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800,000 ARE REPORTED TO BE STARVING

German Correspondent Reports That Conditions Are Appalling in Northern Russia and That Government Is Refusing to Permit Relief.

OFFICIAL DENIAL IS ISSUED BY THE CZAR

Many Persons Are Reported to Be Barely Keeping Alive by Eating Acorns.

BERLIN, Dec. 14.—According to reports received here today from a special correspondent of a Berlin paper, over 800,000 people in northern Russia are facing death by starvation. The government is actually retarding relief work fearing the spread of revolutionary propaganda. According to the story published here conditions are appalling. The correspondent has spent a week traversing the country and is emphatic in his statements that unless food is dispatched shortly to the famine territory hundreds of thousands will perish. Many persons are keeping alive by feeding on acorns and bark gathered from the forests.

The Russian government has officially denied that conditions were so serious in the district as reported and deny that they have checked in any manner the work of relief.

CHARLES FULTON MAY ENTER RACE

Ex-United States Senator Is Put Forward as "Hope" of Those Who Wish to See Senator Jonathan Bourne Defeated.

PORTLAND, Dec. 14.—Charles W. Fulton, ex-United States senator and antagonist of Jonathan Bourne, may yet become the "hope" of those who seek to overturn the senior senator. For some time a quiet movement has been on foot among some of the old guard Republicans to put Fulton to the front, once more, and the Morning Astorian, published in Fulton's old home at Astoria, has now taken the lead in urging his candidacy.

Mr. Fulton easily sidestepped a direct answer when he was asked this morning if he will be a candidate. He said he had seen the front page editorials of the Astorian under the heading "Does Oregon Want Capable Men in the United States Senate?" adding that this was published without any suggestion or connivance on his part.

"I am not prepared to discuss the matter at this time," said the ex-senator. "I will not say that I will not be a candidate, nor will I say that I will be a candidate. I have given the matter no consideration."

STOKES SAID TO BE VERY ILL

Operation May Result in His Death—Case Completed and Will Soon Go to the Jury—Finish the Arguments Today.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—W. E. D. Stokes underwent an operation Tuesday night for an abscess of the kidneys when it is reported it was necessary to administer stimulants to keep him alive. In the last statement given out by his physicians admitted that he was in a dangerous condition. The state closed its case against Miss Graham and Miss Conrad this morning. The closing arguments are expected to be finished tonight.

TAFT'S DAUGHTER TO TEACH SUNDAY SCHOOL



MISS HELEN TAFT

Miss Helen Taft, daughter of the President and Mrs. Taft, is to be a Sunday school teacher. She will teach in the church where her mother worships, taking her place next week in the school of St. John's Episcopal Church, Washington, D. C.

DEATH WINS HIDE AND SEEK GAME IN BURNING MINE

Rescuers Follow Chalk Marks for Miles Only to Find Bodies of the Men—"Jig Is Up" Reads the Last Message.

BRICEVILLE, Tenn., Dec. 14.—Death won in the hide and seek game which Sam Miller and his four helpers played two miles under earth in the wrecked Cross Mountain mine, rescuers today following the miners' chalk marked trail for miles through the galleries only to come upon the corpses of the victims. Miller and his companions have been groping through the burning tunnels since Saturday, leaving the story of their wanderings written on the walls.

"Well, boys, I guess the jig is up" reads the last message.

With the finding of the bodies of Miller and his companions, who had, from the wording of the messages, agreed to "stick together," the families of the other entombed miners have given up all hope of life for the fifty still missing.

Before writing the last message the five miners divided the last crumb of food left them. Then Miller crawled to the wall and as he was dying scribbled the words that told graphically of the heroism and fortitude with which the unfortunate miners met their doom.

Sixty one corpses have been recovered up to noon today.

Five fires are still raging in the mine and this adds to the danger and difficulty the twenty-five helmeted lifesavers are encountering in their search through the thirty miles of workings.

COLVIG TO BOOST IN CALIFORNIA

Arrangements Are Completed for Trip of Commercial Club Manager to Los Angeles With the Medford Next Month.

William M. Colvig, booster and summum bonum, will make the California trip with local excursionists next month. Arrangements to this end were completed Wednesday. Judge Colvig is expected to disseminate facts regarding the Rogue river valley on all sides while away and on every occasion tell the Californians of the Rogue river valley.

318 Voters Have Registered.

Up to last night 318 voters of Medford had registered for the coming city election. Yesterday 129 registered, which is the largest number to register in any one day. You cannot register after one week from today. If you are going to vote at the coming election and want to do so without a great amount of trouble to yourself and your friends you had better register.

