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BALKAN FORT CAPTURED

AUSTRIANS DEAL CRUSHING BLOW TO MONTENEGRO

MOUNT LOVCEN, THE PRINCIPAL MILITARY BASE OF LITTLE KINGDOM CAPTURED AND TEUTONS ARE SWEEPING ON TOWARD THE ADRIATIC

TURKS SUFFER REVERSE

British Column Advancing to Relief of Kut-El-Amara in Mesopotamia Scatters Strong Moslem Force—French Repulse German Attacks in Champagne, Regaining Lost Ground

LONDON, Jan. 11—Mount Lovcen, the great Montenegrin stronghold, has fallen and the Austrian onslaughts are proceeding with great violence, menacing important positions close to the Adriatic, according to an official report issued at Vienna today. Desperate battles are reported to be raging along the whole northern and eastern Montenegrin frontiers. Berane on the east, it is reported, has been evacuated by the Montenegrins.

In Mesopotamia the British column advancing to the relief of Kut-El-Amara, has repulsed a strong Turkish force, but still faces greatly superior forces in the twenty miles separating it from Kut-El-Amara.

There have been no fresh developments on the Russian front where the temperature at some points is touching twenty degrees below zero.

CONSCRIPTION BILL SAFE.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—The opposition in the House of Commons to the government's compulsory military service bill crumbled to a mere handful today. It is predicted that the second reading tomorrow will function and more than twenty or thirty votes against it as compared with the 236 Sunday and 105 on the first reading.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—A Berlin dispatch says that one hundred and eight-five bags of American parcel post have been seized at Kristiadt on board the Norwegian steamer Ingeborg.

LANE ENTERS RACE.

Former Comptroller Desires to Have Seat in Next Congress.

FORT WORTH, Jan. 11.—Formal application for a position on the ballot in the race for congressman at large has been filed by former State Comptroller W. P. Lane with Chairman Paul Wooley of the state democratic executive committee.

The application gave the occupation of the applicant as a lawyer, his age 42, and his residence Fort Worth. The election for which the application is filed will be held July 25.

"In the last primary, July 1914, official returns at the El Paso convention indicated that I had been elected over Congressman Jeff McLemore by a majority of 837 votes," said Lane. "The committee declared McLemore elected on the ground that official returns from nine counties which gave me a majority were missing."

Lane was elected to the state legislature from Tarrant county in 1906 and served during 1907 and 1909. He was elected State Comptroller in 1910, was sworn in office in 1911 and served until Jan. 18, 1915.

TODAY'S CALENDAR.

Today's local forecast: Rain and colder; moderate to fresh westerly to northerly winds.

At the Theatres.

Amico—Ethel Barrymore in "The Final Judgment" a five reel Metro feature. This play was produced by Edwin Carewe the son of F. M. Fox of this city.

Lyric—"Stronger Than Death" a Rex five reel feature; also "Greed and Gasoline" a comedy.

Rex—Second showing of the wonderful Paul J. Rainey wild animal pictures taken in the heart of African jungles at a cost of $250,000.

Today's Local Calendar.

January business session of the City Federation this afternoon at 2:30 at the Nueces Hotel.

Alam-Ramsay revival services this morning at 10:15 and tonight at 7:15 at the Water street tabernacle.

W. S. HAMMOND

GOVERNOR WILLIAM HOVEY SUDDEN DEATH FROM HOME

Governor William Hovey Sudden of Minnesota, who died suddenly in a hotel at Canton, La., from a stroke of apoplexy, while physicians would not have believed he an attack of pleurisy following, was fifty-four years old. He was born at Southboro, Mass., and received a Bachelor's degree from Dartmouth college in 1886. He became a schoolmaster and in 1891 was made superintendent of schools at Mankato, Minn. He studied law, and six years after he was made superintendent of schools he was admitted to the bar. He defeated J. T. McCleary, the Republican field advocate, for congress in 1907. For three terms he represented the second congressional district of Minnesota. Governor Hammond was the second Minnesota chief executive to die in office, Governor John A. Johnson, the last previous Democratic incumbent, died following an operation in September, 1909.

AMERICAN IDEA OF BOY TRAINING PROVES POPULAR IN HOLLAND

YOUNG WOMAN PIONEER IN THE WORK OVERCOMES MUCH EARLY OPPOSITION

PRINCE CONSORT IS AIDING

THE HAGUE, Jan. 11.—Letters from America are the talk of a few more court people in the face of the Netherlands, which, under the direction of Miss Hendrika van der Vlier and the patronage of the Prince Consort, is rapidly exerting as influence on the future welfare of the Dutch nation.

