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MEN AND WOMEN ALMOST 50-50 ON POLL TAX LIST

Only Seventy-Seven Rangerites Have Forked Over for Voting Privilege.

Twenty-two Ranger citizens paid their poll taxes yesterday at the Chamber of Commerce, bringing the total number of poll tax receipts issued by J. E. T. Peters as deputy tax collector, up to seventy-seven. Men and women are about evenly divided on the list so far, the women calling at the office invariably paying their husband's tax and the men sometimes paying their wives' tax.

"I don't care for voting, so why should I bother to pay any poll tax," one woman demanded as she entered the office yesterday, more to satisfy her curiosity than to part with any tax money. It was explained to her that poll taxes must be paid before property taxes can be accepted.

Poll tax receipts are being issued by the deputy tax collector here as a convenience to citizens of Ranger, who would otherwise be compelled to make a special trip to Eastland, under a ruling from the attorney general's office to the effect that citizens of a city of 10,000 and over must pay their poll taxes personally.

TWO KENTUCKY MOONSHINERS SLAIN BY POSSE

HARLAN, Ky., Jan. 7.—A mountaineer moonshiner, armed with a high powered rifle, sat on a lofty mountain perch as guard today, over the lifeless bodies of Can Fee and Enos Fee, alleged moonshiners, killed in a battle with a posse near here.

John Wilson, prohibition agent, and Sheriff J. H. Blair reported they approached a still in the mountains, and found the two men operating it. The officers said they called on the men to surrender. A volley was the answer. Returning fire, the posse killed both mountaineers.

THREATS MADE AGAINST NEWBERRY SUPPORTERS, CHARGED BY SENATOR

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Charges that efforts have been made by certain interests to coerce senators to vote against Senator Newberry of Michigan, were made today by Senator Townsend of that state, in the course of an extended defense of his colleagues in the senate.

HUMBLE WELL MAKING THIRTEEN THOUSAND

ORANGE, Texas, Jan. 7.—The Humble Oil company's Chessons No. 5, ten days old, today has settled down to a natural production of 13,000 barrels of fine quality crude oil, the official reports of the company showed.

HOUSTON DOCTOR NEAR DEATH FROM CHLOROFORM

HOUSTON, Jan. 7.—Dr. R. M. Cowan, 35, was reported in a critical condition at a local sanitarium today, following his being taken there after being found unconscious in a rooming house here. A chloroform-soaked rag covered the man's face when found, it was reported to police. The man had complained of illness recently, the proprietor of the rooming house said.

DEATH THREAT, ACCOMPANIED BY REVOLVER, SENT MARY GARDEN

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—A writer of poisoned pen letters, who has terrorized wealthy society matrons of Chicago's "gold coast," today threatened the life of Mary Garden, director of the Chicago Opera company. Miss Garden received a letter containing a revolver and six cartridges, the writer saying he "hoped soon to see her body floating down the Chicago river."

Miss Garden was resting from her strenuous performance of "Salome" when reporters called at her apartment to ask about the incident.

CENTRAL CHARITY ASSOCIATION MAY BE ORGANIZED IN RANGER

Influx of Penniless Families Creates Necessity for Relief Without Duplication; Number of Idle Men Also Increasing Despite Police "Move On" Order.

As the result of an influx of mendicants and in some cases poverty-stricken families into Ranger, an effort is being made to establish a central charitable organization, to provide relief without duplication and to investigate the needs of those appealing for help.

Investigation has proved that a number of these appeals are coming from improvident individuals and families passing through Ranger en route to other places and living on the country through which they pass, and that it is desirable to assist these people in leaving town rather than have them settle here as a burden on the community.

Other causes for this condition are that country girls arriving in the larger cities are usually friendless and they have not had a sufficient education.

FIGURES SHOW IT'S SMALL TOWN GIRLS WHO TAKE PRIMROSE PATH

CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—Nearly 75 per cent of immoral women are from small cities and the country.

TWO WACO HIJACKERS BEAT MAN UNCONSCIOUS

WACO, Jan. 7.—No trace has been found today of the two men who last night held up, beat into unconsciousness, and robbed R. J. Blohn, of New Orleans.

NEW BID FOR MUSCLE SHOALS IS "NOT COMPLETE"

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Secretary of War Weeks after a conference today with F. E. Kinkler of San Francisco, whose construction company has submitted an offer for the Muscle Shoals nitrate and power project, stated that the bid made by Henry Ford was the only complete proposition before him which included both the completion of the project and the manufacturer of fertilizer.

U. S. ATTORNEY RESIGNS.

DENISON, Texas, Jan. 7.—Captain E. J. Smith, United States attorney for the eastern district of Texas, has filed his resignation with the department of justice, he announced today. Smith, whose home is in Denison, said that the department had not as yet taken any action.

Kansas City Police Nip Plot to Dynamite Packing Houses

ARMS MEET BARS USE OF POISON GAS IN WARFARE

No Agreement Reached on Airplanes, and Another Conference Is Suggested.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Poison gas as an instrument of war was outlawed here today by Great Britain, France, Japan, Italy and the United States, who through their representatives at the arms conference approved the American proposal to prohibit the use of that weapon.

On the question of aircraft, the subcommittee reported that it was impossible to limit the size, use or character of aircraft other than lighter-than-air machines and that the question of aircraft should be left to a future conference.

