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FORTIETH YEAR—NO. 27 SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 31, 1917 PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

ENGLISH LOSSES FOR JANUARY ARE VERY HEAVY

Over Thirty Thousand Killed, Wounded and Taken Prisoner

BERLIN REPORT CLAIMS ALL ATTACKS REPULSED

French and Russians, However, Report Successful Attacks

London, Jan. 31.—England lost 12,314 officers and men killed in January. The total was announced in the official casualty lists. The full figures of killed, wounded and missing, as officially stated were:

Killed	11,895	17,149	2,928
Officers	419	615	—
Men	11,895	17,149	2,928
Totals	12,314	17,764	2,928

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 31.—Storming of several Russian positions in a forest on the east bank of the River An (Rijn front) and repulse of counter attacks, was reported in today's official statement.

More than nine hundred Russian soldiers were captured, with 11 officers and 15 machine guns.

The statement said Russian forces, after two strong attacks, succeeded on a third assault in entering into "the Point D'Appui" of German positions south of the Yalpena road, on Prince Leopold's front. The attacks were preceded by a violent fire of artillery.

Repulse of strong reconnoitering detachments by Turkish outposts near the Danube was reported from Field Marshal Von Mackensen's front in Rumania.

From the Macedonian front the statement reported several Italian prisoners brought in from a raid by German reconnaissance parties on the Cerun Bond.

Mine Blockade Worries Rotterdam, Jan. 31

Rotterdam, Jan. 31.—Newspapers and shippers generally are unperturbed over the new British mine blockade. Some even considered it advantageous, as likely to render more difficult the patrols of the Dutch coast by German submarines and torpedo boats.

The Nieuwe Rotterdamse Courant today declared:

England is absolutely right in attempting to protect against the submarines. If she succeeds in reducing the peril many neutrals will be thankful.

The above dispatch, which passed through London and the British censors, is the first definite reference to the "danger" specified in a recent British official announcement of a new "danger zone" in the North sea as a mine blockade.

Say French Repulsed

Berlin, via Sayville wireless, Jan. 31.—Defeat of French attacks against positions of the German positions on the Lorraine front near Leinreue, was announced in today's official statement. The attacks were preceded by a violent artillery duel.

For the most part the statement said fighting activity on the western front

ABE MARTIN



Mrs. Tipton had two nephews, one working and one a day detective. It's a mighty fine thing to know when not to know too much.

"BONE DRY" ALASKA

Washington, Jan. 31.—Senate today passed the Alaskan "bone dry" prohibition bill. The bill not only prohibits the manufacture and sale of intoxicating liquors in Alaska, but will not permit it to be shipped into the territory.

Think Monroe Doctrine Extension Would Cause Doctrine to Lose Its Force

By Charles P. Stewart.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
Buenos Aires, Jan. 31.—Frank belief that the extension by America of the Monroe doctrine policy to all nations as suggested by President Wilson's senate speech would cause that doctrine to lose its American force and character was expressed in a signed editorial today by Jorge Mitre, editor of La Nacion, South America's leading newspaper.

Mitre is recognized as one of the most brilliant of South American analysts and publicists.

The "threatened hypertrophy of the Monroe doctrine's principles is not new," Mitre declared, but his "bitter-lacked authoritative sanction."

"In the past," the editorial continues, "the tendency of the doctrine has been to maintain and strengthen the domination of the Americas by keeping them apart from the ambitions of European powers. Because it has been generally based on a geographical fact, God knows how many appetites it has thwarted."

"A realia could not have been more effective. Probably South America has not fallen into European hands simply because of the doctrine. But if it is universalized, the principle is bound to lose its American force and character."

POTATOES AND ONIONS SOAR

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—Overpriced movement of potato and onion crops, the price of those commodities rose approximately \$1.25 a hundred pounds today. Growers get the benefit of the increase.

ANOTHER SEATTLE BANK CLOSES

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 31.—The German American Mercantile Bank failed to open its doors today. It was closed following the failure yesterday of the Northern Bank and Trust Company.

