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STORMS REAP TOLL OF DEATH IN TWO STATES

SIX PEOPLE KILLED AND MANY INJURED WHEN CYCLONE STRIKES IN OKLAHOMA

FIFTY ARE KILLED IN TEXAS

Tundra, Winnburg and Minneola All Visited by Twister Which Leaves Destruction in Wake

Durant, Okla., Apr. 9.—Six people are reported killed, many seriously injured, and many houses and barns demolished last night by a cyclone which passed five miles from this city. The storm did not hit any of the towns in the county.

Dallas, Texas, Apr. 9.—Eight people were killed in a tornado at Tundra, Vanand county, last night. A telephone message from the postmaster at Winnburg, Texas, said that he believed 15 persons near that village were dead and many fatally injured.

Information from Minneola stated that 13 were killed in that vicinity. It is believed that about 50 people were killed altogether.

Hampton Roads, Va., Apr. 9.—Lieutenant John E. Neely, of Seattle, was instantly killed and Sergeant J. S. Richardson was seriously injured at Langley Field when the airplane Neely was driving fell about 250 feet.

COMMISSIONER OF HORTICULTURE HERE

A. C. Allen, of Medford, member of the state board of horticulture, is in the city today making an inspection of orchard conditions. Mr. Allen states that he has found conditions here very favorable. The board of horticulture is allowed \$12,000 for two years, nearly half of that amount is required for fixed expense, leaving \$400 per year to each commissioner as expenses for the whole district. In Mr. Allen's district are seven counties. In conversation at the lunch table at the Josephine today, Mr. Allen contrasted the amounts expended by the state of Oregon for the fruit industry and the fishing industry. Twelve thousand dollars in two years for fruit and something like \$150,000 in two years for the sport fisher and the commercial interests.

Mr. Allen states that one thing alone worth thousands of dollars to Oregon, which has been accomplished by the board, is the absolute prevention of the tuber moth gaining a lodgment in Oregon, while California is practically overrun with the pest and the potato industry seriously crippled. Every shipment of California potatoes coming into Oregon must bear a certificate from the starting point and must also be inspected at its destination. Several shipments have been condemned from this district and others have been returned to California. Several shipments to Grants Pass have been condemned.

ENGLAND WANTS MORE SOLDIERS FOR RUSSIA

London, Apr. 9.—The war office has issued an urgent appeal for volunteers for the relief force for Northern Russia. They must be trained soldiers. The period of enlistment is for one year or less, as required.

FATE OF IMPERIAL FAMILY A MYSTERY

Efforts to Be Made to Determine Exact Details of Disappearance of Czar's Family

Omsk, Siberia, Feb. 12.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—Serious effort will be made to determine the exact details of the assassination of the Russian imperial family which occurred in a house at Ekaterinburg. Various accounts of the affair are still current at Omak where at present reside two tutors, one English, the other French, who were attached to the family of Czar Nicholas, and who were with the unhappy monarchs until they were removed from Tobolsk to the house at Ekaterinburg, where they were subsequently murdered.

Official personages who visited this house and who had some opportunity of gleaning details accept the story that the former Emperor Nicholas, his wife and their children were thrown into a pit or cellar and there half suffocated, wounded and finally killed under a hail of missiles, including bombs. They believe that the bodies were secretly transferred to the forest and buried. Special investigation is being made of the tale that one of the jewels of the former empress, a diamond, was found in a forest recess.

A story that Nicholas stabbed with a poniard by a sailor while being transferred from one place to another, and that, kissing the hem of the sailor's garment, he pleaded for mercy, is not accepted as vouched for by any historical data of a serious nature.

NARCOTIC LAW BOTHER TO MANY MERCHANTS

Under the provisions of the original Harrison narcotic law, remedies or preparations which contain not more than two grains of opium, or one fourth grain of morphine, or one fourth grain of heroin, or one grain of cocaine to the ounce, are exempt. This applies also to liniments, ointments, or other preparations for external use only. However, as amended by the revenue act of 1918, all storekeepers who handle such preparations, even if their narcotic content exempts them from the provisions of the Harrison act, are required to register with the collector of internal revenue at Portland, and pay a tax of \$1 a year or fractional part thereof, and further, to keep records of all sales of such preparations.

Many merchants in Oregon, other than retail druggists, carry such preparations and they should immediately apply to Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue at Portland for the necessary blanks to register. The tax is payable not later than April 25th, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1919.

TACOMA OFFICIALS AFTER TAG SELLERS

Tacoma, Wash., Apr. 9.—Prosecuting Attorney Askren filed an information in the superior court today, charging nine leaders in the tag sale for the soldiers' and sailors' council with criminal conspiracy, which is punishable by a year's imprisonment and \$1,000 fine. The list includes Steve Burk, secretary-treasurer of the council, J. L. Johns, Seattle official of the organization, and Paddy Morris, a Tacoma radical leader. All the men are out on \$750 bail each.