HOLIDAY RUSH NOW BEGINNING TO BE MANIFEST

Down Town Shopping Crowds Are Growing Larger Daily—Much Business Is Being Transacted at Postoffice and Express Office.

MANY MONEY ORDERS ARE BEING SENT EAST

Stamp Sales Running Higher Each Day They Increase—Previous Record to Be Shattered.

With Christmas day about two weeks away the holiday rush is now in full swing in the stores and business houses of the city. The rush however manifests itself more particularly at the postoffice and all day long the clerks there are kept on the jump handling the increased business. The Christmas business began about two weeks ago with packages going to foreign countries. From that time to this there has been a daily increase and this daily increase is certain to continue up until Xmas eve. There is a good chance that all previous records of the local office being broken.

Stamp sales are running over \$100 a day and 50 to 75 packages are registered every day. This number is bound to increase during the next two weeks. The merchants are doing a splendid business and Christmas shoppers are spending more and more time daily down town.

LEE HAS HARD TIME QUITTING

Daily Numerous Friends Slap Popular City Treasurer on the Back and Assure Him of Their Votes for City Office—But He's Not in Race.

Lee L. Jacobs, cashier of the Farmers & Fruitgrowers bank, who has served as city treasurer, let these many years, is having a hard time quitting his job. Although he has definitely stepped out of the race, deaf to the pleas of his many friends that he run again, daily scores of his friends slap him on the back and assure him of their support.

"I am emphatically not a candidate," states Mr. Jacobs, "as my other interests require all of my time. But somehow my friends can't seem to remember I am out of the race—but I am."

Mr. Jacobs is heartily endorsing the candidacy of Gus Samuels, present deputy city treasurer. "Mr. Samuels will make a splendid official," states Mr. Jacobs, "as he has thoroughly mastered the business routine of the office and is capable in every way. I am glad to recommend him, and I can certainly do so knowingly as he has worked for me now for the past year."

