

### USE OF MATCHES BY GAS METER READERS TO BE INVESTIGATED

The indiscriminate use of matches by meter readers in the employ of the Salem Gas company is called to the attention of A. C. Barber, state insurance commissioner and fire marshal, by Fred A. Williams, public service commissioner, who characterizes the practice as a menace to the health and safety of the public. Barber is requested to investigate the situation in an effort to put a stop to the practice. Commissioner Williams' letter to Barber follows:

"Believing that your good office is directly interested in removing and preventing any and all practices that may be hazardous either to the individual or to the general public, we respectfully call your attention to the fact that, as we are informed, in instance the meter readers of the Salem Gas company have been using matches where light was necessary to read meters in houses in Salem. This occurs to us as dangerous to health and safety of the public, and if done with the knowledge of its officers is criminal, and if without their knowledge it is a misdemeanor.

"We sincerely hope that you will employ such means as are at your command to expel immediately this iniquitous habit while there is yet so loss of life or property."

### WIFE SLAYS WOMAN WHO ATTEMPTED TO STEAL HER HUSBAND

San Francisco, Nov. 5.—Miss Jean Kimball, 30, head bookkeeper at the Palace hotel, was shot dead late yesterday at the entrance of the hotel. She was killed by Mrs. Julia Mildred Thurston, 30, of Sacramento, who is staying at the Maryland hotel with her husband.

Mrs. Thurston was arrested immediately. She declared Miss Kimball had been trying to steal her husband for the past two years.

Mrs. Thurston shot twice, chasing her victim into the hotel entrance. The second shot took effect in the right side of the body.

Mrs. Thurston was taken to the city prison to be booked on a charge of murder.

Mrs. Thurston told police officials her husband had just got out of the army. She said Miss Kimball has been attempting to win his affections for two years and his release from the army brought the affair to a climax.

### Los Angeles Police Asked To Discuss Unionization

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 5.—Representatives of the big coal railroad brotherhoods have asked members of the Los Angeles police department to meet with them to discuss formation of a policemen's union, it was announced here today.

A charter for such a union already has been received from the American Federation of Labor, according to J. B. Dale, A. P. of L. organizer.

### Deposits Of Ladd & Bush Bank Total Over \$5,000,000

The Ladd & Bush bank of Salem has passed the \$5,000,000 mark in deposits, according to a statement by Will H. Bennett, superintendent of banks, Tuesday. This record places the Salem institution on a par with the largest banks in the state.

### GLEE CLUBS TO STAGE LIGHT OPERA NUMBER

The Yokohama Maid is the title of the light opera to be put on by the glee clubs of Willamette university sometime near the Christmas holidays. Dr. John R. Sites announced Tuesday. The opera, the scenes of which are laid in Japan, will be staged in the Grand opera house for two evenings. The men's and women's glee clubs, assisted by students of the school of music, will make up the cast. Dean Sites will direct the musical.

The music for the Yokohama Maid has been ordered, said Dr. Sites yesterday, and the cast of players is being completed. An orchestra composed of townspeople will furnish the accompaniment. Director Sites said that he could not set the exact date for the opera until he saw how the players got hold of their work. Both the musical rendition and the acting must be perfect before the opera is placed before the public, he asserted.

### SALEM BOY WRITES OF VOYAGE OVER PACIFIC

Private Frank Hettick who enlisted in the infantry July 4, 1919, and has been stationed at Fort McDowell, Angel Island, California, since his enlistment, called October 11 for Siberia. Word was received yesterday by his mother that he had arrived safely at Honolulu. He was nine days sailing the distance so far and will be fifteen more days in competing his trip to Siberia.

The young private says he's having the time of his life and getting fine cats. He visited the Waikiki beach. He says tell all the Salem folks he has all the pineapple he can eat for ten cents and banana's fifteen cents a dozen. He is aboard the transport Thomas. Private Hettick is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Hettick of 490 North Seventeenth street.

### Argentine Faces Strike To Free Political Prisoners

Buenos Aires, Nov. 5.—(United Press)—Workers throughout Argentina are preparing to declare a general strike if their demands for liberation of all "social prisoners" are refused by the government, the radical socialist newspaper La Montana declared today.

The so-called "social prisoners" included many arrested during the general strike last January.

**SOME DIFFERENCE**  
In the British Isles there are 363 persons to the square mile, while in Australia 1 1/2 is the average.

### POLITICIANS WATCH FIRST CONVENTION OF WOMAN VOTERS

Portland, Ore., Nov. 5.—Women voters of the state of Oregon are meeting here today with Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, president of the National Equal Suffrage association.

Mrs. Catt came here to form an Oregon branch of the National League of Women Voters. Her call stated the purpose of the organization as "the co-ordination of the activities of women citizens."

Many of the Oregon women who have taken a leading part in feminine activities in the past, responded to Mrs. Catt's call with considerable reluctance, seeing in the "co-ordination of the activities of women citizens" something that is limitless in its scope and political in sound. They are afraid the real object of the organization is the formulation of a political "one big union" of women voters.

So the meeting, which is being held this afternoon, may be a rather lively affair. All the interest isn't on the inside either. Some of the political leaders among them men, on the outside, are anxiously awaiting news of what's going on inside.

### EPISCOPAL CHURCH CONFERENCE CALLED

What is expected to be the most influential gathering of clergy and laymen of the Episcopal church ever held in Portland has been called for next Wednesday, Nov. 13th, by Bishop Sumner in Portland, when plans for conducting the great nation wide campaign of the church will be discussed.

Invitations have been sent out by telegraph to all local leaders of the campaign.

Bishop Sumner and other Oregon delegates to the campaign will tell of the remarkable general convention at Detroit, said to be the most notable in the history of the church, at which three days were devoted to the campaign.

The Portland session will lay plans for the great spiritual effort of the church, which is in no sense a money drive, but by which it is intended that the church shall take on new growth, and find herself for the work in the new era following the war.

### IRVINE MAY BE KEPT OUT OF PACIFIC FRAY

The Bearcats indulged in some healthy scrimmage Tuesday afternoon which toned the squad up a bit without making any more cripples. Before scrimmage, the squad split into two sections and used fifteen minutes running signals. Cripples Irvine, Tobie, Brown, Thomas were out in uniform but not in action. Quarterback Irvine is not likely to be in against Pacific Saturday, since his "Charley horse" has been pinning him ever since the warwhoop of November 1. Gansane will probably take the pilot position. Tobie and Brown are improving and may get to mix the mustard with "P. U." Thomas may also leave the invalid class before that time. Tackle Ross Miles will not be in, as the "Doc" made another incision in his infected foot Tuesday.

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### TODAY HOWARD FOSTER PLAYERS

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### Montana Ranchers Suffer Severely From Lack Of Coal

Butte, Mont., Nov. 5.—Ranchers of Montana, particularly those in the plains sections of the state, are suffering extreme privations due to lack of coal, according to reports brought to Butte today by travelers.

Homesteaders, already impoverished by the drought of last season, are said to be in hard straits. It is reported that many of them are tearing down barns, outhouses and fence posts in their desperate efforts to secure fuel.

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