

SPEED COP SHOT ANOTHER TIRE

Armentrout Is Charged With Brandishing Weapon and Using Profane Language

F. H. STICKLEY HAS ENCOUNTER MON. EVENING

Officer and City Will Be Sued for Damages to Tire as Result of Shooting

"Now I guess, G-d D-n you, you'll stop," special speed officer Lester Armentrout is alleged to have said as he flourished a big revolver in the face of F. H. Stickley Monday evening when trying to stop the latter on First street.

Mr. Stickley, with Mrs. Stickley, was driving East on First street when Officer Armentrout ran out from the sidewalk and warned them to put the dimmers on their lights. After complying, Mr. and Mrs. Stickley state that the officer opened up with a volley of profanity and continued to verbally abuse them, finally flashing his gun and ending by shooting a hole in the right rear tire of Mr. Stickley's Hupp.

During the affair which took place between the Barker Hardware store and the Wells Fargo express office, some lively scenes were enacted, during which Stickley knocked Armentrout from the running board of his car.

Mr. Stickley issued the following statement of his version of the affair:

Mr. and Mrs. Stickley were downtown shopping. We cranked the car in front of Burkhardt & Lee's drug store and came East on First street, running at not over eight or ten miles an hour. In front of Barker's Hardware store Armentrout came out and stopped me by climbing onto the running board. He showed his authority and asked me if I did not have dimmers on my car. I replied that I had and that they were on.

"He said that they were not. Upon looking I found that he was correct and immediately switched onto the dim, leaving them there, he looking to see that they were on the dim. He got off of the running board and went around to the front and looked at the lights.

"I immediately put the car in gear and drove off. He hollered:

"Hey, guy, you stop there!" and climbed onto my running board and opened the door which I had closed on the side where Mrs. Stickley was sitting. He said, "You stop."

"I replied 'I don't know why I should stop as I am complying with all your requests and all special laws.'"

"He said, with his face nearly in Mrs. Stickley's:

"G-d d-n you, stop!"

"I hit him a glancing blow in the face and he reached over towards me and I knocked his blows off. He then said:

"'You come out of there,' to which I paid no attention.

"Then he took out his gun and stuck it up in my face and in front

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GOVERNMENT TO TAKE OVER ALL RAILROADS

Secretary McAdoo Expected to Be Placed at Head of Transportation Lines

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Government operation of railroads, probably under Sec. McAdoo, begins early in January. A few legal and financial problems now unsettled are delaying President Wilson's announcement. The President is confident that the plan will work out.

The wage question will be considered tomorrow at the White House in a conference with railroad chiefs.

The act of August 29, 1916, sufficiently empowers the President to assume immediate control, but there will be necessary legislative adjustments later.

LABOR QUESTION SERIOUS IN GREAT BRITAIN

By Lloyd Mellett, United Press Staff Correspondent

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Labor's expected demands from the government when the leaders meet with Lloyd-George, Geddes and others Friday, is the big question here.

It is indicated that the government intends to ask further concessions from labor, including heavy new army drafts. The Laborites intimated that they will accept, but will use the opportunity to obtain government adherence to the principal points of labor's war aims. They may ask for Carson's resignation from the ministry.

The home rule party may ask for an extension of cooperative societies and a system of distribution, ending profiteering and preventing waste.

W. W. HOLLOWAY AND MISS BESSIE PARSONS WED

Among the pretty Christmas weddings yesterday was that of Miss Bessie Parsons to Mr. Wm. W. Holloway, which occurred at the home of the groom's father, Wm. H. Holloway near Fry Station. Mr. and Mrs. Harold Holloway, recent bride and groom, stood up with the couple.

Following the ceremony the guests sat down to a sumptuous wedding breakfast and Christmas dinner combined.

The ring ceremony was used and little Larkia Holloway carried the band of gold which was used.

Mr. and Mrs. Holloway are from pioneer families. Mrs. Holloway was the 15th child, descendant of a pioneer family which settled in Linn county in 1847. She was graduated from O. A. C. in 1910 and since that time she has been teaching school at Oakville. She will continue with her school work until the end of the present term.

Mr. Holloway is the second son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Holloway. He is a graduate of Whitman college. Mr. and Mrs. Holloway will make their home on a farm near Monroe.

MEXICANS RAIDING AMERICAN BORDER TOWN

MARFA, Tex., Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—The Mexicans are raiding Candelaria, Texas, which is located 20 miles North of the border. The force is 500 strong. It is believed to be Villistas.

Troops are patrolling the border to prevent further invasion.