Miss van der Vlier, who is a daughter of the late court chaplain who performed the marriage ceremony of Queen Wilhelmina, visited the United States eight years ago and there inspected some of the boys' clubs in various American cities, which imbued her with the idea of raising the status of youth inclined more especially the lowhood of the poorer classes. She began in the slums of the Hague, where the municipal committee in their wooden clogs swarmed in the narrow alleys, where they smoked cigarettes, rescued from the gutters, thoughtlessly and generally indulged in rowdyism.

Miss van der Vlier's efforts at first were ridiculed. The boys when asked by her to come to her home replied by running away and pelting her with rotten fruit. Her friends in Hague society, where the stiffness and old-fashioned ideas of the early eighteenth century still prevail, were scandalized by her mixing with the lowest classes and refused to support her efforts. Her own capital consisted of four dollars and, but she was determined to succeed. She obtained from an old lady the use of a room, and this she called the club-house. Eventually she began to teach them the use of paints and gave them instruction in fret-work. Soon they brought others and Miss van der Vlier rented a small house, where she started classes in home industries.

The idea then began to spread rapidly and as the friends of Miss van der Vlier saw that she was succeeding in what they had considered an eccentric project they began to take interest in it until she was able to form among them a committee of helpers. The club was baptized "Ernst, Nut und Ontspanning" (Earnestness, Usefulness and Recreation) and is now known as the E. N. O.

Since the flight from Belgium of the way, Miss van der Vlier has taken 100 Belgian boys under her guardianship. She is going to America early in January to obtain further ideas for the development of her work here, which is now spreading to various Dutch cities and whose progress is watched closely by the Queen, who contributes liberally thereto.

On a recent occasion the members of the American Legation visited the club and the boys treated them to a performance of American melodies played by their own brass band.

PROGRESSIVES FLIRTING WITH REPUBLICANS

NATIONAL CONVENTION OF BULL MOOSE PARTY TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO CONCURRENTLY WITH THAT OF THE G. O. P.

WILSON WAS CRITICISED

In Declaration of Principles Administration's Alleged Failure to Uphold The National Honor at Home Condemned—Leaders Favor Roosevelt for President.

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—The national committee of the progressive party today decided that the party's national convention should be held in Chicago June 7. The same week the Republican national convention will be in session here.

Holding of the progressive convention concurrently with the Republican was decided on in the hope that both would agree to the same presidential candidates.

The Progressive committee today adopted a declaration of principles. [illegible] administration for its alleged failure to deal adequately with questions involving the national honor and for its inability to stem industrial warfare paralyzing throughout the country. The declaration favors complete preparedness for national defense.

Progressive leaders declared tonight that there should be no amalgamation with the Republican party even if both nominated Roosevelt or some other candidate for president who is acceptable to the Progressives. It was stated that the progressives will nominate a national ticket, irrespective of what action the Republicans should take.

YOUNGSTOWN STRIKERS TO RETURN TO WORK

TUBE WORKERS VOTE TO ACCEPT TEN PER CENT. INCREASE IN WAGES

YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio, Jan. 11.—It was announced tonight that the tube workers of the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company had voted today to accept the company's offer of about ten per cent increase in wages and would return to work tomorrow.

A telegram received here today from John D. Rockefeller, Jr., denies the charge that the Rockefeller interests were responsible for Friday's riots in an effort to gain control of the company.

REWARD FOR MAIL ROBBERS.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 11.—Postal authorities of San Antonio received advices today that the United States postoffice department would pay a reward of $1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person who robbed the southbound Sunset Express mail car here last Wednesday night. Federal, state an county officers have been co-operating in the search for the highwayman, but no clew as to his whereabouts has yet been found.

SAFE AND SANE FARMING.

Campaign is Begun in Victoria County

VICTORIA, Jan. 11.—The "safe and sane" farming picture campaign method here today with a rest, it being inaugurated by representatives of the Texas Industrial Congress, the state department of agriculture and the Victoria Chamber of Commerce. A schedule of eighteen meetings in as many communities of the county has been arranged for the week five of the engagements being filled today.

A big better farming booster meeting was held in the courthouse here tonight, which was well attended and was addressed by several of the speakers.

Representatives of the Texas Industrial Congress here are Dr. N. D. Barrow, C. O. Moser, and H. A. Clape of the department of agriculture and Paul Wilgreath.

This marked the inaugurating of a statewide campaign in the interest of diversification and safe and sane farming methods. It is to be carried into every community possible.

In point of organization, Victoria is probably the banner county of the state having organized and is working order now sixteen farmers' clubs, fourteen rural women's clubs and seventeen girls' canning clubs.

CHINESE REVOLUTION SPREADING RAPIDLY

GOVERNMENT TROOPS IN HUPETH PROVINCE JOIN THE REBELS

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 11.—Shanghai cablegrams report that the government troops in Hopeh province and in the city of Nankin have joined the revolutionists.

The revolutionists of Fukien and Hunan provinces have proclaimed their independence of the central government.

