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Maximum yesterday 43
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U.S. CRUISER WRECKED ON MEX. COAST

U. S. S. Tacoma Hits Reef Off Vera Cruz—S. O. S. for Help Broadcasted—Cruiser Richmond Dispatched From New Orleans to Give Aid—Details Lacking.

GALVESTON, Texas, Jan. 16.—The United States cruiser Tacoma is aground and in distress on the Blanquilla reef, sixteen miles from Vera Cruz and is sending out distress calls, according to advices received at the hydrographic office here.

Wireless messages intercepted by the naval station here sent out by the Tacoma at 6:25 a. m. appealed to the American consul at Vera Cruz for two strong tugs, saying that unless the tugs arrived within two hours it might be too late to pull the warship off the reef.

Whether there will be any danger to the crew of the Tacoma was not apparent from the messages. The first message read:

"Tacoma aground on Blanquilla reef. Vera Cruz, S.O.S., need help immediately 6:25."

The second addressed to the United States consul at Vera Cruz read:

"If two strong tugs or steamers come soon we may pull off the reef. If there is two hours delay will be too late. 6:30 a. m."

Blanquilla reef is sixteen miles off the entrance of Vera Cruz harbor. Every effort is being made by the hydrographic office here to get in communication with the Tacoma.

DAWES PUTS LID ON PUBLICITY OF PARIS CONFERENCE

PARIS, Jan. 16.—The reparations experts resumed their work this morning in the news tight vacuum of Colonel Logan's offices.

The agreement to give out nothing for publication so far has been kept with remarkable unanimity. However, it is understood that the committee has not yet started on its real task of inquiring into Germany's resources.

SPEYER, Bavarian Palatinate, Jan. 16.—Major General G. S. Clive, British military governor in occupied territory today continued his investigation of disturbances connected with the separatist movement, receiving representatives of the clergy who are to give him their opinion of conditions in the palatinate.

General Clive is accompanied by representatives of the inter-allied high commission and by M. Filhol, French consul at Bremen.

The officials yesterday heard two delegations, one of townspeople and the other of peasants. In general, the former are hostile to the separatist movement, while the latter favor it, asserting that only an autonomous government can prevent the ruin of their country.

The Daily Bank Robbery

CHICAGO, Jan. 16.—Six bandits held up and robbed the Lansing State bank of Lansing, Ill., a suburb near Hammond, Ind., today, shot and perhaps fatally wounded John Beckman of Hammond, who tried to prevent their escape, and fled with \$7,500.

CALIFORNIA AND OREGON AGREE ON AUTO RIGHTS IN THE TWO STATES

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—The traffic departments of Oregon and California reached an agreement at a conference attended by superintendents of motor vehicle departments of Washington, Oregon and California, in Sacramento, whereby motor vehicle dealers in border towns may cross the line to solicit business, but will not be permitted to extend their activities beyond certain prescribed limits.

De La Huerta Funds Held By Obregon, Are Turned Over to Wife

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—(By radio via Fort Worth Star Telegram)—(By Associated Press)—The private funds of the rebel leader, Adolfo De La Huerta, which were held by the monetary commission, have been delivered to Mrs. De La Huerta, who is en route to the United States, under a guarantee of protection given by President Obregon. The order to give the rebel leader's funds to his wife also were issued by the president.

GREATEST LOSS IN 2ND QUAKE FINANCIAL ONE

Death List Reduced and Property Damage Also By Latest Reports—Govt. Fears a Money Collapse—Downfall New Cabinet Near.

TOKIO, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—Reports received here from the country districts to the southwest of Yokohama near Fujiyama mountain have brought the known death toll in Tuesday's earthquake to approximately thirty.

Hundreds of houses, chiefly those already damaged by the disastrous tremors of last September or structures of a temporary nature, hastily erected shelters after the catastrophe, were shaken down or damaged, in Tuesday morning's tremor.

Normal railway traffic and other communications virtually have been restored.

Great anxiety is manifest in financial circles over the probable effect the new quake destruction may have upon the exchange and loan situations.

