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POSTMASTER OF ASHLAND TWICE SHOT BY CLERK

E. J. Kaiser, Veteran Editor and Politician, Seriously Wounded by Wm. Greenfield, Postoffice Employee, Recommended for Dismissal, Who Then Shoots Self, Dying Later.

ASHLAND, Nov. 29.—E. J. Kaiser, postmaster of Ashland, founder of the Ashland Record, and for twenty years its editor, long a political leader and one of the best known citizens of southern Oregon, was twice shot and seriously wounded shortly after 11 o'clock Tuesday morning by William Greenfield, a postoffice clerk. Greenfield then shot himself in the mouth and was picked up in a dying condition, passing away at 1:25 o'clock.

Kaiser Shot From Back Mr. Kaiser was seated, busy with the mail in the postoffice when Greenfield, without words or warning, stepped up behind him and fired twice with a revolver. The first bullet entered the cheek near the ear and passed through the mouth. The second bullet passed through the ear and imbedded itself in the neck, where it remains. The wounded man did not lose consciousness and summoned assistance and was taken to the hospital. He has an excellent chance for recovery unless blood poisoning sets in. He is standing the shock of his injuries well.

Miss Lydia McCall was the only other person present in the postoffice at the time of the murderous assault. She was at the delivery window, from which the postmaster's office cannot be seen. Assistant Postmaster Easton was in the State bank next door, at the time. Kaiser was in his front office.

Revenge the Motive Miss McCall, who has been in the employ of the Ashland postoffice for many years, heard the reports of the revolver and quickly gave the alarm. Meantime Greenfield turned the revolver on himself with fatal results.

Greenfield was a single man and came from the New York postoffice some years ago. He was of Hebrew extraction, morose, ill-natured and quickly thrown into a passion of madness. He had recently been reprimanded for carelessness and his work was checked up by an inspector who recommended his dismissal. Knowledge of this probably occasioned the crime.

ARMORED TRAIN GIVEN NEW YORK

ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 29.—Announcement of the gift to the state of an armored train, valued at \$150,000 and an armored aeroplane for the use of the militia was made today at Governor Whitman's budget hearing when the National Guard appropriations were under consideration. The train was donated by a group of steel manufacturers, including Elbert H. Gary and Charles M. Schwab and the aeroplane by air craft manufacturers, including Rodman Wanamaker and Glenn H. Curtiss.

The budget requests \$1,147,540 for current expenses of the National Guard, an increase of \$293,000 over last year, and \$270,000 for armory construction, an increase of \$20,000.

GERMANS PURCHASE FIFTH OF OUR COPPER

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Orders for copper aggregating about 200,000,000 pounds, nearly one-fifth the annual production in the United States, have been placed by German representatives with copper concerns in this country, it was reported today. As copper was quoted at 26 cents a pound, the cost of the German purchases amounts to \$40,000,000. In instances where the contracts have been filled the metal has been placed in storage under an agreement to ship to Germany immediately after the war.

AUSTRIA REQUESTS TIME IN COMPILING ANCONA STATEMENT

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—The Austro-Hungarian government has informed Ambassador Penfield at Vienna that it desires more time to compile a formal statement regarding the sinking of the Italian steamship Ancona. The Austrian government has encountered difficulties in obtaining a statement from the commander of the submarine.

PLOTTERS LOSE APPLICATIONS FOR CASE DISMISSAL

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Counsel for the four Hamburg-American line officials on trial for conspiring to deceive and defraud the United States, assailed by legal argument today the case which the government has presented by witnesses against them, and lost every point of their contention. Federal Judge Howe, presiding at the trial, heard the argument in the absence of the jury. Judge Howe denied the defendants' motion to strike from the record all testimony concerning the chartering and movements of the steamer Maria Quesada, and, an hour later, overruled a motion to dismiss all the indictments. The motion to dismiss denied, the defense opened its case at the beginning of the afternoon session.

GREECE DELAYS ALLIES ANSWER

ATHENS, via Paris, Nov. 30.—Final solution of negotiations of the entente powers with the Greek government has been further delayed, it is reported, pending reply of the allies to the Greek proposal to permit the respective general staffs to define the military features of the allies' requirements in Macedonia.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—"The basis of Greece's reply is a neutrality which will continue benevolent to the entente so long as the sovereignty rights of Greece are not infringed and no restrictions of a military character are imposed," telegraphs the Athens correspondent of Reuter's Telegram company.

UNREST SPREADING THROUGHOUT PERSIA

BERLIN, Nov. 30 (by wireless to Tuckerton).—"Great unrest is spreading throughout Persia, according to the latest reports," says the Overseas News Agency. "Numerous tribes are marching in the direction of Teheran in order to strike against Russian troops. "Grand Duke Nicholas is reported to have ordered the advance of Russian troops against Teheran and plans to arrest all nationalist members of the Persian parliament and Swedish commanders of the Persian police because of their loyalty to the Persian ruler."

