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D'ANNUNZIO IS KILLED, ROME REPORTS

FALL FIUME IS IMMINENT TROOPS FLEE

Italian Regulars Drawing Net Closer Around Rebellious City—Bloodless Battle Proceeds Without Firing of Shot on Either Side—Demonstrations in Rome in Favor of d'Annunzio Put Down.

ROME, Dec. 27.—It was reported from Fiume today that Gabriele d'Annunzio, the insurgent leader in that city, had been killed while trying to prevent a fight between his legionnaires and regular Italian soldiers.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Italian government troops were believed today slowly but surely closing the iron ring around Fiume, where Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio and his little force of legionnaires were standing siege.

Reports from the city have been meager, but it appeared that the soldiers commanded by General Cavaglia had forced the d'Annunzio lines back into the outskirts of the city and that the fall of the city might not be long delayed.

Land and sea forces arrayed against d'Annunzio began to move forward toward the city yesterday and advices say the grip they had taken had reduced the legionnaires in Fiume to an almost hopeless position. The land advance was made from three directions and did not encounter any resistance. D'Annunzio's soldiers fell back as the government troops moved ahead and it was declared the poet-soldier had directed his officers not to open fire on the advancing forces until he had personally given orders to that effect. The Italian regulars were understood to have been under orders not to fire unless they were compelled to do so.

Legionnaires Surrender PARIS, Dec. 27.—Fiuman legionnaires and Dalmatian volunteers at Zara, a port south of Fiume on the Dalmatian coast, have surrendered to Italian regulars, after failing in an attempt to capture the Italian warship Marsalia.

The volunteers boarded the vessel, but the crew resisted capture and seized twenty-seven of the legionnaires landing them at Ancona, an Italian port on the western side of the Adriatic, says a Havas dispatch.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Little hope that Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio will be able to hold Fiume against Italian regulars is entertained by Signor Odenigo, local representative of the regency of Quarnero, who with several groups of sympathizers has been anxiously awaiting developments along the Adriatic.

"I am afraid all is lost, unfortunately, even honor," said Odenigo tonight. "All advices point to the conclusion that we must abandon the last hope of being Italian, as the government has granted the port of Barozze, between Fiume and Susak, to Jugo Slavia under a secret understanding. The Italian government is now preparing to capture Fiume with military forces and apply the treaty by force. Captain d'Annunzio, with 4500 men cannot resist an attack by 20,000 unless a miracle happens, but it is a shame."

Demonstration Put Down ROME, Dec. 26.—Crowds attempted to hold demonstrations in this city in favor of Captain Gabriele d'Annunzio tonight but strong detachments of royal mounted guards charged upon and dispersed those engaged in the manifestation. D'Annunzio's war cry of "down with the treaty of Rapallo" was frequently heard.

Deputy Federsoni made an address in favor of the poet-soldier at a nationalist meeting and was frequently applauded.

Later several nationalists, in revenge for the breaking up of the demonstrations, decided to put an end to a concert being directed by Sergius Koussevitzky in the Augusteum. They formed a column and entered the building crying "Viva Italian Fiume! Vive d'Annunzio!"

WOMAN 115 YRS. OLD, BLOWS OUT GAS, BUT FEELS WELL AS USUAL

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Mrs. Sarah Quinn, 115 years old was revived and feeling as "well as usual" today after nearly being asphyxiated in her home yesterday. It is believed she absent-mindedly blew out the gas stove flame. She was found unconscious and an hour later when she recovered in a hospital insisted upon returning home and "doing the dishes."

HOUSTON PUTS BONUS EXPENSE OVER 2 BILLION

Secy. of Treasury Tells Senate Committee U. S. Treasury Would Be Forced to Wall by Contemplated Cash Aid to Service Men.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The cost of the soldiers bonus bill would cost the government approximately \$2,400,000,000, Secretary Houston estimated today before the senate finance committee considering the soldier's aid measure.

The treasury secretary declared enactment of the bill meant an added burden in the way of taxes, reiterating a statement made before the committee last week that the treasury ought not to be called upon to assume any additional burdens.