Washington, Apr. 9.—On April 1 the war department announced today, the aggregate strength of the American army was 2,055,718, including the 17,738 marines with the expeditionary forces.

GERMANY LOSES HOPE, APPEALS TO THE ALLIES

Is Unable to Maintain Order at Home—Strikes and Counter Revolutions Numerous—Allies Leave Odessa—Railway Employees Strike—Red Cross Robbed

Paris, Apr. 9.—At the latest session of the German cabinet council the government considered the possibility of making an appeal to the allied armies to maintain order in Germany, in the interest of all Europe, a Zurich correspondent reports.

Copenhagen, Apr. 9.—German government troops are marching on Esben where a collision occurred between strikers and a Christian workers' organization, members of which desired to continue at their employment, a Berlin dispatch announces. Strikes have occurred at the big Krupp munition plant.

Paris, Apr. 9.—The evacuation of the Black sea port of Odessa by the allied forces has been officially confirmed.

+ VICTORY LOAN TANK +
+ ARRIVES TOMORROW +
+ A telegram has been received +
+ from Marshall N. Dana, of Port- +
+ land, director of publicity for +
+ the Victory loan campaign, +
+ stating that the tank furnished +
+ Oregon for the Victory loan is +
+ due to reach Grants Pass on +
+ Thursday, April 10, at 2:45 p. +
+ m., and will remain here dur- +
+ ing the afternoon. +
+ Sergeant C. O. Hendershott +
+ and Corporal G. C. Alden will +
+ accompany the tank and there +
+ will be Victory loan speakers +
+ present. Mr. Stiltz is expected +
+ to arrive in the city this even- +
+ ing to confer with bankers and +
+ appoint a county manager for +
+ the coming campaign. +
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New York, Apr. 9.—Sidney Drew, actor on the stage and for the movies, died here today at his home at the age of 54.

FORMER KAISER'S HAUGHTY MANNER VANISHED—HE SULKS AND SAWS WOOD

Amerongen, Netherlands, March 5.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)—All who come into close connection with the former German emperor these days are astonished at the change which has come over his behavior in relation to people with whom he is brought into contact. His haughty manner has disappeared. He no longer takes it for granted that he is the supreme lord to whom all must bow. Any service given to him, even by the humblest of gardeners in the employ of Count Bentinck, is rewarded with apparently sincere thanks and sometimes, even with a genuine handshake—a thing not looked for by the highest of his courtiers when he was still at the height of his power.

Virtually without exception, he passes three hours every morning between breakfast and lunch at his voluntary task of sawing logs in the grounds of the castle. The last ten minutes of each hour is given up to a spell of rest, during which the lumberman, once so imperious, smokes a light cigarette. In the course of this interval—heartily welcomed by his attendant who assists at the other end of the double-handed saw now used—William Hohenzollern starts smoking, for the attendants still retain enough of their subjectivity not to dare to take the lead. Then one of the attendants discreetly draws a cigarette case from his pocket, on seeing which

Basel, Apr. 9.—The storage sheds of the American Red Cross were among the food depots pillaged by armed crowds in Nuremberg Tuesday, the dispatches state. Goods to the value of 700,000 marks are said to have been taken from the various depots.

Munich, Apr. 9.—With another 24 hours behind it, the Bavarian council government appears less able to impose itself upon the country. The general political situation is more threatening.

Berlin, Apr. 9.—The railway employees threat to add to Germany's trouble by striking, which has brought a sharp reply from the government, denouncing such action as "a crime against the whole people."

+ WILSON'S ORDER +
+ AROUSES FRENCH +
+ Paris, Apr. 9.—The French +
+ press harshly denounces the +
+ American delegation, charging +
+ that the ordering of the steam- +
+ er George Washington to re- +
+ turn before the regular time is +
+ nothing short of blackmail to +
+ intimidate France into with- +
+ drawing some of their claims. +
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MOUNT LASSEN ACTIVE AFTER YEAR'S REST

Redding, Cal., Apr. 9.—Mount Lassen, after lying dormant for about a year, resumed a violent eruption today. A steady stream of white sulphurous smoke is issuing from the crater.

APOLOGIZES FOR BILL INTRODUCED

Aswell Sees Awful Result of His Wire-Control Measure—Means Death to Gov't Control

Washington, Apr. 9.—Representative Aswell, of Louisiana, who introduced the bill which led to the government's taking over the telegraph and telephone lines, is sorry for what he did and is going to apologize to congress for his action.

