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TURKS CAPTURE BRITISH CONSUL PROTECTED BY ITALY

ROME, Dec. 12.—An incident of considerable gravity has occurred at Hodeida, a seaport of Arabia, on the Red sea, 100 miles northwest of Mecca. It appears from advices that have been received here that the Turks, on learning that G. A. Richardson, the British consul, was still in town, tried to enter his house to arrest him.

Consul Richardson escaped to the neighboring Italian consulate, which place the Turks besieged in spite of the fact that the Italian consul, Signor Cecchi, a son of the well-known explorer, immediately came to the defense of his colleague. Richardson was taken prisoner and dragged forcibly to a boat, which then left for an unknown destination.

As British subjects in Turkey are under American protection, the American embassy at Constantinople, it is stated, has been asked for information regarding the reported violence against a British subject, while Italy is inquiring about the alleged violation of her consulate.

NO HANGINGS FOR ARIZONA

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 12.—There will be no hanging of men at Florence penitentiary December 19. Six persons condemned by the action of the electorate in voting November 3 against abolishment of capital punishment in Arizona, won today the clemency of Governor Hunt.

The sentences of two men were commuted by the governor just before he began preparing the election proclamation, which would put into effect, among other measures, the initiated law taking away his power of pardon and commutation.

The case of another was referred back to the supreme court, and the cases of the other three remaining were referred to the attorney general.

POINCARÉ PRESIDES OVER CABINET

PARIS, Dec. 12, 2:13 p. m.—President Poincaré presided over a meeting of the French cabinet this morning at the palace of the Elysee. All the ministers were present with the exception of the minister of war, Alexandre Millerand, who is at Bordeaux. A decree was signed setting December 22 as the date of the opening of both houses of parliament.

The minister of finance, Alexandre Ribot, explained the bill referring to provisional monthly credits, after which the cabinet decided to request parliament to vote six provisional monthly credits in order to avoid the national defense having to exist from hand to mouth and so that the armed forces may be able to continue the war with necessary energy.

DUTCH SEIZING GERMAN VESSELS

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12, via London.—The correspondent at Hansweert, Netherlands, of the Amsterdam Telegraaf, declares that the Dutch authorities have seized fifteen river boats containing cargoes of grain and other goods, which it is alleged the Germans were attempting to smuggle by way of the River Scheldt. The German authorities, the correspondent adds, contend that the cargoes are private property.

STATE DEVELOPMENT WORK

THE excursion of the state into real development work that makes for a greater Oregon, is confined to two projects—reclamation work, of which the Tumalo project is the sole example, and road work, consisting of co-operation with counties by the state highway commission.

Of all the millions collected by taxation, these are the sole expenditures that make for development. All other expenditures are for administration and operation of state government, for law enforcement, for educational, eleemosynary, criminal and insane institutions—none to build up Oregon.

The sole reclamation work done by the state is the completion of the Tumalo project at a cost of \$450,000. This, with the exception of the diversion of the course of a small mountain stream, upon which work is delayed by snow, is fully completed. For its investment, the state will have water rights for 17,464 acres to sell, and the venture will return a profit to the taxpayers, as will be shown by the following statement:

SOURCE OF INCOME	
17,464 acres at \$40.00	\$698,560.00
Due account old vested water rights	6,617.89
Total	\$705,177.89
Out of which will be paid:	
Amount advanced by state	\$450,000.00
Interest due the state	31,104.66
Old contract holders	86,761.71
Broken Top Diversions	5,516.00
Total	\$573,382.37
Profit for the state	\$131,795.52

This action of the state in going to the relief of central Oregon settlers by completing the development project aroused strong opposition from those who think it no part of the state's duty to assist in its upbuilding. Croakers and calamity howlers like the Portland Oregonian predicted dire failure. Said the latter editorially March 12, 1913:

The state of Oregon has appropriated \$450,000 to complete the Columbia Southern irrigation project, in Central Oregon. The appropriation was made by the legislature largely through the importunities of Governor West, to whose ready sympathies the plight of the settlers had made a strong appeal and who responded by causing the state's money to be put behind them.