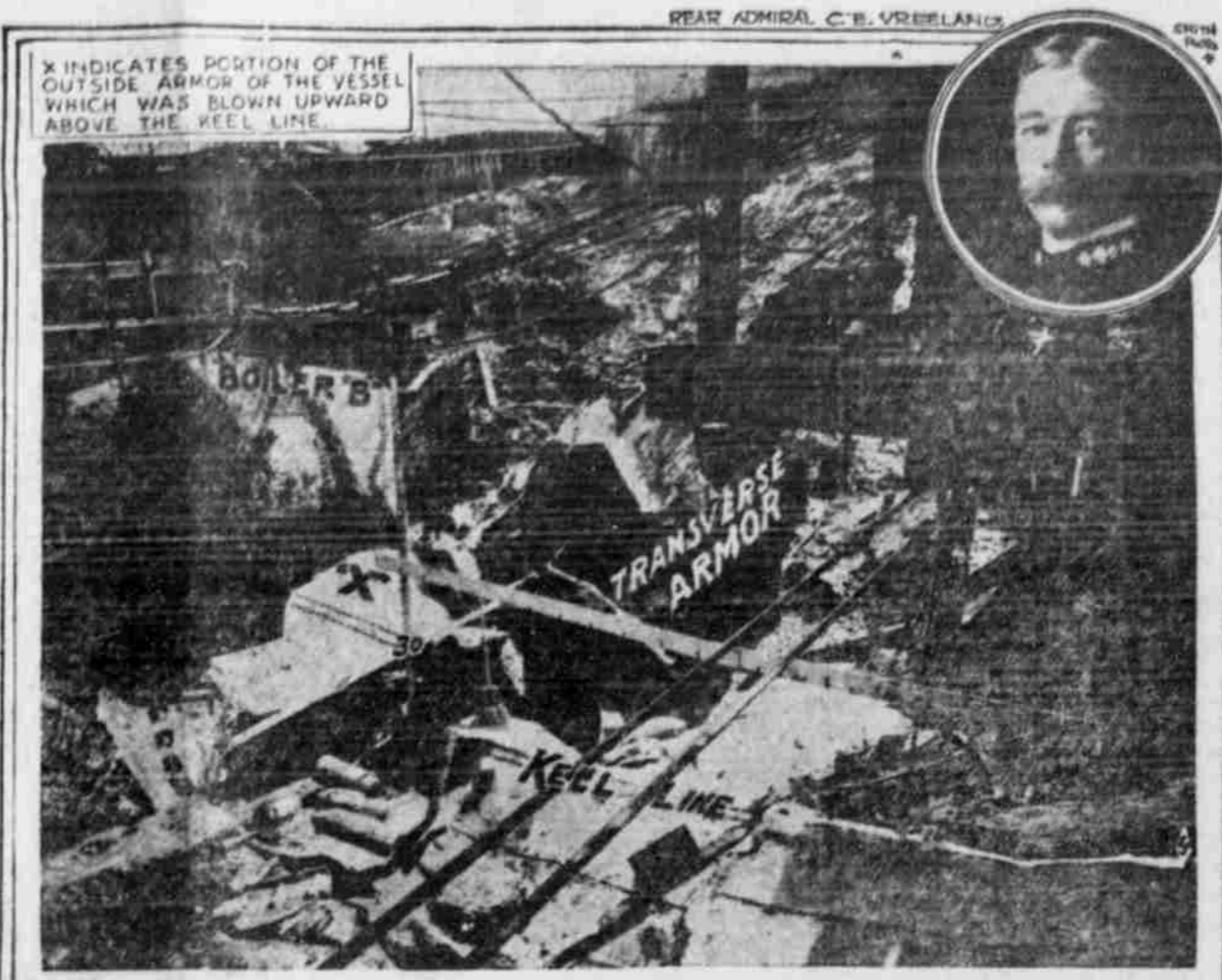
CHARGED WITH KILLING DEER

A warrant was issued this morning out of Judge Glenn O. Taylor's court for the arrest of Chas. Davis, of Griffin Creek. Davis is charged with killing young deer, the offense having been committed on November 26, of this year. The warrant of arrest was issued at the instance of Deputy State Game Warden George Hargadin, of Ashland.

Several witnesses have been subpoenaed and a hearing will be had in Judge Taylor's court at 1:30 Saturday, December 16.

Perhaps one of the letters you ought to write during the next hour is a reply to some one of today's want ads.

DECIDES BATTLE SHIP MAINE WAS BLOWN UP FROM THE OUTSIDE.



PHOTOGRAPH OF MAINE WRECK, SHOWING FRAME 30 UNDER WHICH BOARD SAYS FIRST EXPLOSION CAME.

CONGRESS GIVEN VREELAND REPORT REGARDING MAINE

Matter Covering Destruction of Battleship Thirteen Years Ago at Havana Is Officially Closed—Was Blown Up From Outside.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—The Vreeland board of inquiry which has completed its investigation of the destruction of the battleship Maine in Havana harbor thirteen years ago, and which recently announced its findings to the effect that it was blown up from the outside—and that means by a Spanish mine—today filed a formal report with congress. No action is expected other than to place it on file. Accompanying the report is a small model of the Maine, which is used to illustrate the report.

This officially disposes of a matter which has been discussed for years.

PROBE STARTED AT INDIANAPOLIS

No One Excepting Government Employees Is Allowed to Approach Within 300 Feet of the Grand Jury Room.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 14.—Secret investigation by the United States grand jury began here today in the alleged dynamite plots of which the arrest and confession of John J. and James B. McNamara was the culmination. No one except employees of the government is allowed to approach within 300 feet of the grand jury room. Detective William J. Burns is expected to be among the first witnesses called.

TREATY OF 1832 TO BE ANNULLED

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Early recognition of American Jews' rights to avoid the abrogation of the treaty of 1832 is expected to follow the adoption of the Sulzer resolution in the house.

It is understood that President Taft has tipped the Russian embassy that he will not sign the resolution until diplomatic negotiations now being carried on with the Russian government have been concluded.

MISSING JUROR CALMLY ASKS IF MEAL IS READY

Harry Waldron After Eluding Police for Week Walks Calmly Into His Home, Hangs Up His Hat and Asks Wife if Breakfast Is Ready.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 14.—Pale and haggard as a result of dodging the police for three nights and days, Juror Harry Waldron, whose disappearance stopped the Hyde trial, reappeared at his home today, hung up his hat and calmly asked his wife if breakfast was ready.

He was immediately arrested by the police.

It was learned that Waldron turned up at the house of a neighbor last night, only to disappear again when his wife was apprised of the news.

Mrs. Waldron advised Judge Porterfield of her husband's return and this morning the juror went to the Waldron home. The juror tried to hide in a closet but was induced to come out and tell his story.

Waldron said that he left the Centropolis hotel with the intention of committing suicide. He changed his mind and went to Emporia, Kansas, where he remained until yesterday.