Assuming that all the men would select one of the four optional plans, Mr. Houston estimated the cost of each of the plans as follows: Adjusted service pay \$1,342,000,000. Insurance provisions \$4,524,000,000. Vocational training \$1,880,000,000. National home development \$1,880,000,000.

As the plans were optional, the secretary said the choice of the men would not be confined to any one of them and allowing for the various selections, he arrived at his total estimated cost of \$2,400,000,000.

Against a Wall. The treasury secretary professed to be against a wall as to methods of obtaining revenue to meet the outlay that would be required if the bill were enacted.

Dr. N. S. Adams, treasury economist and tax expert, gave a comprehensive resume of the tax situation. He declared the treasury was daily seeing new evidence of a further drying up of revenue sources.

In addition the difficulties thus confronting the treasury, Dr. Adams declared the internal revenue bureau faced another problem in keeping experts on the job. He said the men who were capable did not stay long.

Senator Smoot, republican, Utah, said: "The real danger is that those men get training in the revenue bureau, then go out and help big firms evade tax payments."

Dr. Adams said that might be true to some extent but that he knew of one man who left the bureau a year ago, whose resignation cost the government millions of dollars in uncollected taxes for he was an executive with an expert knowledge of the work.

Senator Smoot said all difficulties could be avoided if a revenue law "which the average man can understand" were passed by congress.

The committee adjourned without setting a date for further hearings.

TOO MUCH CHRISTMAS DINNER FOR CARDINAL

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Cardinal Gibbons was reported as feeling better this morning after a comfortable night's rest. The doctor said that there was nothing wrong with the cardinal except muscular weakness due to overwork. The cardinal's restlessness Saturday night was caused by a slight attack of indigestion. It is thought he ate a bit too much Christmas dinner.

BOLSHEVIKI WITHDRAW FROM U.S.A.

Soviet Govt. Instructs 'Ambassador' to Return to Russia With Entire Staff—Contracts Valued at 6 Billions With U. S. Firms Cancelled—Hostility to Wilson Administration Intolerable.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, Russian soviet "ambassador to the United States," today notified the department of labor that upon instruction from the Moscow government just received he would surrender himself for deportation January 3.

The Moscow advices directed Martens not to appeal from the order for his deportation, signed by Secretary of labor Wilson recently, but to return to Russia as soon as possible with his entire Russian staff.

Cancellation of all contracts negotiated for the Russian government with American firms said by Martens to amount to some \$30,000,000 was ordered.

The message from Moscow was a reply to Martens' appeal of his deportation order and was sent by George Tchitcherin, soviet minister of foreign affairs, who denounced the present American administration for its "hostility."

"We must resign ourselves to the fact that Russia for the time being, due to the hostile attitude of the present American administration, will have to get along without its co-operation," the message said. "You are instructed to return to Russia without delay, together with the Russian citizens who are members of your staff and to cancel and liquidate, in accordance with instructions you will receive from the commissariat of foreign affairs, all orders placed with American firms."

Other Nations Friendly. "Even now we are certain the masses of the American people will in due time bring about such an understanding. At the present moment, however, we are confronted with the cold fact that America, who repeatedly avowed her good will toward the people of Russia and with whom Russia for many reasons, was eager to develop mutually advantageous relations in the economic fields, makes such cooperation impossible. This is done at a time when most other nations of the world, even such as openly conducted war against us and wasted no time on sentimental assurances of friendship, are centering into economic relations with Russia."

6 Billions Lost. Martens asserted that continued refusal to resume trade relations with Russia will reduce a \$6,000,000,000 order for American goods, alleged to have been brought to this country by Washington D. Vanderlip of Los Angeles, who recently announced that he had procured a 400,000 square mile concession in Siberia for a California syndicate.

Three are about fifteen Russians in Martens' staff here and he has applied for permission for them and his family to accompany him home.

