

VILLISTA BAND ACROSS BORDER

Said to Have Captured Seven Soldiers and Thirteen Cavalrymen in U. S.

CAVALRYMEN REPORTED IN HOT PURSUIT

Not Confirmed Officially, But Two Reports From Different Places Agree.

El Paso, Jan. 19.—It is reported that Mexican bandits near Hachita, New Mexico, captured seven American cavalrymen after a skirmish, and that other cavalrymen and cowboys were sent in pursuit. The officials here and at Juarez are without confirmation of it.

Douglas, Jan. 19.—Passengers arriving on an eastern train said that a Villista band had crossed the border and captured seven American soldiers and thirteen members of the cavalry. It is reported that cavalrymen have gone into Mexican territory in pursuit.

Money for Alaska.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The house appropriations committee recommended the continuation of the work in the Alaska railroad, and placed two million appropriation in the emergency bill.

AUSTRIA LAYING PLANS TO ESTABLISH NEW COUNTRY

Proposes to Unite Montenegro and Part of Serbia Under Protectorate.

Rome, Jan. 9.—It is reported Austria is planning to unite Montenegro and part of Serbia in a new kingdom with an Austrian protectorate. Germany, it is said, sanctioned the plan. Emperor Josef is considering the selection of a ruler who will conciliate the Serbs and Montenegrins, and remove forever the Balkan danger to Austria's flank.

GEO. HOOKES ON THE STAND.

Man Who First Called Attention to Mrs. Mohr's Connection with Crime, Testifies.

Providence, Pan. 19.—Geo. Hookes, brother in law of Emily Burger, who first called attention to Mrs. Mohr's connection with the murder of Dr. Mohr, took the stand in the trial of the widow and her alleged negro accomplices. He identified the postcard the widow sent him threatening the life of Miss Burger if she continued her association with Mohr.

Robert A. Miller, of Portland, is registered at the Hotel Albany.

R. A. HUDKINS MARRIES NORTH YAKIMA GIRL

Russell A. Hudkins, a prominent young business man of this city, and Miss Sadie Durkee, of North Yakima, Wn., were married at that city at 10 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Hudkins is proprietor of the Hudkins Fifteen Cent Store, having come from North Yakima last summer and purchasing that business. In the short time of his stay here he has made scores of friends in this city.

His bride is the daughter of a prominent railroad man of N. Yakima and is prominent in her home city. She is known to many people in Albany, having visited here last Summer and during the Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Hudkins will arrive in the city Monday and take up house-keeping at an early date.

RECORD IS SET

TEMPERATURE GOES DOWN TO SEVEN ABOVE ZERO

Ice Skating Now Safe and Is Being Enjoyed by Large Crowds at Copenhagen Lake.

The record low temperature since 1909, was made last night when the thermometer went down to 7 degrees above zero. The maximum for the day was 38 above. The river fell to 4.0 feet above low water.

Yesterday a good crowd was out on the ice at Copenhagen, and a larger crowd of both men and women enjoyed the skating by moonlight last evening. The ice is in fairly good condition and some good sport enjoyed. Led by Bud Stover, the crowd out yesterday scraped the snow off of a large portion of the ice and cleared out a fairly good stretch to skate on. The center of the pond had been broken in, but it is thought that the cold weather of last night would freeze this over and make it the best part of the place.

Even a larger crowd is out this afternoon and making plans for tonight. With a jinney fare of 15 cents each way for the trip plenty of ice enthusiasts are taking the opportunity to exercise their old skates.

PEACE REPORT UNCONFIRMED

Claimed That Montenegro has not Yet Surrendered Army to the Austrians.

London, Jan. 19.—Peace negotiations between Austria and Montenegro have been stopped, according to an unconfirmed wireless dispatch from Rome. It is said the reports of the surrender of the Montenegrin arms is premature. This report is accepted cautiously and reservedly because the Montenegrin diplomats at Rome and Paris have confirmed the surrender.

Wants Big Army.

Washington, Jan. 19.—Demanding a regular army of 210,000 men, General Wood told the senate military committee that Secretary Garrison's continental army plan is a makeshift, entirely ineffective, and that its adoption would lead to national humiliation.

The Kaiser is Out.

Berlin, Jan. 19.—The Kaiser arrived at Nish today and Ferdinand warmly greeted him.