COLD WAVE IS COMING

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Warnings of a cold wave in the west gulf states were issued tonight by the weather bureau. Storm warnings were ordered displayed on the gulf coast from New Orleans to Brownsville, Texas.

CHINA'S FINANCES IN BAD SHAPE, NEW LOAN IS NECESSARY

PRESIDENT YUAN SHI KAI AND CABINET STRIVING TO CUT DOWN EXPENSES

REVENUE HARD TO RAISE

PEKIN, Jan. 11.—Upon the completion of the Chinese republic's fifth year's budget a gaping deficit of about twenty million dollars Mexican or eight million dollars gold, is shown. The government [illegible] obliged to raise a fifth year domestic loan in 1916, and the amount of this will probably be about twenty-four million dollars Mexican.

President Yuan Shi Kai and his cabinet have repeatedly stated that they were making efforts to cut down expenditure. However, the spirit of unrest in various parts of China has made necessary a greater military expenditure than had been contemplated. The income from the salt gabelle and from import and export taxes is showing a healthy increase but is not sufficient to meet expenditure.

The lack of centralization in the Chinese government makes it impossible for the central government to collect the great amount of revenue yielded by the provinces. Under foreign directions the salt gabelle has demonstrated how great the revenue-producing powers of China are. As the salt monopoly is pledged to the syndicate group of bankers and [illegible] under the direction of the five governments participating in the loan, there is little wastage in its funds and provincial officers are unable to share in its profits as they do in other taxes.

Taxation varies greatly in different parts of China. It is controlled largely by the whim of local officers. The ministry of commerce and agriculture, Chou Tse-chi, and other cabinet members have been vainly striving to have the likin abolished so there could be free and unhampered trade between the various provinces. This seems impossible, however under present conditions. The hold of the central government on distant officials is so slight, and the various officers are so thoroughly entrenched in their own localities that it is impossible to reform the tax system.

Chinese papers have recently been discussing the various taxes to which pork is subjected from the time a pig leaves its original owner until the actual consumer purchases the meat. Every butcher has to pay for a license which is renewed each month. The average charge for this license is thirty cents Mexican, a month or about twelve cents gold. In addition he has to pay a local contribution to officials in his immediate neighborhood. A fee varying from fifty cents to one dollar Mexican is also exacted from every butcher for each pig he kills. After the animal has been slaughtered, it must have an official stamp placed upon it and a small sum is charged for this service. Every butcher who desires to retail pork must also pay a monthly fee varying from sixty cents to one dollar Mexican, known as a shop contribution. And finally he must make a regular contribution to the butchers' guild. Furthermore, there are taxes levied upon shipments of pork from one district to another, and the man who raises pigs is taxed for the privilege of doing so.

Rice taxes are equally complex and burdensome. A rice grower is forced to pay tax on his land. When the rice is ready for market, the village commission agent extracts a small sum for handling it and to this amount is added a stamp duty. Rice on its way in boats to the Chinese cities passes local taxation stations all of which exact a fee. When the rice reaches commercial centers another commission agent gets a fee, and the city tax station takes a toll. Here another stamp duty is also added. The rice is then reported to the rice guild, which must have another fee. Big and destruction taxes are also levied. When the rice passes from the hands of the commission merchant to retail dealers another stamp duty is levied.

Chinese magistrates show ingenuity in inventing names for various taxes. Every tea-shop keeper is required to pay a cup contribution for every cup of tea sold. Weavers must pay a contribution upon every loom. Restaurant keepers are forced to pay a tax on every table. There are laws preventing magistrates from imposing taxes at will, but the officials escape these by calling the various levies contributions. Retailers and small dealers who desire to remain in business know they can not resist the tyranny of the local officials, and submit to their impositions. In many parts of China, the taxes are reported to have become much more burdensome under the republic than they were under the Manchus. Consequently, any small dealers and farmers are said to favor the restoration of the monarchy.

MURDER AND PILLAGE AGAIN RAMPANT IN NORTH MEXICO

Where Armies Of Russia And Austria Are At Grips

MAP OF RUSSO-AUSTRIAN SITUATION - AUSTRIAN SOLDIERS IN SNOW.

PRESIDENT'S DEFENSE PLAN RUNS AGAINST SNAG IN THE HOUSE

CHAIRMAN OF MILITARY AFFAIRS COMMITTEE OPPOSES ARMY INCREASE SCHEME

HE FAVORS MILITIA BILL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—The first definite indication of trouble over the administration's plans for strengthening the army came today when Chairman Hay of the House military affairs committee told President Wilson that he disapproved of the fundamental suggestion for the organization of a continental army of 400,000 federal volunteers. Mr. Hay said that he favored the passage of the militia pay bill under contractural provision with the states, under which state soldiers would draw pay from the federal government and be required to serve in the federal army during war time.

The president's reception of this proposition was not disclosed.

