

FRANCE MAY LOSE CONTROL OF MOROCCO

German Agents Said to Be Behind Uprising Against the French Government

The Hague, Jan. 4.—The French face an exceedingly grave situation in Morocco, according to advices received here today from German sources. The natives, usually quiet, became very unruly indeed when war broke out in Europe, it was stated, and the number, boldness and activity of the rebels has increased rapidly ever since. And the French, not being occupied with their campaign against the Germans, it was agreed that they doubtless would have suppressed the uprising long before the present. At exactly the time, however, when strong forces were needed to deal with the Moors, it was said troops were being withdrawn wholesale from northern Africa. The weakened forces which remained were declared to have suffered a series of severe defeats at the rebels' hands, with the result that the latter gained swiftly in confidence and were able to add large numbers of recruits to their forces. At this time, it was stated, the French are steadily losing ground, and are on the defensive everywhere. The prediction was made that unless heavy drafts are made from their armies in Europe the Gallic authorities will soon lose control completely of this African possession. Their losses were reported to have been, in proportion of their numbers, enormous already. Whether or not German agents are stirring up the rebels, or, as has been rumored, actually leading them in some cases, was not stated in any of the dispatches received from Germany, but inasmuch as the development unquestionably is of much value to the Kaiser, such stories were thought likely enough.

GRANGE MEETING AT ELLIOTT PRAIRIE

The regular meeting of the Elliott Prairie grange was held December 26. The morning session was given over to the business of the grange. After lunch excellent music was furnished by Graham's orchestra. Following this O. Vogel, manager of the Hubbard creamery, was introduced and gave an interesting talk. He pointed out the necessity of his manufacturing a first-class finished product and invited the co-operation of the farmers in handling their cream in such a manner as to ensure the least possible waste or elimination of it in churning. The indications are that the farmers of Elliott Prairie and vicinity are going to take hold of this proposition in such a manner that the management of the creamery will be better able to pay top prices for cream and to guarantee their product as first class in all respects and the equal of any on the market. With a creamery equipped in a most up-to-date manner and a wide-awake manager at the helm, every producer of butter fat in this section, in behalf of his own interests, should patronize our home creamery. Let the grangers especially prove the value of their organization by working in unity for a cause that will surely be a benefit to all. Lecturer E. P. G.

DRINKS QUART OF ALCOHOL.

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Mrs. J. E. Howard, 50, drank a quart of wood alcohol today and died at the receiving hospital. Physicians there said that she was addicted to drugs and had been dependent because she had been unable to discontinue their use.

You cannot afford to miss reading the Journal Want Ads every day.

SALEM SOCIAL SERVICE CENTER

Union of Fraternal, Religious, Civic, Industrial and Other Organizations and Citizens of Salem for Mutual Aid.

Refer all calls for relief or aid to the Center. It is made up of all other relief agencies of the city and hence it is equally yours. By using it you render all separate relief boards and agencies unnecessary and thereby save cost, trouble and waste in duplicated effort and expense.

Any one having or knowing of work for either women or men should call up phone number 1615, the Y. W. C. A., for the former, and the Men's Club, listed above for the latter.

Relief for local families, women and children.—Food, clothing, fuel, medical treatment, etc.—Mrs. W. E. Anderson, chairman relief committee, 1491 Court street, phone 2394-M, 9 to 12 a. m. He prepared to give name, address, etc., correctly, and be sure this need is genuine. Mere rumors often give busy workers unnecessary trouble.

Appeals for food, alms or lodging by transients at your doors should be referred to Center's headquarters for men (Men's club), 460 Ferry street. If you wish to give them food in return for services a book of ten meal tickets, costing \$1, will save its cost many times over. A meal ticket will give them food and food only.

Employment for Men.—Center's free employment bureau at the Men's club, 460 Ferry street, phone 1297. Free to employer and employee. Through it the entire city helps to find work for the unemployed.

Donations of foodstuffs such as meats, beans, flour, sugar, potatoes, fruit, etc., would be very helpful. Bring same to 460 Ferry street, or phone 1297.

INSANE MAN WOULD CLEAR PENDER OF WEHRMAN MURDER

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and one in her head and the little son was found dead in another bed with a bullet hole in his head. All of the shots were fired from short range. In making his confession, Sierks told the story of his crime and all of the circumstances leading up to it, which, these conversants with the history of the case, say fits in to a letter with the facts. Sierks also, in his confession, states that after shooting Mrs. Wehrman and her little son, he replaced the revolver which he had taken from a trunk in the house, back in the yard and had buried the revolver with which he had done the shooting in the yard. It appears now that this revolver was dug up from the yard before Sierks' confession was made.