HILL'S \$50,000. GIFT TO COLLEGE FORMALLY ACCEPTED

College Board Also Ratifies Selection of Dr. Lee for Acting President

The board of trustees of Albany College met today in the parlors of the Hotel Albany with Fletcher Linn, F. J. Fuller, H. N. Mount, Henry Marcotte, Dr. Hugh Boyd, and Dr. Parsons, present from out of the city. Most of the board residing in the city was in attendance.

Little was done aside from the formal acceptance of the \$50,000 gift of J. J. Hill to the college endowment fund, and the ratifying of the committee's selection of Dr. W. H. Lee for acting president of the college.

Other business matters were discussed and future problems of the college considered, but no other action was taken.

GREEK TROOPS WITHDRAWN.

Difficulty of Provisioning Them Too Great to Keep on The Bulgarian Border.

Athens, Jan. 19.—All the Greek troops except one battalion will be withdrawn from the Bulgarian frontier it is officially announced. The difficulty of provisioning them is the cause. Simultaneously it is announced England agreed to export five thousand tons of coal to Greece, eliminating the possibility of a tie up on the railroads. A British transport loaded with Serbian troops reached Salonika from Albania.

ALBANY HIGH SCHOOL BEATEN BY CORVALLIS HIGH

After Having a Lead of 15 to 3 Team Wilted Scoring Only 2 in Second Half.

After having the game with Corvallis high cinched, Albany high last night, at the junior high gym, dropped the game and made Corvallis a present of it. In the first half the local men put up one of the best games seen here, and the half ended 15 to 3. Three field baskets were thrown and Clelen dropped nine out of ten, a remarkable record, into the basket from the foul line. Corvallis was splendidly guarded, Bilyeu and Nebergall both doing effective work. But, great Swan, what a change in the second half. Nebergall had been injured and had to quit, and Tate, forward, later had to drop out. Attempts at baskets went wild and there seemed to be a big hole in the Corvallis basket. Anyway in a little while they threw eight from the field and four from the foul line. Albany in this half did not make any from the field line. The score was a tie at the end of time, 17 to 17. Then five minutes was played without a score. In the second five minutes Corvallis did some whirlwind work with six added to their score. Of Albany's 17 Clelen made 13, the star of the game; Nebergall 2, and Tate 2.

Prof. McDonald, of the Y. M. C. A. officiated as referee.

A Pan-American Question.

Washington, Jan. 19.—In a resolution, Senator Sherman asked the president whether there is an agreement with the other American powers not to interfere in Mexico without their approval.

RUSSIANS SAY NOT BEATEN, BUT TURKS SAY OPPOSITE

Russians Claim Heavy Captures, and Turks Repulse of the Russians.

Petrograd, Jan. 19.—Official denial that the Russians were defeated in the Caucasus, Persia, was made today. Contrary to reports, a new offensive on both fronts is developing favorably. The army is suffering only small losses. The Russians have made heavy captures and annihilated whole regiments.

Constantinople, Jan. 19.—The Russian offensive in the Caucasus has been halted, it is officially announced. It is claimed the Turkish reinforcements repulsed the enemy with heavy losses. The general situation is favorable despite an eight-day offensive with the superior forces.

Germany's Heavy Loss.

London, Jan. 19.—German casualties have been 2,525,768. Secretary Tennant announced in the house of commons today. This included 613,000 killed, 1,566,549 wounded, and 346,159 missing.

Mrs. K. Myers left yesterday for Horseshoe Bend, Idaho, where she will visit relatives.

Y. M. C. A. HELD ANNUAL MEETING

Fine Banquet Served in Dining Room of Christian Church With Hundred Present.

REPORTS SHOULD DECIDE IMPROVEMENT

Good Talks By President Sox, State Secretary Rhodes and Others.

With fully a hundred members of the Y. M. C. A. present at the banquet of the association, served last night in the diningroom of the Christian church, by the wives of the members, the association held about the most enthusiastic annual meeting in its life, and the good feeling prevailing spoke for the future of the association.

The banquet was a fine affair, with chicken pie as the center of attraction, ending with some ice cream and cake.

Following the fine feed the President, C. E. Sox, delivered his annual address and gave his report, one that spoke for the splendid progress and work of the Y. M. C. A. in the world, a character builder. The greatest things in the world are not the railroads, mines and other big material things, but the men of character behind them, the Jim Hills and David Livingstones. With the other Y. M. C. A.'s of the world the Albany Association has been doing splendid work, becoming a center of activities for the boys and men of the city. It is in better shape than a year ago. Two great needs now are a new heating plant and a swimming tank.

