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WOOL TRUST DYNAMITERSTO BE RELEASED

DISTRICT ATTORNEY DOES NOT
DENY ABANDONING THE
PROSECUTION

GRAVE RIOTS THREATENED

Sought to Discredit Operatives in
Lawrence Mills by Placing Dyna-
mite in Homes of Workers—In-
tense Feeling Among Unionists—
Mill Workers Wrought up and
Threats of Drastic Action Made.

Boston, Jan. 11.—There is a possi-
bility that the indictments against
President Wood and others of the
woolen trust charged with a conspir-
acy to place dynamite in the home of
textile mill workers, may never come
to trial. When seen today District
Attorney Pelletier refused to deny
the report that steps were being taken
to dismiss the indictment.

Wood and others are said to have
placed dynamite in the homes of the
Lawrence mill workers in an effort
to discredit the operatives. If the
charges are dismissed, the unions are
likely to take some kind of drastic
action. The report has caused very
bitter comment among the workers
and their sympathizers and the result
of dismissal, if it actually comes
about, is feared.

Castro Still Detained.

New York, Jan. 11.—Cipriano Cas-
tro, former president of Venezuela,
was denied admittance to bail by
Federal Judge Holt, pending comple-
tion of the examination by immigra-
tion authorities at Ellis Island, where
Castro was detained on arrival from
Europe. His application for habeas
corpus has not yet been decided by
Justice Holt, who appointed a spe-
cial board of inquiry to examine Cas-
tro to determine his fitness to enter
America.

Tapping Wires to Be Investigated

Washington, Jan. 11.—An investi-
gation of private wire contracts and
privileges assigned by the American
Telephone, Telegraph, Western Union
and the Postal Telegraph companies
was ordered today by the interstate
commerce commission. Persons out-
side of those to whom contracts have
been let are utilizing the wires for
free messages, thus evading the pro-
visions of the act regulating com-
merce. Complaints have been made to
the commission and the matter will be
thruled out to determine rights.

Embezzlement Brings Prison.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Wallace
Poland, former bookkeeper of the In-
ternational Harvester company, plead-
ed guilty to the charge of embezzle-
ment of \$84,000. He was sentenced to
seven years in San Quentin. Peti-
tions for clemency were denied.

Flood Is Subiding.

Wheeling, W. Va., Jan. 11.—The
crest of the flood which caused the
loss of the lives of two persons and
caused millions of damage to be done
passed this morning. The water
fell seven feet since last night. At
noon the water was down to the 37-
foot stage.

Divorce Decree Upheld.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Circuit Judge
Heard today denied the plea of Mrs.
Grace Guggenheim Wahl to set aside
the decree divorce from William
Guggenheim, the copper magnate. The
decision ends three years of litigation.
In the decision Justice Heard ruled
that fraud was undoubtedly practiced
upon the court granting the original
decree as alleged by Mrs. Wahl's at-
torney, but held that she was a volun-
tary party to that fraud. Guggen-
heim, since the granting of the di-
vorce, married again.

Hoodoo Thirteen Lacks Ter- ror For President Elect Wilson, Chicago Bound

Aboard Wilson's Train Port Wayne,
Ind., Jan. 11.—Hoodoo number 13 has
no terrors for President-elect Wilson
en route to Chicago today. "Well,
boys," he said, "I see there are just
13 of us. That means we will have
a fine trip. Thirteen is my lucky
number."

Two secret service men, seven
newspaper men, a telegrapher and a
stenographer complete the party.
Wilson speaks at the Commercial
club tonight.

Deadlock Given to Wilson.

Chicago, Jan. 11.—When Woodrow
Wilson arrives here he will be asked
to interfere in the deadlock over the
election of senators by the Illi-
nois legislature. He will be asked
to unite the warring factions in an
effort to elect two Democratic sena-
tors.

Jack Johnson Is Broke

Chicago, Jan. 11.—Jack Johnson,
who was relegated to oblivion by con-
sent of boxing promoters, admitted
he hasn't a cent left. Johnson's "cave
de champion" was closed by the po-
lice recently and a judgment of five
thousand dollars against him was se-
cured by a brewing company. His
automobile, safe and saloon fixtures
were seized to satisfy the claims.
When the deputies took his car John-
son said: "That car belong to Luc-
ille (referring to his white wife). She
bought it two weeks before we were
married." Johnson intimated that
he might soon be back in the ring.

