

KOLCHAK MAY BE WITHOUT OFFICIAL GOVERNMENT AT IRKUTSK, SIBERIA

Revolutionary Socialists Establish Committee Government, Says Report Received at Paris Today.

STATION IS HELD

Commander of All-Russian Forces May Find Himself Without Government when he Returns.

PARIS, Dec. 27.—By Associated Press—Revolutionary socialists have formed a committee government at Irkutsk, Siberia, where the All-Russian government of Admiral Kolchak established headquarters after being driven out of Omsk, according to news received from French official circles.

The revolutionists took possession of the Irkutsk station on the Trans-Siberian railway, the reports say. It is considered doubtful here whether Admiral Kolchak will find anything of his government when he finally returns to Irkutsk. His present whereabouts are not definitely known.

Clemenceau May Be Candidate

PARIS, Dec. 27.—A number of members of the chamber of deputies intend shortly to endeavor to induce Premier Clemenceau to become a candidate for the presidency.

Telegram Wins Libel Case Today

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—By A. P.—The jury in the case of Alzamon Ira Lucas against the Portland Telegram for \$50,000 damages for alleged libel, found a verdict on all counts for the Telegram.

The Telegram recently printed articles denying Lucas' alleged powers for healing people and curing their mental troubles and the suit followed.

Portland Man Named

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Johnson S. Smith, of Portland, was today appointed Federal prohibition director for Oregon.

Made Trip to Corvallis

F. J. Miller proprietor of the Albany iron foundry made a business trip to Corvallis this afternoon.

NEW CLASSIFIED

WANTED — Job of work cutting wood with drag saw. G. D. Bilyew, R. F. D. No. 3. 27d30
FOR SALE — 8-room dwelling at No. 532 Elm Street, 4 bedrooms, modern bath, house plastered throughout, full cement basement, furnace heated. Price \$3600, \$300 down \$30 per month. Beam Land Co., 133 Lyon Street. 27d29
LOST — Combined bill and check book, containing blank checks on the First National Bank of Albany, also some bills. Finder will kindly return to the First National Bank and receive reward. d27*
WANTED — Furnished house-keeping Apts. Call for Mr. and Mrs. McMahon. 418-L or 57 F 21. 27d30*
FREE — Calendars at Hamilton's Store. Each family is welcome to one. Ask for it at the Cashier's office. 27d30.
FOR SALE — A Ford roadster, cheap for cash. Call 432 Calapooia St., Phone 521-R. 27d30.
FOR SALE — Mitchell Light Six, first class condition. Inquire at 518 W. Second St., or Phone 621. d27J2*
MEN WANTED. — To cut sawlogs wood, slash brush, ground wages. House and stove furnished, some tools. Come and see W. J. Turnidge, Talbot, Ore., O. E. Railroad. Telephone Jefferson 3692. d27J6

AUTOMOBILE SHOWS INTEREST DEALERS

Salem Agencies to Hold Exhibit in February; Albany May Come Later

Salem automobile dealers are preparing for their annual automobile show which will be held sometime in February. More than 40 makes of cars and trucks are represented in the Capital city and a fine show is expected.

Albany dealers have not yet made definite plans for their 1920 exhibition, but it is believed that another show, even larger and better than last year's, will be held during the coming spring, perhaps in March again.

This year there are 17 or more dealers handling many makes of cars, trucks and tractors, and more than 75 firms sell automobile accessories and supplies. It is possible that this year the necessary men will have a better representation than last. It is regretted that the local armory is no larger than it is so that more cars can be accommodated for display. With several new dealers in the city it is difficult to see how all can be represented as they would like to be.

Albany Schools Open Monday After Holiday Vacation

The public schools of Albany will open again Monday morning after a vacation of two weeks. One week of this time was caused by the weather condition and will be made up at the close of the school year in June. This vacation is the third week that the children of Albany have had for rest and recreation since the beginning of the present school year and it is expected that every student in each of the grades will begin work with the determination to make good in the work of the grade. Albany schools are recognized as being among the best in the state and worthy of the loyal support of every citizen of the school district.