TOKIO, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—After successfully completing a new cabinet, with the support of the Kenkyukai, ruling political group of the house of peers, Viscount Kiyoura apparently is facing possible destruction of his ministry through the opposition of the Seiyukai, majority political party of the lower house of the diet.

Viscount Takahashi, president of the Seiyukai, announced opposition to the Kiyoura ministry today, thus swinging the majority party against Viscount Kiyoura and leaving him without support in the lower house.

Introduction of a resolution calling for a vote of lack of confidence in the cabinet in the opening stages of the diet session next week is being planned by Seiyukai representatives. It is understood. Passage of the resolution is said to be assured.

Under such circumstances, the Kiyoura ministry apparently will remain in office over the period of the wedding of the Prince Regent Hirohito, set for January 29, only by virtue of the suspension of the session of the diet for the nuptials. Immediately afterward, it is now anticipated, the cabinet will resign.

Viscount Takahashi declares that he will resign his viscountcy and enter the election campaign in May as a commoner.

\$1,000,000 Club House, Detroit.

DETROIT, Jan. 16.—A 32-story town club house costing \$2,000,000 will be erected here, it was announced by the Aviation Town and Country club. It will have a roof hangar and an indoor golf course on which 75 persons may play at once.

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WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Steps are being taken by the Washington government to stop interference with American vessels off Tampico by the blockade set up by the De La Huerta revolutionary group and also to reopen cable and wireless communication with Mexico to commercial and other interests in the United States.

De La Huerta as an individual is to be informed by the state department that the United States cannot permit interruption of the legitimate, non-political commerce of its nationals and representations have been made to the Obregon government calling attention to the embarrassment of Americans by the closing of cable service between this country and Vera Cruz.

The Tacoma reported her arrival at Vera Cruz in dispatches received today.

The communication regarding the Tampico blockade was cabled yesterday to Vera Cruz and Consul John Wood is expected to lay it before De La Huerta today. Administration officials do not believe the insurrection leaders will carry out the blockade order against American commerce in the face of these representations which set forth that the United States cannot tolerate interference with American commercial enterprises.

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MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—(Via radio to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram)—The United States cruiser Tacoma is proceeding toward Vera Cruz, according to announcements here yesterday. The purpose of the visit of the American cruiser was not made known.

George T. Summerlin, American charge d'affaires in Mexico City yesterday requested permission of the Obregon government for two United States warships to visit Vera Cruz and Tuxpan, according to a foreign office announcement.

Simultaneously it was reported the request was granted and that the Tacoma was proceeding toward Vera Cruz.

U. S. Loan Is Reported.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—(Via Radio to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, by the Associated Press).—Reports are current here that representatives of the United States are on their way to Mexico City to negotiate a loan of 25,000,000 pesos to the Obregon government. It is understood the plan will be presented to administration officials within a few days by George T. Summerlin, United States charge d'affaires here.

Another report being circulated in the city is that Great Britain has decided to send a confidential agent to Mexico City to discuss resumption of diplomatic relations.

Federals Claim Victory.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 16.—(Via Radio to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, by the Associated Press).—The first battle of the federal offensive against the De La Huerta revolutionists on the Vera Cruz front, occurred yesterday when General Francisco Urbalejo, second in command of the offensive troops, defeated the rebels at Tepic, Puebla, according to a war department bulletin issued last night.

The rebels lost twenty killed and two wounded, according to Urbalejo's report to the war department.

The federal army advancing toward Vera Cruz defeated an attempt of the revolutionists under General Sanchez to surround the advancing body of troops, according to special dispatches, the rebels fleeing when the Obregon troops began entering the town.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—Approximately one-third of the big Idaho wool pool offered for sale on bids at the municipal terminal here was disposed of the first day. Twelve of the 33 clips were sold at prices ranging from 35 to 43 cents. Only one lot was withdrawn. Many buyers are present and interest is keen. The pool totalling 1,055,000 pounds is worth about \$450,000 at current prices. It was expected to be sold by tonight.

