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BELGIAN PRELATE STANDS PAT UPON GERMAN DEFIANCE

THE HAGUE, Netherlands, Jan. 13, via London, 3:10 p. m.—Cardinal Desiderius Mercier, the primate of Belgium, declines for the present, to discuss what he defined as the "reparations measures" of the German authorities in Belgium with reference to him and to the pastoral letter written by him on Christmas.

General Von Bissing, governor general of the Belgian territory occupied by the Germans, in reply to a request made by the Associated Press that he forward to Cardinal Mercier a telegram asking him for the exact facts in connection with the incident today said:

"Cardinal Mercier requests me to forward to you the following dispatch in response to your inquiry:

"I feel very much the sympathy you have shown me and for which I thank you; but I prefer not to dwell for the moment on the vexatious measures to which you allude and I prefer to continue to shut myself in my episcopal ministry. I wish to declare, however, that I have withdrawn nothing and will withdraw nothing from my pastoral letter.

(signed) "CARDINAL MERCIER. "Arch-Bishop of Malines."

LUMBER SCHOONER DRIVEN ASHORE

NEW YORK, Jan. 13.—The four-masted schooner Florence M. Belding, from Brunswick, Ga., for New York, went ashore today fourteen miles north of Barnegat. She has aboard a crew of nine men and 450,000 feet of yellow pine. She is owned by the Heidritter Lumber company of Elizabethport, N. J.

The American-Hawaiian steamer Kentuckian, outbound for San Francisco, reported by wireless today that the four-masted schooner Henry S. Little, from Philadelphia for Providence, was at anchor and in distress off Sandy Hook.

A heavy northeast wind set in yesterday with rain and snow swept Long Island sound today, compelling shipping, large and small, to seek convenient ports.

SEVERE WINTER HAMPERS FIGHTING

PARIS, Jan. 13, 2:40 p. m.—Severe winter weather from one end to the other of the battle line in France hindered military operations yesterday, according to the announcement given out this afternoon by the French war office. The French artillery showed some activity, notably near Soissons and between Rheims and the Argonne, but no decisive results were obtained. The fighting northeast of Soissons continues with severity. It is evident that large forces of infantry have been engaged. The French retain some of their positions, but were compelled to relinquish others.

BANK ROBBERS AT TERLTON CAPTURED

MUSKOGEE, Okla., Jan. 13.—Two of three robbers who held up and robbed the First National bank of Terilton, Okla., yesterday and killed Robert Moore, a deputy sheriff, were captured and are in jail today at Pawnee. Most of the \$3000 taken from the bank was recovered.

THE CHARTER'S DEFEAT

THE defeat of the proposed city charter is to be regretted, for while its rejection may not spell a backward step for the community, it certainly does not spell a forward step. The community owes the charter commission a vote of thanks, not only for its unselfish labor, but for awakening the citizens, temporarily at least, from their lethargy.

It is always a mistake to mix up a charter election with a regular city election, as it befores the issues in the public mind and prevents the consideration that its importance merits. The charter becomes the victim of politics and fails to secure a square deal.

Considering the radical changes it involved and the unreasoning prejudice and opposition it aroused and the apathy of most of its friends, the new charter received a fine vote. A week ago the charter seemed hopelessly lost. The result showed that a change of less than fifty votes would have carried it. Another few days of campaign and it would have triumphed.

Few cities have adopted the commission form when first presented. Most of them have at the second presentation, when its merits have been thoroughly understood. The charter defeat gives the time for study part of the electorate seems to demand, and any changes that may be deemed beneficial, and it is to be hoped that the result will be reversed at the next election.

Hard times more than any one thing is responsible for the pessimism reflected in the election returns. It is only poetic justice that some of those whose main industry during recent years has been abusing public officials, should themselves have to swallow their own medicine for the next couple of years.

Mr. Emerick should make a good mayor, being well acquainted with the city's needs, and the new council is fairly representative of the community. At least there is not likely to be any municipal extravagance. It is the duty of every one to co-operate with the new administration whenever possible in upbuilding Medford, developing the valley and restoring prosperity.

A FINAL OPPORTUNITY

CHARLES ORR of Norwalk, Cal., who owns property in the Rogue River valley, writes as follows concerning sugar beets to D. W. Beebe of Central Point, and the effect it had on the price of leased land:

"It will be a fine thing for the valley to get a sugar factory. Before they had sugar factories here a person could rent good land for from \$3 to \$5 an acre, and now beet growers pay from \$20 to \$30 per acre in advance for land to grow sugar beets on."

Previous articles have shown the beneficial effect of sugar beets upon agriculture, stock raising and the creation of prosperity in the region affected. There has yet to materialize a single protest from any one familiar with conditions in beet districts.

The time is growing short for signing up the required acreage. Next Saturday, January 16, has been named "Beet Sugar day" and every person interested is asked to secure some acreage signed up on that day. Those who have already signed are asked to secure a similar quantity of acreage from their neighbors.