DANIALS WILL ACCEPT REPORT

Award of Distinguished Service Medals Causes Considerable Controversy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—By Associated Press.—The revised report of the naval decorations to be made by the Knight board after a survey of all facts will probably be accepted, secretary Daniels said today.

The secretary disclosed the fact that he had received letters from Admiral Henry B. Wilson, commander of the Atlantic fleet, Admiral Mayo commander of the Atlantic fleet during war, supporting the position taken by Rear-Admiral Sims.

WASHINGTON Dec. 27.—Secretary Daniels last evening ordered the navy department's board of awards reconvened Monday, January 5, to revise the recent recommendations as to naval awards, which have been the source of a controversy brought to a head a few days ago by declaration of Admiral Sims to accept the distinguished service medal while the awards remained as at present.

"While approving in the main the recommendations of the board of awards," said Mr. Daniels in his order to Rear-Admiral A. M. Knight to reconvene the board, "my examination into the subject has convinced me that there are a number of cases requiring further examination, and there have been additional recommendations since your board adjourned which require examination by a board of officers."

Wm. Powell and Dorothy Russell Are Married Today

A pretty wedding occurred this morning at the Baptist parsonage when, William G. Powell, of Berlin and Dorothy Russell, of Sweet Home were united in marriage.

The happy young couple left for Portland and will reside in Camas Wash., where the groom is employed. The ceremony was performed by Dr. G. H. Young.

WOOD ALCOHOL TAKES TOLL OF LIVES IN EASTERN CITIES WHERE OVER 31 PEOPLE DIE OF POISONING

POLICE OFFICERS JOIN IN CRUSADE AGAINST OFFENDERS WHO SELL DEADLY DRUG FOR WHISKEY AND LEAVE TRAIL OF DEATH AND BLINDNESS IN THEIR WAKE

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—By Associated Press.—Authorities in many cities in the east were stirred into action today against traffic in "whiskey" made from wood alcohol following a wave of death and blindness from this cause in Massachusetts, Connecticut and other states.

The death list of victims of Christmas "cheer" in those two states totaled at least 41 persons today.

Chicago Fights Plague
CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Authorities here joined hands today for a crusade against the sale of wood alcohol as a beverage. Six victims of wood alcohol poisoning are dead here.

Nine in Cleveland
CLEVELAND, Dec. 27.—Nine victims of wood alcohol are in Cleveland hospitals today, raising the total

to 24. Three have died today, placing the month's total at 14.

Fatalities in Massachusetts
CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 27.—The total number of known deaths due to drinking wood alcohol up to 3 o'clock this afternoon stood at 31 men and two women here; Holyoke, six men; Springfield, three men and one woman.

Cases at Hartford
HARTFORD, Conn., Dec. 27.—Thirteen have died here as a result of drinking wood alcohol, the list of 10 last night being increased by three deaths today. Three persons are under arrest for the possible sales of the poison.

NEWARK, Dec. 27.—Two deaths occurred here today from wood alcohol poisoning.

BARK ROOT AND EXTRACT TAKEN

Waterloo Men Face Charge of Being Intoxicated and Hilarious

Three men were arrested in Waterloo by Sheriff Kendall Christmas Eve for being under the influence of intoxicants while attending a public masquerade ball. The names of the parties are withheld for the present pending the date of trial which may occur at any time.

It appears that a large number of people were attending the dance and some bad blood had been stirred up on a previous occasion and as a result the offenders of the law proceeded to load up on Bark Root bitters and a supply of Palace Car extract for the purpose, apparently of prying those against whom they had a grievance. No sooner had the preliminary preparation been completed when the sheriff dropped in on the situation and took in charge the three men who will be called to meet the bar of justice here which means a minimum fine of from \$25 to \$50 each and costs for the offense.

A good size delegation from Crabtree and Lebanon were reported present for the purpose of taking part in the hilarities of the occasion.

