the state, from the state farm bureau, and include the president of the Farmers' Union, president of the farm bureau and the master of the state grange.

SANTA CLAUS SMILES UPON LESS FORTUNATE

Hearts of many of Pendleton's less fortunate groups and children were gladdened last night when the Knights of Pythias and the Salvation Army played Santa Claus to 200 or more in the First Presbyterian church. There was a brilliantly garbed and lighted tree, a Santa Claus and substantial gifts for more than 100 of the city's needy.

While clothing and shoes, flour and potatoes and other articles were being handed out by a Santa Claus to those for whom they had been purchased by a hard-working committee of the lodge, Captain Jennie Conrad, of the local Salvation Army post, was the recipient of a manure set, the gift of the boys of the lodge.

Miss Conrad was responsible for gathering a list of persons in need of food or clothing and worked in conjunction with the lodge.

REPORTS OF JAPANESE AGREEMENT CREDITED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—Declaration was made last night by Representative Kahn of California that he believed reports were true that the Japanese government had withdrawn its opposition to the recently ratified California law prohibiting acquisition by Japanese of title to real estate in that state. The California representative made the statement after a conference yesterday with Roland S. Morris, American ambassador to Tokio.

Announcement was made by Representative Kahn that a meeting of the California members of the house had been called for Wednesday to discuss aspects of the negotiations now being carried on between the United States and Japanese government looking toward a treaty defining the rights of Japanese nationals in the United States.

The principal matter to be taken up at the conference, Representative Kahn said, was the proposal that the California legislature be asked to enact a substitute for the recently ratified law. The substitute would prohibit any aliens from acquiring land in California and would thereby remove the contention of the Japanese government that the present California law is discriminatory.

FOOTBALL MADE MONEY FOR WASHINGTON TEAM

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—Football brought a profit of \$17,854.91 to the University of Washington here during 1920, Darwin Melness, graduate manager, announced recently.

PLANES SOON TO HOP OFF

LONG BEACH, Cal., Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—The flight of a group of American seaplanes from San Diego, Cal., to Balboa, Canal Zone will be begun as soon as notification is received from the navy department at Washington that the Mexican government has granted permission for planes to fly over Mexican territory. Admiral Hugh Rodman, commander-in-chief of the Pacific fleet, said here last night.

JOHN ETHERIDGE IN MINNEAPOLIS JAIL DENIES ALL KNOWLEDGE OF BOND HOUSE FATE OF LOST COIN

Hasn't Cent But What Belongs to Him Declares Ex-President of Morris Brothers Who Says Reports Brought First News of Failure; Interim Certificates Totaled \$2,066,000.

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—John L. Etheridge is under arrest here in jail today, awaiting Portland authorities who will stake him back to the state charges in connection with the failure of Morris Brothers, said he knew nothing of the failure of the bonding house, until reporters told him.

OLD KENTUCKY STILL RAIDED NEAR MILTON

A moonshine still rivaling "old Kentucky" in picturesque and completeness, was raided five miles from Milton, in the hills, this afternoon by a party of four, consisting of Sheriff W. L. Taylor, Special Deputy Robert Sinclair, and Deputy Sheriffs J. H. West and John Hendrickson, of Free water and Milton, respectively. A man named Benson, a Kentuckian, was arrested, charged with operating the still.

Four hundred and fifty gallons of corn mash were destroyed by the officers. A 50 gallon capacity copper still with double coil, which was in operation, was confiscated. There were five gallons of completed moonshine about the place. The evidence was all that the officers could get in their car.

The still, according to a telephone special to the East Oregonian, was in a three-room cave in the hillside in a secluded spot on the Upper Walla Walla river. The place had been under surveillance by the local officers for more than a month and today an opportunity presented itself to make the raid.

JOHNSON LOSES CASE CARRIED TO HIGH COURT

SALEM, Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—The Oregon supreme court today affirmed the opinion of Judge G. W. Phelps, of Umatilla county in the suit of Ray Kelso against Charles A. Johnson, appellant. The action for damages was caused by the alleged unlawful herding of sheep upon the plaintiff's land. The hearing on appeal was held in Pendleton in October.