Hold Oil Forum. C. OF COMMERCE WEDNESDAY NOON

The first oil well brought in in the United States was discovered near Titusville, Pennsylvania, on August 28, 1859 and since then production has increased enormously so that in 1919 the United States contributed 275 million barrels of oil toward the world's supply.

There are more than 200,000 producing wells in this country today and this liquid gold has been the source of wealth for many districts of the United States. There is no greater means of producing immediate prosperity for a community than the discovery of oil in its locality.

Some development work toward the discovery of oil has been done near Medford. Why this has been done here is not understood by the individual without some knowledge of oil geology. Col. E. E. Kelly, who has had the opportunity of studying

KNOCKOUT KRUVOSKY'S SENTENCE POSTPONED NEW TRIAL IS ASKED

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 27.—Sentencing of Edward (Knockout) Krivosky, San Francisco pugilist and gangster, convicted December 23 of criminally assaulting Miss Jessie Montgomery, Reno, Nev., was postponed today when Krivosky's attorney announced he had found new evidence and intended to ask for another trial. Arguments for a new trial will be heard Friday.

Trial of James Carey, another alleged gangster, charged with criminal assault, opened today. Carey, it is alleged, owned an automobile in which the girls were transported to a house where the attacks were made.

Arguments for a new trial for Edmond (Spud) Murphy, first of the men to be convicted, will be submitted tomorrow.

TARIFF BILL HITS SNAG IN U. S. SENATE

After Heated Debate Emergency Tariff Is Referred Back to Finance Committee—Democrats Wage Bitter Fight.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—After prolonged and at times heated debate the senate today sent the house emergency tariff bill to the finance committee. Whether the committee will hold hearings remains to be determined, but some members have expressed opposition to such a plan.

Democrats interposed parliamentary obstacles to the bill but finally withdrew them. The senate immediately afterwards adjourned until Thursday.

A democratic motion to send the measure to the commerce committee instead of the finance committee was laid on the table by a vote of 33 to 12.

Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, denounced republican senators for attempting to hasten passage of what he declared was the "most iniquitous piece of legislation the country has ever seen."

"I don't understand how you can stomach it—you high protectionists," he shouted, pointing to the republicans, who he declared were "drunk with political success." He asked if any statesman "could blame Canada if she retaliated on us for placing this duty on her wheat?"

"What say you senators of New England whose factories have grown rich manufacturing materials for Canadian export?" he demanded.

Declaring the bill was "a sop" that would not assist the farmer, he said the "high protectionists" of the east would reap the benefit and the farmers would be "left in the cold."

Senator McComber then moved to refer the measure to the finance committee and the motion was adopted unanimously.

Senator Smoot said there were 20 million pounds of wool enroute to America.

"There won't be an American sheep shearer for two or three years unless this enormous import is checked," he declared. "No measure can save half of the sheep men; they're ruined today."

ANNAPOLIS, Md., Dec. 27.—Commandore John Eccleston Craven, U. S. N., (retired) died suddenly at his home here yesterday. He was 62 years old.

the formations in localities where oil is most liable to be discovered will speak of this at the forum of the Chamber of Commerce in plain understandable language, without the use of technical terms. He will tell of the oil prospects of the Rogue River valley and from all indications the forum next Wednesday at the Medford hotel will be one which will again tax the capacity of the dining room.

STATE DAIRY HONORS WON BY PHOENIX

Highest Yield for Grade Cow Goes to A. B. Ferns of Rogue River Association—Phoenix Dairymen Also Captures Prize for Highest Average Yield for Entire Herd—Boost Local Methods.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—Rogue river dairymen won highest honors in the Oregon cow testing association as the result of tests made during November, according to results announced here today. That district also led others with 35 cows yielding above 40 pounds of butterfat for the month.

The highest yield of butterfat from a purebred cow was 68.85 pounds by a registered Jersey owned by P. A. Lux of the Bandon association. The high yield for a grade cow was 76.98 pounds by a grade Jersey owned by A. B. Ferns of the Rogue River association. The highest average yield for an entire herd was 46.50 pounds butterfat by the grade Jersey herd owned by A. B. Ferns of the Rogue River association.

