

## INVESTIGATOR DECLARES A PACKING AGREEMENT EXISTS

### MISSOURI'S COURT HEARS PROBE REPORT

MEAT PRICES FIXED, COMPETITION DESTROYED, FINDS SPECIAL PROBER.

### SCOPE OF DEAL IS WIDE

National Packing Company Involved, Says Opinion, in Agreement With Chicago, Omaha and Other Packing Trust Firms—Ouster Suit Prompted Opinion Filed With High Court Today.

Jefferson City, Mo., Jan. 18.—Agreements tending to fix prices and lessen, restrict and destroy free competition, exist between the big packing companies of the country, according to an opinion filed with the state supreme court by Special Commissioner Daniel Dillon. The report is made in the court in proceedings instituted by Governor Major when he was attorney general of Missouri, to test the Hammond Packing company and the St. Louis Beef and Provision company, from the state. Dillon was appointed to investigate and report to the court. In his report filed today, Dillon next found an agreement affecting competition existing between Swift, Armour, and Morris interests, and the National Packing company and two other companies named in the ouster suit. The court will act upon this report.

War Situation Cloudy. London, Jan. 18.—Diplomatic circles are wondering what will happen next. The Balkan allies maintain that if war is resumed, Constantinople will be the first place attacked. But the allies figure it out that the Turks will not dare reject the advice of the powers, on account of the fact that Turkey is going to call on the powers for a loan in the near future. In this event the Turks will have to act in accordance with the advice of the nations in order to get the credit. The Turks have not answered the note of the powers in which the latter cautiously advise Turkey to let the allies have Adrianople and the islands in the Aegean sea. The resignation of Haimli Pasha looked like the last barrier to resumption of war, but the note seems to have had the effect of causing the Young Turks to take second-thought.

## MURDOCK PLEDGED TO WILSON

Washington, Jan. 17.—House progressives have declared openly that they will support the Democrats in endorsing most of President-elect Wilson's policies aligning themselves against the standpaters. They hope to bring the same feeling into the Senate where the Democrats have a narrow majority. In keeping with this

### Gillilan's Date is Off

HUMORIST AUTHOR, TRAVELER DENIED LA GRANDE.

### MANY DISAPPOINTED

Brother Comes From Boise to Meet Him but Meets Disappointment

Through some strange and unexplained whim of the Seattle management for Strickland W. Gillilan, that noted lecturer and writer will simply pass through La Grande instead of stopping here for an entertainment next Monday night. While he has been billed by a well known lecture bureau to deliver his famous humor in La Grande January 20, it appears La Grande has been cut off the schedule by the Seattle branch. The announcement comes as a distressing bit of news to the many readers and semi acquaintances of the noted "off Agin, On Agin, Gone Agin, Finnigin" author. Though he has never been in La Grande, the city as a whole has claimed him, probably through his relationship with Dr. J. D. Gillilan. Reasons for the cancellation are not given.

### Brother to Meet Him.

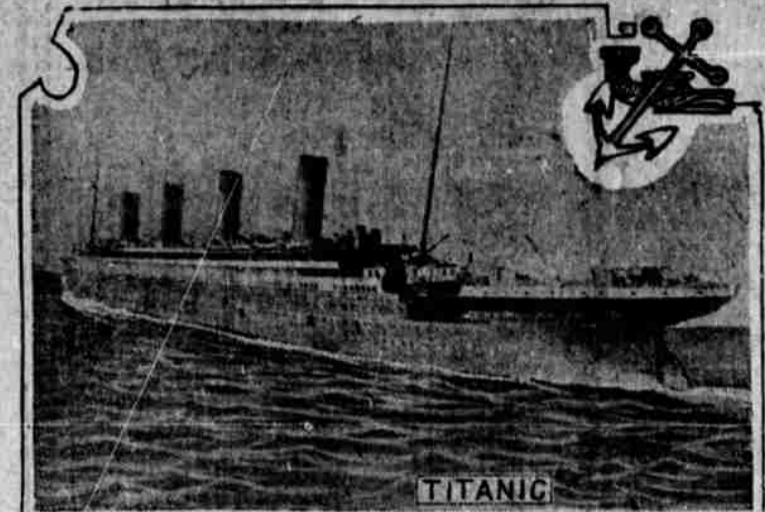
Coming here for the purpose of meeting his brother next Monday and to visit old hills, District Superintendent J. D. Gillilan dropped into town this morning. He learns, however, that his brother cannot stop, but must go on westward, and hence will catch but a momentary chat with his kin at the station here Tuesday morning. The Boise preacher will make the best of his disappointment however, and is the guest of his former congregation in the Methodist church here, and of friends legion.