New \$250,000 "Love Nest" For Eugene V. Brewster And His 18-Year-Old Inamorata



THE NEW MORRISTOWN ESTATE OF EUGENE BREWSTER; ABOVE, CORLISS PALMER

MORRISTOWN, N. J.—A new "love nest" for Eugene V. Brewster, wealthy magazine publisher, and his soul-mate, Miss Corliss Palmer, winner of a beauty contest in Brewster's magazines who also won the elderly publisher's heart away from his second wife, has been purchased here for \$250,000.

It was the former estate of Dudley Okcott, and is one of the most palatial in the east. Brewster, Miss Palmer, her mother and younger sister will move into their new home March 1.

Mrs. Brewster No. 2 has consistently refused to give her husband a divorce so that he may marry Miss Palmer, whom Brewster swears he will wed "as soon as the law permits."

U.S. AGENT AND DEPUTY SHERIFF CAPTURES STILL

A still, all ready for operation and 250 gallons of mash, were captured Tuesday afternoon on the Green Springs mountain road, by Federal Prohibition Enforcement Officer N. C. Chaney, and Deputy George Alden J. Tracey, the owner of the still, is held in the county jail, and according to Deputy Foreman, will enter a plea of guilty.

The still, captured to report is one of the largest, appearing in several months, and is the first joint arrest for liquor violations by federal officers and the sheriff's in this county, and in all probability the state, since the adoption last week in Portland at the sheriff's convention, of a resolution pledging federal co-operation with the regularly elected peace officers in the suppression of rum activity.

The location of the still and mash was in a cabin, a mile or so off the Green Springs mountain road, and according to officers "back of the place of the man who owns the black bear that walks on his hind legs." The mash was in the cabin, and the still outside in the brush.

The arresting officers were forced to wade the snow, from ankle to knee deep, to reach the Tracey cabin, and surprised Tracey, who offered no resistance, and made no comment.

NURSEMAID JURY UNABLE TO AGREE

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—The circuit court jury before which Maeney Fuchs, nursemaid was tried on a charge of kidnapping the five weeks old son of Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Madden, disagreed today after an all night attempt to decide whether the girl was sane or insane at the time of the kidnapping.

Another jury will take over the problem Monday, when the case will be started anew before Circuit Judge Kendall at Marshfield, sitting in Portland.

The case went to the jury yesterday at 3 p. m. At 10 a. m. today it returned to the court room with a report that it was hopelessly divided.

Oregon News in Brief

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—If Oregon loganberry growers are to sell their fruit in the east and midwest they must abandon the dried berry and the juice form of marketing their product and offer the berries in canned form at prices that will meet the competition of other canned berries, according to John H. Race, of the Oregon Growers Co-operative association, who has just returned from a selling tour of those sections.

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 16.—The three federal judges who yesterday heard arguments on the state's motion to dismiss injunction proceedings against the state compulsory school law today had the matter under advisement after granting the plaintiff's ten days in which to file briefs.

The arguments occupied all of yesterday.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Abe Meier, Portland merchant, who was taken seriously ill a few days ago while here on a visit, was today reported nearly well and planning to leave soon for Portland.

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—All railroad operations in Oregon have joined in a petition to the public service commission, asking the cancellation of half rate return rates heretofore granted attendants accompanying one carload shipments of livestock to various points within the state.

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 16.—W. A. Crow, who wandered away from his home in Portland during a spell of mental derangement, was picked up here today and will be returned to his home. Relatives have been notified and will come here for him.

PIERCE ASKS FOR MEETING, KLAMATH

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—Governor Pierce, in a letter to the fact-finding committee appointed by Secretary Work of the interior department to investigate reclamation in the United States, asks that the committee come to Klamath Falls relative to the Klamath Irrigation. The governor said yesterday that if the committee came to Oregon, it will also be asked to hold a hearing at Hermiston. The letter was at the request of a committee of Klamath Falls business men.

Congressman Hawley Pledges Support to Soldiers' Bonus Bill

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 16.—W. C. Hawley, representative in congress, pledged himself to the support of the veterans' adjusted compensation bill when it comes before the house of representatives. Hawley, and even if President Coolidge vetoes the measure, in a communication to Clatsop post of the American Legion. Hawley predicted that the bill would pass congress without difficulty and that it could even be passed over the president's veto, if this is invoked against it.