If this final appeal does not yield the required acreage, it is probable that the effort to secure a beet sugar factory at no cost to the community will go the way of the charter—and those who are unselfishly devoting time and energy for the public good, discouraged, cease their labors.

Alfalfa Seed Destroyer

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—The alfalfa seed destroyer, known as the chalcis fly, does its destructive work in clover or alfalfa seeds, from the Gulf coast to the northern limits of the United States, according to the United States department of agriculture's specialist, who has personally seen the widespread devastations of this pest. By harvesting severely infested crops, by cleaning fence lines and ditch banks, and by winter cultivation the grower of alfalfa seed may help to control this insect. A new farmer's Bulletin (No. 636) entitled, "The Chalcis Fly in Alfalfa Seed," gives the details of these methods of control, and may be had free of charge on application to the department.

The chalcis fly under the microscope is a formidable looking insect, but when seen in the field it is frequently confused with the gnat. These pests may be seen in great numbers flying over alfalfa-seed shocks and

swarming over the sickle bar when the alfalfa is being cut. The eggs are so small as to be invisible to the naked eye and are deposited through the soft, green seed pods directly into the soft seeds when the pods are about half grown. Immediately upon becoming a fly, the insect eats its way out through the shells of the infested seeds, then through the green pods. Large portions of the seeds are hollowed out in this manner, when they are still green and growing. The infested seeds which still contain the living larvae of the insect may be recognized by their abnormal shape and usually by the dull brown color. Some of the infested seeds, however, retain their natural color, but they always lack the glossy appearance of normal seeds. The extent to which alfalfa seed is damaged by the fly is not generally apparent, owing to the minuteness of the insect and because its destructive work is accomplished within the growing seeds.

Picturesque Base of Russian Armies

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 13.—"There can be few more wonderful landscapes in the world than those around Tiflis, the ancient capital of the Georgian Kingdom, now the center of Russian government in the Caucasus and the advanced base of the Russian armies operating against the Turks," says a statement given to the press today by the National Geographic society. "Tiflis is in the midst of the mountains which divide Russia from southern Asia, in the midst of a rugged, forceful, spirited country, overmastering in its majestic beauty. It is likely from the regions around this capital that the old-time Georgians took their inspirations of courage, while the famous, and elsewhere rarely equaled, beauty of Iberia's daughters is but the reflected splendor of the wondrous land around.

"The city is spread over the floor of a valley, on both sides of the river Koor. It is purely a city of the East, the nearest approach to western life being in the wide-spaced Russian quarter. It is the hub of the Russian province of Caucasus; situated almost equally distant from the Caspian and the Black Sea, connected with the leading ports of both waters and with the Russian hinterland by rail; and placed in the center of a web of military roads and trails which make the country accessible.

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PRINCIPALS IN PASSPORT PLOT.



Accused of conspiracy to violate the laws of the United States through the manipulation of passports a number of German-Americans and German army reservists have been taken into custody. The arrests are a result of a world wide investigation undertaken by the Department of Justice following the execution of Carl Hans Lody, the German spy, in the Tower of London. The most important arrest made was that of Maurice Deiches, a New York lawyer, who was taken into custody at the home of his father-in-law in Philadelphia. H. Snowden Marshall, United States District Attorney, is assisting in investigating the plot. The exposed of the alleged plot, which promises such far reaching consequences, opened in the office of Thomas E. Rush, Surveyor of the Port of New York and a widely known lawyer. So colossal is the plot and so delicate is the diplomatic situation which has arisen as a result of it that the President of the United States is directing the matter personally.

It is a city of great value to the possessors of Caucasus, both in peace and war, as a commercial distributing center and as an advanced base.

"The capital of the Georgians has become the center of Caucasian commerce. The business of Russia, Persia, Asia Minor and Central Asia with one another was largely done through Tiflis, and this trade more than anything else built the city up to a population of 197,000. Baku, on the Caspian, the center of Russia's rich oil fields, and Batum, on the Black Sea, the Empire's great oil and naphtha port and port of European importations, are linked by railroads with it, and their prosperity is dominated to a great degree by it.

"Trade is mostly in the hands of the Armenians. The manufactures of the place are unimportant, although the natives are noted for their clever working of metals. Carpets, silks, fine woolens, silver-mounted arms, and metal trinkets are among the staple products. Other articles of Caucasian commerce are the semi-tropical and tropical fruits of the country, and the native wines."

RUMANIA WILL START PLUNGE ON FEBRUARY 15

LONDON, Jan. 13.—The Times correspondent at Sofia says he believes that whatever happens, Rumania will start a campaign in Transylvania, probably about the middle of February. The Rumanian minister to Bulgaria, who is now in Bucharest, the correspondent adds, is expected to return to Bulgaria, taking with him proposals to facilitate an understanding between Bulgaria and Rumania.

