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**Notice of Final Settlement**

In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Sherman County: In the matter of the estate of Carl Peetz, deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed in the above entitled court and same his final report and account of his administration of said estate, and that Monday, the 4th day of August, A. D. 1919, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m. of said day has been, by order of the court, appointed as the time, and the county court room in the county court house at Moro, Oregon, as the place for the hearing of the said report and account, the objections thereto if any, and the settlement of the said estate.

Dated at Moro, Oregon, this 30th day of June, A. D. 1919.

**PRaises ITALIAN ARMY IN ALBANIA**

General Scriven Says It Earned World's Gratitude for Services in Balkans.

**SAVED COUNTRY FROM FOE**

Transformed Fishing Hamlet Into Thriving Seaport—Built Roads Throughout Nation—Country Open to Industry and Travel.

New York—Brig. Gen. George P. Scriven, formerly chief of the signal corps of the United States army, who was for several months attached as American military observer to the Italian forces in the field, and who recently returned from Rome, speaks enthusiastically of what he saw in Valona, or Avlona, as it is sometimes called, the chief port of Albania, which the secret treaty of London, in April, 1915, allotted to Italy. Valona, he said, is regarded by the Italians as one of the keys to the Adriatic, and their occupation since December, 1914, of internal troops were landed because of internal disorder, has transformed it from a squallid fishing village to a seaport that is on its way to attain an importance it has not enjoyed since the days of the Roman Empire. Docks have been built, buildings have been erected, and military roads, unsurpassed anywhere, have been constructed from Valona throughout Albania by Italian engineers, he said.

The general described how the Prince of Wied, placed on the Albanian throne by the powers, was overthrown, and a republic set up with Essad Pasha as president. He, too, was forced out, and the little country was left a prey to Austrian intrigue from the north and the machinations of the pro-German King, Constantine of Greece from the south. On Christmas day, 1914, the Italian government, fearing possible developments in Albania, sent the 10th regiment of bersagliers to occupy the little fishing hamlet of Valona.

**Saved Albania for Allies.**

"By so doing," said General Scriven, "Italy saved at least the greater part of southern Albania from the horrors of Austrian and probably Bulgarian occupation, and, in addition, became the deciding factor in the great ultimate success of the Balkan campaign, which now appears to have been the loose stone in the arch that upheld the German power. Doubtless some day it will be recorded that the world owes much to the brilliant stroke of military foresight that sent this little force to occupy an unheeded portion of the Balkan coast, there to perform the duty of watchful waiting during the trying months that held the old Triple Alliance in doubt.

"By this peaceful occupation a military position was secured that later became an important naval station for the allies, as well as a strategic and tactical base of such importance that had it fallen into the hands of the enemy, the great military romance of the Balkans, if played at all, would have occupied a far more narrow stage, and the whole of western Albania would have been thrown open to the Germans. For this and for the later treatment of the country and its people, I believe Albania and the world owe a debt of gratitude to Italy.

"With the entrance of the Italians into the war, military activity in the Balkans increased. Additional forces were sent to Valona, from which as a base Italian control was extended over all southern Albania. The Italian troops, without violence, and, indeed, at the request of the inhabitants themselves, occupied the interior towns, of Tepeleni, Argiro-Castro, Premati, Liasoviki, Santa Quaranta, and Porto Palermo.

**Made Modern City of Hamlet.**  
"When the Italians landed, Valona offered only the picture of a fishing village lying asleep in slith on the picturesque shores of what is a really beautiful bay.

"With the arrival of the Italians the town awoke as if by magic. Italy went to work to make Valona not only habitable but prosperous. Government buildings rose almost in the night. Docks were constructed, electric lights were installed. Sanitation was not neglected.

"To my mind the greatest accomplishment of the Italians in Valona, and elsewhere in Albania, lies in the splendid military roads they have constructed.

"Another benefit conferred by the Italians in Albania has been the enlightening of the inhabitants. Formerly there were no stopping places of a civilized kind for the stranger. The natives were so suspicious and often hostile to travelers that Albania has been shunned almost as much as Africa or Tibet. Italy made friends with the people. For once the torch of war dispelled distrust and ignorance, and the country now is opened to the enterprise and curiosity of patrons from everywhere."

General Scriven has just been informed by the Italian Embassy at Washington that for his service with the Italian armies the Grand Cross of the Crown of Italy has been conferred upon him.

A Hanson (Mass.) cat has adopted six chicks in place of a lost kitten.

**Volcanoes in Britain.**

The two great centers of earthquake activity in the British Isles are Corrie in Perthshire, and Mersea Island, in the mouth of the Blackwater, on the Essex coast. In both these localities earthquakes are frequent, and earthquakes are usually a sign of volcanic activity. Highly unpleasant as it would be, geologists would be no more surprised at the resurrection of one of the British volcanoes than they have been at the rebirth of Mount Etna.

**RED ORGY OF MURDER**

City, Freed of Bolshevik Rule, Reveals Terrible Story.

Men, Women and Children Killed Without Trial, Many After Horrible Torture.

London.—Parr, the first city of any size retaken by Admiral Kolchak's All-Russian army from the bolsheviks, offers a great study in "red" atrocities. Parr is virtually a slaughter house. Hundreds of bodies of bolshevik victims already have been recovered, and more are being found every day.