DEWBERRIES THRIVE IN WEST

HOGUE, Wash., Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—A test of the growing possibilities of the Eastern dewberry, conducted by Walter Goss, a local berry grower, has aroused much interest in this section. Mr. Goss' dewberry plants produced at the rate of 21 tons per acre, which is nearly twice the production of blackberries.

FALLING PRICES CAUSE \$2,000,000 SHRINKAGE

YAKIMA, Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—Falling prices of farm products have caused a decrease of approximately \$2,000,000 in the value of crops grown on the Yakima Indian reservation, according to L. M. Holt, supervising engineer. Mr. Holt estimates crop growing by reservation farmers will bring about \$9,000,000, or nearly \$2,000,000 less than estimates made by him last spring.

NAME OF GREASE ABANDONED

KELOSO, Wash., Dec. 28.—(U. P.)—Perhaps it won't smell any sweeter to its residents, but they will like it better just the same. So Scanty Grease, the name by which a valley in Coquille county has been known since the days of the first settlement in the county, is no more. The residents of the valley having adopted Manohan as its name.

DE VALERA INDISPOSED IN HIDING PLACE NEAR N. Y. SAYS SECRETARY

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—Eamonn De Valera, "President of the Irish republic," who went into seclusion several weeks ago "for a rest," is still indisposed in his hiding place near this city, Harry Boland, his secretary, said last night.

DECEMBER CLOSING IS 3 CENTS UNDER MONDAY

Wheat closed three cents lower for December delivery on the Chicago market today than on Monday, the final figure being \$1.64. The opening was at \$1.67 3/4. March closed at \$1.82 1/2, a net loss of one cent for the day and three-fourths of a cent under Monday's close. May was off a net half cent today and one and a quarter cent under Monday's close. The quotations as furnished by Overbeck & Cooke are as follows:

Chicago Grain Market table with columns for Open, High, Low, Close for Dec, Mar, May and Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley.

STERLING 150¢

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Wheat—Had a weak tone throughout the session, having but one rally of importance which was attributed to buying against import sales. When this support was withdrawn, the market weakened of its own weight and sold down to new low levels for the day. Estimated export sales were 750,000 bushels, but at the same time cash wheat in southwestern markets were weak and from there to five cents lower with St. Louis reporting considerable carry over unsold. About 100,000 bushels was sold to go store on December contracts.

Seattle Cash Market

1 Red Winter, 152; 1 Hard White, 155; 1 Soft Winter, 155; Club, 155; 1 Hard Winter, 152; 1 N. Spring, 152; 1 Red Walls, 152.

Portland Cash Wheat

1 Red Winter, 155; 1 Soft, 155; 1 White Club, 155; 1 Hard Winter, 155.

BOOTH TO BE REAPPOINTED

SALEM, Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—The governor has announced that R. A. Booth of Eugene will be reappointed a member of the highway commission when his term expires March 31.

Weather forecast section with 'THE WEATHER FORECAST' and 'Tonight and Wed. probably rain.'

PNEUMONIA IS FATAL TO SALESMAN IN CITY

George Lawrence died of pneumonia here last night after an illness of eight days. He is a member of Portland lodge No. 142, E. F. O. Elks, and funeral arrangements are being held up, pending receipt of word from relatives whom the Portland and Pendleton lodges are attempting to locate.

The deceased was Eastern Oregon salesman for Albers Brothers Milling Co., of Portland and he was taken ill while on the road here last week. His condition became so dangerous that he could not be moved from his hotel to the hospital and trained nurses were provided by his employers to care for him both night and day.

WRITER FINISHES OWN DEATH ANNOUNCEMENT, THEN PASSES AWAY

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—After having written his own death announcement, Clifford Leon Sherman, 45, former newspaper artist and author in San Francisco, Denver, Chicago, Philadelphia, New York and Boston, died at a hospital here of tuberculosis. He will be buried at his birthplace, Lincoln, Illinois. Mr. Sherman was the author of the Dot books for children. He was a member of the Boston Press Club and Boston Newspaper Club.

LODGE IS MERGED

DENVER, Mont., Dec. 28.—(A. P.)—One of the oldest Masonic lodges in the state of Montana has passed out of existence. It was No. 16, of Bancock, once the capital of the state and is now a city. The Bancock lodge has just been merged with one here.