Plot to Poison Lloyd George Creates Sensation in Britain

By Ed L. Keen
(United Press staff correspondent.)
London, Jan. 31.—Arrest of four persons charged with conspiracy to poison Premier David Lloyd-George became known today through arraignment of the quartet at Derby.

The defendants called to the bar today were Mrs. Alice Wheelton, her daughter Harriet, and another daughter, Mrs. Winifred Mason, with Albert Mason, husband of the last named daughter.

Mason is an expert chemist and has been known as "C. O." (conscientious objector to war and service) as they are known in England. The women are all supposed suffragettes.

The conspiracy was reported to Scotland Yard Saturday and was followed up by the secret service with characteristic efficiency and thoroughness, Chief Inspector Parker himself assuming charge.

Mrs. Mason was arrested at Southampton. The other three alleged conspirators were taken in custody at Derby.

Arthur Henderson, the laborite member of Lloyd-George's war cabinet, was also the object of a poison attempt, it was later announced.

Publishing of the charges against the four persons arrested created an immediate sensation, coupled with general indignation that England's "man of the hour" should have been the object of such a plot. The fact that the chief conspirator of Scotland Yard should have assumed personal charge of the case was regarded as evidence of the gravity with which it was regarded.

Although existence of the plot was discovered Saturday, no information concerning it became known to the public until the arrests had been made.

After formal evidence of the plot had been outlined by the crown prosecutor, the four prisoners were remanded until Saturday.

In presenting their names to the court, the crown prosecutor gave the names of the women as "Wheelton."

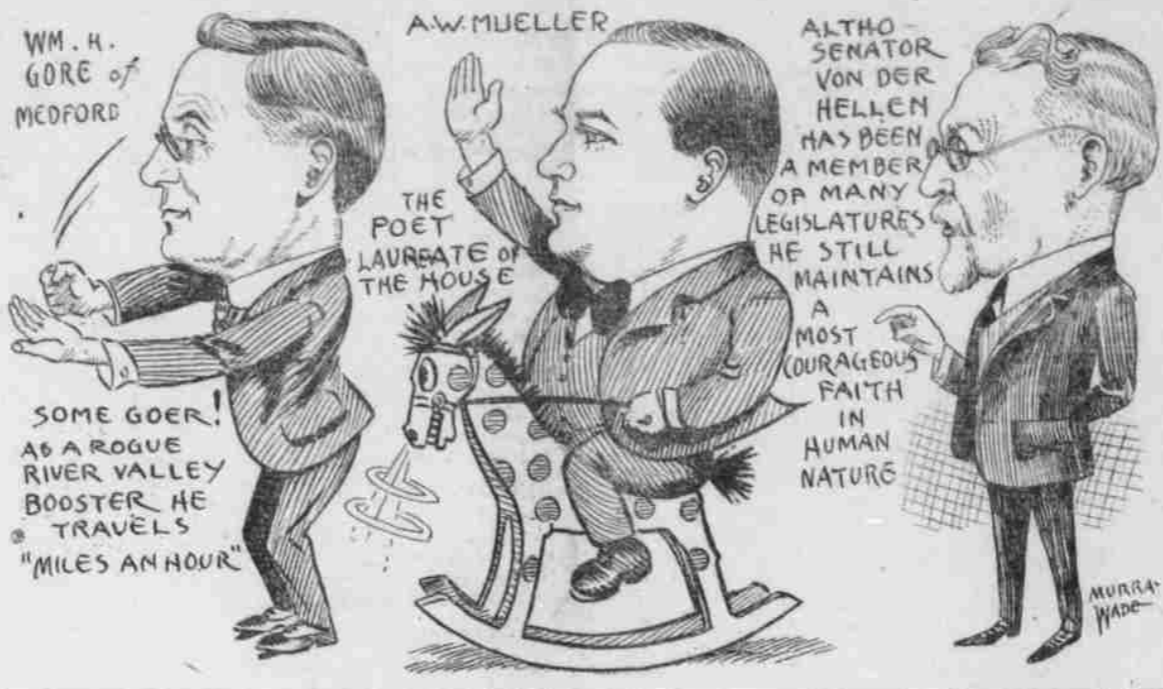
The only evidence which the crown gave against the defendants was a formal statement of the charges on which they had been taken into custody.