SWITCH ENGINE HITS STREET CAR, FOUR DEAD

FATALLY, IN GRADE CROSSING ACCIDENT

SPRINGFIELD, Ohio, Jan. 11.—Four persons were killed and eleven injured when a Big Four switch engine struck a street car on a grade crossing here tonight.

At least two of the injured, it is believed, will die.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—For West Texas: Wednesday fair; cold wave; temperature will be below zero north and west to twenty degrees south. Thursday fair, not so cold.

East Texas: Wednesday fair; colder, cold wave; temperature will fall forty degrees or more to interior and thirty to forty on the coast. Thursday fair, colder in east, freezing to coast, moderate to strong northerly winds.

WOMEN PLEAD THAT UNITED STATES TAKE STEPS TO END WAR

MEMBERS OF PEACE PARTY GIVEN HEARING BY CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE

SENATOR IS SKEPTICAL

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Speakers for the Women's Peace Party pleaded with the Senate and House foreign relations committees today to enlist the entire strength of the United States to help end the European war, saying that all Europe is ready for peace.

Senator John Sharp Williams of Mississippi, replying, told the women that while their addresses were instructive they failed to convince him that the great body of American women believed that peace took precedence over all national virtues.

AMERICAN IS KILLED BY MEXICAN TROOPS

P. KEANE, BOOKKEEPER ON HEARST'S CHIHUAHUA RANCH, REPORTED MURDERED

EL PASO, Jan. 11.—P. Keane, bookkeeper on the Hearst ranch near Madera, Chihuahua, who was held prisoner for several weeks by Villa, has been killed by Mexican troops, according to a brief telegram received here today.

Whether the murder was committed by Villistas, Carranzistas or by men of some other faction is not known here.

PREFERENTIAL PRIMARY

Voters of Jim Wells County Will Designate County Superintendent.

ALICE, Jan. 11.—The Commissioner's Court of Jim Wells county ordered an election to be held February 12th throughout the county to [illegible] who the people desire appointed county superintendent of public instruction. Applications of candidates must be filed with the county judge fifteen days before the election in order that names be printed on the official ballot. The court will appoint the person receiving the greatest number of votes.

17 AMERICANS BUTCHERED BY VILLA BANDITS

GEN. JOSE RODRIGUEZ, FORMERLY ONE OF VILLA'S CHIEF MILITARY AIDS, INAUGURATES REIGN OF TERROR IN STATE OF CHIHUAHUA

WASHINGTON WILL ACT

If Reports of Wholesale Murder and Pillage are Confirmed Carranza Will be Called Upon to Take Steps to Capture or Destroy the Men Responsible for Outrages

EL PASO, Jan. 11.—Seventeen Americans were murdered, robbed and stripped of their clothing and a trainload of provisions and money looted by Villista bandits under Gen. Jose Rodriguez, west of Chihuahua city, according to telegrams from Americans who escaped and reached Madera today.

A brief message from Thomas M. Holmes, who escaped and finally reached Chihuahua, says the tragedy occurred yesterday fifty miles west of Chihuahua. The Americans were taken from the train and lined up alongside the cars for execution, when Holmes, who was on the extreme end, made a successful break for liberty. He counted seventeen Americans who had been sent to reopen mines on assurance of protection.

It is believed that the murders were the direct result of Villa's order to "kill all Americans, loot and burn."

The Juarez censor, it is understood here, is delaying the news of the murders. Rodriguez recently quit the Carrancistas after surrendering his Villa forces

WASHINGTON, Jan. 11—If the El Paso report that seventeen Amrecians have been killed in Mexico is confirmed the United States will make earnest representations to Gen. Carranza, demanding that the men responsible be captured or destroyed. Nothing official bearing on the matter has been received by the state department.

Peter Keane, killed near Madera yesterday, was a British subject and Great Britain which has already recognized Carranza, probably will make strong representations.

EL PASO, Jan. 11.—The British consul at Chihuahua tonight confirmed the report that seventeen foreigners had been murdered by Villista bandits.

One version of Holmes' escape is given in a railroad message received at Juarez. This message says that the bandits boarded the train at four o'clock yesterday morning and ordered the foreigners to alight. Holmes hid in a lavatory from where he saw his companions stripped, after which they were ordered to march westward. Holmes then left the train and escaped in the darkness. A few minutes later he heard shrieks and a fusillade of shots from the direction taken by the bandits.

A vigorously worded protest was sent to President Wilson tonight signed by hundreds of mining men.

NUEVO LAREDO, Mexico, Jan. 11.—Jose Maria Sacra was publicly executed here tonight for alleged highway robbery committed on the streets here last night.

SAN ANTONIO, Jan. 11.—Murray Crossett, San Antonio mining man, was among the Americans executed near Chihuahua, according to a telegram to his wife here tonight from Chihuahua. He was 34 and left El Paso Saturday.