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WITNESSES SCORE FOR WATSON CHARGES

AMERICAN WAR VETERANS DRAW MONEY ABROAD

TOTAL OF \$596,868.70 SENT OUT EVERY MONTH BY VETERANS' BUREAU; DISBURSEMENTS GO TO 86 FOREIGN NATIONS.

Funds Sent to Meet Allotments, Insurance and Compensation Claims of Men Who Served with Expeditionary Forces; Italy Gets Most.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—World war veterans who cast their destinies with the American flag and who now reside in foreign countries receive a total of \$596,868.70 every month from the United States Veterans' bureau, according to an announcement by the bureau made today.

The disbursements are sent to eighty-six foreign countries to meet the allotment and allowances, insurance and compensation claims of the men who served with the American expeditionary forces in France, the announcement said.

Italy, the land of sunshine, music and spaghetti, receives the largest part of the money sent out. Checks aggregating \$215,917.96 are forwarded each month by the bureau to satisfy the various claims of American ex-soldiers and their dependants now residing in Italy.

Ireland, traditionally famous for her fighting men, ranks second in the amount of money received by former American soldiers or their dependants. A total of \$67,421.81 finds its way monthly to the shores of Erin, where former members of the American fighting forces have taken up their abode.

Former American soldiers or their dependants who now live in Germany receive checks every month totalling \$3,336.06 in compensation for their injuries or losses.

Every civilized spot under the sun is represented on the disbursement lists of the bureau. One man on the remote island of Tahiti, in the Pacific, receives a check each month calling for \$47.74. Five checks are sent every month to Asia Minor, four to Egypt, one to Esthonia, ninety-one to China, twenty-eight to Japan, eight to the island of Trinidad, and eleven to Barbados.

Social Leaders Of Younger Set Wed Saturday

In the presence of immediate friends and families, the marriage vows were taken by Miss Pearl N. Ruger and Clinton G. Harkins at Trinity Episcopal church, Saturday evening at 6 o'clock, Rev. P. K. Hammond officiating. The church was beautifully and tastefully decorated. The bride, dressed in a handsome gown of blue canton crepe, came down the aisle leaning on her father's arm, and was met at the altar by the groom, accompanied by his groomsmen, Raymond Ruper, the father gave the bride away. After the beautiful and impressive ceremony, the wedding party went directly to the home of the bride, where a bountiful four-course dinner was served, the bride cutting the beautiful pyramid wedding cake.

The bride, one of Ashland's most charming girls, a universal favorite and leader of the younger social set, is the eldest daughter of J. A. Ruger and wife, of 423 North Main street.

The groom is a prosperous and popular rancher, as well as an overseas veteran, and resides three miles south of Ashland. The happy couple will make their future home on their ranch.

New Year's Party—Mr. and Mrs. V. O. N. Smith entertained a number of friends at a New Year's eve. Those present were Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Briggs, Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Barneburg, and Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Lamkin.

Senate Leaders Would End Filibustering By Changing Cloture Rule

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Senate leaders have begun a movement to break through one of the oldest traditions of that august body—the right to talk "until the cows come home." The rules governing cloture will be amended, if possible, to end the filibustering which has blocked legislation so effectively in the past. The judiciary committee of the senate has approved an amendment to the rules limiting debate on any question whenever a majority of the senate desires such limitation.

This effort to abridge the sovereign prerogative of the legislators in the upper house of congress is certain to meet with very determined opposition from members of both the democratic and republican parties. The minority groups will oppose this radical innovation in a vigorous manner.

The movement to limit debate arose as a result of the complaint of majority leaders in the senate that they could not get laws passed owing to lengthy speeches of members opposing the measures. The senate is far behind the house in the matter of actual accomplishment as a result of the rule under which one senator can relieve another at speaking, thus dragging out a filibuster for several weeks.

Just now dozens of bills passed by the house are held up in the senate because senators can't find time to wear out that body in discussion upon them. Some of the administration's pet bills are included in this number.

Under the present rules it takes a two-thirds majority to declare a cloture whereby debate is limited, and a vote on the question forced. Cloture, however, seldom is applied, for the minority party rarely will agree to it.

The proposed cloture rule would

permit a majority vote to apply the cloture on petition of twenty-four senators. To pass the new rule requires a two-thirds majority, and therein republican leaders find a great obstacle.

