

PORTLAND

The cross of the black star, one of the highest decorations of the French government was received recently by Colonel George A. White, adjutant-general of Oregon. With the decoration came the communication from the French government notifying him that the cross had been conferred by the president of the French republic on recommendation of the grand chancellor of the national order of the Legion of Honor. Colonel White participated in the Marne-Aisne and Argonne campaigns.

Regular steamer service between Portland and upper Columbia river points will be inaugurated today by the Steamer Northwestern of the Portland Navigation company. The vessel will leave municipal dock No. 2 every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock and dock at Lewiston, Umatilla, Hermiston, Stanfield, Echo and Columbia river points east of Celilo. Returning, the vessel will leave Lewiston every Monday evening.

O. H. Larson, a logger, of Dee, Oregon, died at St. Vincent's hospital Friday night from injuries received from a fall on the sidewalk at First and Couch streets. His skull was fractured.

A New Record in Portland's foreign commerce was established on the 22d instant by the departure of three vessels for China in a single day. All three are under the local management of the Columbia-Pacific Shipping company. They are the Chinese steamer Hwah Wu and the shipping board steamers West Nivaria and West Jester. All have full cargoes of lumber.

Mrs. Marie Berglund was granted a decree of divorce from Oscar Berglund by Circuit Judge Tazwell on the 12th instant at the conclusion of a warmly contested suit. Five children, from 8 to 18 years, were given into the custody of the mother. Cruelty was the basis of the divorce action.

The Vista House trial, which bids fair to become one of the most famous cases in the country was begun yesterday in the circuit court. The case was filed by Nora Withrow et al. against the county commissioners, Vista House association, John B. Yeon and the contractors of the building. The plaintiffs, acting as taxpayers, wish to compel an accounting of the money and allege that it was beyond the power of the commissioners to erect such a building, which they describe as an observatory and a memorial. The offense maintain it is a comfort station. The sum of \$95,000 is involved in the suit and the case will decide whether it should be returned to the taxpayers or not.

Fizz for the Fishes—If a 10-pound salmon makes a vicious attack on some fisherman at the Oregon City falls, and if some wee trout viciously charges a launch with intent to destroy it. And if Astoria fishermen get perilously happy breathing in the ozone at the mouth of the Columbia; and if smelt go crazy and crabs act crabber than ever, well, there's a reason. Fifty-four cases—1296 quarts of the 'prisoned laughter of the peasant girls of France, of amber fluid, of golden memories of other days; in short, of champagne, made a bubbling exit into the Willamette river yesterday, via the sewer from the Multnomah court house. Hence the wicked trout, hence the crabby crabs, the savage salmon and the silly smelt. Judge Bean on Monday ordered it. A crowd of mourners was present at the court house at 10 a. m. when the last sad rites were performed, when the cases were smashed and the bottles uncorked releasing their foaming

contents. The champagne was seized at the Brunswick - Balke - Callender warehouse. It had been in the custody of Sheriff Hurlburt. Assistant District Attorney Reames asked the court that it be destroyed. Such is the sad tale as reported by the Morning Oregonian of yesterday.

Mr Mark W Petersen, who for the past three and one-half years has served the people of Portland in the capacity of constable, and in the recent primary was a candidate for the Republican shrievalty nomination, yesterday resigned his position to become associated with The Northman. From boyhood the greater part of Mr. Petersen's life has been spent in the newspaper and printing business. He has been connected with the trade in Portland for many years during which his likeable qualities has won him strong friends in union circles as well as among men of the trades and professions. He was elected constable in 1916 over a number of opponents and renominated and reelected in 1918 by the largest vote ever cast for that office in the city. This year, urged by friends, he became a candidate for sheriff, having been assured by men in position to know, that Mr. Hurlburt, who was rounding out his third term, would not become a candidate for reelection for a fourth consecutive term, but was aspirant for a higher office. Mr. Hurlburt, however, finally entered the race, but the die having been cast, Mr. Petersen went on through and put up a clean fight, making a showing against the strong organization of his opponent of which he is by no means ashamed. At the time Mr. Petersen entered the political field the publisher of the "Pacific Skandinaven" discussed with him that he was considering the advisability of converting the paper into the American language. Mr. Petersen then warmly approved the idea and expressed his desire to become connected with the enterprise when he again should be a private citizen. After the election returns were in showing that his opponent had been renominated to the sheriff's office, he decided to resign as constable, recommending the appointment of Mr. C. J. Honeyman as his successor, and at once take the position open to him with The Northman Publishing Company. The appointment of Mr. Honeyman to serve for the six months remaining of Mr. Petersen's term was Tuesday morning favorably acted upon by the county commissioners.