"I am the author," said Mr. Aswell, "of the resolution to take over the control of the telegraph and telephone wires for the duration of the war. I believed in it heartily and worked for it faithfully, but I am very frank to state that I am greatly disappointed and discouraged to note the increase of 20 per cent, ordered on telegraph rates."

"I am not yet ready to admit that any such increase is justifiable or necessary. This means the death knell of government control or ownership of telegraph, telephone and railroad lines. I owe it to my people and to congress to apologize for my resolution if government control means increased rates."

GRAND JURY ADJOURNS, COURT SET FOR MONDAY

Judge F. M. Calkins returned to Medford last night, having disposed of some court business here and set the following cases for trial before a jury next Monday:

Lambert vs. Bramwell; Knight vs. Utah-Idaho Sugar Co.; Grimpett vs. Gilmore, and Bumgardner vs. Counts. Some of these cases, however, may not come to trial.

M. E. Young, who has been held in the county jail awaiting trial on the charge of illegally bringing whiskey into the state, was sentenced to six months' imprisonment but paroled to the district attorney on good behavior.

A divorce was granted to Marguerite Bratton from Roscoe Bratton.

The grand jury, which adjourned yesterday evening, recommended the following:

"A wood floor in the janitor's apartments at the courthouse. Heating the jail from the heating plant in the courthouse.

"Painting the fence around the jail yard.

"A dormer window in sleeping apartments in upper floor of the county home. Provision made for laundry room for inmates of county home."

RECORDS OF SOLDIERS' SERVICE ARE WANTED

Mrs. Alice Bacon, county school superintendent, reports that in some sections returned soldiers are neglecting to fill out the questionnaires sent out by the state, some of them being apprehensive that it will bind them to some future call. The questionnaire is simply a record of soldier service, which is to be kept by the state. The matter was neglected at the start and now an effort is being made to secure the war record of every Oregon soldier. Many a Civil War veteran would have been saved much anxiety had such a record been made at the time of the civil strife. Relatives of soldiers should make an effort to have their soldier's record preserved.

+ MANY KILLED WHEN +
+ TROOPS OPEN FIRE +
+ Cairo, Egypt, Apr. 9.—Troops +
+ fired on a mob here today dur- +
+ ing a demonstration, killing +
+ nine people and wounding 56. +
+ Some householders wantonly +
+ fired on the mob. +
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CAMPAIGN TO RAISE ARMY OF 500,000 MEN

OFFICERS AND SOLDIERS OF CAMP LEWIS TO COMB NORTHWEST FOR VOLUNTEERS

COLONEL BENNETT IN CITY

Arrives Here to Inspect Recruiting Office and Stimulate Interest in Overseas Army

Tacoma, Wash., Apr. 9.—The assist the government in raising 500,000 volunteers to replace the soldiers now in the service, 35 men and two officers from Camp Lewis will start out this week on a recruiting campaign in the Northwest in motor trucks. They will set up a model camp wherever they stop.

Colonel Bennett, of Portland, arrived in this city this morning for the purpose of inspecting the local recruiting office, in charge of Recruiting Officer Paul J. Bauer, and to encourage enlistment for overseas service. A great effort is to be made to recruit the 500,000 men for this service as quickly as possible. Mr. Bauer states that those wishing information in regard to this service can obtain the same at his office on Sixth street. He also says the blanks on which to make out claims for the \$60 bonus due soldiers are expected to arrive within a few days.

HOW THEY TURN THE TRICK OVER IN IDAHO

Pocatello, Idaho, April 9.—Pocatello has been dry, or supposedly so, for a number of years. The police court record shows, however, that there is a sufficient quantity of the banned liquid to excite suspicion.

A tar begrimed barrel appeared on the freight platform of the local station not long ago. It was consigned to a "paint company" which, officers discovered, did not exist. The barrel was examined and found to contain the banned spirits—regular ten-year-old whiskey—about 35 gallons. The barrel was allowed to rest for days in the hope that the owners might be indiscreet enough to claim it. But the officers finally became tired of the watch and concluded to move it. The task was easy. The barrel was unusually light and when moved from its position there was disclosed an augur-hole through the platform and into the bottom of the barrel. The contents had been drawn under the eyes of the officers, days before, and no doubt had been converted into cash.

For a long time a mysterious woman with a baby carriage confused the officers, who could not locate the source of supply, until one day the woman proved her own best customer and permitted the baby to remain alone for several hours while she enjoyed a spree with some of her customers. Under the baby's trapping was the remainder of a half case of whiskey.

IRON WORKERS ARE AFTER BETTER TERMS

San Francisco, Apr. 8.—The Iron Trades council here, representing over 50,000 workers in the Bay region, have rejected the new working agreement for Pacific coast shipyards, drawn up by the recent Washington conference. They instructed their executive committee to draw up a new agreement to be submitted to the shipyard executives here.