The democratic party, ever since the memorable filibuster of John Sharp Williams in the house many years ago prevented the south from losing what it considered the sovereign right of self-government under a proposed amendment, has been irrevocably opposed to the cloture.

Added to this opposition is that of a few republican senators like Borah, La Follette, Norris and one or two others, who frequently have occasion to take the floor against the entire senate in the interests of the country.

Anti-Foreign Element Stirs Chinese Fears

SIANGHAI, China, Jan. 4.—Dispatches received here today state that some concern is felt in foreign legations at Peking as the result of the reported anti-foreign outbreak at Sian Fu, the capital of the Shans province.

According to the reports received, the charge was made at a mass meeting there that "America had been guilty of hypocritical capitulation to Japan," and circulars were distributed containing a proclamation calling upon the Chinese to drive out and kill all foreigners.

SOVIETS CAPTURE PORAJERVI

Karelians Retreat and Finns Withdraw Red Support

COPENHAGEN, Jan. 4.—Soviet troops on the northern front today effected the capture of Porajervi from the Karelians after a two days battle. The Karelians are retreating before the soviet troops and the fighting continues. The Karelians are assisted by the Finns, who have risen against the reds, although they are reported to be withdrawing their support.

SCANDIA PEOPLE HOLD SOUTHERN OREGON REUNION

The Scandia peoples of Jackson and Josephine counties held their annual New Year's reunion and program at Phoenix Saturday evening. In the neighborhood of 150 people were present. A short business session and election of officers was held, after which the following program was given:

The opening number was by the Hanson family of Grants Pass, entitled "Christmas Bells," followed by a reading by Miss Elsie Carlson, and another number, "The Coming of Tomorrow," by the Hanson family.

The Dr. Woods family, of Ashland, gave an instrumental number and graciously responded to an encore.

Miss Hanson and Mr. Webster, of Grants Pass, then gave a duet. The audience was pleased with Mr. Webster's rich bass, but they did not respond to an encore.

Miss Nellie Hake, an Ashland girl, sang two numbers, the last one—"Lindaquist"—being given in Swedish, and was followed by Mr. Melin who gave several numbers in his native tongue.

Mr. and Mrs. Webster and Miss Hanson sang a trio, and the program was closed by Miss Hanson singing "Mother Macree."

Those in attendance from Ashland were: Miss Laura Lenart, Mrs. Mary Johnson, Dr. Ernest A. Woods and family, L. J. Orres, wife and daughter Edna, Mrs. O. B. Wallstein and nephew, Mr. Banks, George W. Hake and daughter Miss Nellie. The club selected Ashland as their next meeting place. The gathering will occur on June 24 next.

J. W. McCoy, of Medford, was in the city yesterday on a short business trip. Mr. McCoy visited with C. B. Lamkin.

Haz Kik



One of my friends complained that my Haz Kik feature was not constructive enough. "Why don't you advocate constructive policies instead of criticizing the Chamber of Commerce?" he asked. Well, I claim this column is absolutely constructive. If you had a lot with an old, useless building on it, and desired to build a big, fine structure on the lot, the first thing you would have to do would be to tear down the old building in order to make room for the new one. Nor could you make your proposed improvements without clearing away the old obstruction. Therefore the first move in constructive work must be to clear away the encumbrances. That's what I am trying to do, Ashland has a great chance for future development, but some of the present landmarks will have to be removed before she can build greater and better.

HAZ KIK.

City Council Approves The Installation Water Screen And Settling at \$2,550 Cost

Following a discussion centering around the improvement of the upper and lower dams in Ashland creek for enlarged storage capacity, the installation of a water screen and the construction of a settling tank at a total cost of \$2550, was approved by the city council last evening at the first meeting of the year.

The water screen will be of a revolving type, manufactured by a Portland concern and passing the water through a rotary disc pierced with holes one sixteenth of an inch in diameter. Supplemented by the settling tank, planned by Earl Hosler, water superintendent, and F. H. Walker, city engineer, the system is expected to eliminate to a great extent the roily water in evidence at the fresher periods of Ashland creek.