After adopting the anti-gas resolution, the conference discussed aircraft restrictions, but reached no conclusion. The discussion will be renewed Monday.

All of the nations of the world will be asked to subscribe to the poison gas resolution, the adoption of which by the five powers marks another triumph for the United States in leading them to an effective limitation of armament.

GERMANY TO PAY REPARATIONS IN GOODS, NEW PLAN

CANNES, France, Jan. 7.—Germany may be asked to send a representative to Cannes for consultation with the allied supreme council on the subject of German reparations, an allied delegate at the council announced this afternoon.

Meanwhile, it was learned today, experts of the reparations commission have agreed on a plan for partial remission of cash payments by Germany for a period of years, involving the payment of 500,000,000 gold marks yearly and 1,000,000,000 marks in goods.

PERSHING QUITS MEXIA FOR ARMY POST TOUR

MEXIA, Jan. 7.—General John J. Pershing was due to arrive in San Antonio early today, where he will review the Second division.

General Pershing yesterday spoke at the dedication of Pershing Way—the oil field road, built within the shadow of the "golden lane."

JAPAN EXCLUDED FROM PROTECTION OF TREATY

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 7.—When Arthur C. Burch was taken from his cell at the county jail Friday to go to the courtroom where he is on trial charged with the murder of J. Belton Kennedy, he either slipped or tried to jump through the railing around the jail corridor to the steel floor about thirty feet below.

JUDGE PRENDERGAST DEAD.

WACO, Jan. 7.—The funeral of Judge Prendergast, former associate justice of the Texas court of appeals, who died here last night, will be held Sunday afternoon.

Ten Men in Jail, Including Two Expert Bombers Imported From Chicago; Man Who Revealed Plot in Hospital After Severe Beating.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 7.—Ten men were jailed here today, when police began making arrests in connection with what they declare was a plot to dynamite Morris and company's packing plant, where union employees are on strike, Monday night.

Andrew Oreska and Tony Waselovich, said by police to be imported dynamite men from Chicago, were among those held in default of bond, pending trial Jan. 18.

R. A. Swanson, who was assaulted by a crowd of men Friday night, gave the police information leading to the arrests. He said he overheard the alleged plot to dynamite the plant, and was beaten up when the men discovered him listening.

CLOSE VOTE ON IRISH TREATY IS FORECAST

DUBLIN, Jan. 7.—The party whips of the section of the Dail, headed by Arthur Griffiths, in favor of the ratification of the Anglo-Irish treaty, estimated this afternoon that out of 122 votes, the supporters of the treaty would secure sixty-three, or a majority of four.

DOWN IN EAST TEXAS THEY DON'T SEEM TO LIKE JOY VENDORS

BEAUMONT, Jan. 7.—After being beaten, tarred and feathered, D. L. Mathews, 50 years old, was carried by a group of men to the town of Kountze, where he was chained to a telephone pole, he reported here today. He was fastened to the pole with new locks and could not be released until parties attracted by his cries broke the locks with hammers, he said.

BURCH TRIED SUICIDE, IS BELIEF OF SHERIFF

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MRS. ROOSEVELT SAILS TODAY FOR ENGLAND

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—Mrs. Theodore Roosevelt, widow of the former president, was a passenger on the steamship Finland, sailing for England.

SHAVED BY FIRE

BERLIN, Jan. 7.—A bearded passenger on a Berlin street car was severely burned yesterday when another man touched his celluloid collar with a lighted cigar. His beard, moustache, eyebrows and hair were burned off and his clothing damaged.

JAPS REFUSE MEDIATION ON CHINA'S CLAIM

Balfour and Hughes Will Not Act Unless Both Join in Request.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Arthur J. Balfour and Secretary Hughes, it was said today by a British spokesman, probably will await a joint request from the Japanese and Chinese delegates to the arms conference to mediate the Shantung dispute before going into the breach caused yesterday when the conversations between the two groups came to an end after failing to agree on promise of payment for the Kiao Chow-Tianan Fu railway.

Hughes and Balfour, the spokesman said, however, likely would agree to meet the Chinese delegation in response to the request made yesterday. They would thus receive the Chinese report on the situation.

The Chinese delegation shortly before noon received an invitation from Balfour for a conference late in the day.

OUSTER SUIT IS FILED AGAINST ARDMORE CHIEF

ARDMORE, Okla., Jan. 7.—Ouster charges were filed at noon today against Chief of Police Hightower of Ardmore, by Assistant State Attorney Fulton. Three counts are cited in the petition as follows:

JUSTICE IS BLIND BUT SOMETIMES SPEEDY

ELYRIA, Ohio, Jan. 7.—Common pleas court here recently established what is believed to be a record for speed in a lawsuit.

CITY MARSHAL SOUGHT FOR KIDNAPPING GIRL

BLOOMFIELD, Mo., Jan. 7.—Authorities announced today they were seeking J. R. Allen, former city marshal here, following a story told by Mary Shock, 15 years old, telephone operator, who disappeared a month ago.

ALLIGATOR IS STUCK BY ENGINE NEAR CHOPY, LA.

MARSHALL, Texas, Jan. 7.—While Engineer Walter was running passenger train No. 25 on the Louisiana division of the Texas & Pacific railway near Chopin, La., he ran up to a big alligator about five feet long that was crossing the track. He did not know it was an alligator until he got close to it as it raised up trying to get across the track.