It is understood the crown has thirty witnesses to support the charge of "conspiracy to murder."

The cable dispatch telling of the police court hearing of the four alleged conspirators is the first intimation to reach this country of an attempt on the premier's life.

Whether dissatisfaction with war or suffrage issues prompted the alleged

BUSY DAYS FOR THESE STATESMEN



STORY OF ALLEGED TORTURE INFLICTED BY ASYLUM ATTENDANTS

Washington Hospital For Insane of Steilacoom Will Be Probed

Olympia, Wash., Jan. 31.—Stories of alleged tortures inflicted by attendants on patients at the Western state hospital for the insane at Fort Steilacoom, told by former patients who have since been declared sane, have started a sweeping investigation of the institution today by the senate committee on state charitable institutions.

Dr. William N. Keller, superintendent of the hospital; Dr. Frank D. Wilt, assistant superintendent, and an inmate attendant, Kate Knowles, have been summoned to appear before the committee this afternoon.

They are wanted to explain what they know of the death of Mrs. Leone C. Peck in the institution on June 18 last, when, it is alleged, she was beaten, dragged by the hair and tortured

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MACLEAY FISHING CONCERN WINS IN LOWER HOUSE TODAY

Vote Was Tie On Roll Call Until Representative Thomas Changed

The independent fishermen of the Rogue river lost out this morning in their fight against the Macleay fishing monopoly and the house turned down the compromise fishing bill that was presented by the committee on fisheries as a substitute for the three fishing bills that were designed to prohibit commercial fishing on that river by means of seines and set nets. The vote was close, in fact it was a tie—28 for and 28 against, with two members absent and one excused—until Representative Thomas, who made the strong speech of the session so far, voted against the measure, making the vote 28 for and 29 against.

Those voting against the bill were Ashley, Barber, Brown, Brownell, Burdick, Collan, Cartmill, Childs, Clark, Corbett, Cornelius, Fuller, Hodgen, Al Jones, Kubli, Mackay, Mann, Martin, Matthieu, Meek, Peck, Rowe, Schimpff, Small, Stephens, Stott, Thomas, Willett, and Speaker Stanfield.

Those voting for it were Anderson, Benn, Belland, Bowman, Brand, Burton, DeLam, Eaton, Elmore, Goode, Gordon, Gore, Griggs, Seymour Jones, Walter B. Jones, Laugaard, Lafferty, Lewis, Langer, Mueller, Porter, Portland, Rittner, Sheldon, Staffrin, Sweeney, Thompson, Tichenor.

Excused—Crandall; absent, Elgin and Forbes.

More oratory was spilled this morning on the fishing bill, which prohibits fishing, except with hook and line, in Rogue river below Doyle's rock, than in the entire session so far. It looked as if the champions of the independent fishermen, the men who are asking to be allowed to make a living in the waters of the river and not be squeezed out by the monopoly using set nets and seines, were going to pull the measure through, but before the voting progress so far it was evident that the Macleay interests had been lobbying hard to kill the measure.

Representative Belland, as chairman of the fisheries committee, took the floor in behalf of the bill. He said he believed the members knew just about how they were going to vote but he declared he thought it a good bill, for the people and against the predatory interests.

Representative Tichenor took up the defense and said he also believed the members had made up their minds regarding the bill.

He said it was a local question and all the people of southern Oregon were in favor of it.

Debate Becomes General

Dr. Sweeney took up the cudgels and said the bill was a compromise on all the bills introduced and that it looked to the interest of the commercial side and to the sportsmen's side. It was introduced to suit all those living on the river and is the nearest approach to neutral ground. The aim is not to injure commercial fishing, he said, the people must conserve the resources of the state and make it attractive for investors. This bill, accordingly, came

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FIERCE BLIZZARD IN INTERMOUNTAIN STATES PARALYZES RAILROADS

Several Overland Trains Reach San Francisco Far Behind Schedule

Denver, Colo., Jan. 31.—The intermountain states are again a tike grip of a severe blizzard today with heavy snows and below-zero weather reported at many points. Railroad traffic is greatly impeded.