An effort was made to see Pender at the penitentiary this morning but he refused to be interviewed by the newspaper men because he stated that he had been advised not to talk upon the subject and had no statement to make. When informed of the confession of Sierks by the prison authorities this morning he seemed agreeably surprised and stated that, if the confession proved to be the truth, that he hoped to be given his liberty very soon. He has been incarcerated in jail and the penitentiary for about three years.

Governor Calls for Vindication. "If the confession of Sierks proves to be the genuine article," said Governor West this morning, in discussing the case with the newspaper representatives, "it means that one life of an innocent man has been saved as the result of the abolishment of capital punishment in this state, and I have been fully vindicated in my fight for the right in my struggle for bringing about this reform, even though I have been abused most unmercifully by both the press and public opinion in the state. There seems no question as to the confession of Sierks being genuine, according to the officials who were responsible for having secured it, and it seems that he is sane enough to know what he is doing and what he is talking about. So far as granting Pender a pardon is concerned, that will be a matter for the courts to decide as to his complete exoneration before this office can take formal knowledge of the case."

Even though Pender was convicted of the crime, purely upon circumstantial evidence, his friends and some of those well versed in criminology, among the latter being George A. Thatcher, of Portland, were convinced of his innocence and have been working hard ever since the conviction to establish the identity of the murderer. Sierks, who was known as a moral degenerate and an imbecile, has long been suspected of connection with the crime and this suspicion was strengthened when about a year ago and about a year after the murder of Mrs. Wehrman and her little son, he committed an attempt to ravish his own mother and was adjudged insane and committed to the insane asylum.

Mr. Thatcher, with the aid of Saper,intendent Steiner, of the insane asylum and Chaplain MacLaren, of the penitentiary, has been laboring hard with Sierks in trying to clear up the mystery but he has always, while at times apparently on the verge of making a clean breast of the crime, maintained that he was innocent. Last night, however, at a specially arranged interview, he was taken to the office of Dr. Steiner in the presence of Dr. Steiner, Chaplain MacLaren and Assistant Superintendent L. F. Griffith, of the asylum, but he declined to make a statement until Dr. Steiner and Griffith left, he and Rev. MacLaren alone, when Sierks finally consented after the fear of punishment by hanging had been removed, to make a full confession of the crime which he did to Rev. MacLaren and later in the presence of the others and before a stenographer.

Sierks, a young man of but 25 years of age is a confirmed imbecile but is capable of good reasoning powers and understood what it meant to take the oath, and he signed the confession without hesitation after he had unburdened his mind and conscience of the recital of the details of his movement up to, including and after the commission of the deed. Sierks' confession covers every detail of the commission of the crime and fits in perfectly with the stories he told to Rev. MacLaren and Dr. Steiner and Griffith before the confession was reduced to writing. Governor West gave out the following statement concerning Sierks' confession and the status of the Pender case, this morning:

The complete confession of Sierks is: "I, John G. H. Sierks, say that on Labor day, September 4, 1911, I had been drinking with some men on the farm of J. L. Smith, about five miles from Hillsboro, and went to bed about 7 o'clock; then got up about 7:30 and walked over to Valle Vista, a station on the United Railways, and took the electric car for Burlington. There I got off and stole a speeder from the Burlington carshop section and went down to Scappoose on the Northern Pacific line, there crossed over and went on the electric train, which crossed over to the woman's place—crossed at Parsons station. There I ditched it and went and stole a revolver out of a trunk in Hanson and Riley's cabin, broke it open with a clawhammer in Hanson and Riley's cabin. This clawhammer had only one claw. I took the clawhammer and threw it in Pender's tent, then went up to this woman's cabin. I found Mrs. Wehrman coming from the cabin with a lantern. This was about 10 o'clock. I saw her go in the house. She objected and spoke to me harshly. "She went into the house and got a gun and shot at me. The bullet went into the cabin at low light. As I went in I pulled my revolver from my hip pocket and fired three shots at her. I fired one shot at her at a distance and she fell and then I placed the gun close to her forehead and fired; I then placed it on her chest and fired again. The boy was lying in bed with his clothes on. I thought he would wake up and 'squeal' on me, so I fired at him. I placed the gun close to his head and fired two shots. "I found a hatchet in the washbox and chopped and split her skull. I was afraid some one would catch

TODAY'S WAR LINEUP.

France and Belgium—Floods tie up military operations in north; France aviators destroy German dirigible sheds and kill several at Eiterbeck. Germany—French claim slow steady gains, attended by desperate fighting, in Alsace. Russia—Germans launch new flanking movement from north-west against Warsaw; Turkish successes claimed in Transcaucasia. Austria—Russian invasion of Hungary through Carpathians temporarily checked. England—Stock exchange opens for first time since war began. Italy—Vatican announced Germany, Austria, England, Russia, Turkey and Servia have agreed to send hopelessly disabled war prisoners home and France and Montenegro are expected to acquiesce also. Turkey—Attempted landing of Russian marines at Jaffa repulsed.

