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SNOW FALLS BOTH EAST AND WEST

Atlantic Coast Has Blizzard, and Part of California Is Covered in White Mantle For First Time in Years

New York, Dec. 30.—Swept by one of the worst blizzards in years, Buffalo and the eastern great lakes district suffered today in a snowfall, at some points 12 inches deep. Wire service was intermittent. Freight traffic in upper New York was at a standstill and lake navigation was abandoned temporarily.

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—With a light snow mantling the summit of Mount Tamalpais, the chilliest weather of the winter season visited San Francisco and the bay region today.

Usters were in demand when San Francisco went to work early today. With the thermometer hugging the freezing mark, this city and vicinity, unaccustomed to cold, felt the sharp change of the past 24 hours.

Low temperatures reached in other California towns follow: Orland, 28; Oroville, 30; Stockton, 28; Merced, 26; Porterville, 34; Lindsay, 30; Pomona, 30; Redlands, 32; Corona, 32; San Bernardino, 32; Los Angeles, 38.

According to Forecaster Willson, the rain falling today in southern California probably will save the orange crop, although careful preparations for tonight will be necessary. The steady wind is another factor which will work favorably for the citrus fruit crops, he added.

A strong northerly and northeasterly gale is coming south from Alaska and is due to reach this vicinity at any time, Willson said. Storm warnings were displayed all along the coast.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 30.—San Bernardino and this section of southern California awoke today to find itself blanketed in snow—the real article. Two inches of it lay on the streets. The countryside was white.

Extending from the mountains, the snow reached almost to Riverside, Corona and Ontario. The orange crop is not damaged, as rain preceded the snowfall and a warmer rain began falling in the morning.

The proverbial "oldest inhabitant" can not remember when snow fell so thickly here.

Hanford, Cal., Dec. 30.—For the third time in 50 years snow fell here today. A light fall was reported at LeMoore, Goshen, the Coalinga hills and Alpaugh. A bitter northwest wind swept the upper San Joaquin valley and sent the thermometer down to the freezing mark.

YUAN SHI KAI HAS ISSUED AN EDICT ABOLISHING TAXES

San Francisco, Dec. 30.—Yuan Shi Kai has issued an edict abolishing all taxes for three years throughout the various provinces of China, in an eleventh-hour attempt to stave off revolution, according to information received in a cable received by the newspaper Young China here.

Members of the staff of the Young China regard these tidings as being the most convincing evidence yet received that the revolt against Yuan is serious.

WILLIAM OF WIED HAS VISIONS OF ALBANIAN THRONE

Rome, Dec. 30.—Prince William of Wied, former ruler of Albania, has organized tribes west of Prizrend and is now attacking the Serbians east of Scutari. These forces are co-operating with the Bulgarians in fresh onslaughts against the poorly equipped Serbs in the Elbassan region who sought refuge there before the fury of the central powers. The prince's plan calls for annihilating them in northern Albania, and then he hopes to re-occupy the Albanian throne with the consent of the central allies. Queen Helene of Italy wired her father, the Montenegrin king, regarding successes of the Montenegrins in checking the Austrian wings while driving the center to the river Lim.

THE PAN-AMERICAN CONFERENCE IS FOR CONTINUED PEACE

Washington, Dec. 30.—Continued peace for the Americas is the goal of the pan-American scientific conference in session here. International peace by arbitration and presentation of a solid defensive front against the old world have become the keystones of the session, subordinating the congress' original scientific aim.

These principles found concrete expression today as the result of formation of the American Institute of International Law through the agency of the congress.

This institute will endeavor to develop a code of international law and justice to govern pan-American relations; it will seek to make its healing influence felt not only among the American republics, but likewise eventually among all the nations of the world. Elihu Root, recognized as an authority on international law, heads the organization.

ROSEBURG MAN WHO LOOKS LIKE WILSON

Portland, Dec. 30.—D. J. Stewart, of Roseburg, today is considering the advisability of growing a mustache or adopting some other form of disguise. In the few days he has been in Portland serving on the federal grand jury he has been mistaken for President Wilson half a dozen times.

CHINA AVAILABLE MARKET FOR LUMBER FROM NORTHWEST

Tacoma, Dec. 30.—With China's importation of American lumber now amounting to 100,000,000 feet annually, there is opportunity for doubling this business, according to Thomas Sammons, United States consul-general at Shanghai, China, who is here today en route back to his post.

"China now uses about 200,000,000 feet of lumber each year," said Sammons. "Half of this comes from the Pacific coast and the remainder is largely native lumber. Work of the lumber interests here, however, is gradually showing the Chinese the advantages of using only mill-sawed lumber in dimensions in preference to their own crudely sawed material. The native lumber in China, furthermore, is a softer wood than the northwest fir and not as suitable for building purposes, so that there is a great field here for the lumbermen's proposed exploitation scheme abroad, which has been before the federal trade commission."