"It is believed," the correspondent declares, "that restitution of the towns of Balchik and Teobritch (in that portion of northeastern Bulgaria which was awarded to Rumania at the end of the Balkan war) will be offered. Rumania had formerly hesitated owing to her doubts concerning Italy's policy, but she is now convinced that Italy will join the allies."

FRENCH OFFENSIVE ON GAIN; THREATEN TEUTON ROADS

LONDON, Jan. 13, 1:05 p. m.—The French attacks to the north of Soissons, on the Aisne and near Perthes, east of Rheims, are developing into a serious offensive. The gains the French have made at these points if followed up, would have a two fold importance. They threaten the rail-

URIC ACID IN MEAT CLOGS THE KIDNEYS

Take a glass of Salts if your Back hurts or Bladder bothers you—Drink more water.

If you must have your meat every day, eat it, but flush your kidneys with salts occasionally, says a noted authority who tells us that meat forms uric acid which almost paralyzes the kidneys in their efforts to expel it from the blood. They become sluggish and weaken, then you suffer with a dull misery in the kidney region, sharp pains in the back or side, headache, dizziness, your stomach sour, tongue is coated and when the weather is bad you have rheumatic twinges. The urine gets cloudy, full of sediment, the channels often get sore and irritated, obliging you to seek relief two or three times during the night.

To neutralize these irritating acids, to cleanse the kidneys and flush out the body's urinous waste, get four ounces of Jad Salts from any pharmacy here; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast for a few days and your kidneys will then act fine. This famous salt is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with lithia, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate sluggish kidneys, also to neutralize the acids in urine, so it no longer irritates, thus ending bladder weakness. Jad Salts is inexpensive; cannot injure, and makes a delightful effervescent lithia-water drink.

CONGRESS VOTES AGAINST SUFFRAGE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13.—The house of representatives by a vote of 204 to 174 refused last night to submit to the states an amendment to the federal constitution to enfranchise women.

The vote, the second in the history of congress on the woman suffrage issue, came at the close of a day of long prepared-for oratory during which the many speakers were listened to with frequent evidences of approval or disapproval by packed galleries. The question was before the house on the Mondell resolution to submit a constitutional amendment providing that the right of suffrage should not be abridged "because of sex."

A two-thirds affirmative vote was necessary to pass the resolution; it was defeated by a majority of thirty.

This was the second defeat for the suffrage cause in the national legislature within a year. March 19 last an equal suffrage constitutional amendment proposed by Senator

Chamberlain of Oregon, received a vote of 35 to 34 in the senate securing a bare majority, but falling of the necessary two-thirds. However, suffragists leaders were not dismayed tonight.

IT Theatre

TODAY ONLY A REAL BEAR SHOW Caribou Dan and His Trained Bears See him wrestle with the 365 lbs. of real Cinnamon bear. Six reels of photoplays as follows, 10 and 15c: IN THE COW COUNTRY Two reel Kay-Bee FIRES OF AMBITION Two reel Domino Famous Beauty Film Also Keystone Comedy—"WHEN VILLAINS MEET" DON'T MISS IT

THE PAGE Medford's Leading Theater TWO DAYS MONDAY AND TUESDAY January 18th and 19th ENGAGEMENT EXTRAORDINARY The Spoilers In Nine Parts The management is pleased to announce that they have been able to secure this wonderful photo-masterpiece for exhibition Monday and Tuesday, Jan. 18 and 19 Afternoon and Evening PRICES—Lower Floor, 25c; Balcony, 15c; Children, 15c. IMPORTANT—Remember the dates, Monday and Tuesday, January 18th and 19th, Afternoon and Evening.

THE PAGE MEDFORD'S LEADING THEATRE SEVEN REEL SHOW WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY A two-part Melodrama THE MILL STREAM Featuring King Baggett Fourth Episode of That Thrilling Interesting Serial THE MASTER KEY LOVE AND GOLD Who Doesn't Thirst for Them? One man thirsts for Gold—one for Love. These gripping human emotions make a gripping, loathsome feast of one man—a master, a genius and a hero of the other. But the girl, Ruth Gallon. What of her? Here was the most nerve-racking, vivid, thrilling experience of all. It was she who was practically buried alive—threatened on every side with certain death by rushing water, with fire, falling rocks, yet it was she who found the key to perfect happiness. This key is the MASTER KEY—the one key in all the world that every human seeks. You can learn of this supreme happiness by seeing the sublime MASTER KEY serial now running. THE MASTER KEY LOUIS F. LEBLANC WILSON THE BOY MAYOR One Part Two Other Pictures PAGE THEATRE ORCHESTRA ADMISSION 5-10-15 CENTS FRIDAY and SATURDAY, Saturday matinee, THE THIEF, a Frohman production with Dorothy Donnelly, creator of Madam X, the world's strongest emotional actress. IT'S ALWAYS A BIG SHOW AT THE PAGE