Local Garage Is Robbed Of Auto Accessories

"The Kirk-McKern garage was broken into last Wednesday evening and the miscreant got away with a small quantity of materials, papers, etc. Even the glass door was stolen from a Ford Sedan belonging to Clifford Harold. A quantity of spark plugs, tire gauges, etc., were taken and the thief was preparing to make away with a number of tires, pumps and larger articles when he was interrupted.

The theft took place during the fore part of the night when Ira Blodgett, who guards the place at night, was down town. He was returning when the act was committed and stopped the progress of the looting by his entrance.

Messrs. Kirk and McKern do not mind the loss of the goods as much as the fact that a leather case containing the price lists was taken. The book contains the prices of everything carried in stock and was compiled with much time and effort. The book is of no use to anyone else, but the owners of the garage state that if they can get it back they will drop prosecution of the case against the offender.

M. and Mrs. Albert New from the state of Nebraska were expected to visit his old friend and neighbor A. L. Richardson of 1703 East front street. The families have not met for the last thirty years.

BEATS SNOW BY ONE DAY

J. M. Schlegel Has Satisfaction of Saving House From Cold Wave

It is profitable to make hay while the sun shines and, sometimes, in foul weather as well as fair. J. M. Schlegel of Sunrise found this so during the past fall, after he had moved into his new property and began remodeling the house thereon.

He had retired from the farm a few miles southeast of town. He wished to improve his new house by adding a water and light system, and all modern conveniences. During the fall he worked everlastingly, day in and day out, hiring men when they could be hired and working alone when they could not. Sometimes his wife and daughter helped him.

He had just finished a new roof when the snow came. Had he been a day late with his roof, snow would have filled the new rooms he had added, and the freezeup would have ruined his piping system.

So Mr. Schlegel is patting himself on the back for all his hard, busy work during the fall. He had counted himself unlucky because of the trouble he had in hiring labor, and of the many things occurring to hold him back. "But maybe I'm lucky after all," he now says, "for I beat the snow by one day."

Crown Prince May Also Be Called to Trial

LONDON, Dec. 27.—A. P.—Frederick William, former German Crown Prince, will be included in the list of persons whose surrender for trial will be demanded by the French, according to unofficial reports of a recent meeting between British law officials and the French Under-Secretary for Military Justice.

Japan and U. S. Reach Agreement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—By A. P.—Japan and the United States have reached an agreement regarding the Siberian question, it was announced by the state department today. Negotiations looking to such an agreement are still in progress, he said.

Shedd Club Is Awarded Prize

County Agent S. V. Smith went to Shedd this morning to be present at the exercises at which the Shedd Calf club this afternoon received an award of \$75, the prize given by the American Jersey Cattle club. The exercises took place at the school house and a large attendance was expected to be present.

PORTLAND GROPE IN DENSE FOG Heavy Mantle Drops Over City and Traffic Is Blocked

London doesn't have anything on Portland for fog. At least that is what several hundred thousand Portlanders are ready to swear, with emphasis on the swear, after the experience they had groping their way through the thick blanket which descended upon the city early last night says The Morning Oregonian.

The heavy shroud which visited the city, especially the downtown section and those sections on low ground along the river, set everyone to groping through the darkness. Even the street lights shone weirdly through the curtain and it was impossible to distinguish them a short distance away.

The fog was declared by old-timers to be one of the heaviest in years, only the higher portions of the city being free from it. In the downtown section it was so thick that it was difficult to distinguish objects across the street.

Portland traffic suffered heaviest of all. Street cars and automobiles were compelled to feel their way through the curtain of darkness and street car schedules suffered severely.

Taxicab drivers refused to accept passengers who wished to make long trips and had to content themselves with fares who were not going far out of the business district.

Brownsville Man Is Victim of Check Forger

Clarence Boggie, a well known resident of Brownsville vicinity has been the victim of a bad check artist, according to a statement made by him here today. Some person endorsing checks with the name of George Holmes passed paper for \$25 each at Eagle's cigar store in Albany and Kline's department store, Corvallis. The transaction took place about Nov. 4 and Boggie and the officers are still working on the case.