AUSTRIAN REPLY IS IN PENFIELD'S HANDS

Answer to the American Note, Bearing on the Sinking of the Ancona With American Passengers on Board, Has Been Delivered to the U. S. Ambassador, and Its Tenor Will Determine Future Action by United States

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 30.—The Austrian reply to the American Ancona demands has been received by American Ambassador Penfield of Vienna. Penfield reported that the note is about 3,000 words long. It is anticipated that coding and sending will require some time. Possibly it will be here tomorrow afternoon, however.

Penfield did not report when the note was delivered, but Secretary Lansing assumed it was yesterday.

Vienna, Dec. 30.—American Ambassador Penfield has forwarded Austria's reply to the American Ancona note. No hint as to its contents was given out, but it is understood to suggest further negotiations between America and Austria. Further, it is understood that it does not comply with the American demand for disavowal of the Ancona torpedoing or for punishment of the commander of the attacking submarine.

Washington, Dec. 30.—America will not go to war should Austria refuse the administration demands to punish her submarine commander who sank the Italian liner, Ancona, or to disavow the incident.

This assurance came today from a high state department official when he announced:

"The fundamental point upon which America is insisting is that Austria give assurances that American citizens will not be jeopardized by illegal submarine attacks. If Austria subscribes to the principles in submarine warfare to which Germany has already agreed, thereby assuring America that there will be no further attacks on passenger liners without warning; that due care will be given to the safety of passengers and crew, and that reparation will

be made for American lives lost on the Ancona, then other questions will be settled by diplomatic exchange."

Washington, Dec. 30.—While officials kept an anxious eye on the Austrian-American diplomatic situation today, important developments were momentarily expected in both the Ancona and Lusitania torpedoing incidents.

The state department had not received early today the Austrian reply in the Ancona case. Failure to get additional light from American Ambassador Penfield at Vienna mystified state department officials; but if the note was handed to him Tuesday it ordinarily should arrive today. Possible difference between Foreign Minister Burian and the Austrian faction which insists Austria must meet the American Ancona demands, however, may be delaying the reply.

Meantime, it was reported that Foreign Minister von Jagow of Germany is sending Ambassador von Bernstorff new instructions in the matter of settlement of the Lusitania case. The envoy has held no conference with Secretary of State Lansing for a fortnight. But with the prospect of further instructions from Berlin, the administration is hopeful that Germany's concessions in this case may finally and definitely settle the Lusitania case, coincidentally with the Ancona case. The form which Germany's disavowal will take was the principal point interesting the administration because of its possible effect upon Austria. It was felt that should Germany settle the case fully, Austria, her ally, might follow suit.

Mrs. Cecile Grell, American survivor of the Ancona torpedoing, is expected soon to amplify her affidavit in the case.

BRITONS FAIL TO ENLIST AND CONSCRIPTION WILL BE NECESSARY

(By United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 30.—Why Lord Derby's volunteer system of raising men for England's armies failed and made conscription imminent was explained tonight to the United Press by an officer, for months in charge of the cream of London recruiting stations.

"Come, I'll give you a practical defense strategy," he said, "leading me out into the throngs."

By Wilbur S. Forrest. It was the evening hour. The populace hurried homeward. Thousands of men, from stores and shops jammed the Strand.

The recruiting officer touched the arm of a sleek, young clerk, saying, "Why don't you join the army?" "I'm married," he explained. "My job would be plucked if I joined."

That was all; he disappeared into the crowds.

The next two, both admirable specimens of manhood, swore that they were in the government's India office, so that they were serving their king and country anyhow.

So the excuses went. One said his wife was ill; another pleaded that he was past 40, the maximum recruiting age. He did not look it.

A letter sorter in his majesty's postal service could not leave the government in the lurch by quitting his routine task in the post office. Yet another crossed his heart and swore he was lame, then limped away, though previously he had not limped. The fourteenth man questioned claimed to be a policeman, though he was in civilian clothes. The next man, six feet of solid cockney, sneered at the question.

"You're askin' me to enlist?" he queried. "D'ye think that 12 shillings and sixpence a week separation allowance is enough for muh wife? No, none o' this army for me."

To the recruiting officer the pleas and even the cockney's sneers were an old story; yet he seemed disappointed.

"There's the answer," he said. "They simply won't go. That's why we're going to have conscription. A majority of the recruits now are the dregs, the loafers who join to get their meals. Middle class men will not go until they are shoved. We're not getting enough fighting men."

A conference of trades union leaders adjourned without deciding on the stand they will take toward conscription, but they will meet again very soon.

BRITISH SOUGHT SECURITIES FROM GERMANY IN MAILS

Washington, Dec. 30.—With a protest against British seizure of mail destined to the United States in preparation, it developed today that the probable cause thereof was a British desire to regain Belgian and French securities which Germans had seized and were forwarding to this country for sale or deposit.

