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A SHOW DOWN

ent to Belligerents Be-
Situation Has Become
Intolerable.

IGHTS HAVE BEEN
SERIOUSLY INVADED

Present Action Taken in Order
to Secure Better Conditions
For U. S. Commerce.

By Robert J. Bender, United Press
Staff Correspondent.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Lansing said that a desire for a complete showdown by the belligerents because American rights are invaded, is the real purpose behind President Wilson's note. He declared frankly that the United States is "drawing nearer to the verge of war." The situation cannot continue. He authorized the following statement: "Our rights have been invaded. The situation is becoming intolerable. The belligerents on both sides are invading American rights more and more. The situation is increasingly critical. I mean that the United States is drawing nearer the verge of war, and therefore is entitled to know what the belligerents want, so we can regulate our future conduct."

Secretary Lansing emphasized positively that the German peace proposal and Lloyd-George's speech were not connected with the sending of President Wilson's note. He declared the president did not intend to suggest peace. He wants to render the neutrals' positions less intolerable. Secretary Lansing's whole talk emphasized the idea that America must "do something" in the event that our rights are further evaded. British, Italian, Japanese, German, Bulgarian, Russian and Turkish ambassadors visited Secretary Lansing this morning and received copies of the note to be forwarded to their governments. Secretary Lansing said that the President finally decided to send the note on Monday. He forwarded it Monday night and Tuesday morning.

ANOTHER STATEMENT
(By United Press)

Washington, Dec. 21.—Secretary Lansing conferred with President Wilson in reference to plans for a supplementary statement late this afternoon.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Sec. Lansing issued a supplementary statement this afternoon saying the United States does not intend to abandon its neutrality. He said it was learned that the earlier statement was subjected to "various constructions he did not mean to convey."

FOOD INVESTIGATION

Washington, Dec. 21.—Representative London offered a resolution that a special food commission consisting of Secretaries of Agriculture, Commerce and Labor ascertain whether the United States' food supply is sufficient. If insufficient, to declare an export embargo.

DEATH ADELIN RIDDERS
IN PORTLAND TO-DAY

Prominent Young Lady, Native
of Benton County, Died
After Operation.

Miss Adeline Ridders died at Good Samaritan Hospital, Portland, this forenoon. She went to Portland two weeks ago and an operation was performed upon her Monday, from the effects of which she was unable to recover. She was born in Benton county, near Silver, 29 years ago, a young woman of splendid character, beloved by a large circle of friends, many of whom reside in Albany. She was a member of the Catholic church from childhood. Her father died several years ago, her mother two years ago.

The deceased was one of nine children. Her brothers and sisters were Ben J. of this city; Henry, Frank and Joe, and Misses Lena and Mary, of Silver, and Sister Mary, a Benedictine.

It is not known when the funeral will be. The time will be announced tomorrow.

MISS KIGHTLINGER HAD
CLOSE CALL TO DEATH

One of the Bullets From Miss
White's Revolver Just
Missed Her Head.

Albany people have taken great interest in the double tragedy enacted at Salem Tuesday afternoon.

According to the story, Tom Cummings, killed by Myrtle White at the Hotel Marion, had other girls besides her, and was corresponding with two at Harrisburg, and two at Portland. Miss Kightlinger herself had a narrow escape from being hit, and the story explains why she did not stop Miss White from killing herself. The Journal says:

According to the story told the police matron, who tried in every way to shake the girl's story and who probed deep for a motive behind what was on the surface, Miss Kightlinger had a narrow escape from being killed or seriously wounded because the shot that went wild penetrated the wall of the bedroom and through the bath room in such close proximity to her head that she felt it pass through her hair just above her forehead. Then it was she was frightened until she was powerless to move, and to her fright may be ascribed her inability to grasp the seriousness of the situation when she saw Miss White trying to shoot herself with the revolver.

To her fright may also be ascribed her failure to attempt to wrest the revolver from Miss White's hand when the latter kept muttering that she must kill herself. It appears that the only thought that entered her mind was to go after help, which she did in spite of the request of Miss White that she stay with her. If Miss Kightlinger had remained in the room or screamed for help, it is possible that Miss White might not have succeeded in sending the fatal bullet through her brain.

That Cummings was expected and that he was an intimate visitor to the girl's room is the belief of the officers because when Miss White went to the door she had just risen from the bed and was clad only in a thin gauzy silk nightgown that did not hide her feet and scarcely covered her bosom with its low face folds.