Hiram Torbet, the treasurer, made his report, which showed the following:

Receipts.	
Balance in bank December 31, 1914	\$ 107.08
Balance in Y. M. C. A. till, December 31, 1914	36.85
Men's memberships	731.00
Boys' and ladies' memberships	420.75
Subscriptions	1090.50
Games	19.45
Candy booth	71.45
Towels	85.60
Miscellaneous receipts	100.06
Disbursements.	
Salaries	\$1735.75
Light and water	250.72
Telephone	40.55
Laundry	66.15
Fuel	96.60
Supplies and Labor	186.14
Insurance	172.50
Printing and Stationery	32.35
Campaign membership and Fin.	42.50
Social department suppers	10.58
Candy booth	74.62
Aleo club bill	24.35
Magazines and papers	33.95
Drayage	6.30
Interest	267.00
Lecture course deficit	41.05
Miscellaneous	7.75
Balance in Y. M. C. A. till	

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ALBANY STUDENTS WHO PASSED EIGHTH GRADE

Leva J. Snell Stood the Highest; Some Odd Answers to Questions Reported.

With an average of 93 5-8, Leva J. Snell passed the recent eighth grade examination, the highest of any in the public schools of the city. She is a Madison street student. The next is Arilla Ridgeway, with an average of 91 3-4, a Central school student. Esther Wilcox, of the Madison school, was third with 91 1-2; Arthur Ragan, of the Central School, fourth, with 90 1-2, and Hazel Hall, of the Central school fifth, with 90 1-8, being all who averaged as high as 90. The others passing were: Eldon Snell, Jennie Hoover, Lois M. Nebergall, Arletha Roberts, Henry A. Wessel, Muriel C. Stover, Rita M. Dowlin, Royal Archibald, Geneva C. Bender, and Viola Kroeschel. Two missed in only one study. Roy Minto Harris and Eugene D. Inman, and will go into the junior high. A few missed in two studies.

As usual some very odd answers were made to some of the questions, of which the following are full of interest:

"An alien is one under age and not civilized."
A citizen is a person who is civilized.
A voter is one of age and civilized.
Carpet baggers were men who carried the laws of the country in carpet bags.
Harriet Beecher Stowe was the founder of a negro school. He taught them to make brick. He was a negro.
Aguinaldo was the man who kept the man from shooting McKinley twice.

FORMER LINN COUNTY MAN MARRIES HALSEY GIRL

Miss H. Hazel Pearl Became Bride of R. A. Templeton in Hotel Parlors Today.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon in the parlors of the Hotel Albany, Raleigh A. Templeton, of Cashmere, Washington, and Miss H. Hazel Pearl, of Halsey, were united in matrimony. Rev. C. F. Koehler, of Brownsville, officiating. A few relatives and friends of both parties attended the wedding.
Mr. Templeton is a son of A. M. Templeton, and the families moved to Cashmere about two years ago to engage in the apple growing business. The family is well known in Linn county, where they lived near Brownsville for a number of years.
Miss Pearl is the daughter of Mrs. J. B. Huston, of Halsey, and is a popular school teacher of that place. Mr. and Mrs. Templeton will leave for their new home in Washington tomorrow.

Big Passaic Fire.

Passaic, N. J., Jan. 19.—Fire starting in the Woolworth store burned several buildings, left fifty families homeless and paralyzed factories. The damage is half a million.

Maurice Winters is here today.

MAIL BAG FOUND

S. P. LINEMAN DISCOVERS BAG STOLEN NOV. 12.

All Mail Opened and Carefully Put Back in Bag, But Little Money was Obtained.

One of the mail bags stolen from the depot at Jefferson on the evening of November 12, has been found and part of the mystery is cleared up. That the two bags left in the baggage room of the depot were stolen by a tramp is certain.

Yesterday morning W. P. Baer, a Southern Pacific lineman, was working near Jefferson, about a mile south of the city and near a hobo camp. He saw a box near the fence along the right of way and thought it contained pins for telegraph poles. Upon turning the box over, he discovered a mail pouch in it, and observed that the pouch was cut open. The box and all were brought to the Albany office and were this morning turned over to Postmaster C. H. Stewart.

From the appearance of the mail and other contents of the bag it is certain that the thief never got very much money. Besides a bundle of Jefferson Reviews, the sack contained letters and a few small packages. All the letters were opened, examined and stuffed back into the sack. Five of the letters contained checks aggregating \$105.68, but the robber evidently had no use for money in that form; for all were placed back in the bag. Postmaster Stewart collected all the letters and other articles in the bag and arranged them in their proper envelopes. Even the ends torn off the envelopes were left with the sack. There seems to be little doubt but that the act was committed by a tramp, considering the locality where the bag was found, near the hobo camp. But the job is also thought to be done by the same person who stole a bag of mail here, the appearance in both cases being much the same.