After a partial lifting of the blockade on the Union Pacific line in Wyoming, heavy snow drifts again cut off traffic near Laramie last night, while a snowstorm is raging near Rock River and with high winds blowing, piling the snow in huge drifts in the cuts. One thousand coal miners and a trainload of laborers from Omaha are assisting the snow plows today near Lookout and Rock River.

Salt Lake City reported the worst snowstorm of the winter paralyzing all street car traffic in the city. Two

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NOT EATEN BY WOLVES

Portland, Ore., Jan. 31.—John Hammerley, supposed victim of timber wolves, is safe and well today and it is now believed that the man killed near Willow Flats last week was John Dorando, a prospector.

Hammerley returned from a hunting trip late yesterday. When he reached Wimer, in Jackson county, his appearance created great astonishment, inasmuch as everyone supposed him dead and eaten. His friends immediately communicated with relatives here. Hamnerley, who is a government hunter, will participate in the effort to identify the man slain by wolves.

Mother Killed Family by Mistaking Arsenic for Flour

Danforth, Ill., Jan. 31.—Mrs. O. J. Meints, wife of a farmer living west of here, killed her four sons and her grandson by mistaking arsenic for pancake flour. In the farm house today are the bodies of Theodore, Irving, Mino and Ired Meints, sons and Clarence Meints, grandson, son of Sebo Meints.

Discovering that her supply of pancake flour was exhausted while she was preparing breakfast, Mrs. Meints resorted to the pantry and by mistake secured a can of arsenic. Her husband did not partake of the poisoned cakes and Mrs. Meints, discovering that they were bitter ate none herself. Her discovery came too late, however, as all her sons and grandson had eaten heartily. Two of them, Fred and Clarence, became ill shortly before noon and died yesterday afternoon. Irving and Theodore died last night and Mino, the last one to be kept alive by emergency treatment administered by physicians who hurried to the farm house, died today.

With the exception of Clarence, the grandson, who is seven, all the dead were adults. Together with their father they worked the large family farm. The mother is grief stricken today and physicians fear the shock may prove fatal.

10 BELOW AT LAPINE

Bend, Ore., Jan. 31.—LaPine reported a temperature of 23 below zero today. In Bend the mercury was down to 16 below. Every water pipe in town was frozen. On account of heavy snow to the southward, wagon and automobile travel in that direction has been suspended.

CONNOLLY FIRM RECEIVED WIRE GIVING STOCK TIP

In Spite of Alleged Inside "Tip" Connolly's Firm Lost \$40,000

BROKER TESTIFIES GOSSIP RESPONSIBLE FOR TIP

Telegraph Operator Will Be Asked To Tell Origin of Message

December 20, 11 a. m.—Secretary of State Lansing confidentially informed reporters of the president's forthcoming note, which he said was not a peace message nor an offer of mediation, but dealt with questions in which the United States was interested if the war continues.

December 20, 12:48 p. m.—Chicago correspondent of E. F. Hutton & Co., New York, wired about the forthcoming note, describing it as "intended to promote peace prospects."

December 20, 1:14 p. m.—Hutton house wired that Washington wire gave similar information, which they were putting out to their clients.

December 20.—Missing link (to be supplied today).—E. F. Connolly wired from Washington a message on which the above was based.

December 20, 1:54 p. m.—Hutton house put out note tip interpreting it as a warning that "neutral rights must not be further encroached upon."

December 20, about 2 p. m.—Tieker carried rumors.

By Carl D. Grant.
(United Press staff correspondent.)
New York, Jan. 31.—George Ellis, member of the M. F. Hutton & Co. brokerage house, was today summoned to return from Georgia to throw light on the Hutton leak message before the house note leak committee.

Accounts of the Connolly firm, in which the president's brother-in-law is interested, showed net losses of \$40,000 between December 9 and 23, Hutton testified.

This testimony served to indicate that if Connolly got "inside" tips he and his clients did not benefit.