In the garden of a seminary, where bolshevik christians were wont to hold their revels, the bodies of two dozen schoolgirls already have been recovered. These girls, ranging in age from twelve to sixteen, were first attacked by "red" officers, then when the bands had tired of their orgy the victims were killed by being tapped on the head with a wooden mallet.

This seminary garden is one continuous grave of naked bodies and skeletons. Identification of the victims is impossible. A Russian countess and her daughter were tied to posts in this garden, stripped of their clothes, then killed by a succession of dagger pricks all over their bodies. A dozen priests were crucified head downward; two others were boiled in oil.

Hundreds of the upper classes of the city, men, women and children, sentenced to death without trial, were taken to the edge of a swamp outside the city and given their choice of fleeing into the swamp or being shot down where they stood. Many dashed into the swamp, only to be engulfed in the quicksands. The others were shot down at the edge of a ditch, into which their bodies fell, and left uncovered during the entire winter.

**South Sea Beauties Use Chalk on Complexion**

Philadelphia.—Paint and powder on the faces of "women of the world over" were condemned by Rev. Dr. A. Pohlman at the Presbyterian ministerial conference in the Witherspoon building. Doctor Pohlman, who was formerly an African missionary, said: "In their desire to make their faces attractive by paint and powder women are the same the world over. In Liberia they use white chalk on their black faces. Here they use red and pink. What is the difference?"

**JENNY LIND'S PIANO IS SOLD**

White and Gold Instrument That Cost P. T. Barnum \$5,000 Is Treated as Junk.

Middletown, Conn.—On a big platform truck, with its legs in the air, the white and gold Crystal Palace piano, an especially built by P. T. Barnum for the concert of Jennie Lind in 1850 was carted off a few days ago by a New Haven collector who had purchased it from Thomas E. Smith, a local dealer in antiques. When Barnum contracted with the Swedish Nightingale for a concert tour of the United States, for which he paid her the then magnificent sum of \$300,000, he had Fox & Co. of New York construct a mammoth square piano for the concert, the price of which was over \$5,000. While this piano was used no duplicate was to be made. Its case and legs were of San Domingo mahogany, inlaid in ivory and embellished in gold.

**DESERTER IS FOUND IN CAVE**

Navy Man Living in Blue Ridge Mountains Escapes From Police.

Reading, Pa.—Berks county was thrilled recently by the discovery that Charles Strausser, former Hamburg soldier and navy deserter, was living as a cave dweller, deep in the Blue mountains north of Hamburg. He was trapped in his cave high in the virgin timberland by state police, but escaped after an exchange of shots. Strausser, who has been sought by navy officials for months, fed deeper into the seclusion of the wild mountain land after he eluded the police net. He had been discovered when campers caught sight of a wild man, haggard and scantily clad, fleeing through the hills. The state police, led by Constable Wilson Leware of Hamburg, have returned to the chase with reinforcements.

**80, SHE TAKES AIR FLIGHT**

Atlantic City Widow Goes Up 3,000 Feet as Aviator Does Stunt.

Atlantic City, N. J.—Mrs. Ida C. Wilcox, who is eighty, the widow of an army colonel, lives in a little cottage near the field where airmen have been doing during exhibition performances. The fascination tempted her until she could stand it no longer and recently she gave the most experienced aviator fans at the air port a thrill by taking a ride with Eddie Stinson, who ascended 3,000 feet.

"I want you to go as high as you can," she said to the daring flyer, "and do all the stunts I have seen you do with others."

**Eastern "Mad-Stones."**

In eastern countries rabies is treated by the "tabasheer," or some other form of what are indifferently called "snake stones," or "madstones," and which are believed to be a specific for all forms of poisonous bites or wounds. "Tabasheer" is a porous, stony accretion found in the stalks of bamboo. It was used in Persia so long ago as the tenth century, and is carefully described by the French traveler Tavernier, who visited India in the seventeenth century.

**Made Record Trip.**

Capt. Klaus Larson, in his little motor boat Ferro, made a successful trip from the foot of the cataract through the Whirlpool rapids of Niagara falls on September 19, 1910. Despite the bartering of the Whirlpool rapids Larson went through safely; the little boat was lost to sight most of the time, but at Great Wave it was shot 20 feet out of the water. Except the old Maid of the Mist, sent through in 1864 to avoid seizure, Larson's is the only engine-propelled craft to have gone through the rapids.

**Largest Pineapple Canneries.**

The largest pineapple canneries in the world are located in Honolulu.

**What Next?**  
Recently, after the routine of physical examinations and tests at the Indianapolis Orphans' home had been given, consisting of the typhoid and smallpox vaccinations, eye and ear tests and treatment recommended, search for and removal of adenoids and tonsils, dental tests and care, diphtheria immunity test and anti-tuberculin and finally tuberculosis test, some of these requiring repeated trials, and treatment, one little fellow said to his teacher in the school, in speaking of the various overhauls: "They'll be testing us next to see if we have any brains, won't they?"

**Owner Wanted**

For stray bay gelding, about three years old; has white star in forehead and both hind feet white; no visible brands; came to my place about three weeks ago. Owner requested to call for same, pay for this adv. and take him away. D. J. McLachlan, Moro, Ore.

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**Lost, Strayed or Stolen**

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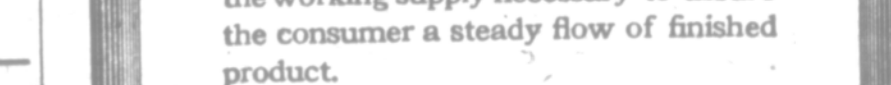
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