Black Hand Cuts Countryman.

Tacoma, Jan. 11.—Because he ig-
nored threats made in a black hand
letter John Mazza, proprietor of a
machine shop, is bleeding to death
from a razor cut on the face inflicted
today by an unknown countryman
who waylaid him on his way to work.
The police believe the attack was
made by a member of the black hand
gang, who they say have been operat-
ing here for years.

Tallest Woman Dead.

Quincy, Ill., Jan. 11.—Mrs. Ella
Bwing, eight feet four inches, known
to be the tallest woman in the world,
is dead. She traveled with a circus
for years. With her earnings she
built a magnificent mansion on her
country estate and had all the rooms
and furniture built to suit her height.

Kaiser Direct Fire Department.

Potsdam, Germany, Jan. 11.—Kais-
er Wilhelm personally directed the
operations of the fire brigade of the
palace today when fire broke out in
one of the wings of the magnifi-
cent structure. The blaze was con-
fined to two rooms of the palace and
the damage was not great.

Meningitis Causes Quarantine.

Calro, Ill., Jan. 11.—On account of an
epidemic of meningitis at Gales, 30
miles north of here, a quarantine has
been drawn by surrounding towns.
Many persons in the city of Gales
are in a desperate condition on ac-
count of the lack of food. Supplies
are being sent in to the starving.

Stock Show Meeting.

There was a meeting of the direc-
tors of the stock show at the city
hall Monday evening, attendance eight.
President J. F. Hutchinson named ad-
ditional directors as follows: W. J.
Townley, L. L. McKennon, George
Benson, Joseph Wright, Jesse Spencer,
Gus Levy, M. S. Levy, Will Vogel,
R. Withycombe, W. B. Butterfield,
George Baird, F. A. Bidwell. The
resignation of Vice President-elect
David Couper was received and ac-
cepted. A committee consisting of
E. O. Zeek, W. B. Butterfield and John
Welch was appointed to look after
matters at the race track and report
to the association. Adjourned to meet
Saturday, January 11.—Union Repub-
lican.

Haines Orchestra for Mlenns

The Mlenn girls will have the
Haines orchestra for their dance on
Tuesday night. This fine orchestra
will add to the joy of the even-
ing as they are experts in dance mu-
sic.

To Attend Helen Gould's Wedding
London, Jan. 11.—To attend the
wedding of Miss Helen Gould and
Finley Shepherd, Prince and Princess
Helle Desagan sailed for America.
The princess is a sister of Miss Gould.
This is the first visit to America of
the princess since her divorce from
Count Boni de Castellane and her
subsequent marriage to Prince Helle.

Progressives in Session.

Seattle, Jan. 11.—Five hundred state
Progressives are in conference today,
following caucuses of the state cen-
tral committee. Progressive legisla-
tors and editors plan for a ceaseless
campaign of education of Progressive
principles discussed.

Irrigation Congress Goes to Salem.

Portland, Ore., Jan. 11.—Following
a statement to the Oregon Irrigation
congress that the delay in getting
the West Umatilla irrigation project
under way was due to the failure of
property owners to sign the docu-
ments, the congress passed a reso-
lution urging immediate signing, so
that work could be gotten under way.
The irrigation congress will go to
Salem Monday in a body to visit the
legislature, and will demand that the
state assume charge of the defunct
Carey act projects and rush them to
completion. The congress adjourns
tonight.

Archbald's Case to Senate.

Washington, Jan. 11.—The impeach-
ment case against Judge Archbald is
the commerce court has been hand-
led to the senate sitting as a jury.
No vote on any one of the thirteen
charges against Archbald is expect-
ed until Monday. The senate debated
the case today in executive session.
Separate votes will be taken on each
of the thirteen articles of impeach-
ment. A two thirds vote of the senate
is necessary to convict. Archbald's
trial started on December third.

Mrs. Silverthorne's Father Dies.

Mrs. O. E. Silverthorne, who has
been at the bedside of her father for
several weeks, at Des Moines, Iowa,
writes that death claimed him Tues-
day. The deceased was Rev. W. F.
Harned aged 86 years, and was one
of the pioneer ministers of the state
of Iowa. He had been ailing for some
time and was anxious to go to join
his wife who died last March. The
many friends of the Silverthorne fam-
ily in La Grande extend sympathy in
their sorrow.