NEW YORK BOASTS 5,253,888 PEOPLE

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—A police census of the city just completed shows that the greater city has 5,253,888 inhabitants in its five boroughs. The state census completed last July gave the total population as 5,009,112, but dissatisfaction was felt with this count, and at the instance of the health department the police compiled a new census.

25 PERISH BY EXPLOSION AT DU PONT MILLS

Large Quantity of Powder Blows Up From Unknown Cause, Wrecking Packing House and Scattering Human Fragments Over Surrounding Country—Injured Fearfully Torn.

WILMINGTON, Del., Nov. 30.—Late reports indicate that at least twenty-five men were killed in an explosion of a large quantity of powder in the prismatic mill in the upper yards of the DuPont Powder company near this city today.

The cause of the explosion is not known. Officials of the DuPont Powder company started shortly after two o'clock for the scene of the disaster to make an investigation.

At the powder yard the greatest excitement and confusion prevailed. Wrecks Pack House The explosion wrecked the pellet pack house and the press room in the upper yard. The department where it occurred is devoted to the making of black powder.

Families of the workmen flocked to the scene and frantically endeavored to get on the premises. The bodies of victims were hurled in all directions from the destroyed mill, in many instances mangled beyond recognition.

The injured in the Delaware hospital are said to be in a critical condition and no hope could be held out by the attendants for their recovery. They were badly mutilated, some having their eyes blown out, others with arms and legs mangled.

The building, which was exceptionally large, was wrecked and everything nearby suffered the same fate.

One woman living at the village of Dupont's Banks is reported to have had three sons killed.

Fragments Found in Trees The scene in Dupont's Banks was affecting. Women, nearly all of whom had relatives working in or near the mill rushed frantically to the yards to obtain information but found little available.

Arms, legs, hands, heads, feet and other portions of bodies were found about the yards, in the trees and across the Brandywine.

The cause of the explosion may never be known. The mill destroyed was one in which the black powder was finished and prepared for shipment. Careful handling of the explosive is necessary, but the company had adopted every device known to prevent accidents.

It is supposed that perhaps grit found its way into the presses or that a spark was caused by friction igniting the powder. How much powder was in the mill at the time is not known but it was a large quantity.

GENERAL FRENCH VISITING LONDON

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Field Marshal Sir John French, commander of the British forces on the western front was in London yesterday and conferred with Premier Asquith.

Sir John French has not been in London since he paid a secret visit to the London capital late in January.

Earl Kitchener, British secretary of state for war was in Paris yesterday. There have been reports that a movement was on foot to place General Joffre, the French leader, in supreme command of the Franco-British forces on the western front, but London has denied there was any foundation for them.

BRITISH BOMBARD COAST OF BELGIUM

LONDON, Nov. 30.—German positions on the Belgian coast from Zeebrugge to Ostend were bombarded for two hours this morning by a British squadron, according to a Reuter dispatch from Amsterdam.

DANUBE CLOSED TO CZAR'S SHIPS BY RUMANIA

Balkan State Bars Warships of Allies—Will Preserve Neutrality—Prisrend Captured—Winter Weather Checks Campaigns—Greece Still Deliberates to Preserve Neutrality.

LONDON, Nov. 30.—"According to telegrams from Bucharest, Rumania has notified Russia of her earnest desire to remain neutral," says a Copenhagen dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company. "Consequently Russian ships will not be permitted to enter the Danube, which it is emphasized, has been mined."

BUDAPEST, Nov. 30.—Press dispatches from Bucharest say that the Rumanian government has forbidden use of the Danube to the Russian government and in an energetic note has made the demand that Russia respect her neutrality. The note states that Rumania will defend her neutrality if necessary.

Capture of Prisrend

BERLIN, Nov. 30, via London.—The capture of Prisrend, in western Serbia, near the Albanian border, was announced today by the war office. The communication says: "West of the Sitnica river about 1000 prisoners were taken by General Von Gallwitz."

"Bulgarian forces took Prisrend on November 28. They captured more than 300 prisoners and eight cannon."

Monastir Evacuated

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Monastir, in southern Serbia, has been evacuated. Serbian troops having accomplished their purpose of delaying their enemy's advance until the civil population of the town had time to escape, have now left the city, and according to reports are retiring in good order. Bulgarian occupation of the town is apparently a matter of only a few hours.