REBUILDS CAR IN SPARE TIME

M. Ackerman has Tractor Equal to Best he Thinks, From Old Truck

A rebuilt Ford truck that will pull a plow good and deep at a merry clip over his fields has been turned out in spare moments by M. Ackerman, living on the south side of Know Butte, and of which he is justly proud. Mr. Ackerman sold his Ford truck, but the purchaser was unfamiliar with the brute, and Mr. Ackerman soon bought it back. He got out his axe his crosscut saw and his plyers and tackled the job.

Now his little tractor, running on low gear and with a big plow hitched behind, is invincible. Mr. Ackerman thinks in some ways is as yet the regular model-beaten. He can do all his heavy team work with it. He recently celebrated his 52nd birthday. He has been a resident of Linn County all his life.

Former Albany Boy Makes Good As Road Engineer

J. W. Nash, deputy state engineer of the highway commission of the state of Idaho, and a former Albany boy, is in the city this week visiting his mother, and brothers and sisters. Mr. Nash is employed on the engineering force making the survey through the mountains from Boise to Moscow which is reported to be one of the most expensive lines of road being built in the state.

The state is spending about one million dollars on the construction of 22 miles of road connecting link between the two leading towns in the state.

Mr. Nash is making good and belongs to that class of young men who is a credit to this part of the state, and his home town. Mr. Nash reports the snow about four feet deep in the mountains where they were at work and all activities have been discontinued until the snow clears out.

1,503 CHILDREN OF SCHOOL AGE ARE IN DISTRICT SAYS HACKLEMAN

Annual Census of School Children Show Increase of 84 in Public Schools During the Last Year.

GAIN IS SLIGHT

Figuring on School Population the Population of Albany is Approximately 7,500 People.

There are 1503 children of school age in Albany, according to District School Clerk D. D. Hackleman, who submitted his report of the enumeration of children to the county school superintendent this morning. It shows 708 boys and 795 girls.

Last year the total enumeration was 1419. During the year the clerk reports that five families having 32 children of school age have moved out of the district and but one family having a large number of children has moved in.

Numerous families having one and two children have moved in and out of the district during the year, leaving a net gain of 84 children over last enumeration.

Each child of school age draws from the state and county fund about \$15, to apply on the expense of conducting the school while the balance is made up by district school tax.

Taking five as the average number in a family, the population of Albany is figured at about 7,515.

Canadian Labor Leader Sentenced

WINNIPEG, Dec. 27.—A. P.—A sentence of two years was given R. B. Russell, one of the labor leaders in Winnipeg's general strike recently. Russell was found guilty Wednesday on the charge of seditious conspiracy and received his sentence today.

Oregon Players Cut Training To One Practise

PASADENA, Dec. 27.—By A. P.—Although the Harvard players outweigh Oregon, the northerners today deliberately cut their practise in half. The easterners began an intensive practise. The Oregonians have reached that peak of condition which gave trainer Bill Hayward and Coach Huntington confidence to decide that one practise period daily will be sufficient to keep the men in the best possible shape.

Escaped Convict Held in Frisco

MARYVILLE, Cal., Dec. 27.—A. P.—Confronted with telegrams showing that he is wanted in Spokane for bank robbery, Harold Simms, also known as Leo Hartmann held here as the automobile bandit for the murder of a boot black, confessed to the bank robbery, according to Sheriff McCoy. Simms, as Hartman, said that he recently escaped from the Oregon penitentiary.

Members of the Linn County Bar Association met in adjourned session yesterday in the law library of the first national bank with every member of the association present except attorney Garland of Leannon who is spending the winter in California.

The regular annual meeting of the association is on the first Monday of December each year. In the session of yesterday various phases of the law profession was discussed and a greater uniformity of fees may be the result of the conference. The officers of the Association are Gale S. Hill president, A. A. Tussing of Brownsville vice-president, Dan Johnson of Albany secretary and Victor Oliver treasurer. When it comes to an honorable and representative class of professional men. It is safe to say that Linn county is not surpassed in any county of the state.