STEFANSON PARTY ARRIVES FROM NORTHLAND

OTTAWA, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—The ministry of naval affairs announced that they received word that the Stefansson party arrived safely at Port Yukon, Alaska. They will probably make their way to Nome. The steamer party of 24 men started North in 1913.

RUSSIAN PEACE IS DUE IN JANUARY

Germans Ask Postponement of Negotiations Until the 24th of Next Month

BOLSHEVIKI STOP MANU- FACTURE OF WAR MATERIAL

Black Sea Fleet Joins Present Government; Two Russian Commissions

PETROGRAD, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Germany asked a postponement of peace negotiations until January 24, according to a semi-official announcement here. It is also reported that Finland asked Germany to recognize her independence.

The Bolsheviki manifesto was issued, demanding that the manufacture of all war material immediately cease. "Inasmuch as the Russo-German armistice will probably shortly be transformed into a general democratic peace."

It is announced that the Bolsheviki occupied Kharstoff. The Black Sea fleets have also joined the Bolsheviki, threatening the Ukrainian hold on Odessa.

LONDON, Dec. 26.—Two Russian commissions to negotiate the purely military aspects of peace will be formed shortly at Odessa and Petrograd, according to Petrograd reports. The third will be appointed for the European general conference.

It is reported that the Bolsheviki are to invoke the constitutional assembly late next week.

TWO NEW CANNERIES ARE PLANNED FOR THE COAST

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—According to information received by the Bureau of Fisheries, department of commerce, a whaling company on the Pacific coast is planning to erect two canneries to be operated next season, each with a capacity of 30,000 cases. The same company will also operate a cold storage plant for supplying fresh and frozen whale meat.

OREGON POTATO GROWERS WANT AN EXTRA GRADE

CORVALLIS, Dec. 26.—Oregon potato growers are asked to submit to the public service commission at or prior to the hearing Dec. 28 at Portland their views of the desirability of having a grade superior to the U. S. No. 1 established for their choice potatoes.

The best federal grade allows for minimum size a diameter of one and three-fourths inch, with a further allowance of five per cent of potatoes below minimum and an additional three per cent below remaining requirements. This makes no provision for such special trade as extra fancy for making in hotels, dining cars, etc. It is expected that the state commission will adopt the U. S. standards in order to get the benefit of Uncle Sam's guarantee against charges that consignments are inferior and prevent the special discounts arbitrarily made by consignees in other states, notably California.

But it is the opinion of Professor Hystop of O. A. C. that a fancy grade for the special trade is desirable. Oregon growers who favor the super grade are asked to submit suggestions as to what the higher grades should consist of, either to himself at Corvallis or to the commission. He thinks the producers ought to be represented in person as largely as possible, along with the dealers.

More cultivated crops—corn, beans and potatoes—are urgently needed in the Oregon farming system, claim the O. A. C. specialists. To lay stress on this necessity and to show the varieties best adapted to different parts of the state, a potato show will be held during Farmers' Week, Dec. 31. Competitive exhibits of half-bushel lots, as well as educational exhibits, will be displayed.

FIFTH CO. TRIMS ALBANY ALL-STARS

Artillerymen Win the Football Game by Score of 12 to 0 on Christmas Day

Ralph Bilyeu and Merrill Gibson were the shining lights who brought victory to the Coast Artillery football team on the high school grounds Christmas Day. Long runs by each of these fleetfooted artillerymen netted two touchdowns and made the score 12 to 0 against a team of picked veterans of former days.

The game was closely contested and hardfought throughout, but there were times when the All-Stars seriously threatened the soldiers' goal. The steady toe of Gibson was another factor which staved off their defeat, coupled with the ability of the Ft. Canby boys to recover fumbles when the opponents were menacing.

For the All-Stars, Pete Miller, the Archibald boys, Jay Willard and Ed Anderson played brilliantly; but all did well. Schultz, Bilyeu, Eastburn, Gibson, Tracey—in fact every member of the Fifth company team—put on a fine game and deserved to win.

Neither goal was kicked. The lineup was:

All-Stars	Position	Fifth Co.
Paul Miller	ret	Moore, Wiesler
Allen	ret	Thacker
S. Archibald and		
Michelson	rgl	Ellis
Anderson and S.		
Archibald	c	Davis
Meyer	lgr	Huston
Simpson and		
Clifford	lrr	Giddow
Bud Moore and		
Clifford	lrr	Gibson
Willard	q	Eastburn
Archibald and		
Moore	rhl	Bilyeu
R. Archibald	lhr	Schultz
Pete Miller	r	Tracey
Referee, Fred Newton, M. A. A. C.		Bowden, head linesman.

Ft. Canby Wins

In a fast basketball game Monday evening a team representing the Fifth Co. C. A. C. defeated Albany high school by the score of 20 to 19.

