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END OF WORLD NEAR THOUGHT INDIANAPOLIS

SHRIEKING WHISTLES AND CLANGING BELLS STARTLED THE CITY EARLY TODAY

WOMAN STARTS FOR CHURCH

Cranky Throttle on Roundhouse Engine Started Trouble and the Planet Still Revolves

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 17.—One long, wierd, shrieking whistle, then others less strident, till finally practically al the sirens in the city, minged with ringing of numerous bells, broke the stillness of the early morning. "Guess it's notice of the end of the world," said one woman, who announced that she was going to church at once. It developed later that the throttle of the whistle at the railroad roundhouse became stuck and others took up the clamor not knowing why exactly.

New York, Dec. 17.—Astonishment was expressed by the superstitious when the earth failed to come to an end today. Ominous position of the planets, press agented widely, had maintained that such a catastrophe was near.

Holiday Mail Congestion—

The postoffice department already feels the effects of the holiday rush, but Postmaster Quinlan urges that persons desiring to make mail shipments do not delay longer. With the cancelling of some of the train service throughout the country there is bound to be a congestion of holiday mail, and allowance should be made for this condition.

Teachers' Examinations—

Today is the first day of the examination of teachers for state certificates being held under the direction of the county school superintendent. U. S. history, penmanship, music and drawing were the subjects for the morning examinations, the afternoon subjects being physiology, reading, manual training, composition, domestic science, methods in reading, course of study for drawing, and methods in arithmetic. The examination will continue all the week.

Hillah Temple Officers—

At the recent election of officers of Hillar Temple, Mystic Shrine, at Ashland, the following residents of Grants Pass were named for offices within the order: Geo. Lundburg, oriental guide; Geo. S. Calhoun, director, and Frank Mashburn, marshal.

BIG OCEAN LINERS DELAYED BY STORM

New York, Dec. 17.—A dozen large passenger liners and scores of freighters, several days overdue here are being held up by rough seas, high winds and fog, according to wireless reports today, telling of reduced speed made necessary by two storms which have swept across the Atlantic in the last ten days.

After having fought their way through the storms, several craft have run into thick weather, as a result of which the freighter Grange Park grounded off Long Island and the liner Carmania is in Halifax undergoing repairs resulting from a collision.

Roseburg, Ore., Dec. 17.—A crew of men under the direction of Floyd Frear, city engineer, left today for Rock creek to make preliminary surveys for the proposed municipal power plant, the erection of which will be decided by the voters of the city early next year.

LANE PLANS TO LEAVE CABINET

Secretary Denies That He Has Tendered His Resignation, But Will do So at Opportune Time

Washington, Dec. 17.—Secretary Lane today issued a statement denying the published reports that he had placed his resignation before President Wilson, but disclosing that he intends to leave the cabinet when he can do so without adding to the president's "burdens and worries."

ENGLAND WILL RELEASE AMERICAN-OWNED GOODS

Washington, Dec. 17.—Britain is now prepared to release American owned goods seized during the war upon establishment of their American ownership at the time shipped, the state department was advised by the British foreign office today.

PROSPECTING IS NOW TO BECOME A SCIENCE

Denver, Colo., Dec. 17.—A class in scientific prospecting has been enrolled at the Denver Opportunity School for a course of 12 weeks' study of rock formation and mineral deposits.

The fact that the old time and picturesque prospector is becoming extinct in many parts of the west lends strength to the belief that a later-day and perhaps more scientific class of prospectors must be produced to take his place if the mining industry of the Rocky Mountain section is to live and continue in development.

The Colorado Development association, a local organization, and the Manufacturers' Association are behind the move.

The purpose of the class, which is open to both men and women, is to fit the embory prospector for locating and opening veins or deposits of ore. It is the belief of the backers of the enterprise that many valuable deposits of minerals in Colorado and adjacent states might be located if the number of prospectors was greater, and there are said to be many business firms which would be willing to finance prospecting parties if they could depend on the man's ability without having to hire minerologists.

The prospecting class proposes to make expeditions to the hills and get first-hand information as to the most modern means of detecting "pay dirt."

RHODE ISLAND JOINS IN FIGHT FOR BOOZE

Washington, Dec. 17.—Rhode Island, through its attorney general today asked the supreme court for permission to institute original proceedings to test the validity of the national prohibition amendment and to enjoin federal officials from enforcing it in that state.

DENY MASSACRE OF 1300 SOLDIERS IN PERSIA

London, Dec. 17.—Official denial of the report that hostile Persians had massacred a garrison of 1300 men at Meshed, Persia, was made by the war office, which declared the report was obviously bolshevik propaganda.

CAN NOT PREVENT I. W. W. PROPAGANDIST SPEECH

Chicago, Dec. 17.—Federal Judge Landis said today there was nothing he could do to prevent William D. Haywood, I. W. W. propagandist from speaking at Detroit Sunday. The American Legion had asked him to take action to prevent Haywood's speech.

