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RUSSIA CONSIDERS ATTACK BY FRENCH CRUISER AS AN ACT OF WARFARE

CHICAGO MAIL TRUCK ROBBED BY 4 BANDITS

Registered Mail Valued at $100,000 Secured by Robbers Who Reached Scene in High Powered Motor Car.

"INSIDE JOB" IS VIEW TAKEN BY POSTAL MEN

Bandits Worked Boldly in Glare of Arc Lights, Completing Robbery Before Spectators Knew About Act.

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Four bandits robbed a United States mail truck at the Union station and escaped with twelve mail sacks, ten of which contained registered mail valued at $100,000. The robbers forced the four government employes to separate the registered pouches, threw them into an automobile and drove away. So quietly and quickly was the job done that about thirty persons who were standing near didn't realize what was hapuening. The robbery was committed in the glare of several arc lights.

The truck driven by William Carlos and guarded by R. J. Sliney, drove up to the curb to unload. Mike Enrick, mail foreman and Philip Kahill, mail handler, were assisting when a black touring car drove up with four companions. "We are armed," said one bandit. "Do exactly as we say." The postal authorities said they believed the robbery was an "inside job." The same gang of bandits is suspected of several recent postal raids.

Bandits Are Youthful

CHICAGO, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—Five youthful bandits held up a United States mail truck at the Union station here today and escaped in an automobile with twelve sacks of mail, ten containing registered mail. The police said the pouches contained part of the federal reserve bank money shipment to St. Paul.

ASK THAT DIFFERENT ROUTES BE SURVEYED

Request that all possible routes for the proposed Pendleton Cold Springs highway be carefully considered before a contract is let for its construction was made by the Pendleton Commercial Association late Monday in a letter drafted by the board of managers addressed to the new county commissioners. A second request was that when construction is begun on the road, it be started from Pendleton and be continued north.

Preliminary estimates of cost, made by the highway engineers who located the routs, fixed the cost of the south Cold Spring route as $50,000 less than that following middle Cold Spring, the local men say. This, with the fact that the south route is somewhat shorter, are matters that are asked to be considered.

In support of their request that work start from the Pendleton end, the managers state that during wheat shipping season as much tonnage will follow the road into Pendleton as will seek an outlet to the railroad or boat landing at Cold Springs, on the Columbia. During the rest of the year, the supporters say, there will be far more tonnage and travel to Pendleton.

An effort will be made, the managers indicated, to obtain a route that will serve the most people and at the same time make the money go farthest. The middle Cold Spring route had been tentatively picked by the county court when retired Dec. 31. It serves the town of Holdman. Were the south route chosen, Holdman would be missed by three miles.

PROPOSED REGULATION OF GRAIN SUSPENDED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Suspension of all proposed legislation for the regulation of future transactions in grain pending creation of a federal commission to make recommendations to congress was suggested to the house agriculture committee today by Julius H. Barnes, former head of the U. S. grain corporation.

ROUND HOUSE DESTROYED.

PORTLAND, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—The round house of the Sumpter railroad at Baker was destroyed by fire early today. The loss was over $25,000.

JAPAN NOT ENTHUSED OVER DISARMING AT THIS STAGE OF GAME

Only When America and Great Britain Agree to Holiday Can Japan Consider Subject is View of Former Premier.

TOKIO, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—"Only when an American-British agreement for a naval holiday is reached can Japan be in a position to consider this proposition," said Marquis Okuma, former premier in an interview. "Japan's naval program is fixed at the minimum necessary for national defense." The newspapers Kokumin and Shimbun says the American government is giving undue importance to the incident arising from the death of Lieutenant Langdon. "If as believed," the newspaper continues, "America goes as far as to bring up Japan's basic policy in Siberia, including the question of evacuation of that country by Japanese troops, it is likely a fresh cause for discussion has arisen between the two governments."

AGRICULTURAL ESTIMATE FOR YEAR CUT IN HALF

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—Estimates of the department of agriculture for the fiscal year 1922 have been cut nearly in half by a house appropriations sub-committee which plans to report a bill Wednesday carrying $32,000,000. This is $19,000,000 less than the estimates and $9,000,000 less than the total appropriated for this year.

MELVIN HANDY, AGED 77 DIES AT WESTON

Melvin H. Handy, aged 77, Civil War veteran and well known in this county, died last night at Weston, his death being due to old age and a complication of diseases. The body was brought to Pendleton yesterday for burial.