RALSTON-TURNER WEDDING SOLEMNIZED AT NOON

At high noon today Miss Josephine LaGrange Turner of Paris, Illinois, became the bride of Mr. Rolla E. Ralston, of this city. The wedding was solemnized by Dr. George H. Bennett, pastor of the Methodist church, at the home of the bride's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Wieder, 724 South Ellsworth street. A small number of relatives and friends of the bride and groom were fortunate in being present.

The wedding was simple. The bride, looked beautiful in a gown of light, filmy material, and the groom wore a traveling suit. The ceremony was short and was not preceded by the usual songs and music. Following the congratulations the party was served a delicious breakfast.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralston left for Portland on the 3:05 electric this afternoon and Thursday evening they will pass through Albany on their way to San Francisco and Los Angeles, where they will spend a short honeymoon.

Mrs. Ralston is an attractive girl and during her short resident in Albany she has made many warm personal friends. Her home is in Paris, Illinois, where she has lived most of her life with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. J. Will Miller, having lost her mother when she was a child and her father having passed away a short time ago. She is a graduate of Paris high school and up to a short time ago she attended Ward-Belmont Seminary, a fashionable girls' school in Memphis, Tenn.

Mr. Ralston is the only son of J. M. Ralston and is associated with his father in the automobile business. He was graduated from Albany high school and the University of Oregon.

Upon their return from California Mr. and Mrs. Ralston will be at home to their many friends at the Ralston home.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ralston are spending the winter in Los Angeles.

FIERCE FIGHTING IS ON IN ITALY

Germans Hold Ground Which Was Gained in Attack Late Yesterday Afternoon

ATTACK ON ANOTHER SECTOR IS REPULSED

German Attempts to Fraternize With Italians Answered With Machine Gun Fire

ROME, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Fierce fighting between the Duro and Monte Valbella is progressing. Despite the most violent Italian attacks, the enemy at fearful costs still holds last night's two-thirds of a mile gain. This gain was made as a result of a monster concentration of all calibre-artillery, smashing the front lines.

The Teuton attack at Monte Grappa to coincide with the other smash failed.

Italian machineguns answered the Austrian attempts to fraternize on the lower Piave river.

DEMOCRAT WILL RECEIVE PRESENT FROM ST. LOUIS

The editor and advertising manager of The Democrat are in receipt of letters from Chas. W. Standinger, advertising manager of the Anheuser-Busch Co., Bevo department, extending the compliments of the season and informing them that cordial Yuletide greetings are being expressed in a package, "the contents of which, we hope, will assist in cheering your holiday season." Mr. Standinger adds in a postscript that because of great freight congestion, deliveries may not be made as promptly as under normal conditions.

The curiosity of the staff is aroused and there is great speculation as to whether or not said shipment will contain the original goods that made St. Louis famous or the variety that the state laws permit to be shipped into the state of Oregon.

However, the good wishes of Messrs. Anheuser, Busch and other members of the firm, are gratefully received; and the arrival of the material exhibit is awaited with pleasure.

RIVER FALLS BUT WILL RISE TONIGHT

The river is again up and indications are that it will rise considerably tonight and tomorrow. This morning the gauge showed 20.5 feet, but this afternoon at 3 o'clock it registered 17.5 feet. It is estimated that the seven inches of rainfall in the upper Willamette Valley the past two days will send it up two or three feet more.

The hard rains again flooded basements in the West end of the city, but no great damage is reported.

The Grahamona made the trip up the river and started down again this morning, but is not expected to get beyond Oregon City on account of the high water at the locks.

LIFE OF CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR IS TREATED

SACRAMENTO, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Governor Stephens received a letter threatening to dynamite himself, two other state officials and the whole city, if a protective bureau unless \$50,000 is left near Oakland Monday.

RAILROADS BLAMED FOR COAL SHORTAGE

Fuel Administrator Testifies Before Senate Committee on Coal Situation

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Fuel Administrator Garfield told the senate investigators that war demands caused a 50,000,000 ton coal shortage this year, in the face of the greatest production in history. The bituminous output increased ten per cent, and anthracite 16 per cent. He blames the railroads for much of the famine, and urges federal control.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—Major General O'Ryan told the senate probers that years of training will be necessary before the drafted men are fit to go to France.

HOLIDAY TRADE BREAKS LAST YEARS RECORD

There is no time for mirth or laughter in the cold gray dawn of the morning after.

The above may express the feelings of those who spent more than they could afford for Xmas gifts, but it does not describe the mental attitude of the local business men.