Both the settling tank and the screen will be installed just above the city power plant. More efficient operation of the city water meters will be a direct result of the improvement, installation of which is the culmination of investigation of filtering and other methods of clearing the city water. The settling tank will hold approximately 8000 gallons of water, Mr. Hosler states.

Although an added storage capacity of 1,550,000 gallons of water is possible by the raising of the upper and lower dam in Ashland creek, according to the report made by investigating members of the council, the city engineer and water superintendent, the advantage gained by such work was considered to be small, and definite action was postponed until further investigation.

A request for use of the city reservoir site on Crown hill, by the Ladies' Civic Improvement club for the purpose of making a memorial park in honor of the local men killed during the world war, was refused by the council. Prospective use of the ground for the original reservoir project was given as the reason for the refusal.

In accordance with the city charter, Mayor Lamkin made an annual report covering the work of the council and city officials during the past year, and embracing recommendations for this year. Salaries for city employes was fixed at the same figures paid last year. No changes were made in either the status of the city employes or the members of the various council committees. "Business as usual" marked the conclusion of the report.

Belfast Riots Continue; Six Die In Fight

BELFAST, Jan. 4.—Violent street fighting in which a civilian and a baby were shot to death, has raged intermittently in Belfast and its environs for nearly twenty-four hours. Soldiers used rifles, machine guns, bayonets and armored cars against the mob. The most drastic curfew regulations in the history of Ireland have been put into effect. Beginning tonight, the streets will be cleared at 8 o'clock.

The sixth victim of the present disorders in Belfast died early today.

NEW SERVICE STATION PROJECT

Rev. Oser, of Medford, Erecting New Building on North Main

Rev. Oser, pastor of the Lutheran church at Medford, was in the city yesterday making arrangements for excavation work to be done on his vacant property north of the White Star garage on North Main street, preparatory to the erection of a gasoline and oil service station. Work on the new structure will start this week.

The property has a ninety foot frontage and is 100 feet in depth. Rev. Oser purchased the lot late this summer with the announced intention of making the improvements now started.

BRITISH RESENT POSSIBILITY OF FRENCH ALLIANCE

LONDON, Jan. 4.—British officials today expressed their firm conviction that Premier Briand, of France, will make a formal proposal to Premier Lloyd George at Cannes, that France and Great Britain enter into a close treaty of alliance.

The International News Service is in a position to state that the official British stand is that in view of the fact that France blocked the land disarmament program at Washington and insists upon a great submarine fleet against the wishes of England and America,

Hard Coal Is A Hand Picked Product

A VISITOR who was going through one of the anthracite mines of Pennsylvania stepped out of the "cage" one day into the darkness of the 1,000-foot level. When his lamp was lit he looked about him and saw only big chunks of coal at his feet. In disappointment he turned to his guide.

"Look here," he said, "I wanted to see the kind of coal I use. We are in the wrong section."