SECOND ROGERS CHILD DIES FROM POISON

Mrs. Rogers Will Probably Recover—Life's Story Is Unearthed by Police

New York, Jan. 4.—John Rogers, aged 2 years, son of Mrs. Lila Steffen Rogers, who took bicoloride of mercury several days ago and then fed the poison to her two children, died early today at Lebanon hospital. The other child died Christmas day. Physicians declared today that Mrs. Rogers has a chance to recover, and Assistant District Attorney Martin announced that he will take action against her soon. Mrs. Rogers has admitted that Lory Elton Rogers was the father of her two children, but not her husband. She said she took the poison and gave it to her children because Rogers' legal wife formerly Miss Caroline Giddings, sister of Professor Giddings of Columbia university, refused to divorce Rogers so she and Roger could legitimize their children.

The history of Mrs. Rogers, as she was generally known, was learned today. Her maiden name was Lila Steffen and she was raised in New York. She married Arthur Walters, and they lived in an apartment here until the couple met Rogers. A short time later the woman disappeared. Walters finally left New York, remarried and is now living somewhere in New Jersey. Rogers maintained his policy of silence today, and is doing everything he can to conceal news of his relations with the woman. He also urged his friends to keep silent. Assistant District Attorney Martin, however, said that a close friend of Rogers had telephoned him and promised to reveal something heretofore unknown concerning the case.

DIES OF BROKEN HEART WHEN HUSBAND IS JAILED

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 4.—Mrs. Bernard Masais is dead today of a broken heart, doctors at the receiving hospital said, because her husband had been sent to jail. Masais was arrested on suspicion of vagrancy. Yesterday his wife visited him in jail and begged the jailers to permit her to remain with him in his cell. When she was sent away she stood in the corridor as the steel doors clanged behind her, and then dropped dead.

What most married men would rejoice to see is a war tax on old bachelors.

I ran out and washed my hands in a basin on the porch. The towel was hanging by the door and I wiped my hands on it. I took the key and threw it away. "Then I took the gun back to Riley and Hansen's and put it in the trunk. The gun I took from Mrs. Wehrman I buried in the edge of the garden. Then I went down where my car was, put it on the track and rode to Burlington. Then I took her midnight car from Burlington to Allavatcher station. I got home about 4 o'clock. I got up about 6 o'clock that morning and went to work shucking grain. My mother and I talked this over, but I refused to say anything. She believed that I did it. After making the confession Sierks puffed vigorously upon a cigar and declared he felt better than he had for a long time. The records at the asylum show that the man was adjudged of unsound mind at St. Helens September 23, 1912, and was received at the asylum the next day, a little more than a year after the crime was committed. Superintendent Steiner says the man is possessed of homicidal mania, and had threatened to kill his mother and father. He has been kept in the homicidal ward at the asylum. Because of his mental condition, there is little likelihood that he will be removed from the asylum.

EAST AND WEST IN THE GREAT WAR AS LINE NOW STAND



This combination map shows two war areas of importance. At top is the eastern theater where three distinct campaigns are going on, namely in East Prussia in Poland and in Galicia. The lower map shows the battle front in Flanders where the allies are attempting to push the Germans back.

WOODBURN NEWS

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Woodburn, Or., Jan. 5.—Miss Gladys Warner who has been spending the holidays with her parents will return to her work in Salem today. Fr. O'Farrell spent today in Portland with friends. Miss Lois Clemens of Portland is the guest of Miss Carrie Warburton. John Becker of Portland has been the guest of his parents during the holidays. Mrs. J. M. Poorman returned after spending several days with her mother Mrs. Ellie who lives near Salem. R. F. Moore, who has been visiting his father, returned to his home in San Francisco the fore part of the week.

Mrs. H. I. Price of Dallas has been the guest of her parents for the past two weeks. Mrs. F. Kapper and son of Portland who have been visiting at the home of her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. E. Boeco, returned home Saturday. Mrs. A. J. Dand and son of Seattle, are visiting her sister, Mrs. J. W. Gavin. Raymond Glatz attended a dancing party at the Irvington club in Portland Wednesday evening given by the Delta Tau Delta Alumni.

