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## UNITED STATES HAS IMPORTANT PLACE IN PACT

### LONG-STANDING REPARATIONS CONTROVERSY NOW COMING TO AN END

## AMERICA SAID AGAINST OCCUPATION BY FRANCE

### Thought Arrangements Should Be Made So That Germany Can Pay; Will Not Participate in Joint International Loan.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—A final showdown, in which America's voice is bound to play an important part is imminent in the long-standing reparations controversy which has embroiled Europe constantly for four years.

It is unlikely the American procedure will be determined until Ambassador Harvey, who has been called from Great Britain, arrives fresh from the conference of allied premiers.

Harding's pronouncement of the American policy is likely to include whether America regards the question of reparations and international war debts as two separate propositions, with America against the occupation of the Ruhr valley by France. It will also be considered whether reparations should be scaled so that Germany can pay and still keep her head above the economic waters which threaten to engulf her.

America will not consider a cancellation of war debts, and will not participate in a joint international loan to Germany.

## MOONSHINE WAR IS STILL PROGRESSING

### MOUNT STERLING, Ky., Dec. 15.

Hostilities have been resumed in the mountains of Menifee county near here between moonshiners and prohibition enforcement officers. Bob Ballard, said to be the leader of the outlaw gang, was shot and instantly killed, and his brother Charles, severely wounded. Guy Cole, a "dry" agent, of Bowling Green, was also killed. Total casualties are now brought to four, two government agents having been killed during the last week-end.

Reinforcements are being rushed to "dry" agents. The moonshiners are armed with high powered rifles and have retreated into the mountain fastnesses.

### MASONIC ORGANIZATION BUYS LOT FOR NEW RESIDENCE

Ashland lodge, A. F. & A. M., decided last night to buy the lot on East Main street, now used by the Carson Fowler company as a wood lot, on which the Shell barber shop and the Yockey real estate office is located, to hold for its new home soon to be erected. The lot is 110 by 120, and the price is stated as \$10,000.

It is understood that all the Masonic bodies will join in building a fine new temple, one of the best on the coast.

### Young MacCracken Honored

Additional honors have been received by Chester MacCracken, a senior in chemical engineering at the Oregon Agricultural college, according to word received by his parents, Dr. and Mrs. Gordon MacCracken yesterday. Young MacCracken writes that he has just been pledged by a chemical engineering honor fraternity, the second to have so honored him. In his letter he also stated that he expected to be in Ashland Saturday night, and that Dr. Charles S. Price, the evangelist, was the guest of his fraternity, Sigma Phi Epsilon, for three days. During the Christmas recess MacCracken will be employed by the shoe department of the Euders' store.

### Move Reported

The Gilmore family have moved into the E. R. Jones house on Liberty street.

### BOY, 16, WINS COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED HIM FOUR YEAR COURSE

LINDSBORG, Kans., Dec. 15.—A scholarship, valued at \$4000, and which entitles the holder to attend without charge any college or university in the United States for a period of four years has been awarded to Karl Pearson, 16, of this city. His essay on "How to Improve Means of Communication in the United States," was declared the winner in a nation-wide contest in which more than 250,000 high school students were entered. First prize was what is known as the "Firestone scholarship."

## SOUTHERN PACIFIC ROUND HOUSE IS BEING ENLARGED

Six new tracks are nearing completion at the Southern Pacific round house here at an estimated expense of from \$30,000 to \$40,000.

Work has been going steadily forward during the past two months and workmen are now engaged in work that will bring the tracks in a place where they will soon be used by the big decaopds.

A cement lined pit some three feet deep has been placed between the tracks as is the case in all round houses, making it possible to get under the giants of the rails without kneeling or laying on the ground or floor. These pits are all sloped toward the rear of the building where they empty any possible grease or water into a large sewer which in turn carries it toward Ashland creek.

The space between the pits is being covered with brick, laid on a foundation of cement, and will be quite an improvement over the present walks in the round house.

The new tracks are some 30 feet longer than the old ones, which will make the handling of the large engines, which are being used on this division, much easier as the tracks in the present round house only allow a slight margin for the big engines to pass by one another when going in and out of the building.

