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No Other Town in the World the Size of Grants Pass Has a Paper With Full Leased Wire Telegraph Service.

MONTENEGRO NOW HELD BY TEUTONS

Report From Berlin That Entire Balkan Kingdom Is Now Occupied by Austrian Troops, People Not Resisting

Berlin, via Wireless Sayville, Jan. 25.—The main Montenegrin army has surrendered to the Austrians, and the whole of Montenegro is now held by the Teuton allies, according to dispatches received here today.

Reports that King Nicholas, of Montenegro had withdrawn his request for peace were again denied, and it was expected that he had gone to France under pressure from the allies, especially King Victor Emmanuel of Italy.

"The travels and utterances of King Nicholas," said the advices, "are now of less importance than the fact that all of Montenegro is occupied by the Austrians, who nowhere found the people resisting. The main army that occupied the Niksi-Danilovgrad-Podgoritz-Scutari line is in Austrian hands."

DESPERATE CRIMINAL ESCAPES FROM SALEM PEN

Salem, Jan. 25.—No trace had been found of George Clark, who escaped early this morning by cutting through the bars of his cell door and the window and over the roof. Clark is unarmed unless he has procured a weapon since he made the break. He is about 35 years old, was committed in 1913 for burglary, and is considered one of the most desperate men in the penitentiary.

RUSSIAN FORCES ARE NEARING PINSK

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
Petrograd, Jan. 25.—Russian forces are within three miles of Pinsk, according to dispatches received here today. Their offensive toward Pinsk is an extension of the attack against the Austro-Germans in the Kovel-Sarny region, started a few weeks ago.

Pinsk was occupied by the German Field Marshal, von Mackensen, after the fall of Warsaw. The above cablegram is the first mention of the new offensive.

WHEAT PRICE ADVANCES

Portland, Jan. 25.—Wheat prices struck another season's record today at \$1.15 a bushel, with holders unwilling to sell for less than \$1.18.

LINER NORSEMAN IS REPORTED SUNK

(By United Press Leased Wire.)
London, Jan. 25.—The Dominion liner Norseman has been sunk by a submarine, according to a Liverpool dispatch today.

The Norseman is a 10,750-ton steel screw steamer, flying the British flag, which has been in the Atlantic service. Presumably she was sunk around the British Isles.

If the report is true, it means she is the largest submarine victim thus far, except the Lusitania and Arabic. Submarines have been reported operating recently in the vicinity of the Lusitania disaster.

WOMAN SLAYER OF PERSECUTOR IS FREED BY JURY

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—Mrs. Mary Pamlas, confessed slayer of Michael Weinstein, who dismembered the body of her victim, was freed today by a jury in Judge Dunne's court.

Self defense, the plea of the woman, won the verdict for her. It took the jury but twenty minutes to acquit her.

On October 20 last Mrs. Pamlas crushed Weinstein's skull in with an axe she had secreted in the bedroom of her flat. She claimed he attacked her. Weinstein was a cripple she had known in the east. He persecuted her with his attentions, she declared.

The body Mrs. Pamlas hid in a box couch. She slept in the same room with it that night. Her husband was with her, ignorant of the crime. The next day she took a knife and cut the limbs from the body; stuffed the parts in a trunk and then told her husband.

After a night of pleading with her husband to flee San Francisco, the woman walked into police headquarters, where she told of the killing. Pamlas, a street car motorman, established an alibi, which cleared him of any complicity.

WAR PRISONERS IN SIBERIA SUFFER

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—German and Austrian prisoners are dying by thousands in the starvation prisons of frozen Siberia. F. W. Wakefield, millionaire, said today upon his return from Siberia and the Far East.

Wakefield's story of the fate of the Teutons herded like cattle in a land of perpetual winter said that 900,000 in a camp at Tekita and another camp on the Trans-Siberian railway have been reduced by the ravages of death to 700,000; he estimated another 10 per cent will perish within the month.

Sufferings of the living are indescribable, he said. They are clad only in the uniforms in which they were captured, while the mercury hovers around the 40 below zero mark; there is little food, for the czar is sending all his provisions to his armies.

Wakefield, who gained prominence by wedding Mrs. Jack Spreckels, Jr., at Honolulu directly after she received a divorce decree, declared that Ames and Warfield, two American Red Cross workers, are the only hope of the dying men—and their work is almost futile compared to the enormity of the suffering.

Wakefield intends to take up the situation with representatives of foreign countries in the United States. His observations were made at first hand, during a month's stay with his bride at one of the camps.

Turkish prisoners, he said, get scant attention, for the authorities know that they will die of the cold sooner or later, anyway, if starvation does not take them.

IMPERIAL TURK YACHT SUNK BY SUBMARINE

Athens, Jan. 25.—The Turkish imperial yacht Erthogroal, with German Field Marshal von der Goltz aboard, was sunk by a French submarine in the Bosphorus a month ago, it was learned today from travelers.

All aboard were rescued. Von der Goltz is reported to be heading for Bagdad to take command of the Turks around Kut-el-Amara.