Mrs. Cameron Squires, who before her marriage was Miss Claire Wilcox, has been chosen queen of the 1920 rose festival. Mrs. Squires is the daughter of Mrs. Theodore B. Wilcox, and is active in patriotic and civic work as well as being a social favorite. Her marriage was a brilliant event of a few seasons ago. She is, in addition to being at work for the Rose Festival, a member of the committee that will stage a society vaudeville on June 9 for the benefit of the woman's building of the University of Oregon.

Micha Guterson, director of the orchestra at the Rivoli theatre, heads a new college of music which has just been incorporated and which will be in operation, according to his announcement, as soon as a suitable location can be secured. The new institution will be known as the Portland College of Music.

Bishop W. O. Shepard succeeds in the Portland area, embracing the conferences of Oregon, Puget Sound and the Columbia river, the late Bishop Matt S. Hughes. Roughly, his territory includes western Oregon, western Washington and eastern Washington. Bishop Shepard is 58 years of age and has passed 34 years in the Metho-

dist ministry. He was born in Whiteside county, Illinois, in 1862. He was educated at Jennings seminary and at DePauw University, attaining his bachelor's degree there in 1885. His postorates include 25 years in the Rock River conference, Elgin, Ill.; Rockford, Ill.; Oakland, Ill. He became district superintendent of Chicago conference in 1908, from which he succeeded to the bishopric.

At the Italian-American celebration in Swiss Hall Monday evening, Judge John McCourt delivered the principal address, being introduced by Mayor Baker. The true spirit of patriotism was in the meeting and much enthusiasm was manifested. Peter Perenno, editor of "The Federation," the local Italian publication, dwelt on the true Americanism of native-born Italians who enlisted during the war. After vocal and instrumental numbers, dancing was enjoyed.

Investigation of more than a score of prohibition violations will be undertaken by the federal grand jury which has been called for June 7. The grand jury has been recessed since its recent start in the shipyard inquiry. It is not believed the shipyard probe will be started again by this jury.

Abram Vogt, who entered this country illegally from Canada, has been deported by R. P. Bonham, chief of the local immigration service, who returned recently from Canada. Vogt's wife and four children were returned with him. The family located at The Dalles after entering the United States.

The effort that is being brought to bear by influential people of the Northwest to being about the pardon of Henry Albers is very properly being opposed by posts of the Loyal Legion throughout the Pacific Coast. If Albers was not a man of wealth, but an ordinary wage laborer, he would be allowed to rot in jail. If Mr. Albers' health is greatly endangered by his imprisonment, perhaps a trip back to his native land might improve it.

The Daughters of Norway will hold a social session on Saturday evening, May 29, in the Masonic Hall and invitation to join in the pleasures of the evening has been extended to the Sons of Norway and their families. A highly enjoyable social evening is anticipated.

Norway's Independence Day—the 17th of May, was observed in a program designed to be appropriate to the occasion, was presented under the auspices of the Sons of Norway in their hall in the Masonic building.

William C. Wilson, assistant to the President of the American Institute of Weights and Measures, is in Portland to organize opposition to the adoption of the metric system in the Dillon bill now before Congress. The Dillion bill now before Congress. The institution which Mr. Wilson represents was founded for the purpose of thwarting legislation aimed to bring into general use the metric system in this country. Mr. Wilson urges that the industries of America are all standardized on the English unit, and on that basis the greatest industrial structure in the world has been reared. Goods are manufactured on the English basis, books are so kept and employes drilled in that system. That the step is necessary in the interest of foreign trade he says is utterly absurd. He points out that England and America are two of the greatest manufacturing and trading countries in the world and that they have already established the English system universally. However, there are many arguments in favor of the metric system, which will probably be brought out during a discussion which will take place during an informal luncheon at the Chamber of Commerce today.

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