Reading in the papers yesterday that he was supposed to have committed suicide and fearing that the shock would kill his wife, he returned last night. He went to the home of a friend, Mrs. McGaragh, who telephoned to Mrs. Waldron. When the wife arrived, however, the juror had once more vanished, whereupon Mrs. Waldron telephoned to Judge Porterfield.

This morning Waldron entered his house through a cordon of police, who recognized him as he passed asked if breakfast were ready.

Judge Porterfield said that if Waldron is insane he will order a new trial.

Fever Closes Schools.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—Determined to forestall any possibility of an epidemic of smallpox or scarlet fever among children here, the city health officials today closed the Hawthorne and Arleta public schools where several students now stricken with one of the diseases attended. Only a few cases of each disease is reported, however.

M'MANIGAL TO BETAKEN EAST AS WITNESS

Assistant District Attorney Ford Announces That the Other Men Wanted Are All Being Watched and Cannot Escape.

"SEVERAL OTHERS" WILL BE ARRESTED ON TIMES CHARGE

All of the Men to Be Arrested Said to Have Assisted McNamara in Blowing Up Building.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 14.—Two indictments it was learned from an absolutely reliable source today will be returned Saturday by the federal grand jury now probing the alleged dynamite conspiracy, against two men prominent in San Francisco labor circles.

These men are said to have been responsible for the order which led James B. McNamara to place 16 sticks of dynamite under the Times building, resulting in the death of 21 persons.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 14.—Under a heavy guard Ortie McManigal, self-confessed dynamiter and star government witness against the four labor leaders in California who will be indicted by the federal grand jury which is investigating the alleged dynamiting conspiracy, will most likely leave for Indianapolis next Monday to testify before the federal grand jury there.

Although the federal grand jury probing the California end of the so-called dynamiting outrages is holding only afternoon sessions, it is making great progress and at the present rate is expected to end its inquiry early next week.

Watching Others.

Assistant District Attorney Ford announced today that the arrest of David Caplan and M. A. Schmidt was only a matter of time. The junior prosecuting attorney also reiterated his statement of yesterday to the United Press that one or more San Francisco labor leaders would be arrested on a charge of murder as a result of alleged activity in the destruction of the Times building.

"Is it absolutely true that you are contemplating the arrest of one man on a charge of murder as a result of the Times disaster?" Ford was asked. "Yes, one man and others. You can say there are several others," was the significant reply.

"Do you know where these men are now?" he was asked.

"We know the exact whereabouts of the men we want at the present time and they cannot escape," was his answer.

All of these men, according to Ford, assisted James B. McNamara in various ways when he placed the sixteen sticks of dynamite which resulted in twenty-one deaths and much destruction of property.

BURNS TO PROBE PATTERSON CASE

Bar Association of Denver Would Go to the Bottom of Methods Employed to Clear Mrs. Patterson of Murder Charge.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 14.—Following intimations that the acquittal verdict in the case of Mrs. Gertrude Patterson recently tried here for the murder of her husband, Charles A. Patterson, was obtained by improper means, the bar association of Denver today planned to employ William J. Burns' detective agency on a full investigation of the case.

The grievance committee of the association has determined upon a thorough inquiry and will summon before it both Prosecutor Benson and Judge Hilton, chief counsel for Mrs. Patterson.

You really know where to find the new home after answering a lot of "possible" ads.

GO-OPERATIVE GROCERY STORES PORTLAND PLAN

New Plan of Combatting the High Cost of Living Is Brought to the Attention of the City Council by Committee of Business Men.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 14.—Co-operative grocery stores, controlled by a corporation and in which the general public holds all the stock will be established soon by a committee of business men to be appointed by Mayor Rushlight.

The plan of combatting the high cost of living was brought to the attention of the city council and Mayor Rushlight by a committee of business men, who asked that the council empower the mayor to select a committee to establish the stores.

This committee will handle the affairs of the corporation until it is solidly established and permanent officers elected.

Shares in the venture will be sold at \$25 and only one share can be held by any one individual.

Profits will revert to the stores' customers in proportion to the amount of their purchases.

According to its promoters today the stores will be extended throughout the state if the scheme proves successful in Portland.

SOLONS FAVOR PRIMARY LAW

CAPITOL, Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 14.—Assemblyman Young's bill which provides for a presidential preference primary passed the lower house today by a unanimous vote.

EIGHT HOURS FOR ALL OF UNCLE SAM'S MEN

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 14.—Congressman Hughes' eight hour bill, providing that all artisans and mechanics employed by the government under contracts shall work not more than eight hours a day, was today unanimously passed by the house. The bill supplements the eight-hour regulations in the government departments.