FRENCH AEROPLANES BOMBARD BULGAR CAMPS

Saloniki, Jan. 25.—Sixteen French aeroplanes again bombarded Ghevgoll on the Serbo-Grecian frontier yesterday, killing and wounding over 100 persons and doing heavy damage to Bulgarian camps.

MINES AT GALICE TO BE PLACED IN OPERATION

The Oriole Already Cleared of Litigation, and an Excellent Showing Made Under Its Receivership in Paying Off Indebtedness, and Funds for the Alameda Said to Have Been Received From the East

It is evident that the Galice mining district will soon be upon the map in capital letters, for the litigation that has involved both the great properties of that camp, the Oriole and the Alameda, is about to be cleared and both mines will resume their rightful places among the big producers of the west.

The records of the court show that the Oriole has just been released from litigation, and it is stated that it will soon resume operation. One of the retiring officers of the company states that previous to 1907 the Oriole was a paying property, shipping high grade ore and paying for its development. It fell into the hands of a promoter, was incorporated, and stock to the amount of \$200,000 was sold throughout the east, the official states at all kinds of prices and up on all kinds of representation. About \$80,000 of this stock sale found its way into the development of the property, and fortunately was judiciously and intelligently expended. The balance, it is said, went to pay the premium upon the promotion, and the property was deliberately allowed to become involved in debt.

In March, 1915, the local officials, in hope of saving the creditors and stockholders, placed the property in the hands of Sam H. Baker, of the Josephine County bank, as receiver.

The receivership was a success and sets a record for southern Oregon in such cases, as Mr. Baker in seven months cleaned up the affairs of the company and the creditors have been paid one hundred cents on the dollar; but in order to do this, J. C. Mattison, who originally was sole owner of the property, voluntarily gave up a majority of his remaining interest to repay the eastern stockholders and to secure money to pay off the creditors.

The Oriole is probably as systematically developed as any in the state; it has about a mile of underground work, a ten-stamp mill, electric lights, power drills, air compressor, etc. There are large bodies of good ore opened and it should soon be again among the producers. It has in the past shown many lenses of high-grade that gave returns of from \$200 to \$240 per ton by carload lots at Tacoma smelter. But the real

value of the mine is conceded to be its vast body of medium and low grade ore, which must be worked at the mine.

The property is now in control of Ohio and Kansas people, the headquarters being Dayton, Ohio, and W. W. Piper, of Miamisburg, Ohio, is here representing their interests.

Portland, Jan. 25.—With a check for \$225,000 in his pocket, Nat P. Ellis, of Waverly, Iowa, is in Portland today reorganizing the Alameda Consolidated Mines company. He conferred today with Captain T. S. Burley, receiver of the property, which is located in the Galice district of Grants Pass. Ellis will attempt to have Judge Calkins close the receivership, after which the mine will be operated at full blast.

The above telegram, received by the Courier from Portland this morning, carries great good news to this district, for it indicates that the Alameda will soon be brought from under its tangle of litigation. The Alameda has recently been operated under lease by P. B. Wickham. It has a smelter upon the property, and is known as one of the richest copper properties in Oregon.

PRINCETON HEAD FOR "AN INVISIBLE ARMY"

(By United Press Leased Wire)

Seattle, Jan. 25.—"The ideal form of preparedness is an army that is invisible, but that may be mobilized within 24 hours," said President John Grier Hibben of Princeton university, successor in that capacity to Woodrow Wilson, speaking before the Rainier club yesterday.

"The only person having a right to call himself a pacifist is one that believes in some sort of preparedness."

PUBLIC BUILDINGS BILL TO GET THE AXE

Washington, Jan. 25.—As a result of a conference today between President Wilson and House Leader Kitchin, it was announced that there will be no omnibus public buildings bill this session, while the rivers and harbors bill will be limited to \$24,000,000.

TELL GREAT BRITAIN TO CEASE ITS INTERFERENCE WITH U. S. TRADE

Washington, Jan. 25.—Pursuing its purpose of halting British trade interference, the state department has practically completed the drafting of a vigorous, unequivocal protest to England, declaring in substance that the United States will not recognize as legal the British "trading with the enemy" law if it disturbs commercial relations of American firms with German interests.

This new phase of the interference subject will be forwarded soon to Ambassador Page in the form of representations to be presented to Downing street.

The virtual protest does not question England's right to apply the act prohibiting "trading with the enemy" to its own citizens, but it does hold as illegal any interference with the trade of American firms in which German citizens or German money are interested.

Meantime, negotiations over the Lusitania case with Germany have apparently taken an unsatisfactory turn, for it is indicated that fresh proposals turned over to the government today do not meet American demands fully. As for the Persh case, this government will take up with Turkey the matter of disavowal, reparation, punishment and subscription to American demands in conduct of sea warfare should Turkey admit responsibility for the torpedoing. If, however, she denies responsibility, the incident will be closed.

Austrian Charge d'Affaires Zwiadonek is preparing a protest against the Italian liner Verona, which arrived at New York armed with small guns. He contends that she is not entitled to admission and the treatment accorded to an unarmed merchant or passenger vessel.