The letters in the bag represented many different things, from orders to mail order houses to love letters. There was a love letter addressed to a young lady in Portland and 20 pages were taken up by the youth in pouring out his heart pains to his beloved. Considerable scripture was also mixed up with the love blessings. From the number of orders to catalogue houses it is evident that the people of Jefferson are not spending all their money at home. Moreover, the cash accompanied each order.

The other bag stolen at the same time was not found, but it did not contain as much as did the one found.

BELLINGHAM IN WINTER AS SEEN BY LINN MAN

Met Old-timer and Rehearsed Early Days in Oregon Around Oakville.

Bellingham, Wash., Jan. 17.—Your correspondent arrived here on the 14th and found the city all frozen over and the small Johnnies were skating on the ice. The snow was not as deep as at Seattle, but the wind is very penetrative and the people generally were hovering around their stoves, which reminded us of the home of our childhood, where we could enjoy this kind of weather for two or three months in succession. However, this visit will make us realize the fact that the Willamette valley is the best place on earth. Mount Baker is a cold place in the summer and is colder now.

J. F. McCoy, at one time a resident of Albany, is now residing with his son Carl here. We visited him and rehearsed the history of old days in old Linn when Lane and Abernathy were governors of the territory. "Oakville" had the first school house in the county, and it served as a church, which was the first United Presbyterian church in Oregon.

We will remain here a few days and return to Seattle. We will then return and stop at Elgin and Portland on the way.

L. R. B.

Land Grant Bill.

Washington, Jan. 19.—The public lands committee is considering Senator Chamberlain's railroad land grant bill for Oregon.

FLOODS CAUSE \$3,000,000 LOSS

Southern California Badly Damaged By Terrific Floods of Past Days.

FIVE PEOPLE KNOWN TO HAVE BEEN DROWNED

Many Made Homeless Are Being Taken Care of By the More Fortunate.

Los Angeles, Jan. 19.—Patrols in the flood zone have watched for the bodies of more possible victims in the Southern California storm. The latest figures showed that five persons are positively known to be dead, and four are reported to be dead. Owing to the great number of ranches devastated, it is believed likely that unreported deaths have occurred.
Despite the fact that hundreds of homes have been abandoned and some swept away, there is little suffering on that account. Neighbors have housed the homeless and charitable institutions cared for the Mexicans. The damage is figured at three million dollars.

Riverside, Jan. 19.—The railroad agent received a telephone warning that a cloudburst on Lytle Creek, in the San Bernardino mountains, is sending a nine foot wall of water down the canyon. It is feared this will cause damage and loss of life at Colton, and San Bernardino. There is no confirmation from San Bernardino.

FORMER ALBANY MAN NOW MANAGER OF HOTEL OREGON

E. E. Larimore, Twenty or More Years Ago Albany Painter and Base Ball Player.

Rising from steward to manager of the Hotel Oregon, one of Portland's leading hotels, is the experience of Eugene E. Larimore, a former Albany painter and paper hanger. Mr. Larimore, who has been with the hotel for ten years, succeeding N. K. Clarke, who has resigned. Larimore is business and a man who is on the job all the time. While a resident of Albany Larimore was prominent in baseball, pitcher of the Albany team, with Jack Smiley, now of Seattle, as the other end of the battery. His old-time friends here will be glad to know of his success.

Killed Time Vigorously.

Washington, Jan. 19.—After a hot fight, the foreign committee and administration members succeeded in keeping further discussion of the Mexican affairs off the floor of the senate.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TAKE A HALF HOLIDAY

The student body of the high school decided on a vacation this afternoon and walked out in a body. In fact, a large part of the students failed to appear after lunch. The move was inspired by the fact that the wind suddenly switched to the south this noon and threatened to make short work of the snow. A large part of the students are spending the afternoon at coasting and skating, anxious to have one more go at the sport.

Since noon the indications point to a thaw and by night coasting may be a thing of the past for this year.

Plot to Bomb Emperor.

Peking, Jan. 19.—Numerous arrests were made as a result of the discovery of a plot to bomb the emperor. An explosive was found in the palace. The plot is undoubtedly the work of the revolutionists.

Have You Written Those Letters to Eastern Friends Boosting Oregon ?