HODGIN GAINS FOUR VOTES IN UNION AND WALLOWA COUNTIES

Eight precincts of Wallowa county
have been counted. In these precincts
John Hodgins has gained two votes.
These together with the votes gained
in Union county make the contest a
tie. In Union county he made a gain
of two votes. Kiddle's majority was
four votes. But there is a tall to this
story. There are 36 ballots that have
been laid aside as defective, on which
the intention to vote for Hodgins is
clear. On the other side there are 37
Kiddle ballots that have been laid
aside for further scrutiny. If all of
the defective ballots are allowed on
which technical points of law could
be raised, Kiddle will have won by
one vote. But this is not for anyone
but the judge or the legislature to
decide. It is likely that the legisla-
ture will get the ballots to pass upon.
Below is the count by the court,
and the original count:

	Recount	Original
	L H K	H K
North Wallowa	69 90	69 91
South Wallowa	44 76	44 77
Lostine	64 91	64 92
South Enterprise	104 90	103 92
North Enterprise	73 41	74 42
West Joseph	44 83	44 83
Pine Creek	4 14	4 16
Flora	23 36	24 36

WAR CLOUD STILL HOVERS OVER EUROPE

RUSSIA TO AID BULGARIA—AUS-
TRIA WILL CAST LOT WITH
ROUMANIA

RESERVISTS ARE CALLED IN

Roumania's Attitude Overshadows the
Take-Balkan Squabble—Old Sol-
diers Make Preparations to Fight—
Russia Secretly Massing Troops—
Will Involve All European Nations
If Powers Don't Intervene.

Berlin, Jan. 11.—Feeling between
Bulgaria and Roumania has reached
an acute stage, according to the an-
nouncements in official circles. It
is said to overshadow the situation
between the Turks and the Balkans.
Dispatches from Vienna state that
Austria is calling on more reservists
presumably with an idea of backing
up Roumania, while messages from
Bucharest claim that Russia is back
of Roumania.

Federals in Desperate Condition

Douglas, Ariz., Jan. 11.—With more
than half their number shoeless and
with frozen feet from marching
through snow in the Sonora moun-
tains, two hundred reinforcements to
the federal garrison at Agua Prieta
arrived today. One private was frozen
to death. The commander of Agua
Prieta garrison gave assurance that
American lives and property would
be respected in the maneuvers plan-
ned against the rebels.

Revolutionists Seek Peace.

El Paso, Jan. 11.—Claiming author-
ity to negotiate with revolutionists
under Orozco to bring about peace in
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OLD VETERAN OF O-W DEAD

H. C. GILMAN PASSES AWAY IN
PORTLAND

Was Several Years Water Superinten-
dent—Late an Orchardist

H. C. Gilman of Fruitdale, died at
Portland, St. Vincent hospital, yester-
day afternoon. Death came as the
close of a brief illness brought on by
bowels troubles for which he was
sent to Portland a few days ago in
the hope that an operation would re-
lieve him. His wife was called to
Portland Friday when it became
known he was in a critical state. The
remains will be brought to La Grande
for burial tomorrow on No. 6. Fun-
eral arrangements are incomplete.

Mr. Gilman was for many years a
locomotive engineer out of this city.
He worked with the old school of en-
gineers long before present facilities
and privileges were in vogue. Soon
after leaving the railroad service he
became water superintendent in this
city and held the appointment for
several terms. A few years ago he
moved with his wife and son Bert, to
a fruit ranch near La Grande and
was making his home there when
seized by the fatal illness.

Telephone Rate Issue

MALARKEY BILL BASIS OF ODD
ATTACK.

"RATES IS TOO LOW"

Home Company Alleges Competitors
Rates Insufficient

Claiming that the rates charged by
the Eastern Oregon Co-operative Tele-
phone association, of Elgin, since its
organization about a year ago, are
unjust to competitors, discriminatory
as to some of its subscribers and
preferential as to others entirely, in-
sufficient to meet its operating ex-
penses and that if it is allowed to
continue its present rates and prac-
tices, the entire telephone industry
in the local and neighboring com-
munities will be demoralized, the
Home Independent Telephone com-
pany of La Grande, has filed a lengthy
complaint with the railroad com-
mission of Oregon. By the passage
of the law known as the Malarkey
bill, the people of the state at the
last election conferred jurisdiction
upon the railroad commission to regu-
late and control rates and service
of public utilities in Oregon.