The above dispatch will be received with great rejoicing by local dairymen, and particularly by members of the Farm Bureau, for this victory over all competitors throughout the state is a striking tribute to the value of cow testing experiments carried on by the bureau. The A. B. Ferns dairy herd is stationed east of Phoenix, and has been built up very recently by following out the recommendations of the cow testing association. By proper feeding, elimination of poor stock, and breeding thru the better milk producing stock, a typical valley herd has been brought up to the record breaking class for the state. This victory of southern Oregon promises to give a big impetus to the dairy business thruout Jackson county.

CITIZENS THREATEN TO GO AFTER FIRE BUG IN OWN WAY

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 27.—Visions that the Fayette county arson ring had invaded Uniontown, came to residents and the authorities early today when fire broke out in a business building here and destroyed it with a loss of approximately \$150,000.

William Pantelous, owner of a store in the building, was arrested by a deputy fire marshal soon after the fire started, but was released for a hearing later in the day.

Albert Smith, the youth arrested by the state police in connection with the fire in the vicinity of Fayette City, was under observation as to his sanity in the county jail here today.

Residents of Jefferson, Washington and Perry townships, the scene of many fires, at a meeting last night, urged the state and county authorities to "forget out the fire rat," adding that "our own measures will be applied unless something is done."

CARUSO STRICKEN WITH PLEURISY, XMAS DAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The condition of Enrico Caruso, tenor who was stricken Christmas day with an attack of pleurisy, was unchanged early today it was reported by the management of the hotel where he is confined.

Complete rest was prescribed by his five physicians, who said that barring complications, the singer will be able to return to the stage within two weeks.

HOOVER, LANE, PERSHING HOSTS COCOA BANQUET AID HUNGRY CHILDREN

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Hoof strow, bread and cocoa will comprise the menu of a \$1,000 hotel "banquet" here Wednesday evening to raise funds for the European relief council. Every guest will thereby be the means of feeding 100 hungry European children this winter who will be "invisible guests," at the dinner. The meal will cost 22 cents and will be twice as elaborate as those served in the council's relief kitchens.

Herbert Hoover, General John J. Pershing and Franklin K. Lane will be hosts.

CORONER JURY FINDS DRIVER WAS CARELESS

Verdict on Fatal Auto Accident Christmas Eve Censures Driver of Taxi—Action by the Grand Jury Considered Probable.

A coroner's jury, investigating the death of Mrs. Nona Jennings, killed in an auto accident on the Pacific highway near Talent, Christmas eve, about 11:30 p. m., this afternoon returned a verdict attributing "carelessness and lack of due caution" to W. F. DeWitt of Ashland, driver and owner of the "death car."

The verdict was as follows: We, the coroner's jury impaneled to investigate the death of Mrs. Nona Jennings, find that she came to her death by being struck by an automobile, owned and driven by W. F. DeWitt of Ashland, Oregon. The accident occurred about one and one-half miles south of Talent, Oregon, about 11:30 p. m. December 24th, 1920.

"We, the jury, believe that there was carelessness and lack of due caution exercised by the said W. F. DeWitt."

The personnel, with Louis Wakeman as foreman, was: H. C. Burgess, Wm. Lyman, Guy Wilday, E. E. White, and Asbury Beale.

The verdict paves the way for the presentation of the case to the next session of the grand jury, and steps to this end will be taken. The witnesses were questioned by Prosecutor Elect Rawles Moore, who will handle the case.

The story of the accident was told by the witnesses. The dead woman and her husband, Luke Jennings, were en route to Ashland to bring Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Evans of that city to their home for Christmas. South of Talent, they collided with Al J. Provost in an Overland car, enroute to Medford with Jerry Barnes. Both cars were thrown into the ditch. Mr. Jennings then returned to Talent and telephoned Mr. Evans to bring his car and pull him out of the ditch. The effort was unsuccessful, and it was during this wait that Mrs. Jennings was injured, dying four hours later in the Granite City hospital at Ashland. The first witness was H. J. Provost who described this accident.