Mr. Handy, who was born in New York, August 24, 1844, joined the 89th Infantry at the age of 17 and served until the end of the Civil War. In 1884, his marriage to Miss Zada Ferguson occurred at Wichita, Kansas. She died some years ago and in 1914 Mr. Handy married Miss Fannie Ward of Drain, Oregon, who survives, as do two children by the former marriage. They are Mrs. Thomas Gibson, of Pilot Rock, and Melvin A. Handy, of La Grande. The following grandchildren also survive: Madeline Dillon, Helen Gibson, Bertha Gibson, Thomas Gibson and Norma Handy.

Mr. Handy, after going to Wichita from New York in 1884, remained there for four years before going to Kelso, Washington. He came to Oregon in 1908. Recently he has made his home in Weston.

Funeral services will be held tomorrow at 2 p. m. from the Brown chapel, with Rev. John Eccor, pastor of the Methodist church, officiating.

SKIING IS NOW BIG SPORT IN MOUNTAINS

Scandinavia and the Alps have nothing on the residents of Kamela when it comes to winter sports, according to Oscar Schultz, teller at the American National Bank, who, with Joe Light, bookkeeper at the First National Bank, visited the mountain community on Monday. Skiing is being enjoyed to its fullest on the mountain and the local men took along skis and joined in the sport of the Scandinavians.

A half mile stretch down Baldy hill provides the place for skiing, Schultz said today. The mountaineers are confining their pleasure to merely coasting, not desiring to attempt the jumping as yet. There was a two-foot blanket of snow on the mountain yesterday but it is warmer today and a Chinook wind is rapidly melting the snow.

U. OF I. RECOGNIZED.

MOSCOW, Idaho, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—The University of Idaho has been granted membership in the Association of American Universities according to information received by President A. H. Upham, of the university. The high standard of scholarship the university has attained, it is said, was responsible for recognition by the association.

WOULD ISSUE BONDS TO GIVE SOLDIER BONUS

Senator Bruce Dennis Introduces Measure to Provide Fund From Which Loans can be Made to All Soldiers.

BILL WOULD BE UP TO PEOPLE OF THE STATE

Investigation of State Paper Mills Proposed by Resolution; Governor Wants Armistice Day a Legal Holiday.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—Approximately $30,000,000 immediately and more as the state's property valuation increases would be available as a loan fund for ex-service men, and veterans of the Civil and Spanish-American wars by a referendum measure introduced by Senator Bruce Dennis of Union county. The act would authorize issuing bonds of the state to the amount of three per cent of the assessed property valuation of the state which is now about one billion. The beneficiaries would be allowed to borrow not to exceed $5000 at any time, secured by first mortgage on real estate.

Budget Bill Proposed.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—Following a recommendation by the governor in his message to the legislature, Senator Pameron introduced a bill making the state board of control a budget commission. The commission with health and state departments and other corporations and municipal corporations would be renewed to submit intended appropriations before October 1 of even numbered years.

To Confer Over Fish.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—The senate adopted Northan's concurrent resolution providing a joint Oregon and Washington legislative committee to confer on Columbia river fishing.

To Investigate Paper Mills.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—Investigation of Oregon paper mills by the federal trade commission is demanded in a memorial introduced by Dennis. The memorial says every user of paper mill products is suffering from apparently unjust abnormal prices.

Armistice Day—Holiday.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—In a special message today the governor recommended the legislature to make Armistice Day a legal holiday.

Would Abolish Primary.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Abolition of primary elections is the object of a mysterious bill now in possession of some one yet unnamed which will be introduced soon in either the house or the senate. One of the reasons advanced for the bill is that it would eliminate an expense of two hundred thousand dollars for primaries every two years.

Would Search Vehicles.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—Creating the office of prohibition commissioner at a $3000 annual salary, is proposed in a bill introduced by Senators Farrell and Eddy. Two other bills by the same senators provide more stringent penalties for liquor law violations and permit search and seizure of all vehicles including aeroplanes without a search warrant.

Wants Anti-Jap Law.

SALEM, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—An anti-Japanese bill patterned after the California law was submitted to the attorney general for approval as to its conditionality by Representative Leonard, of Portland. If found valid he will introduce it.

Propose Drugless Examiners.

A bill was introduced in the senate creating a state board of drugless therapeuts. Joseph sponsored a measure in the senate creating a state bond commission—governor, treasurer and superintendent of banks, to supervise investment of all state funds.

The house committee on roads and highways endorsed Olcott's recommendation that the quarter mill road tax be repealed and that out of the fund so released a sufficient sum be used to rehabilitate the boys' training school, and the remainder revert to the general fund.

FAVORS CONTINUANCE OF INCOME TAXES

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Discussing the taxation problem, Senator Carter Glass, former secretary of the treasury, recommended: Continuation of direct taxes such as those on income. Elimination wherever possible of indirect taxes, like that of excess profits. Economy in governmental expenditures and defeat of the protective tariff legislation.