The Home company claims that inas-
much as the Malarkey act requires
strict compliance of it in the way of
uniform rates to all for the same ser-
vice, and that inasmuch as it is pow-
erless to change its own rates with-
out an order from the railroad com-
mission, the stockholders of the
Home company are entitled to be
protected from competition which it
claims is unjust and unreasonable.

Case Is Unusual.

This case is of a very unusual
character, being probably the first
of its kind in Oregon. Most charges
against public utilities are that rates
are too high, that the company fa-
vors some at the expense of others,
that the company is arbitrary and
does not give good service, etc. But
here the charge is that rates are too
low. Usually the charge comes from
the general public; here one com-
pany complains of another. In view
of the short time since the Malarkey
act went into effect in Oregon, the
filing of the complaint would indicate
that the matter had been under con-
sideration for some time by the of-
ficials of the Home Independent Tele-
phone company. Indeed, S. D. Crowe
secretary and general manager of the
Home company, admitted as much
today. "Yes, we have thoroughly
considered the matter of filing this
complaint, and gladly welcome the
situation that may result from a

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LAWNERS FILING TO THE CAPITOL

PRELIMINARY ASSEMBLY OCCURS
IN PORTLAND TODAY
AND SUNDAY.

MALARKEY, M'ARTHUR SAFE

Roy Rittner of Pendleton and John
Cochran of Portland Form Staff
Race for Chief Clerk of the Senate
—Reading Clerkship Much Sought—
Seven Hundred Bills Pending Be-
fore Session.

Portland, Jan. 11.—Lobbies of the
Portland hotels are thronged today
with legislators, clerkship seekers
and lobbyists who will all journey to
Salem Monday morning for the open-
ing of the legislature. Members of
the assembly have been drifting in
for several days and much legisla-
tion has been discussed and a few
elective places practically decided
upon.

Speaker, President Determined

It is practically conceded that Dan
Malarkey will be elected president of
the senate and that C. N. McArthur
will be chosen as speaker of the
house, as they have no opposition.
The two fights that are attracting
attention at the present time are be-
tween Roy Rittner of Pendleton and
John Cochran of Portland for chief
clerk of the senate, and between Ben
Huntington and Frank Motter for
reading clerk. Motter has held this
job for five sessions but Huntington
has many friends who are working
hard for him.

Seven Hundred Bills Await

It is safe to estimate the number
of bills to be introduced as 700.
There will probably be bills for good
roads, the support of the higher edu-
cational institutions, for the relief
of irrigation projects, and many other
beneficial measures. There will be
the usual freak bills, the most promi-
nent at present being Representative
Nolta's bill for a tax on bachelors.

Among the bills for large appro-
priations will be one for a bridge
across the Columbia river connect-
ing Portland with Vancouver, Wash.
The Oregon Agricultural college will
ask for \$12,000 to purchase land and
equip a poultry breeding plant. The
timbermen of the state will ask for
\$50,000 to establish a logging engi-
neering course at the Agricultural
college. The grangers of the valley
will endeavor to have a change made
in the automobile law. They desire
to divert the unused fund from the
general fund to a road fund to be
used in improving the roads of the
state, the money to be divided pro
rata among the counties. The law
has a number of critics, some claim-
ing that it is too expensive. Too much
is paid for the tin signs carried both
in front and rear, and the changing
of numbers each year necessitates too
much clerk hire and red tape.

There will probably be a hard fight
over the appropriation for the San
Francisco exposition, some of the
legislators favoring an appropriation
of \$100,000 and other wanting to
spend \$500,000.

Representative C. J. Forstrom, at
this week for Salem, where he will
join the legislative bunch in seeking
to do the best things possible for the
good state of Oregon. Mr. Forstrom
has various matters under considera-
tion for the benefit of the district and
the state, and the Republican will un-
dertake to keep its readers posted
upon the work done by him during
the legislative session.

Parcels Posts Thriving.

San Francisco, Jan. 11.—Parcels
post business is increasing. Today
the sales of the postoffice were \$19-
000.