W. F. DeWitt in his own behalf testified that he was coming from Ashland with an unknown passenger, and that his view of the women standing on the side of the road, that he would have missed the car, but he struck the cable used in endeavoring to haul out the Jennings car. He said that he was traveling about 25 miles per hour, with headlights dimmed, and spotlight thrown to the side of the road. He said he saw no tail light on the Evans car, which was standing angling somewhat on the highway. DeWitt was closely questioned by the jury and the prosecutor-elect. His passenger, who was sought as a corroborative witness disappeared immediately afterwards.

Mrs. Maude Hawley Evans, who stood with Mrs. Jennings at the rear of her husband's car, testified that

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MORRIS BRO. CLOSES, HEAD FIRM, FLEES

Portland Bond House Closes Doors When Prest. John L. Ethridge's Flight to Canada Is Discovered—Getaway Follows Clearing House Demand to Deliver Bonds—Arrest Is Ordered.

PORTLAND, Dec. 27.—District Attorney Walter H. Evans at 11:30 today issued a warrant for the arrest of John L. Ethridge former president of the bond firm of Morris Brothers, Inc., on charge of larceny by bailor. The complaint was sworn to by G. E. Anderson, Silverton, Ore., who claimed Ethridge had failed to redeem an unredeemed interim certificate for \$1861 for City of Edmonton 6 per cent bonds. The warrant was issued in district court and was at once placed in the hands of Sheriff Thomas Hurbert.

Geo. Eike, bond salesman, who drove Ethridge out of town in an automobile Thursday night and returned to Portland yesterday admitted, District Attorney Evans said, that he had seen Ethridge leave Tacoma on an eastbound Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train, and that a statement he had made earlier that he had seen him cross the international boundary at Blaine, Wash., was false.

SEATTLE, Dec. 27.—The Seattle branch office of Morris Brothers, Inc., remained closed this morning. T. D. Henderson, vice president, and Seattle manager, announced he had received instructions from Fred S. Morris, of Portland, to close the branch pending the audit of the books of the institution's main office. Mr. Henderson declined to discuss reports from Portland that the affairs of the concern were in a tangled condition.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 27.—The doors of the bond house of Morris Brothers, Inc., here, were closed today, the shades drawn and the interior was deserted except that a caretaker was in charge of the safe deposit department to permit renters of deposit boxes to enter the gate under police guard.

Orders to close the institution were issued last night by Fred S. Morris, who this morning had the windows of the place placarded with notices to this effect: "Closed on account of audit by Fred S. Morris."

The orders were issued yesterday when Morris discovered that the affairs of the concern were left in a tangled condition by John L. Ethridge, who resigned as president last week and left Portland, following a demand by the Portland clearing house association for proof of the ability of the concern to deliver bonds for which investors had paid and for which interim bonds had been issued.

There was a crowd about the bond house this morning, some of the persons exhibiting receipts which had been received for payments made on the purchase of bonds.

District Attorney Walter H. Evans today obtained a statement from Roy Eike, who drove the automobile in which Ethridge and Mrs. Ethridge left Portland last Thursday night, after Ethridge had resigned and turned over all his property. He said that he had left Ethridge at Blaine, Wash., on the Canadian border, and had brought back to Portland the machine and a batch of bonds which Ethridge had picked up at Tacoma and sent back to Portland.

Bring Ethridge Back. District Attorney Evans said that steps would be taken to bring Ethridge back to Portland, though up to 11 o'clock he said no warrant had been issued.

Fred S. Morris took over the affairs of the company Thursday from Ethridge, who for two years has been its head. The company advertised extensively during the past few months, the purchase of bonds of Edmonton, Alberta, Canada, "bearing 9 per cent with safety." These bonds were sold extensively throughout the Northwest, and interim certificates were given the purchasers, the investigating committee of the clearing house fund. An official from Edmonton, but it was found there was not sufficient cash on hand to pay for them. According to statements of investigators \$1,700,000 in interim certificates had been issued.

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