BRITISH STEAMER SUNK

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 21.—The American consul at Malta informed the State Department that the British steamer Saint Ursula with six Americans aboard was torpedoed without warning. The Americans were saved.

AEROPLANE DESTROYED

(By United Press)
Paris, Dec. 21.—It is announced that four German aeroplanes were destroyed on the Somme. Snow and rain hindered the Salonika front fighting.

FATAL COLLISION

Marseilles, Dec. 21.—Toulon reported that the French cruiser Eren Renen had collided with an Italian steamer, and that 15 had perished. The warship rescued 115. The impact split the liner.

BRITISH EJECTED

(By United Press)
Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Dec. 21.—It is announced that the Germans ejected the British from their positions north of Arras. The Germans successfully raided West Villers and Cambonnet. Artillery fighting was violent on both sides of the Somme.

CAPTAIN STEWART, OF
NEWPORT GUARDS, DEAD

The morning Oregonian tells of the death of Captain Charles Stewart, who has been stationed in the life guard service at Newport for the past four years. About a month ago Captain Stewart went to San Francisco for an operation, and died in that city Dec. 18. The Oregonian says:

"Captain Charles Stewart, who died at San Francisco, was one of the oldest and most efficient captains in the Coast Guard service on the Pacific Coast, and had he lived would have retired on January 1 on a pension after 30 years' continuous and honorable service.

"He was born at Shoalwater Bay 55 years and six months ago. When a young man he entered what was then called the life saving service as a surferman in the Cape Disappointment crew. Later he was appointed keeper of the port station in California, where he remained a few years. He was transferred to Point Adams and later went to the Cape Disappointment station, where he was in charge for 19 years. About four years ago he was appointed keeper of the station at Yaquina Bay, after nearly 26 years of active service at the mouth of the Columbia River."

H. S. ORCHESTRA
WILL TAKE TRIP

Party of 20 Will Tour Valley
Starting Week of Jan. 29
Playing 7 Concerts.

WILL BE GUESTS OF
VARIOUS HIGH SCHOOLS

Albany Has One of Best Musical Organizations of the Northwest.

While it has been known for some time that the high school orchestra was planning a trip up the valley next month, the news leaked out yesterday and the matter is now of public record. The orchestra has been working hard all fall in preparation for the trip, and, according to Prof. E. A. Moses, their leader, they will present one of the best concerts ever heard by high school students.

The object of the trip is two-fold. First, it is for the purpose of giving the pupils the benefit of a short trip away from home under such circumstances; and secondly, to bring Albany high school in closer relations with other schools. The trip will cover a week, playing seven concerts in six days. The schedule is as follows:

Monday, Jan. 29, Junction City; Tuesday afternoon, Eugene; Tuesday evening, Springfield; Wednesday, Cottage Grove; Thursday, Oakland; Friday, Sutherlin; Saturday, Roseburg. In each city the concert will be given under the auspices of the high school. At Eugene it will be given in conjunction with the high school orchestra. This concert was put in the afternoon in order to get the full attendance of the student body. The admission in Eugene will be ten cents, in other places 25 cents.

The personnel of the orchestra is as follows: Violins, Janet Dawson, Ruth Livingston, Robert Boettcher and John Redyneck; viol. Nina Probst; cello, Velma Anthony; string bass, E. A. Hudson; trombone, Morris Hayes and Ormond Gildow; clarinettes, Clarence Wicks and Otto La Grange; flute, Harold Irvine; cornets, Marion Boettcher and Prof. Moses; piano, Velma Laursen; drums and traps, Davis Leininger.

Besides orchestra work, the programs will be varied with solos and duets of various kinds. Davis Leininger will be heard in stringed harp solos; Miss Velma Anthony in soprano solos; the Misses Janet Dawson and Velma Laursen will give a piano; John Redyneck will give violin solos and Miss Tobey will be heard in whistling numbers. The orchestra will be accompanied on the trip by Mrs. E. A. Moses and Miss Jessie L. Paynter, instructor in music and leader of the girl's club.

"It is the best orchestra I have ever trained," said Prof. Moses today. "I have heard many high school and college orchestras play, but this is the best high school aggregation I have ever heard and is far better than some college orchestras. One reason for this, I think, not that we have so much better talent here than at other places, but because they all work. The members show great interest in their work, attend rehearsals regularly, and give me every opportunity to develop an organization that will do themselves and the school credit."

Prof. Moses is a Western man. He had charge of band and orchestra music at Kearney Military Academy, Kearney, Nebraska, during the years of 1910 to the fall of 1912, when he came to Corvallis and took charge of the music in the high school there. For four years he instructed the band, played in the Maestric Theatre, and the last two years attended O. A. C.