EVER LONG TO BE A PRINCESS?

Look at this picture before you answer. It is little Princess Juliana of Holland, out skating. No games, no playmates, nothing but six—count 'em—six stiff old guardians, three men and three women. The arrow indicates the little princess. 1—Secret service guard. 2—Military guard. 3—male attendant. 4—Chaperon. 5—Woman attendant. 6—Tutor.

PENDLETON WILL SEND DELEGATES TO POWER MEETING AT UMATILLA

Pendleton will be represented at Umatilla January 26 at the meeting to be held for the purpose of taking preliminary steps with a view to urging development of hydro electric power at Umatilla rapids. The meeting is scheduled to start at 1 o'clock on the afternoon of Wednesday January 26 and all west end towns and Pendleton have been urged to send delegates.

At a meeting of the Commercial Association board of managers yesterday afternoon the subject was up for discussion and enthusiasm was manifested over the proposal. President Raley has named a committee of five to attend and evpressed a willingness to name any others who may find it possible to make the trip. The committee already appointed consists of Mayor George Hartman, Pat Lonergan, D. H. Nelson, E. B. Aldrich and James Johns.

The subject of generating power at Umatilla rapids has been discussed for years but recently the proposition has assumed new importance because of the growing oil shortage and high costs etc. Since the subject was taken up by boosters for the cause they have found much encouragement in government reports on surveys and from such engineers as John H. Lewis, former state engineer of Oregon.

Mr. Lewis is optimistic over what might be accomplished by damming the Columbia at Umatilla rapids and using the power for irrigation pumping and other uses. In this connection the railroads come to the front because the eventual electrification of northwest roads seems to be in the cards.

Mr. Lewis may attend the meeting at Umatilla but if he cannot do so he will be asked to attend a later meeting to be held at Pendleton.

MATERIAL MEN FINED.

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(A. P.)—Fines of $10,000 was imposed on four sand and gravel corporations, and officers and directors who pleaded guilty to violation of the anti-trust law.

WILSON IS STRONGER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Wilson's condition continues to show such improvement that only an unexpected setback will cause him ot abandon his wish to participate in the inauguration of Harding, Admiral Grayson, the president's physician, said.

LOCAL WHEAT BILLED TO STARVING CHILDREN OF CENTRAL EUROPE

Two Car Loads of Umatilla County Gift Paid for Monday and Third Bill Expected Soon by Relief Council.

Two of the three carloads of flour to be sent as Umatilla county's gift to the hungry children of Central Europe, were billed and paid for late Monday, by C. K. Cranston, treasurer for the European Relief Council in this county. The bill for the third car was expected tonight or Wednesday.

A total of 1215 barrels of flour was purchased for the relief, the cost being $6.35 a barrel. One carload was furnished by the Preston-Shaffer mills at Athena and the Peacock mills at Milton and two cars by the three Pendleton mills. The local cars, with freight paid to Portland, cost respectively $2714.84 and $2708.02. It is expected that the total for the three cars will approximate $8140.

Umatilla county was asked for $7,700 and has expended more than $8,000 in excess of what was asked. There is still a surplus in the fund and the county directors plan to meet shortly to decide on its disposition.

There are 465 barrels of flour in each carload and it has all been inspected and accepted. The flour goes to the Portland Flouring Mills warehouse at Portland where it will be loaded into a ship for the European continent.

MARCH AND MAY WHEAT SUFFERS DECLINE TODAY

March and May wheat suffered a decline in price in the Chicago grain market today, March wheat closing at $1.75, a cent lower than yesterday's closing and May Wheat closing at $1.67, two and a fourth cents lower than yesterday's closing.

Following are the quotations, received by Overbeck & Cooke, local brokers:

	Open.	High.	Low.	Close.
Wheat.				
March	$1.76	1.78	1.74	1.5
May	1.68	1.0	1.66⅞	1.67
Corn.				
May	.71	.71¼	.69⅝	69⅝
Oats.				
May	.46	.46¼	.45¼	.45½
July	.45⅝	.45¾	.45	.45⅛
Rye.				
May	1.52	1.52¼	1.51½	1.51½
Barley.				
May	.71	.72	.69	.69 ½

Foreign Exchange.

London, 3.78 1-2.
Paris, .0627.
Berlin, .0165 1-2.
Rome, .0258.