While no arrangements have been made for an overhead covering or sidewalks, it is understood that this matter will have attention as soon as the present work has been completed. The new structure will probably be constructed on lines with the present building which is of brick with a composition fire-proof roof.

### PONTIAC, Ill., Dec. 15.—Myron Corbridge, age 22, murderer of "Sol" Jones, was hanged today.

He displayed granite stoicism, and read a poem and denied his guilt on the scaffold. His last wish to see his brother came true.

He committed the murder when in the state reformatory school, where Jones was a guard. He had spent half the years of his life in reformatory schools.

### DONALD KIRK, 21, OF ST. PAUL, OR., DROWNED

ST. PAUL, Or., Dec. 15.—When a canoe in which he was retrieving ducks in the Willamette river near here turned over yesterday, Donald Kirk, 21, son of Emmett Kirk, St. Paul merchant, was drowned. Efforts to recover his body have been unsuccessful. The heavy clothing worn by the boy and the cold water made his efforts to swim to safety futile. His three boy companions were unable to save him. Young Kirk was a nephew of Richard Kirk, No. 1025 East 17th street north, Portland. A brother was killed in the Cello wreck a year ago.

### Hauling Out Airplane

A truck bearing the wings of an airplane passed northward through the city today. The wings were from the plane which landed about two months ago in the Lowe pasture east of the city, and which has been there since that time. Other parts of the machine were taken out yesterday.

## FRANCE MAY ACT INDEPENDENTLY IN RUHR VALLEY

### POLICY OF CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES THREATENED BY POINCARÉ

## ACTION MAY BE TAKEN ALONE IF NECESSARY

### Payment of Indemnity Necessary to Meet War Debts; French Engineers to be Installed with Reservations for English.

PARIS, Dec. 15.—Independent French action against Germany, with occupation of a part of the Ruhr river basin, is threatened by Premier Poincaré in his declaration on the policy of the chamber of deputies.

"France wishes to proceed with the allies in fullest co-operation, but if necessary, France will act alone," Poincaré stated. He also said that France will install her own mining engineers but will reserve places for British engineers and other officials if they go in later.

France cannot pay the debts due to her allies until Germany pays her indemnity, Poincaré avers.

## REGULAR MEETING OF CIVIC CLUB SET FOR DECEMBER 19

The regular meeting of the Civic club will be on Tuesday, December 19. Every member is invited to attend the business meeting at 2 o'clock. The program at 2:30 will be of special interest. Mr. J. H. Doran, in his illustrated lecture on "The Lure of Oregon," has many beautiful slides illustrating the scenery of southern Oregon. Mr. Doran recently lectured at Reed college and at Corvallis. Admittance to the lecture will be by membership ticket, with a charge of 25 cents to any one not a member of the Civic club. This lecture is open to the public. Both men and women are invited.

Post cards of the Civic club house, photographed and printed by Mr. Hinthorne, will also be on sale at 10 cents each.

Recent gifts include \$10 from Mrs. Yockey, who has always been a loyal supporter of the Civic club; Dr. Santa Claus, \$15; Charles Pierce (another) \$25.00 check. Mr. Nininger, \$5, besides flags at cost, including the new 3 by 5 silk flag for the auditorium. Mr. Elliott, \$5; Mr. Kaegi, \$2.50; Dr. Gregg, \$2.50; Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Butler, plated ware.

## HUGE TIMBER DEAL REPORTED AT SALEM

SALEM, Dec. 15.—A billion feet of timber in Marion and Clackamas counties is reported to have been purchased by the Eastern-Western Lumber company. The owner of the timber is the Foster Lumber company, of Wisconsin.

### 10 HURT, 2 DIE, FROM COASTING IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, Dec. 15.—Found unconscious and half buried in the falling snow a few blocks from his home early this morning, Charles C. Smith, 18, was picked up by an autoist and rushed to a sanitarium. Smith had been injured when his sled struck a telephone pole while coasting last night.