Norwegian mail from Christiania, chiefly parcels, none of which was opened, has been released from British detention, the Swedish minister notified the state department today.

AMERICAN WOMAN MAY BE INDIA'S NEW VICERINE

London, Dec. 30.—England's conscription issue may result in placing an American woman in the post of vicerine of India.

Lewis V. Harcourt, first commissioner of works, was said by unconfirmed rumors today to have resigned from the cabinet and to be slated to go to India as viceroy, with his wife, nee Mary Ethel Burns, of New York, a cousin of J. P. Morgan.

Whether Harcourt's anti-conscription views caused the reported resignation is unknown. Should Harcourt's wife become vicerine, she will be the second American woman to hold this post. The other was Lady Curzon, nee Mary Leiter, of Chicago.

Though there was a noticeable slackening of tension today on the conscription issue, authorities believed one or two cabinet resignations are certain to result from adoption of the government's compulsory proposals.

The conscriptionists adopted as their slogan the admission of Laborite Roberts, a bitter anti-conscriptionist, that "national defeat is worse than conscription."

RUSSIANS FAIL IN BUKOVINA OPERATIONS

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, Dec. 30.—Russians, according to the war office, have failed to make the progress they hoped in their new operations in the Bukovina and Galician regions.

"The Austrians," said the official statement today, "repulsed a strong Russian attack at the bridgehead of Burkano on the Strypa river. The Russians suffered heavily in killed and wounded, and the Austrians took 900 of them prisoners. Attacks south of Shlock and on General von Linsingen's front were repulsed."

TERMS OF PEACE IN BERLIN REPORT WERE "INSPIRED"

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Berlin, via Wireless to Sayville, Dec. 30.—The Tageblatt declared today that the Wolff News Agency's dissemination of a Zurich dispatch yesterday, quoting Germany's peace terms, was "undoubtedly inspired," and that they were probably obtained from well informed Germans. "It is dictated by the thought that it will serve a good cause toward peace," said the Tageblatt.

The Wolff report quoted terms as including evacuation of Belgium and France, payment of a huge indemnity by the allies and creation of a Polish kingdom, under Germany's care, as well as the restoration of Germany's colonies.

POMONA TO MEET NEW YEAR DAY

Head of the State Grange Will Be Guest of Josephine Grangers, and Interesting Program to Be Arranged

"Optimism," will be the characterization of the annual New Year's day meeting of the Pomona grange, to be held at the Moose hall in this city. The feature of the session is to be the banquet at noon, including all grangers present and the speakers of the day. State Grange Master C. E. Spence, of Oregon City, will be the principal speaker, dealing with the topic of co-operative marketing. Representative men of this district are to look into the golden-tinted future which optimism says is ours, and tell what they see in their special lines. Mayor-elect Truax will welcome the visitors, responding to Dr. George Wilcoxon, the toastmaster. Frank S. Bramwell, field superintendent of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, located here, will tell of the outlook of the sugar beet industry in this region. The railroad prospect will be dealt with by representatives of the Oregon-Utah Sugar company, R. B. Miller, former traffic manager of the O.-W. R. & N., recently appointed to connection with the O. & C. C. railroad, is invited to speak to the grangers, as well as John Hampshire and J. D. MacVicar, of the local office. The Commercial club will be represented by Wilford Allen, president, who will sketch the work to be undertaken by this organization. Short responses will be made by each of the grange masters present on the line of the 1916 outlook.

At the morning session of the meeting the Pomona degree will be conferred upon some twelve or fifteen grangers, Grange Master E. E. Blanchard presiding. Lack of room at the Moose hall has necessitated a smaller gathering than would otherwise be present, there being room for only grange members and their invited guests. Immediately following the banquet the grange election for next year will be held and business matters finished.

ARMED POSSES ARE HUNTING MAN WHO ATTACKED WOMAN

(By United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Dec. 30.—Scores of Gresham farmers, besides numerous posses of deputy sheriffs, today joined in the search for Evan B. Kemp, identified by Mrs. Mabel Myers, 19 years old, as the man who brutally assaulted and shot her Tuesday afternoon. Talk of summary vengeance on the fugitive, if captured, is rife.

Kemp was seen yesterday in the outskirts of Portland and was believed to be headed for Oregon City. More than 100 armed men now are searching the entire valley. Sheriff Hurlburt has offered \$100 out of his own pocket for Kemp's capture.

It developed today that the photographs of Kemp were taken at a gallery at Fourth and Market streets, San Francisco. At about the same time another picture which figured prominently in another horrible Portland crime was taken in the same place. This picture was that of John Lland, victim of the trunk murder mystery of November 19.

Mrs. Myers' condition was critical today and physicians were not hopeful of her recovery.