COURT DECISION EFFECTS WATER RIGHT OF STATES

Washington, Jan. 25.—Conservation men said today there may be far-reaching effects in the decision of the supreme court that states have the right to pass laws authorizing the states by eminent domain to condemn power sites and water rights. They declared that this ruling will mean that states can condemn even federal lands except such properties as military reservations and the like. They believed it will have the tendency of opening up irrigation and power sites, though they indicated that many such extensions may be opposed to the theories of men believing in reserving and conserving such lands.

PIONEER OF SOUTHERN OREGON DEAD AT KLAMATH

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Klamath Falls, Jan. 25.—Alexander Martin, 81 years old, known throughout southern Oregon and northern California as "Uncle Jerry," died here today. He was president of the First National bank. He came to Oregon in 1854 and was one of the superintendents of the stage line from Portland to Sacramento.

NO PROBE OF THE COREA DISASTER

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Jan. 25.—Responsibility for the Korea snow slide disaster will not be determined by the public service commission, but evidence will be gathered at a hearing to be held as soon as possible to use in framing preventative measures against such accidents in the future.

That was the announcement made today by Chairman C. A. Reynolds, of the state public service commission, today, after returning from the scene of the accident.

Coroner J. Tate Mason has stated that he will not hold an inquest. He says that there is no legal reason for holding it, and has eliminated the element of criminal negligence.

Hope of finding the three missing victims has dwindled hourly since the army of laborers started clearing away the tons of snow and rocky soil.

If their bodies were swept past the lower track they will not be recovered for months. The missing are: Mrs. Fern Wallace and her baby, of Lyons, Wash., and Ralph Batterman, the eight-year-old son of Edward Batterman, of Wenatchee, who, with two of his children, was killed in the slide.

Three of the bodies of the Batterman family have been recovered. Mrs. Batterman is in an Everett hospital with her five-year-old son, after a narrow escape.

MAN WANTS BALM, INJURED FEELINGS

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Portland, Jan. 25.—Demanding \$50,000 heart balm, Gus Bothman was scheduled to go on the witness stand today in his suit against Mrs. Caroline Elwert Alexander.

Numerous letters, some of them containing words of endearment, have been produced for use at the trial. Bothman is trying to show that Mrs. Alexander, then Miss Caroline Elwert, promised to marry him in 1902.

Instead of marrying him, Bothman alleges she eloped to Vancouver, B. C., with Temple Alexander, a paroled convict nearly 30 years her junior. Bothman claims he has acted as Mrs. Alexander's business agent for ten years. She is reputed to be wealthy.

GERMAN NOTE SAID NOT TO SATISFY

Latest Communication From the Kaiser on Lusitania Affair Reported at Capital to Fail to Meet Demands

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 25.—That an unsatisfactory turn has been given to the Lusitania torpedoing negotiations by the latest note from Germany on the subject was indicated by the White House today. This came in an official statement that press announcement that the new note meets all of America's demands "is pure supposition, not justified by facts."

The new note, which in advance had been regarded as probably the last step in the case, was handed by Bernstorff to Secretary Lansing Saturday and presented yesterday to President Wilson. Today it was laid before the cabinet. In the hope of clearing up the case as far as possible before he starts his preparedness stumping tour, the president will confer at length with Lansing tomorrow. He postponed his Wednesday departure for New York to midnight, in order that he might have this session.

Meanwhile, it is possible that Lansing will hold a conference with Bernstorff.

Forecast of the note to which the state department is believed to have objected said that Germany had refrained from mentioning the matter of future warnings to liners before making submarine attacks, and had modified her refusal to concede wrong-doing on the part of the diver that sank the Lusitania.

A German embassy official declared the note is Germany's last word and indicated that he had reason to think that the president and the state department would regard it as meeting the situation. He declared he did not see how Germany could go farther.

SHADE OF BARD OF AVON DISTURBED

(By United Press Leased Wire.)

San Francisco, Jan. 25.—William Shakespeare, the well known Bard of Avon, rolled over in his grave today when he heard that the San Francisco board of supervisors had drawn odious comparisons about his place in the sun, and had even feared that for the sake of neutrality San Francisco ought not to honor his tercentenary April 25.

In an interview received by a spirit reporter, Shakespeare declared:

"In faith, my lord, it gives me pause that John O. Walsh should declare Byron a much greater poet than I. Why, my lord, though in my own time I was regarded as no better than a penny-a-liner, prithees have I not since been known the world over as the greatest writer of all time?"

The bard's shade was a bit peeved, too, because Supervisor Wolf had declared Charles Dickens did more for the plain people than Shakespeare ever did. But, anyhow, after sweeping aside the objection that citizens might object to the celebration on the grounds of neutrality, the board agreed to have the celebration. Supervisor Hocks, of Tontonic extraction, swung the tide in favor of the renowned Englishman when he declared he had Shakespeare's works in German as a boy, and declared that he was honored in all tongues, and nowhere more than in Germany.