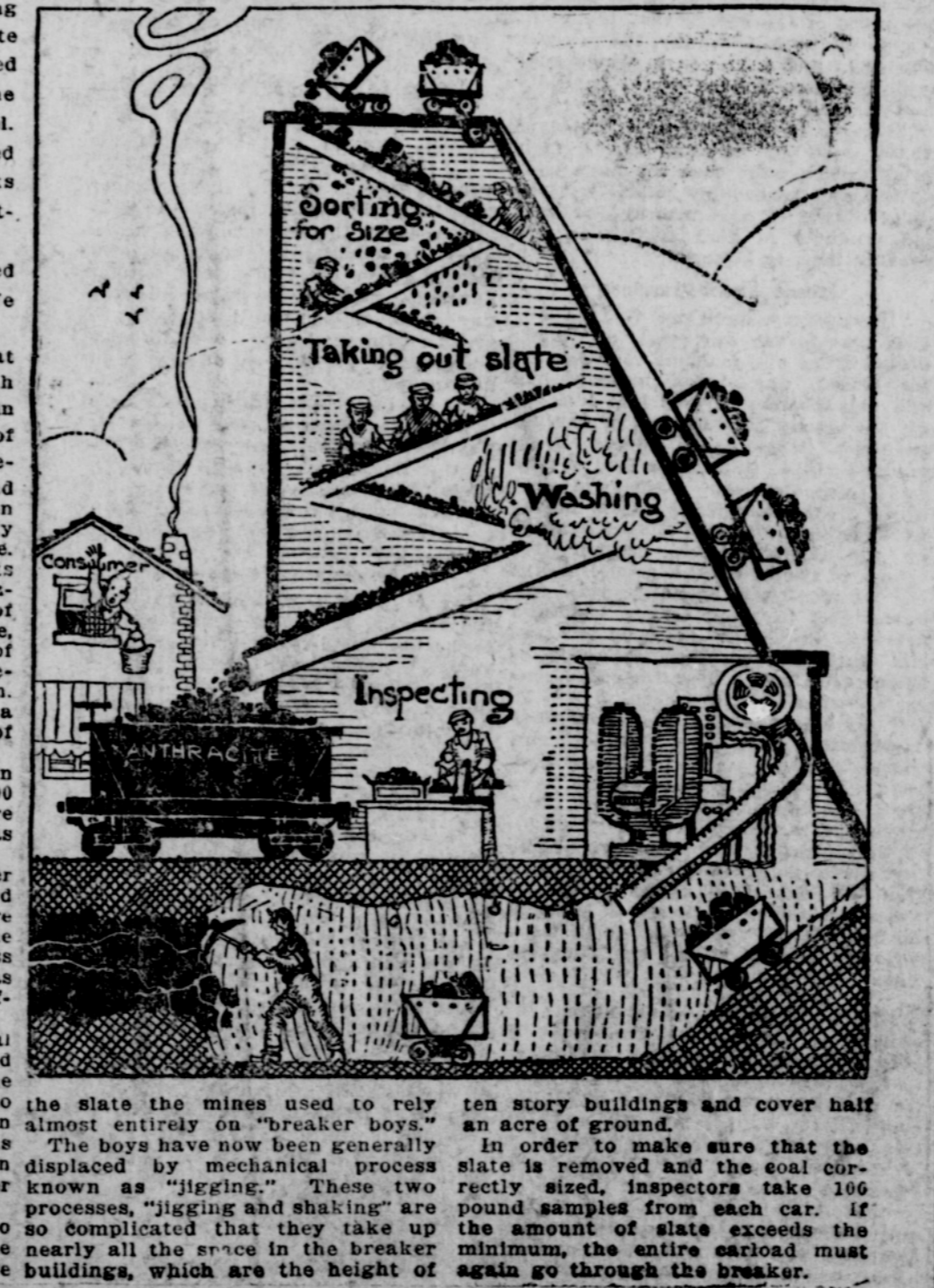
Not a few people believe that miners go into the workings with picks and dig coal in the form in which it is used. Few are aware of the many operations which come between the blasting down of rock and coal in the mine and the time when it becomes the glistening carefully sized lumps of prepared anthracite. As a matter of fact, the contents of the mine car which comes whizzing up from 800 to 1,500 feet out of the earth at the end of a steel cable, is an indigestible looking mass of dust, rock and coal that no householder would admit to his coal bin. The lumps range in size from a robin's egg up to the dimensions of a large boulder.

When this mixture is dumped in at the top of one of the \$1,500,000 breaker buildings, the manufacture of the coal for household use has just begun.

Inside the breaker the larger lumps are separated into slate and coal. The big lumps of coal are crushed. Then together with the smaller pieces of coal, they pass over shaking screens where as many as eight separations into different sizes are made.

This is done by moving the coal over set after set of screens pierced with holes of different sizes. At the top of the breaker, the holes are so large that all pieces smaller than egg coal drop through. Screens with smaller holes further down in the breaker separate the smaller sizes.

Even after the coal is sorted into sizes, there are pieces of slate mixed in with each size. To remove



the slate the mines used to rely almost entirely on "breaker boys." The boys have now been generally displaced by mechanical process known as "jigging." These two processes, "jigging and shaking" are so complicated that they take up nearly all the space in the breaker buildings, which are the height of ten story buildings and cover half an acre of ground. In order to make sure that the slate is removed and the coal correctly sized, inspectors take 100 pound samples from each car. If the amount of slate exceeds the minimum, the entire carload must again go through the breaker.

COMRADE SHOT ON ORDERS OF MAJOR CLAIM

FORMER OVERSEAS MAN SAYS HE WAS ORDERED TO SHOOT COMRADE BECAUSE LATTER LEFT MARCHING RANKS.