Miss Hazel Bittney spent the week with friends and relatives in Aurora. C. F. Rindel of Portland spent the forepart of the week in Woodburn on business. Mr. and Mrs. L. Franklin and infant son of Wendling are spending the holidays with friends and relatives in Woodburn. Miss Cora Gilbert who attends school in Salem spent the holidays with her parents here. Rex Randall who has been visiting his son Royal returned to Oakland, Cal. Saturday. Mrs. Chas. Dean returned after spending several days at the home of her father in Portland. Fr. Brunel of Gresham was visiting Fr. O'Farrell Tuesday. Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Hoffard and Mrs. E. Kilen spent Wednesday in Portland. F. A. Livesley was in Portland Monday and Tuesday on business. Mr. G. W. Waterbury went to Lebanon Monday on business. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Geer and daughter returned to their home in Waldo Hills Saturday after spending the holidays with Mrs. E. Castle. Mr. and Mrs. Frank Settlemyer spent the week end with friends in Portland. Sam Hills of Portland spent two days this week as the guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. M. Drake. Mrs. J. F. Plank is visiting her daughter Mrs. B. R. Utter of Tacoma. Miss Margaret Fish spent Tuesday and Wednesday as a guest of Misses Madge and Mary Scollard. Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bonney and daughter Helen of Vancouver spent the week-end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Bonney. Mr. and Mrs. Leonard of Farmington, Wash. are spending the week at their home of Mrs. Leonard's sister, Mrs. A. E. Reed. Adolph Glatz returned to Portland Saturday after spending the holidays with his parents. Mrs. Chad Dunn of Dallas spent several days this week visiting her mother Mrs. Bradley of Woodburn. Will Nibler attended the dance at Aurora Thursday. Miss Myrtle and Ella Fahey of Salem, are visiting friends in Woodburn. Miss Florence Brown of Medford is visiting her sister, Mrs. Walter Johnson. Miss Mildred Green of Portland is visiting Miss Helen Scollard of West Woodburn. Chauncey Yoder of Hubbard spent

Unusual Value Giving

BISHOP'S READY-TAILORED CLOTHES NOW UNDER-PRICED

It's our time for clearance; the goods we bought for fall and winter selling are now to be closed out.

We take our inventory January 15th and we want to have as few goods on hand as possible. Our policy will be: Extra special reductions to move the goods quickly. Here are the figures on some of the bargains we are offering:

Table listing prices for men's suits and shirts. Columns include 'MEN'S SUITS', 'MEN'S HEAVY FLANNEL SHIRTS', and 'MEN'S WORK GLOVES'. Prices range from \$11.75 to \$25.00.

SALEM WOOLEN MILLS STORE advertisement with large stylized text.

ITALY SENDING MANY AWAY FROM COUNTRY

Basel, Switzerland, Jan. 4.—A British exodus was in progress today from Italy of persons whom the government had notified supposedly on account of reasons arising from the war situation, that their presence on Italian soil was no longer desired. Of these individuals it was said a majority were Austrians, with Germans next in number and the balance made up of a miscellaneous scattering of nationalities. By no means all the Austrians and Germans were returning to their own countries. A large proportion of them were crossing the Swiss frontier, apparently wishing to remain as close to Italy as possible, presumably with a view to watching developments there at the closest range permitted them. This was anything but satisfactory to the Swiss authorities, who are anxious above everything to avoid complications which might embroil them in the European conflict or give anyone of the belligerents an opportunity to find

DALLAS LOCAL NOTES

(Capital Journal Special Service.) Dallas, Or., Jan. 4.—The Dallas Fire Department will hold its annual banquet at the New Scott hotel next Tuesday evening following a meeting of the company at headquarters. Mrs. A. J. Rhodes, of Seattle Washington, is in the city for a short visit with relatives. Mrs. Walter Williams and Mrs. Ed Shaw were Portland visitors this week. Gene Byers of Salem was in Dallas this week for a short visit with friends. Mr. and Mrs. Ray Howe, of Portland, were in the city Thursday attending the funeral of Mr. Howe's father James Howe who died at his home in Portland, Tuesday. Chas. Vick, of Falls City, was a business visitor in this city Wednesday. Mrs. James NeSmith of Portland, was in the city this week the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Orr. J. Bagley and daughter, of Monmouth were business visitors in this city Wednesday. Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Hayter are in Portland on a short business visit. Mrs. Dean Collins, of Portland, is visiting at the J. L. Collins' residence on Court street while her husband accompanied the Rossmans on their trip to California. Mr. and Mrs. William Reed of Corvallis, were Dallas visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. C. Ramsdell, Wednesday. C. W. Beckett county commissioner-elect of Rola, was a Dallas visitor, Wednesday. Miss Myrtle Withrow, of Airlie, is visiting at the O. C. Ramsdell home in this city this week. H. E. Williams, of Portland, was in the city Wednesday and Thursday on business. Walter Ballantyne is in Dayton this week visiting at the home of his sister Mrs. Louis Hadley. C. B. Graves of Ballston, formerly assessor of Polk county, was in the city this week on business. Clinton Holstead, a former Dallas

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Advertisement for 'STRENGTH FOR MOTHERHOOD' featuring a woman and child, with text about the importance of reserve strength and pure blood.