URGE UNCLE SAM TO KEEP RAILROADS

ORGANIZED LABOR PROTESTS THE RETURN OF THE ROADS TO PRIVATE OWNERSHIP

GOMPERS IS CHIEF SPOKESMAN

Wants Two-Year Test of Federal Operation to Find Best Method of Running Traffic Lines

Washington, Dec. 17.—Protesting against enactment of the Cummins railroad bill, now before the senate, Samuel Gompers, representatives of the railroad brotherhoods, and spokesmen of some of the farmer's organizations, today urged Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee, to withdraw the measure and give government operation a thorough peace-time test. The brotherhoods announced that they planned to urge President Wilson to use his influence against the bill.

Gompers declared that organized labor wanted the government to retain control of the roads two years "for the purpose of testing out the best method for continued operation."

BOLSHEVIKI CLAIM THE CAPTURE OF KIEV

London, Dec. 17.—Capture of Kieve and occupation of Kupiansk, southeast of Kharkov, was claimed in a bolshevik statement received from Moscow by wireless today.

EXPLODING SHELLS KILL 43 WORKERS

UNLOADING OF AMMUNITION PROVES AS DANGEROUS AS PREPARING FOR WAR

HUNDRED OTHERS INJURED

Accident Occurred at a Depot Near Wilhelmshaven, According to Advices From Berlin

Berlin, Dec. 17.—Forty three workingmen and women were killed and over 100 were injured in the explosion of an ammunition depot near Wilhelmshaven yesterday. The explosion occurred while shells were being unloaded.

SUGAR AND CASH BURIED BY CALIFORNIA RECLUSE

Chico, Cal., Dec. 17.—Search of the premises where Mrs. Sarah S. Cummings, aged recluse, was slain by robbers last month revealed $7500 and a half barrel of sugar buried near the house.

CAN NOT PROHIBIT IMPORTING OF GOODS

London, Dec. 17—The government was declared by Justice Sir John Sankey, of Kings bench division, today to posses no power to prohibit importation of certain goods; that therefore its proclamation to this effect was invalid and illegal. The judgment is considered one of the most important ever rendered against the government.

GRANTS PASS SENDS 21 STUDENTS TO OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Dec. 17.—Grants Pass has a large representation at the college this year, 21 of the 2906 students coming from that city. Many of these are particularly prominent in student affairs.

Lynn Sabin, the only senior in the group, is one of the leading students in college. He is president of the college Y. M. C. A., a member of the Forum, considered the highest honorary society in college, president of Alpha Kappa Psi, the honorary commerce fraternity, and has been a member of the college cadet band for four years. He belongs to the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity.

Six G. P. Men in College Band

Five other Grants Pass men are members of the band which is composed of 50 pieces this year. Joe Pardee plays first cornet and holds the rank of lieutenant in the band. He is also cornet soloist. Stanley Summers, a sophomore in commerce, plays trombone. Arthur Cramer, a sophomore in engineering, plays clarinet and Wallace Niles plays the bass drum. All of these men are members of the Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity. Harry Edgerton, a freshman in forestry, is another band man from Grants Pass and is a member of Theta Chi fraternity.

Willette Murray, a junior in agriculture, holds the responsible position of manager of the Oregon Countryman, the leading college agricultural paper of its kind in the United States. Murray is also a member of Lambda Chi Alpha. Wallace Niles is a junior in agriculture. He made a reputation as a debator last year, being a member of the team which won the interfraternity championship of the college.

Women Also Are Prominent

Among the prominent women students from Grants Pass is Helen Bobzien, president of the Alpha Rho sorority and laboratory assitant in the chemistry department of the college. Marion Sabin, a freshman in home economics is a pledge to Alpha Chi Omega sorority. The Knips sisters, Avis and Clara, are members of Alpha Rho, and Ella Anderson, a freshman in home economics is also pledged to the same organization.

Other students from Grants Pass are M. L. Byrd, freshman in pharmacy; Jeanette Cramer, sophomore in home economics; Emmett Hoffman, sophomore in commerce and member of the Theta Chi fraternity; Darwin Ingalls, junior in chemical engineering; Arnold Meier, freshman in forestry; John Robinson, freshman in agriculture; Reinhold Schmidt, sophomore in mechanical engineering; Clifford Shaeffer and Leslie Turner, freshmen in the same course.

Many Study Agriculture

While war conditions brought about an increased interest in agriculture and caused an unprecedented influx of students in the school of agriculture—total registration 725—engineering in its various branches leads in popularity at the college. Students studying civil, electrical, mechanical, mining and highway engineering number 810. Forestry and logging engineering are represented by 77 and industrial arts by 25 students. Farm mechanics in the school of agriculture which has had an abnormal growth, owes its popularity to heavy purchases of tractors and other power machinery in the last two years by farmers of the northwest.