Though the Austro-German and Bulgarian campaign against Serbia is described by the central powers as finished, and though practically the whole of Serbia is in their possession, they have not accomplished, according to the general belief here, the more important aim of entirely crushing the Serbian army. Though defeated and worn out in their conflict against overwhelming odds, the Serbian forces are said to be still unbroken and undemoralized and are reported to be reorganizing their units on the Albanian and Montenegrin frontiers preparatory to fresh action.

Campaign Abandoned

Either bitter winter weather has retarded the central powers in their proposed new enterprise against the Franco-British troops in the Strumitsa region or the rapidly developing Russian menace from the direction of Rumania has caused them to abandon it. In any event, their campaign has recently come to a standstill.

Other forts during the last forty-eight hours have shown generally revived activity. Sir John French, commander in chief of the British forces in France and Belgium, reports successful British air attacks on German positions along the Belgian coast and on other parts of the German western front.

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KAISER SEEKING PEACE WITH ITALY

LONDON, Nov. 30.—The Pall Mall Gazette ventures the opinion that Emperor William's trip to Vienna may be a fresh attempt to conclude separate peace between Austria and Italy.

"Italy's attitude may lead encouragement to such an enterprise," says the paper. "Rome, for reasons not disclosed, has never declared war on Germany and has shown no particular eagerness to co-operate with the allies in the Balkans."

"Berlin might press Austria to concede territory to Italy and thus liberate Austrian troops for other regions."

OLD PROSPERITY AGAIN RULING ENTIRE NATION

Americans Have More Money to Spend for Christmas Than in Any Year Since 1906—Record Trade in All Lines Reported All Parts of Nation Report Prosperity.

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Merchants here say Americans have more money to spend for Christmas this year than in any holiday season since 1906. The big stores are preparing for a record trade and wholesale houses are unable to fill orders in many lines. This is attributed to a rush of buyers from other cities to replenish depleted stocks.

L. S. Pelz, secretary of the Wholesale and Retail Merchants' association, said today that the merchants of New York have never known better times.

LADIES' SUIT IN STORE ONE-HALF PRICE

100 Pieces All on Sale We

Southwest Happy

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Nov. 30.—Bumper crops and increased outputs of mines and factories, all marketed at war prices, have left a profit in Kansas City trade territory which will make the Christmas shopping season just opening the most prosperous known in many years, according to E. M. Glendinning, secretary of the Kansas City Commercial club.

Throughout Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, southern Nebraska and Iowa, indications of unusual prosperity have stirred Kansas City merchants to enlarge stocks in expectation of heavy buying. According to figures compiled by state officials in Topeka, the income to the people of Kansas alone from the sale of products of the state during the last twelve months amounted to \$90,000,000.

Northwest Looks Up

SEATTLE, Wash., Nov. 30.—Merchants and bankers report business conditions in Washington better than for four years. Great crops have been harvested and will be sold at increased prices. Lumber mills and logging camps are in operation, there are no great masses of unemployed in the cities, and ocean commerce is making new records. Collections are good, and money is easily obtainable for any legitimate enterprise.

Trade Increasing

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 30.—Wholesalers supplying eastern Washington, northern Idaho and western Montana reported today increases in trade ranging from 15 to 25 per cent over last year and the year before. Retailers declare business is much improved. About 45 per cent of the wheat grown in this district has been sold.

Even Portland Brightens

PORTLAND, Or., Nov. 30.—Portland retail merchants report an unusually heavy holiday trade for this time of year and the wholesalers are beginning to feel the improvement in trade. An improvement in the lumber industry and a large agricultural crop are also reported.

ASQUITH'S DAUGHTER MARRIES SECRETARY

LONDON, Nov. 30.—Violet Asquith, daughter of the British prime minister, and Maurice Donham Carter, the premier's secretary, were married today at St. Margaret's, Westminster. A distinguished assemblage was present. Despite the desire to keep the marriage quiet on account of the war, great crowds gathered in front of the church and gave the bride an ovation.

BRYAN UNABLE TO SAIL TO EUROPE ON FORD'S PEACE SHIP

MIAMI, Fla., Nov. 30.—William J. Bryan today said he had been forced to decline to sail on the Ford peace ship on December 4. He said, however, that he approved of the plan and expected to join the party later in Europe.

PACIFIC VESSELS TO CARRY EXPORTS OF ATLANTIC PORTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 30.—Announcement was made today that five large steamers flying the American flag have been transferred from the Pacific coast business and will shortly enter the New York-London trade to assist in relieving the export congestion at this port.

The steamers include three of those recently purchased by the Atlantic Transport line, a subsidiary of the International Mercantile Marine. They are the Siberia and Manchuria, both en route from the Pacific and due here about December 14, and the Mongolia, expected about December 27. These vessels were brought from the Pacific Mail Steamship company. The two other steamers that will take their place in the regular London-New York service are the Korea and the Kronland. The last named steamer had been in the New York-San Francisco tourist carrying trade.