FATE OF GREEK KING LEFT TO POPULAR VOTE

Venezelos, Altho in Favor of King's Return, Will Let People Decide—Insists That Officer's League Which Ousted King, Be Disbanded.

ATHENS, Jan. 16.—(By the Associated Press).—Premier Venezelos today told foreign newspaper correspondents that he did not intend to recall King George before the plebiscite which is to determine the future government of Greece.

"I strongly disapprove the sending away of the king, which I regard as a slap in the face of the Greek people," he asserted. "I am not a dictator or a revolutionist; I am a conciliator."

"I have decided on a plebiscite as the best method for giving the people an opportunity to decide between a monarchy or a republic. The plebiscite will be under my personal direction, for nobody else could carry out a referendum today in the present state of affairs."

One of the conditions under which he agreed to return to Greece, Premier Venezelos said, was that the officers' league which caused the banishment of the king be dissolved.

"I am delaying the plebiscite two or three months," he continued, "for the purpose of making certain that the league is disbanded and that its members return to their military duties."

It is his wish that after the referendum the national assembly shall dissolve and the country hold new elections in which the royalist opposition, unrepresented in the present government, may participate.

Venezelos has telegraphed Ismet Pasha, Turkish premier, assuring him that he will be happy to co-operate in the faithful execution of the Lausanne treaty re-establishing neighborhood relations between the two countries and strengthening peace. Ismet's reply reciprocated M. Venezelos' sentiments.

District Atty. Asks Governor to Send Special Prosecutor

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 16.—Gov. latest request received by Governor Pierce for the appointment of a special prosecutor to assist a district attorney in a criminal case came today from Grant county, where E. P. Truesdell, the county prosecutor, wants help in the trial of Claude Ames, accused slayer of Carl Minkler.

The trial is set for February 3.

District Attorney Truesdell sent a telegram to Mrs. Pearl Prueck of Hillsboro, sister of the murdered man, asking for assistance in the case. Mrs. Prueck wrote the governor. The circumstances of the killing are not known here.

EUGENE MAYOR FOR COMMISSION FORM

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 16.—That this city should look forward toward the adoption of a managerial or commission form of government in the near future is the recommendation made by Mayor E. B. Marks in his annual message to the city council. The mayor suggests that the proposal might come before the people at the May election.

ACTRESS' ENGAGEMENT TO MOVIE MAN DIVULGES A SECRET WAR MARRIAGE

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 16.—Belle Bennett, actress, whose contract marriage to Jack Geller, Los Angeles motion picture director, is being investigated by the bureau of investigation of the department of justice, told interviewers here that she would consult an attorney today to defend herself against the claims of Geller that he was united to her in a Catholic wedding ceremony. She is engaged to C. Windmere, also a motion picture director.

SAYS FALL IS TRAITOR TO COUNTRY

Court Action Would Be Taken Against Ex-Secretary Fall, Democratic Senator Declares, if It Were Not for Daugherty—Fall Likened to Benedict Arnold.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, was accused today in the senate by Senator Caraway, democrat, Arkansas, of "betraying the high trust imposed upon him," by leasing the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve, "and that for a corrupt consideration."

The Arkansas senator likened Mr. Fall to Benedict Arnold. He demanded to know how much more "infamous" it was to sell "every gallon of reserve oil," for the first line of the nation's defense than it was "for Benedict Arnold to sell a rocky fortress on the Hudson."

"If it were not for my friend, the present attorney general," he continued, "there would be court action."

"But as long as he sits at the helm of the department of justice," he added, "they may sell the White House and be immune from a prosecution in the federal courts."

"Albert B. Fall sold the American oil speculators," Caraway continued, and one of them boasted he was going to make \$100,000,000 out of his share of the loot."

CRIME EPIDEMIC IN STANFIELD, ORE.

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 16.—Four business establishments were broken into at Stanfield last night by a band of youths, according to advices received here. A drygoods store experienced the loss of some clothing, and some cash while the offices of a lumber company were broken into but nothing stolen.

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