SOLONS DETERMINED TO FORCE APPROPRIATIONS FOR WOUNDED VETERANS

Senators Who Have Fought for Soldier Relief Since June Will Bring Problem Before Senate Again.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—After vainly trying since last June to interest congress to the need for better hospital facilities for sick and wounded veterans the senators interested in the problem have decided to bring it up in a way that cannot be ignored. They will ask that Senator France's bill appropriating "half a million for hospitals be taken up. If their request is opposed, they will demand a record vote, confident that this will penetrate the indifference of many senators. They are prepared to tell the senators that soldiers are being discharged from army hospitals forcibly, though not cured. That the army, in attempting to clean out all except regular army men from the hospitals, has turned over the task of caring for them to the public health service.

That the public health service lacks 10,000 beds of enough to care for patients who should be in hospitals.

That as a result, the wounded and sick veterans are almost in alms houses and wandering about the streets, some of them due to lack of care.

That many so-called hospitals are flimsy fire traps.

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HOUSE SHORTAGE IS KEEPING RENTS HIGH

NEW YORK, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Rents generally aren't coming down. This is shown in United Press dispatches from cities throughout the country, which reported land lords are planning to increase rather than reduce rates of rural dwelling rentals. Only two cities, Detroit and Cleveland, reported decreases in rents. These were for cheaper apartments and in the latter city were offset by a corresponding increase for higher priced places. In New York, and Milwaukee, some rents were forcibly reduced through operation of the state housing laws. The housing shortage is responsible for the high rents. Through high prices, and alleged scarcity of building materials, many landlords predict rents won't come down for five to eight years.

JOHNSON WANTS INQUIRY.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Investigation of the presence of American soldiers in Siberia and of the status of the condition of American citizens there is provided in a resolution Senator Johnson introduced.

FOOTBALL SQUAD WILL BE ROTARIANS' GUESTS

Members of the Pendleton high school football team will be honor guests of the Pendleton Rotary Club at luncheon tomorrow noon at the weekly meeting of the club in the Commercial Association rooms. The 22 boys who won letters during the past season will be presented with their sweaters.

Rev. G. L. Clark, chairman of the boys' work committee of the club, will be in charge of the presentation of the sweaters. James H. Sturgis, president of the club, is expected to welcome the boys to the affair. Coach Dick Hanley and his athletes will attend, places for 50 persons having been arranged.

FRENCH SHIPS ORDERED AWAY FROM COASTS

Twelve Mile Restricted Zone Set by Soviet Government With Threat That Ships Disobeying Will Suffer.

PARIS THINKS OBJECT IS TO CONCEAL PREPARATIONS

New Premier of France Favors Any Reasonable Project for Peace But Will Be Steadfast Regarding Germany.

LONDON, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—Russia regards the "unprovoked attack" of a French cruiser upon one of her Black sea vessels as an act of war and has demanded an explanation, according to a Moscow correspondent of the Daily Herald, a labor paper. Foreign Minister Tchitcherin, in a note to France, protested the attack on the soviet vessel Elpidifer, "the correspondent said. "It is the second recent incident of the sort," he declared "but the note states that Russia will await France's explanation before drawing conclusions.

Order Ships Away

PARIS, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—All ships are ordered to keep 12 miles away from Russian coasts on penalty of being fired on, according to a wireless message signed by the bolsheviks foreign minister Tchitcherin, which the French foreign office made public. The warning said ships coming within the deadline would be in danger from mines, and coast artillery shells. Naval experts here believe the object is concealment of military preparedness especially off-shore drills.

Germany Must Pay

PARIS, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—France is ready to support any reasonable project designed to bring about a regime of justice and peace throughout the world, Aristid Briand, the new premier declared in an interview to the United Press. This interview, was the first given by Briand since he took the premiership. It is considered especially important in view of the present agitation for disarmament. Briand however, indicated his ministery will be firm in compelling Germany to make firm reparation for war damages.

"I'm resolutely pacifist," Briand declared. "I'll support with all my efforts any organization or project susceptible of gathering all the good of the world so as to establish, little by little, in a serious and durable manner a regime of peace and justice between nations."

The statement was given the United Press and accepted as part of the "platform" he will later enunciate in presenting his cabinet selections to the chamber. "Two matters will occupy mind" Briand said in beginning. "These are disarmament and reparation." He insisted that Germany must be stripped of all armament to relieve France of danger of attack."

RETAIL PRICES DOWN 8 PER CENT IN DEC.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 18.—(U. P.)—The level of retail prices declined ten per cent during nineteen twenty, according to a labor department announcement. December retail prices declined eight per cent, compared with November, the statement said. Wholesale prices during the same period dropped 8.75 per cent.

Weather

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, observer.
Maximum, 38.
Minimum, 32.
Barometer, 29.20.
Precipitation, .03 of an inch.

THE WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Wednesday occasional rain.