His condition is serious from a fractured skull and internal injuries.

Douglas Cochran, 8, received a broken leg earlier in the evening, when his sled crashed into an automobile.

These accidents bring the total to 12 in Seattle from coasting during the snowfall of the past ten days. Two boys have been killed.

### COMING EVENTS

- TEN DAYS UNTIL XMAS. December 15—Musical social at Presbyterian church. December 16—Bazaar and food sale, Christian church. December 16—Stewart Long, lecturer, Lyceum course. December 18-19—U. S. navy recruiting officer here. December 19—Meeting of Civic club. December 25, Monday—Christmas Day. December 25—Christmas ball benefit 484th company, Armory.

## MACCABEES STAGE DELIGHTFUL PARTY

A decidedly recherche affair was given last evening, by the Order of the Ladies of the Maccabees, at the home of Mrs. O. W. Long, on East Main street, in honor of Lady Commander Ruth Guisinger, who is leaving shortly for Los Angeles, where she will make her future home. Mrs. Roy Hale was mistress of ceremonies, being chairman of the entertainment committee.

Mrs. Mabel Jacobs sang, "Somewhere a Voice is Calling," in her most pleasing manner, and later responded to an encore of "Forgotten." Mrs. Bomar gave a reading, "How Ruby Played," same old selection, also same old style, and encored on "The Two Kittens." Harriet Ruger and Dorothy Frulan Herrin rendered a piano duet, "Vienna Forever," with perfect time and expression, but got to giggling and faked on an encore. Mrs. Hale then called on Mrs. Haberly to make an impromptu speech, either political or scientific, on how to raise a family, to be followed by Mrs. Hattie Smith in relating her best story, to which there was no response except hearty applause. Mrs. Mabel Jacobs, as chairman of the refreshments committee, did herself proud with her corps of able assistants, in preparing elaborate refreshments, which was served in courses as a lap supper, consisting of delicious fruit salad, brick ice cream, cake and chocolate.

The decorations were in keeping with the holiday season, in which blended the colors of the order, red, white and black. Old Kris Kringle himself, in the person of Mrs. Dora Payne, entered amid the jingling of sleigh bells, and shouts of tumultuous applause, and after a greeting to all, presented to the guest of honor, an exquisite reproduction of Cranter lake in a magnificent frame, in behalf of the ladies of the order, as a token of the high esteem in which she is held. In the excitement of Santa Claus, the hostess very nearly forgot to turn on the incandescents which illuminated a miniature Christmas tree, with the colors of the order, in the center of the room.

Among the number present, including the officers, were: Mesdames Nelson, Payne, Ruger, Jacobs, Oskar, Hale, Dyrud, Guisinger, Love, Pratt, Brookmiller, Hall, Harrell, Dear-dorf, Haberly, Hardy, Hosler, Middleton, Hobbs, Bomar, Hamilton, Herrin, Jennings, Crowson, Carey, Long, Hattie Smith, Bessie Smith, and Miss Harriet Ruger. All departing for their homes about midnight, voted it the jolliest party in the history of the order.

### SILVER LAKE TRIBUTARY TO KLAMATH, IS STRAHORN PLAN

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 15.—Acting on the suggestion of Robert E. Strahorn, the chamber of commerce has asked the state highway commission and the county court to consider construction of a road from the Sprague river terminus of the O. C. & E. railroad to Silver Lake, a distance of some 80 or 85 miles. About half of the road would be in Klamath county, and the remainder in Lake county.

Strahorn's assertion is that the road would open up a large new territory to this city, bringing in stock, wool and other products to this city whereas they now go to Bend.

### Announces Baby's Birth

Word has been received by Mrs. Mary E. Rawley, of Lincoln street, of the birth of a fine 8 1/2 pound boy at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Rawley at 10:45 p. m., December 12. Mother and son are reported to be doing nicely.