COCHIN DIFFERS FROM KITCHENER

BERLIN, Nov. 30, by wireless to Sayville.—Differences of opinion arose between Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, British secretary for war, and Denys Cochin, French minister without portfolio, when they met in Athens recently, the Overseas News Agency says. A press dispatch from Athens by way of Budapest given out by the News agency asserts that Earl Kitchener urged Greece to enter the war with the allies whereas M. Cochin merely asked safe passage for British and French troops which might retreat from Macedonia to Greek territory.

"This explains why Premier Skoufoulis has dwelt upon the sympathy which Greece feels for France," the news agency continues. "Earl Kitchener, considering that the game was lost went to Italy to request assistance for the British in Egypt which now seems to be the only country which interests England after the Balkan failures."

SERB OFFICIALS ARRIVE AT SCUTARI

PARIS, Nov. 30.—Arrival of Premier Pachitch and other members of the Serbian government at Scutari, Albania, is announced in an official statement by the Montenegrin war office, under today's date received here. The statement says: "On November 28 the enemy succeeded in retaking Foficha Metelka and Pripoll. There is no change on the other fronts. "Premier Pachitch and members of the Serbian cabinet arrived on November 28 at Scutari, which will be the seat of the government."

PRESIDENT GREET MEXICAN TEACHERS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 30.—President Wilson today shook hands with a group of Mexican school teachers sent to the United States by General Carranza to study school systems. They were introduced by Counselor Polk of the state department.

J. B. M'DANIELS IS INDICTED FOR SLAYING WIFE

Former Antelope Valley Rancher in Jail at Jester, Okla., Accused of Brutally Murdering Spouse—Alleges in Defense That She Committed Suicide—Daughter Writes.

J. B. McDaniel, formerly a rancher of the Antelope valley, is in jail at Jester, Okla., charged with the murder of his wife, awaiting trial in January. He alleged Mrs. McDaniel committed suicide with a shotgun, a string being found fastened to her toe and the gun trigger. The coroner's inquest developed so many suspicious circumstances that McDaniel was bound over for trial without bail.

Mrs. McDaniel had brought suit for divorce against her husband, alleging cruelty. Although ordered off by the sheriff, he returned to the farm and continued to reside in the same house, though occupying different rooms. The theory of the prosecution is that, following a quarrel McDaniel chloroformed the children, who slept with their mother and failed to hear the gun's explosion, then shot his wife through the neck, afterwards placing the gun in her dying clasp and fastening the string to the trigger as an improvised defense.

Protests Innocent

McDaniel and family left here a year ago, having purchased a farm near Jester from George W. Reagan of Medford. He writes from jail to Mr. Reagan protesting his innocence and asking his aid. The same mail brings letters from neighbors and one from 13-year-old Gladys McDaniel, daughter of the McDaniels, written from Weatherford, Tex., November 9 to Mrs. J. G. Mallon of Medford, a family friend, in which she accuses her father as follows:

"Mamma is dead and gone. It is so sad to know the way she was killed. That mean dad of mine killed her. They had been having trouble all along. He has been mean to her all the time. She had already sued for divorce. The sheriff made him get off the ranch. He came back and wouldn't go off. It was pouring down rain and there wasn't nobody there, only us. He had been sleeping in the other room. He wanted mother to come back and live with him, and she wouldn't do it. He went to bed and she went in the other room to cover something, and he caught a hold of her and told her if she told something he would kill her, and she began to cry. He kept a coming in the room and told her that he didn't want her to tell something. I don't know what it was.

Got Hawk He Wanted

"He had got a gun a little before to kill hawks with. Everybody says he got the hawk he wanted. He had the gun in his room loaded and she wanted the gun. He gave it to her and put it behind the bed, undressed and went to bed. She blew out the light and a half hour later she lit the light and I went to sleep. I woke up in the morning about 3 o'clock. I felt the gun and mamma's feet was as cold as ice. I seen her hair was all matted up.

"I got up and went into the other room and asked them what was the matter. They wouldn't tell me. We were going to Mr. Jackson's for breakfast. Currie asked dad where was mamma. He said down below. He was just covered with blood. They

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POLISH LANGUAGE TAUGHT AT WARSAW

BERLIN, Nov. 30 (by wireless to Sayville).—Publication of the new charter of Warsaw university shows that under German control the official language of the university will be Polish, in which all lectures must be delivered, the Overseas News agency announces.

The use of foreign languages is sanctioned only in courses of instruction in them. There has been added to the curriculum a preparatory medical school. A complete department of medicine and theology is planned.