Despite the denials of E. F. A. Connolly's interpretation, wired from Washington to the E. F. Hutton & Co. brokerage house concerning the note on December 20, Connolly contends that he had no "inside information." Moreover, he denies that R. W. Bolling, President Wilson's brother-in-law and member of E. F. Connolly & Co., gave him any line on the message, and Bolling himself denies any inside track.

Gossip Gave Him the "Tip"

On the other hand, Connolly claims "common gossip" in Washington gave him the news about the note, which E. F. Hutton & Co. spread on their wires the afternoon before publication of the document.

Strangely enough, the Hutton version mentioned the idea of a warning to belligerents not to encroach on neutral rights. And, newspaper men, confidentially informed of the message on the 20th, did not generally get this warning angle until the afternoon of December 21, when Secretary Lansing made his first "interpretation" of the note in his "verge of war" statement.

Hutton and Connolly were slated as today's witnesses.

Before the end of the week the committee expects to have several spectacular account records of Wall street plungers before it. One well posted committeeman said significantly today:

"I wouldn't be surprised if we get some 'very' interesting things before we're done."

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Conference of all Nations Necessary to Arrange Peace

By Robert J. Bander.
(United Press staff correspondent.)

Washington, Jan. 31.—A conference of all nations will be necessary to determine arrangements for future world peace, according to official opinions expressed here today.

In view of this conviction, the impression has gained ground during the last two weeks that when the president moves again it will be formally to suggest such a conference.

However, there will be no development in the peace maneuvers until after Germany's response to President Wilson's senate address—announced in an exclusive United Press dispatch from Berlin Monday—is received here.

Specific questions have been answered during the last two weeks by the highest authorities in the government. One of these replies, given yesterday, was: "Those details (the form of future guarantees and means employed to enforce them) would have to be worked out by some conference of nations."

Chief interest, therefore, has centered in the time such a conference would occur, whether actual negotiations for ending the present war are under way in terms or after a peace or truce comes. The president has repeatedly said in his speeches that "the war must first end" before details can be worked out.

On the other hand, it is the entente contention that the war cannot end until all nations are actually guaranteed safety from future unwarranted aggression.

Such a conference, it is held in these quarters, would have to be under way within four weeks or all belligerents will go forward to carry out the unprecedented preparation they have made for a tremendous spring campaign.

Peace then would be postponed until after the results of the campaign were determined.

It is understood on high authority that a new outline of this government's position on the armed merchantman question is in the process of incubation.

Unofficial reports that Germany plans no unrestricted submarine warfare and intends to stay within the limit of activity established by this government were received with gratification here, but no comment was forthcoming.

The Swiss minister today requested and was granted an audience with Pres-

Mother Driven Insane Commits Terrible Crime

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 31.—Derangement through poverty, knowledge of the fact that she was about to bring another child into the world, and worry over the condition of her husband, desperately ill of tuberculosis, today believed by the police here, to have caused Mrs. Anna Goldstein to murder her baby boy, aged three.

Mrs. Goldstein was arrested following an indictment by the grand jury. They found her with two children, half naked, crawling about the floor of a dingy shanty, while her husband lay on a soiled pallet, apparently in the last stages of tuberculosis.

The woman was taken to the Passaic county jail, together with her children. They later were taken to an asylum. The father was to be taken to a hospital today.

The boy was killed by a knife thrust through his back. The blade was then plunged into his neck. His body was found by a neighbor. It was lying at the foot of the basement steps in the Goldstein home.

Her Views of Life As a Married Woman

New York, Jan. 31.—Mrs. Esmeralda Galle, age 26, who thinks "it might have been just as well if I had married a man who had a past and knew all about me," introduced her personal view in her divorce suit here.

After declaring she "married a drug store," because her husband "seldom leaves the neighborhood store," she opines that a woman needs this recreation:

Two nights a week for bridge or poker.
One night for dancing.
One night for the theatre.
"Two a. m. she says, "is too early for married men to retire."

The Leader states editorially that Weston is full of mad dogs—with muzzles on.

THE WEATHER

WHAT'S THE PRICE OF COAL?

Oregon: Snow west, fair east portion tonight; Thursday probably snow and warmer; south easterly winds.