## UNCLE SAM WILL PLAY SANTA FOR DISABLED VETS

### 26,000 WOUNDED MEN IN HOSPITALS TO RECEIVE CHECKS

## GOVERNMENT BUREAU TO WORK OVERTIME

### Outstanding Claims, Adjustments and Settlements to be Concluded; Many Will Be Able to Re-Enter Business and Former Callings.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Uncle Sam will play Santa Claus to 26,000 wounded veterans of the world war in government hospitals. Gifts will be checks and compensations for a full settlement of outstanding claims and adjustments.

The bureau forces will work night and day from now until Christmas if necessary to conclude the settlement. The checks will be a God-send, as many men will then be able to return to their former peaceful callings or re-enter business.

The bureau is determined to adjust all claims, Director Forbes said.

## DEATH CALLS HEER AT LOCAL HOSPITAL JUST BEFORE NOON

The many friends of L. James Heer, of 117 High street, learned with sadness of his death at the Community hospital shortly before noon today. Mr. Heer had been ill for but a short time, and was taken to the hospital this week suffering with the stoppage of a blood vessel in one of his lower limbs.

Mr. Heer had been identified with this community for nearly a dozen years, moving to Ashland 11 years ago next month from the east. During his residence here he has won the respect of all those with whom he had come in contact.

He was born in Galena, Ill., March 15, 1872. After coming to Ashland, he was interested in the Ashland Storage plant for seven years, then going with the American Express company, where he was employed until his recent illness. He was a member of the Elks lodge and the Fraternal Brotherhood. Arrangements for the funeral services have not been completed and will be announced later.

Mr. Heer is survived by his wife, two married daughters, Mrs. C. L. Anderson (Alda Heer), of Portland; Mrs. Carl Smith (Zelda Heer), of Dunsuir; Miss Thelma Heer, now of Portland; Leslie Heer and Jimmie Heer, of Ashland.

## PORTLAND SUFFERS DURING COLD SNAP

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—The water mains on the east side are jammed with ice from the cold snap. Outlying districts were shut off from the water supply for several hours today. The weather has moderated somewhat, with the temperature around 19 above zero.

### 67 FIRES IN CRATER FOREST DURING SEASON

There were 67 fires on the Crater national forest during the past season, according to Hugh B. Rankin, supervisor of the forest. Forty-eight of these were man caused, 19 incendiary, 19 were caused by lightning, 11 by campers and hunters, and 15 by careless smokers. Of the remainder, one was caused by blasting and two originated from unknown cause.

The cost to the forest service of suppressing these fires was \$7,046.18 and the damage to timber inside the national forest was \$1,057.31. The damage to timber outside is unestimated.

### GIRL, AGE 15, MAKES SECOND VOYAGE OVER MATRIMONIAL SEAS

HARDIN, Mont., Dec. 15.—Ena Williams, 15, entered upon her second voyage on the sea of matrimony when she was married in this "Green of the Northwest" last week to Archie DeColon, 24, a miner. Two years ago, when she was only 13 years old, the girl was married to Sam Apostle, proprietor of a shoe-shining parlor, of Sheridan, Wyo. This marriage was annulled following the sudden departure of Apostle. The girl's home is in Sheridan, Wyo.

## SINISTER POWERS BELIEVED BEHIND PAC. TEL. & TEL.

SALEM, Dec. 15.—In an effort to show that the American Telephone and Telegraph company is the real power behind the throne, the public service commission today asked Attorney General Van Winkle for an opinion whether the American company is a "public utility" subject to the jurisdiction of the Oregon regulatory bodies.

The commission claims the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company is controlled and bled white by the American company, and that the commission under the present law has little jurisdiction over the parent company.

### CHRISTMAS TURKEYS ARRIVE IN THE MARKET

ROSEBURG, Dec. 15.—Turkeys are beginning to come in for the Christmas market, a few being received Wednesday. They are being taken on the market price, and no price is quoted at this time. The remainder of the week will see brisk buying in turkeys, with the pool of the farm bureau exchange closing Saturday.

### FALL FROM TRESTLE SMASHES MAN'S LEG

ROSEBURG, Dec. 15.—George Cole, Southern Pacific brakeman, was severely injured Tuesday night when he stepped off a freight train which had stopped on a trestle at Carnes. Cole did not know that the train was on the trestle and he fell 30 feet to the ground. His right leg was broken between the knee and the ankle, and he was severely bruised.