Trade this year was much better than in 1917. Those who went after the trade got it. The people apparently had money to spend and they spent it liberally.

Despite the fact, however, that the people bought more goods, it appears that they were purchased for the members of their immediate families, for both the postoffice officials and the express companies report a slight falling-off in the volume of shipments made to parties outside of Albany and received here by relatives and friends, from other places.

ARMENTROUT'S SALARY ATTACHED BY BUSSARD

A suit was filed in Justice of the Peace L. L. Swan's court this morning attaching the salary of Speed Officer Armentrout. The lien was filed by D. Bussard, and is said to be for jitney hire in going to the trial in Corvallis when Armentrout was being sued by A. C. Schmitt, and for other private auto rides.

CITY COUNCIL WILL MEET THIS EVENING

Just what action will be taken by the city council at its regular meeting this evening in regard to the most recent event in the official career of Traffic Officer Armentrout is not known, but it is probable that the matter will be under serious discussion by the members.

It is known that there is some sentiment among the members to discharge Armentrout, on the ground that he is an unsafe man to be in the employ of the city. In such an event he would be replaced by a new official as the city officials propose to see the speed ordinance enforced.

Why?

Why must we be so careful about saving sugar? Because sugar is a necessary food, and not just something that we like to eat because of the taste. Sugar is the food that helps the body to stay warm, and it also provides it with energy. That is why soldiers, exposed in the trenches and working under great strain, should have sugar—more sugar even, than they needed at home.

And the people of the allied countries, working harder than they ever did before, to keep up with their country's needs, should also have much more sugar than they are getting.

Spent Yesterday in Albany

Mr. and Mrs. N. M. Newport and daughters, Miss Beatrice and Louise, of Lebanon, spent yesterday in Albany.

WOMAN HEADS GERMAN SPYS IN U.S.

Movements of German Agents in This Country Directed by Woman Leader

DIRECTED ALL MOVEMENTS SINCE WAR DECLARATION

American Secret Service Gets Information as to Action of Enemy Agents

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—A woman spy, under credentials by the Wilhelmstrasse and high in the service, directed the movements of Franz Schulenberg and other master spies, federal agents announced after sweating Schulenberg.

The papers seized show her direction was continuous from the outbreak of the great war. She operated on the coast extensively. The papers dovetail with those taken in the Von Igel raid. It is believed she is now the directing head of all the spies in America.

FRANCYL HOWARD AND MARY PARKER MARRIED

A very pretty but simple wedding was solemnized Christmas day at the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Parker, when Mary Bernadine Parker became the bride of J. Francyl Howard, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Howard.

The rooms were artistically decorated with cyclamen, holly and other decorations suggestive of the holiday season. A beautifully decorated Christmas tree added much charm to the occasion.

The impressive ring ceremony was performed by Rev. G. H. Bennett of the First Methodist church in the presence of the immediate families of the bride and groom.

After receiving the congratulations of those present an elaborate wedding dinner was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard left for points North.

Your Help Needed

In Poland most of the children under four years of age are either dead or dying from starvation. The old and the very young are always the first to succumb when a country is starving.

Through the American Red Cross it is planned to send aid to these starving Poles as soon as adequate guarantees are given that the money will not cause food or funds to be released for the benefit of the German army now occupying Poland.

Try to picture the starvation of Poland, of Serbia, or Belgium; of other neutrals, and it will not be hard for you to make up your mind to conserve every bit of food possible.

The Red Cross has begun a nationwide drive for membership. This is the only authorized agency for extending relief to suffering humanity. You will be given an opportunity to hold a membership in this organization and play a part in helping to care for our soldiers and sailors and feeding the hungry of our allies so far as it is possible for us to do.

Visiting Aunt—

Miss Grace Langdon of Portland is visiting her aunt, Mrs. Ed Cusick.

SENATE DEMANDS WARMER CLOTHING FOR MEN

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—(U. P.)—The senate military affairs committee passed a resolution demanding that Baker authorize camp commanders to buy woolen overcoats and blouses at the nearest towns if they can get them quicker than from the war department.

NEW CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Six room house and good lot. Will trade for auto truck, Ford touring car or wagon and team. Apply at 1405 Santiam Road. d26j3

WANTED—Young man wants work in town. Leave your address at Democrat office or call 3447 Home.

LOST—Necklace, Elks' emblem and chain, on the street Friday evening. Reward for return to Mrs. T. R. Parker, 605 E. Third St. d26-28*

FOR SALE—Very cheap a brown and white male pointer bird dog. Call Bell phone 607J5. d26-28

WANTED—Experienced girl for general housework. Call Bell phone 477 or Home phone 3350, or 226 West Fifth street. d26-28