Now we hear that \$450,000 will not be nearly enough and either the Government Reclamation Service will have to co-operate with the state, or more money must be forthcoming from succeeding legislatures. It may be, however, that \$450,000 is ample. We hope so.

Governor West will do well to abandon some of his glittering generalizations about promoting the public welfare for a careful consideration of the new relationship of the state to the Columbia southern project. It will require painstaking, methodical and skilful management to conserve this great fund for the benefit alike of state and the settlers. It is a big job for a governor or anybody. Hard sense, hard work, not dreams, are now required.

This statement is best answered by the figures given above.

The state's constructive work in road building is confined to the expenditure of a quarter-mill tax, which raises approximately \$240,000. This amount is expended under the approval of the state highway board, consisting of governor, secretary of state and state treasurer, upon recommendation of the state highway engineer. It has been divided this year between the counties voting bond issues for highway work—Jackson, Clatsop, Columbia and Hood River.

The quarter-mill levy is altogether too small to bring results. How small it is shown by comparison with the levy for the maintenance of the Oregon Agricultural college and state university—seven-tenths of a mill, or nearly three times as much for higher education as for constructive development work.

Now that the nation generally is experiencing hard times financially, due principally to the European war, and idle men abound, it is the duty of the state to provide occupation, and this can best be done by development work, such as highway construction.

When times are flush and opportunities for work abound on every hand, is the time to curtail public work, but when it is necessary to either establish a bread line or provide work, is the time to use state credit and state funds for development work.

It will be far better for the state to cut out a great many frills and use the money so expended in building highways that open up and permanently benefit the commonwealth. It is to be hoped that whatever the legislature may do, it will not seek to economize at the expense of development.

LEND A HELPING HAND

THE MAIL TRIBUNE wishes to commend the good work being done locally by the Associated Charities in investigating and relieving deserving cases of poverty and illness.

There are so many shiftless and worthless who are not deserving of relief, but who make a practice of sponging on the community, that there is need of investigation lest the relief be wasted. But there exist some cases of real suffering that deserve alleviation.

The bureau is not receiving the assistance and support it merits, either in clothing, supplies or cash. It needs them all, and every one can rest assured that the relief work will be well done. Even the churches have not lent much of a helping hand in this needed effort to provide help.

Practically every charity that exists in Portland makes a business of soliciting aid of the state. An unending stream of solicitors is constantly begging for aid for Portland's organized charities. As a result, most of the contributions go to pay traveling and living expenses of the solicitors. In return, no assistance is rendered the balance of the state.

The Associated Charities is a local institution. It is managed by Dr. J. Lawrence Hill, who is donating his time and energy to the good work. It deserves all you can spare for charity, and in aiding it you are aiding humanity.

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NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Examination of the personal effects of Emory Edwards, 43 years old, found dead in his room in a modest boarding house in the Greenwich village section here last night, revealed old deeds and documents indicating that the dead man was the representative of the Edwards estate, which at one time owned the site of the postoffice in Park Row, and the Astor house and an \$8,000,000 estate in Holland. It was estimated today that the property mentioned in the deeds in Edwards' room is now worth several hundred million dollars.

Edwards came to New York about three weeks ago, and it is believed that his home was in Colville, Wash. He attracted attention in the neighborhood in which he took lodgings because of his expensive clothes and jewelry. It is believed he came here to represent the Edwards estate. Physicians who examined the body said that death was due to natural causes.

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—Adv.

GOTTORP BARRACKS DESTROYED BY FIRE

COPENHAGEN, via London, Dec. 12, 8:23 a. m.—News has been received here that the great Gottorp barracks, near Kiel, have been destroyed by fire, the origin of which is kept secret.

The Gottorp barracks are about twenty-five miles northwest of Kiel, on an island which lies between the Schlei and Burgsee. The old ducal Schloss Gottorp is the main building of these barracks.

Domestic science will be taught in the Astoria high school.

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