URGE ECONOMY IN USE OF NEWSPRINT

Action on the Bill Curtailing Size of Papers Is Deferred for Six Months by Congress

Washington, Dec. 17.—Every newspaper in the country was called on today by the house postoffice committee to reduce consumption of news print by 10 per cent for a period of six months in an effort to relieve the present serious shortage of print paper throughout the United States.

Washington, Dec. 17.—An appeal to the publishers of the country to exercise all possible economy in the use of news print was issued by the house postoffice committe, which decided to defer for six months action on the Anthony bill proposing that daily newspapers containing over 24 pages be denied the second class mailing privilege.

CHRISTMAS CHEER FOR SOLDIERS IN HOSPITALS

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—In every ward at the Letterman general hospital here, where sick and wounded soldiers are being cared for, there will be a big, brilliant Christmas tree at Christmas time. At every bedside the Red Cross will have candy, cake and tobacco.

Entertainers from the Olympic Club of San Francisco will visit each section of the big hospital, singing and playing music selected by the men.

At the hostess house a program of music and vaudeville specialities will be presented.

It is expected several thousand soldiers will be entertained in private homes during the holidays.

BARREL CACTUS USED IN MANUFACTURE OF CANDY

Douglas, Ariz., Dec. 17.—"Barrel" cactus is now used in making candy. The raw material for mescal, an intoxicating Mexican drink, is gathered below the border and shipped here for Christmas sweets by a local manufacturer who packed the cactus by mule from a Mexican mountain to the railroad for shipment. It makes good candy, too, the manufacturer says.

STATE BIOLOGIST HAS LOST HIS JOB

Portland, Dec. 17.—William L. Findley, state biologist, was dismissed by the state fish and game commission last Thursday, it became known today, according to a story published in the Portland Telegram, which ascribes the dismissal to Findley's refusal to do politics. Sportsmen of the state are reported as indignant, and said to be planning to appeal the matter to the governor.

Return to Portland Office—

Having completed their work of the survey of the highway to the Josephine caves, Messrs. Myers, engineer, and Price, chief of party, will return today to Portland, where the data obtained in the making of the survey will be worked up in the office there. This will require several weeks, after which the bureau of public roads will be in a position to call for bids for the doing of the work.

Hood River, Ore., Dec. 17.—Growers and horticultural experts who have clipped twigs from local orchards, giving them a minute examination, do not believe the freeze has caused any material damage to fruit spurs. The twigs are so dry, it is said, that frost did not form and thus cause a destruction of cells. Valley peaches, however, may have been ruined.

OUSTED M. C. IS THE ISSUE IN WISCONSIN

VOTERS OF FIFTH DISTRICT TO ELECT SUCCESSOR TO VICTOR BERGER FRIDAY

SOCIALIST AGAIN CANDIDATE

Bodenstab, Republican, Also Supported by Democrats in an Attempt to Defeat Discredited Radical

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Victor L. Berger is the issue in the special election called for December 19 in the fifth congressional district of Wisconsin. The socialist leader, who was elected to the present congress but denied his seat following his conviction for violation of the espionage act, is again the nominee of his party. He is opposed by Henry H. Bodenstab, a republican, whose candidacy is backed also by the democratic organization and a local society known as "The Good Government League."

The fifth district is looked upon as the socialist stronghold in Wisconsin. Berger carried it several years ago when he was elected to congress the first time, and again at the regular election in November, 1918. At the latter time he had a plurality of more than 5,000 votes, polling 17,920 against 12,450 for Carney, democrat, and 10,678 for Stafford republican. Carney instituted the contest which resulted in Berger's loss of his seat.

Berger was the unanimous choice of a mass meeting called hurriedly because of lack of time for taking the usual party referendum. The Berger meeting approved his "every act, word and writing." The platform on which Berger seeks reelection reiterates many of the socialist party principles and declares against prohibition, against "the impertinent presumption of any clique or party in the house of representatives to dictate whom the district is to elect as its representative" and against "meddling in the internal affairs of any foreign country—Russia, Germany and Mexico."

Bodenstab's candidacy was the outgrowth of a conference between representatives of the republican and democratic county committees and a delegation from the good government league.

Bodenstab also has announced that he is against prohibition. The hub of his platform is the declaration "to keep inviolate the fundamental principles of our government, and stand opposed to every attempt to Bergerize and Bolshevize this country."

THRIFT CAMPAIGN BY WOMEN OF THE NATION

Washington, Dec. 17.—An army of 4,000,000 women, representing ten national organizations, has been organized by the savings division of the treasury department to enter the fight against the high cost of living. Beginning January 1 and extending to April 1, a great thrift campaign will be conducted in an effort to induce women to keep strict accounts of their daily expenditures in order that study of them may eliminate unnecessary items.

According to the plan, amounts saved by this means would be invested in government securities.

Salem, Ore., Dec. 17.—Members of the Oregon public service commission will hold a hearing at Ashland on December 27 to consider the applications of the Standard Oil company for the abolishment of two grade crossings near Frederick, Jackson county.