Last summer Prof. Moses was engaged by the Albany school board to take charge of band and orchestra music in the Albany public schools, and the quality of his work speaks for itself. Albany has one of the best, if not the best, high school bands in the state, and there are only two college bands that are better—O. A. C. and U. of O. bands. The orchestra will compare with any school or college orchestra in the Northwest. Besides the regular high school band and orchestra, Prof. Moses has a younger band in training at the Junior high school, and instructs the boys' life and drum corps.

While playing in the various cities, the members of the orchestra will be guests of high school students in those places.

The idea will be a fine piece of publicity work for Albany.

GAMBLERS HAVE CRASH

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 21.—Stock Exchange prices crashed following Secretary Lansing's explanation of the President's note. Despite big banking interests' support, 3,175,000 shares were dumped on the market in the wildest day since the Northern Pacific panic in 1901.

NEW YORK METROPOLITAN
OPERA CO. COMING

Skovgaard and Five Other
Talented Artists Due Mon-
day Matinee.

The New York Metropolitan Company will appear at the Globe Theatre on Monday afternoon only. This remarkable musical combination consists of four singers of international reputation, Skovgaard, the celebrated Danish violinist, and America's favorite pianist, Alice McClung.

The program to be given here is of the greatest variety. It will be a pleasing blending of vocal and instrumental numbers. There will be duets and trios from well known operas in original costume. The famous sextette from the opera "Lucia" and the "Barcarolla" from the "Tales of Hoffman" by Offenbach, are among some of the more prominent numbers and will be given by the entire company. There will also be the folk songs so dear to the hearts of all.

Susan Emma Drought, Lyric soprano, is one of the new school of operatic performers who relies as much upon her magnificent technique as upon her unusual vocal abilities. The charm of Miss Drought's personality made itself felt when she was with the Chicago Opera Company and her Dona Elvira, Selika, Madam Butterfly and many other roles have made her one of the leading singers of the operatic stage of the day.

Mildred Haynes, dramatic soprano, whose ensemble numbers and interpretation of the folk songs of her native land create a sensation wherever she is heard. Miss Haynes possesses a voice of rare charm and flexibility and sings with an understanding that is marvelous.

Mary Maiben Allen, contralto, came from the Royal Opera Company of Vienna, especially for the tour. Miss Allen ranks with the greatest contraltos, whose rich and perfectly controlled voice, with its remarkable range and purity simply captivates her audiences. The Berlin Local Anzeiger refers to Miss Allen as the second Schumann-Heink.

Aubrey N. Egle, baritone, possesses a marvelous voice and needs no introduction as he is one of the best known baritones on the operatic stage having been heard in concert in all parts of the globe.

The real star of the company, however, is Skovgaard, Denmark's foremost artist. He is in the front rank of the world's leading violinists, such as Kubelik, Ysaye and Kreisler and his playing has been classed everywhere with Ysaye, the Belgian. For the engagement here, Skovgaard will play several unknown compositions. Among them will be "Tallahassee," an American composition composed by an Englishman who has never been in the United States.

Alice McClung-Skovgaard, the pianist, has an enviable reputation not only as an accompanist, but also as an interpreter of Liszt. Madame Skovgaard is considered one of the most powerful of woman pianists. Madame Skovgaard has been doing the first opera rehearsals, substituting the entire orchestra for years.

The concert will be given but once, Christmas matinee.

AGAINST LIQUOR ADVERTISE-
MENTS

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 21.—The Senate postoffice committee favorably reported a bill barring liquor advertisements in dry states' mails.

FAVORABLE TO PROHIBITION

(By United Press)
Washington, Dec. 21.—The senate judiciary committee favorably reported a national prohibition bill. This provides for absolute prohibition in the United States.

NEW CABINET

(By United Press)
Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—Vienna reported that Clem Martiniz had organized a new Austrian cabinet. Von Spitzmuller failed to form a ministry.

SHORTEST DAY

This is the shortest day of the year, or at least as short as any day of the year, for tomorrow is said to be the same length. It is also the time of the winter equinox, and it struck town this morning with a rush, tipping over a few Christmas trees along the streets.

Judge L. L. Swan went to Corvallis this morning.

FORD RELIEVES
THE CONGESTION

By Stopping Factory Ten Days
Puts Three Thousand Cars
in Circulation.