## 1927 EXPOSITION IS NOW INCORPORATED

SALEM, Dec. 15.—Articles of incorporation were filed in the state corporation department yesterday by the World's Electro-Industrial exposition, to be held in Portland in the year 1927. The capital stock is \$5,000,000. The incorporators include C. E. Gates, J. E. Dunn, Walter M. Pierce, A. H. Lea, Eugene Smith, Fred Kiser, T. A. Word, George L. Cleaver, Mrs. R. E. Bon-durant, Charles Cooper and B. W. Sleeman.

### BUTTER AND CHEESE MEN NEED TRAINED HELPERS

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Oregon dairy factory managers have found that quality of production as well as economy of operation depends largely on the quality of their butter, cheese and ice cream makers, and are interested in the manufacturing courses at the college.

Only experienced men have been admitted until recently when the ban against inexperience was lifted, and untrained men may have the benefit of special courses beginning January 2. Skilled help is scarce, and factory managers may aid their own business by finding suitable raw material for training to do the skilled work.

### Return from Hill

Mr. and Mrs. Ross Harding, who have been working on a ranch near Hill, for several months, have returned to Bellevue for the winter.

## NEW COMMITTEE IS BEING SOUGHT BY MINNESOTAN

### REPRESENTATIVE KELLER SAYS COMMITTEE IS "PACKED" AGAINST HIM

## FURTHER INVESTIGATION OF CHARGES TO BE MADE

### Unwillingness of Republican to Further Impeachment of Daugherty Will Not End Proceedings, States Volstead; War Frauds to be Aired.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—The unwillingness of Representative Keller, Minnesota republican, to further his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty will not end the proceedings, but will result in a more determined investigation of the "high crimes and misdemeanors" charged against Daugherty. Representative Volstead, committee chairman, announced today.

Congressmen Woodruff, of Michigan, and Royal Johnson, of South Dakota, will be requested to testify of Daugherty's alleged delay in prosecuting war fraud cases.

Keller charges the committee is "packed" against him and wants a new house judiciary committee selected.

### 16-YEAR-OLD GIRL AT SEASIDE TAKES LIFE

SEASIDE, Dec. 15.—Verna Lytle, 16-year-old girl, committed suicide here at 11 o'clock, shooting herself with a revolver in her left temple. No reason is given.

## SHOOTING TEAMS NAMED THURSDAY

The official team for the 484th company, Oregon National Guard was selected after heavy competition military unit.

Members of the first team, and their scores, are: Wertz, 83; Pettit, 72; Banks, 88; Barnard, 72, and Burns, 88. The second team is comprised of Southern, 94; Jalo, 73; Moore, 84; McKinney, 61, and Prescott, 70. Total scores, out of a possible 500, were, first team, 403, and second team, 381.

Regular quarterly inspection of muskets will be made next Monday night, December 18, and no excuse will be received for absence at this time, according to word from the local officers.

### SPREADERS OF DISEASE MAY BE JAILED IN ILL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 15.—One of the most sweeping health laws in the country was prepared by the Chicago health department today for submission to the next session of the state legislature.

The proposed law will send to the penitentiary any person who "knowingly or willfully communicated a disease to another person."

Health Commissioner Bundeson declared the law would mark a new era in disease control.

### Anderson Writes Musical History

Great prominence is given an article upon "Music Occupies an Important Part in the University of Oregon," printed in the December number of "Music and Musicians," and written by John W. Anderson, a senior in the school of journalism at the University. The article deals with the various musical activities on the campus, such as the activities of the men's glee clubs, orchestra, vesper services, and the cooperation of the school of music with the Eugene churches, whereby the citizens of Eugene are given the best possible talent. Several noted singers have been brought to Eugene by the school of music, independent of all year numbers. In addition to his journalistic career, Anderson is prominent in musical circles, having been a member and manager of the orchestra for several years. Miss Hicks, of the Ashland library, has the December number on her desk.