Thirsty Man Incurs Anger of Major; Marchers Without Water for 24 Hours; Hung Men Found in Grave Yard at Bazailles, France.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—Eye witnesses to the alleged shooting of soldiers in France by their superior officers today offered their testimony before the senate investigating committee to strengthen Senator Watson's charges that soldiers in the American expeditionary forces were "killed in cold blood."

Polk Golden, witness from Newman, Ga., told of killing a comrade on orders received from the major of his company. The comrade, he said, had gone to a spring for a drink of water, without permission. "We had been marching without water for twenty-four hours," said Golden.

Golden also described the killing of another soldier, who, he said, was shot down by a lieutenant for failure to report to the company on time in the course of a march.

Rufus P. Hubbard told of the finding of three bodies in a graveyard in Bazailles. The bodies, he claimed, had ropes around their necks and black caps over their heads.

HARDING PLAYS SAFE FINANCING SOLDIER BONUS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 4.—President Harding is in favor of the soldiers' bonus, provided the funds can be raised without disturbing the government's financial situation, Senator Bursum stated today, after a conference with the president on the subject.

Senator Bursum said that he told President Harding that the foreign debts should be used as a basis for payments of the bonus.

Ashland Gains Rapid Note For Leather Goods

Ashland is becoming known as the place where the best buckskin leather in the world is being made, according to C. L. McKinney from big manufacturers of moccasins, gloves and similar goods. McKinney's tannery is located near the Pacific highway, the first house north of Jackson Springs, on the west side of the road. The house belongs to George Mathes, being located on the latter's forty acre homestead.

The tanning formulae which are being used with such signal success, were purchased from J. D. Henry, a year ago. In addition to deer skins, coyote, sheep and many other kind of pelts are tanned, some with the fur on. As many as fifty hides are sometimes undergoing the tanning process at one and the same time. The process requires from two weeks to a month, the skins passing through seven solutions, all of which must be mixed and handled just right to obtain best results.

Mr. McKinney is an artist in his chosen trade and thoroughly enjoys his work. The quality of his product is such a good advertisement that he gets all the business he can take care of. Skunk and rabbit hides may be added to those now tanned, and perhaps calf, cattle and horse hides. In the latter event, tanning would become a prominent Ashland industry. Oak bark, one of the principal materials used in leather making, can be obtained here in large quantities.

Mr. McKinney is planning to build a bungalow on his place across the highway from Fiederick. Gloves made from McKinney buckskin have the unusual quality of keeping soft and pliable after getting wet. Mr. McKinney used to run a gun store in Ashland.

DR. E. J. BULGIN FACES \$150,000 DAMAGE SUITS

The following dispatch from Boise, Ida., will be of interest to people in the Rogue River valley, as the Rev. E. J. Bulgin conducted a series of revival meetings last spring in this city and Medford:

"Boise, Ida.—Trial on their merits of the slander suits for damages totaling \$150,000 against Dr. E. J. Bulgin, Portland evangelist, has been ordered by the Idaho supreme court. Jesse Mann, Hayden Mann and Herbert Kelsey as individuals asked \$40,000 each and as Mann Brothers orchestra sought an additional \$30,000 as the result of charges against them made by Dr. Bulgin during a revival.

The charges resulted from dances held across the street from the revival tabernacle at Moscow more than a year ago under the auspices of the American Legion. Dr. Bulgin admitted making the charges. The case was appealed on failure of Jesse Mann to undergo a physical examination in the trial of his case as ordered by the trial court. The decision holds the burden of proof rests with Dr. Bulgin.

The high water mark of the Rev. Bulgin's sensational campaign in this county came with the pulp charges against Sheriff C. E. Terrill, in which it was alleged that official was "an no account sheriff," and the sheriff countered with a statement that "if he was a no account sheriff he would like to know it." The news of the controversy brought scores of letters from all over the Pacific coast to Sheriff Terrill agent Dr. Bulgin, including a pamphlet entitled "Crimes of Ministers" in which an alleged mining deal of the evangelist was listed, all of which were freely shown by the sheriff.

The agitation waxed warm for ten days, including the claim that Dr. Bulgin, who was an ardent fisherman, had been detected "gaffing fish at Ray Gold dam." Nothing came of the charge.