42,000 EMPLOYEES
WILL TAKE REST

Will Receive No Pay and the
Factory Loss Making of
25,000 Cars.

(By United Press)

Detroit, Dec. 21.—General Manager Klingensmith announced that the Ford plant will close tomorrow until January 3 for the purpose of relieving railroad congestion. Forty-two thousand employees will receive no pay during the suspension. This means a wage loss of two million dollars. The factory will sacrifice profits on approximately 25,000 cars. It makes 2500 daily.

AN ALBANY INDUSTRY
THAT IS GROWING

Far West Mfg. Co. Is Doing An
Extensive Business Over
the N. W.

A manufacturing establishment in Albany that is gradually growing, in a quiet way, steadily and surely, is that of the Far West Mfg. Co., at the north end of Ferry street. The company does the selling, while C. C. Cameron does the manufacturing. At the present time five states are being covered, and orders are coming in steadily for the company's goods, which also are spreading out. Starting with stapladders, the variety has increased to a dozen. Specially recently has been made of cedar chests, and a large number have been shipped away, besides those sold in the local market for the Christmas trade. There are also made silos, ironing boards and stools. Something new to be added to the list are wheelbarrows. A sample has been made; but it will be a month before they will be shipped to the trade.

Other things are to be added later. Altogether it makes a large industry, keeping a large force of men employed. Mr. Cameron recently gave up the planing mill business in order to devote all his time to making these goods for the Far West Mfg. Co.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES
AT ALL THE CHURCHES

Will Begin Friday and Be Held
Saturday Evening and
Sunday.

Christmas exercises are being prepared for the different Sunday schools and churches of the city, as follows: Catholic—Friday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock, at St. Mary's hall, with tree and program. Baptist—Saturday evening at 7:30, with tree and exercises. Grace Presbyterian—Saturday evening at 7:30, at the church, with tree and program. Evangelical—Saturday evening at church. Tree and program. Christian—Sunday morning at 11:30 at church, with special exercises and gifts for the younger children. The whole exercises will be devoted to Christmas.

Presbyterian—Sunday evening at 5 o'clock. There will be a tree and some things for the small children, with program. It will be more of a giving service than receiving, and will be under the missionary society's auspices.

United Presbyterian—Sunday evening, at 7:30, in place of regular services of church. It is to be a white service, one of giving, with special program.

PORTLAND SHOOTING CASE

Nathan Hankin, a mail clerk of Portland, was shot last night, with murder intent, by an unknown man, and when Mr. Hankin appeared told him his time had come and fired a revolver at him, hitting him in one of his arms. The man was masked and wore a white handkerchief over his eyes.

Judge L. L. Swan went to Corvallis this morning.

OVER 10,000 PACKAGES
HANDLED AT P. O. YESTERDAY

This Does Not Include Letters
or Papers or Incoming
Mails.

It sounds almost incredible to think that in the neighborhood of 10,000 packages have been leaving the local postoffice daily for the past few days. This is the estimate made this morning by Assistant Postmaster F. M. Powell.

Yesterday about 200 bags of mail left the postoffice. This was just packages and did not include letters or newspapers. Each bag will average at least 50 packages.

Of the number received here yesterday only 199 were insured. This is more than in 1915, when 144 were insured on Dec. 20, and in 1914, when the number was only 15. There are many more packages that go out without insurance than with it.

General Delivery Clerk John A. Humphrey prepared 1,000 insurance stubs for this year's rush, thinking that it would be ample, but this stock is already depleted and more had to be fixed. Business is good in and around Albany.

The handling of this vast amount of business is done with ease and is made possible by the splendid co-ordination of Postmaster Stewart and the entire force.

BURBANK MARRIED

Ceremony Will Be Performed This
Afternoon in City of Santa Rosa

Santa Rosa, Cal., Dec. 20.—Luther Burbank, famous plant wizard, will be married in San Francisco tomorrow afternoon to Miss Elizabeth Waters, who has been his private secretary for two years. Details of the arrangements for the ceremony could not be learned today, but it was reported that Rev. Ernest Bradley, of St. John's Episcopal church, San Francisco, would officiate.

Burbank, who is 65 years old, was married at one time, it is said, though few knew it.

Two years ago Burbank and Miss Waters met in New York where she was employed by the publishers of Burbank's books. Their romance is said to have been fostered not only by personal equation and her interest in his work, but by their common interest in matters of physical research. So Burbank induced her to come here as his secretary.

FINE OLD WOMAN

Marion Harland Is 85 Years Old To-
day—"Don't Stop Work."
She Says

(By United Press)
New York, Dec. 21.—Marion Harland, (Mrs. Edward Payson Terhune) celebrated her 85th birthday anniversary at her home here today by working. She is the author of more than 40 books.

"A sense of humor and plenty of work keep you young," said she today. "I would go to the graveyard or the insane asylum in three months if I quit working. Also learn your gastronomic limitations and stay with in them; that's my advice."

Rev. C. F. Koehler, of Brownsville, who is moving his family to Oreno, passed through the city this morning, bound for the latter place.

John R. Cartwright, of Harrisburg, arrived in the city this morning. G. T. Hockensmith went to Portland this morning on business.

Lyle Bain, who is attending U. of O., will arrive in the city tomorrow to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. H. Elgin will go to Salem tomorrow to spend Christmas with relatives in that city.

ALBANY LEVY WILL
BE 30.5 MILLS

Deputy Sheriff Ralph Thom is busy today extending the levies on the 1917 tax roll. The list was not completed this afternoon, but will be given tomorrow.

It shows, however, that next year taxpayers in the city of Albany will pay an assessment of 30.5 mills, based on the following assessments:

State and County levy 9
Road Districts 25
City of Albany 13
School Dist. No. 5 6

Other counties in the state will have to get up and hustle if a lower levy is made. All of which is particularly pleasing to the taxpayers.

HUNT SQUEEZED OUT

(By United Press)
Phoenix, Dec. 21.—State Secretary Osborn issued a certificate of election to Tom Campbell, republican, over Governor Hunt, democrat, and claimed a victory by 30 votes. Hunt immediately renewed the contest.

BRITISH DON'T
LIKE THE NOTE

Have Censored It and Will Not
Allow Its Publication in
England.

CANADIAN PRESS
ALSO OBJECT TO IT

Resolution of Endorsement in
Congress Was Opposed By
Senator Borah.

(By United Press)

New York, Dec. 21.—Private messages said that high British officials openly expressed the intense indignation at President Wilson's note. This attitude may be responsible for the British government's action in refusing to permit the note's publication in London. The censors halted all cables regarding the note. The foreign office received the official copy, but refused to divulge the contents.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—Canadian officials and press condemned President Wilson's note. Hon. G. H. Ferguson called the move gratuitous and inopportune. Hon. F. G. McDiarmid predicted that the British will strongly resent it. The Morning World headed a story that Wilson starts his knitting. It said the action merely safeguarded American interests. It believes the United States fears the allies will make trade deals among themselves after the war, barring neutrals not participating in the maintenance of the world's liberties.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska offered a resolution endorsing President Wilson's note. He asked immediate consideration, which Senator Borah opposed. He declared that while the President had manifested the best intentions, the Senate should withhold its verdict. He suggested that a better peace plan may materialize later.

THIS IS A FUNNY STORY

June Caprice Claims It Was Tragic
When It Happened

June Caprice says that the department store clerk may have been taking advantage of her youth and innocence when he answered her as he did. This was the way it happened: June said:

"These gloves are undressed kid, aren't they?"
The clerk said they were.
"Will they shrink if washed?" was Miss Caprice's next query.
"Madam," said the clerk, "have you ever heard of undressed kids which do not shrink from washing?"
June hastened to the William Fox studios to resume her work in "The Ragged Princess," which will be seen at the Globe Friday.

DESCHUTES' FIRST OFFICERS

Bend, Or., Dec. 20.—Bend was declared the temporary county seat of the newly formed Deschutes county, and a full corps of county officers was appointed this morning, when the members of the court, Judge W. D. Barnes, and L. E. Smith, and A. L. Mackintosh, commissioners, held their first open meeting, with H. H. Dearmond, district attorney.

The new officers are: J. H. Haner, clerk; Clyde M. McKay, treasurer; W. T. Mullarkey, assessor; S. E. Roberts, sheriff; Elmer Niswonger, coroner; Dr. Dwight Miller, physician; J. Alton Thompson, school superintendent; George S. Young, surveyor.

For Holidays—

Arthur Leininger, dental student, is here from Portland to spend the holidays.

BOOZE CONTROL

(By United Press)

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Booze control, not birth control, is the panacea for domestic ills, according to Judge W. N. Gemmill, formerly of the court of domestic relations here today.

"Every man, and especially every judge, knows that the cause of which overshadows all others and which more than all others combined brings separation and misery to the family is the open saloon," Judge Gemmill said.

"At least 75 per cent of all family desertions are due to booze."