### Letter Instruction Popular

University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 18.—According to Miss Mozelle Hair, secretary of the Correspondence Study department of the university, over three hundred correspondence students, in widely separated parts of Oregon are now enrolled and are doing work of unusual earnestness. Miss Hair made an extended report before the university colloquium on Tuesday evening on the scope and nature of the correspondence study courses.

The widest possible range of professional pursuits is represented by the students enrolled. Ministers, teachers, lawyers, laborers, sawmill hands, loggers, clerks, section hands messenger boys swell the ranks of those who are taking advantage of the unusual opportunity the university affords for this type of study.

COMMANDER OF THE CARPATHIA IS TO RECEIVE WARRANTED INSIGNIA OF HONORS MARCH FIRST



TITANIC



CARPATHIA

The Titanic as she looked before the disaster and the Carpathia, the captain of which—Arthur H. Rostron, formerly commander of the ship which did such valiant work in saving lives on the ill-fated Titanic,—has this week been awarded a cross of honor by the American Cross of Honor society. The insignia will be presented to the former captain on March first by James Bryce, British ambassador to Washington.

## WEEK OF FUN AND FROLIC FOR BUSINESSMEN NEARS

About 30 business men are packing their portmanteaux for the jollification trip that the La Grande Commercial club will stage, commencing next Monday. The business men are locking up business cares tonight and will be ready to get out of town for the big excursion-junket to Albany where the Oregon Retail Merchants' association meets, and which trip is to be punctuated en route and return by gala feasts and high jinks a la boosters. Secretary C. M. Humphreys of the La Grande Commercial club, and J. G. Snodgrass have had ample assurances that by the time the "bunch" reaches Portland there will be over 30 in the crowd. Some leave tonight, others go tomorrow, some are now in Portland and about 20 will be off—tra la la for a week of recreation on No. 17 Monday. Those buying tickets should ask for Albany destinations and take receipts on the certificate plan. Among the business men who are to represent the city, and get together for the first time in Portland on Tuesday morning, are:

### DEBATERS SELECTED.

Howard Zimmerman Heads List at the University of Oregon. University of Oregon, Eugene, Jan. 18.—Four students won places in the final tryouts of debaters to represent the University of Oregon in the intercollegiate contests. These are: Howard Zimmerman, a senior from Salem; Vernon T. Moschenbacher, a junior from Klamath Falls; David Pickett, a senior from Prineville, and Dalzell King, a junior from Myrtle Point. Of these, Howard Zimmerman was awarded the alumni medal as best individual debater of the university. These men will later go against the debating teams of Utah, Stanford and Washington.

## POINCARRE RESIGNS OFFICE OF PREMIER OF FRANCE

### Mogul Clan Meet Nears

FUTURE OF WESTERN TRI-STATE IS AT STAKE.

### OTHERS SEEK BERTHS

Probability of Making a Six-Club Affair is up.

Who's who and what's what in the Western Tri-State league is going to be simmered down to brass tacks in this city next Monday when moguls from the four towns constituting the league last year, and possible emissaries from other towns seeking admission to the fold meet here. Baker and North Yakima are the regularly credited fans knocking at the portals of the Western Tri-State kingdom. The nature, scope and officialdom of the league will be determined however, at the meeting which will be represented by Boise, Pendleton, Walla Walla and La Grande. President Sweet of the league will no doubt call the meeting to order, but mention of his successor is going to be the high sign for a conflict. Frazer of Pendleton wants it. Sweet wants it back, and a La Grande man may be advanced so that it now seems Walla Walla is the only club not seeking the presidency. La Grande's geographical location is such that no other town should even get a start in the race for the presidency. However, this will be but one of the important issues coming before the moguls.

The possibilities of North Yakima getting a berth are more remote than Baker's. However, without another club to make it six, Baker's pleadings must, perforce, go unheard. The probabilities are that the following men will be here for the conference: Frazer and Boyd, Pendleton; Crawford and Boyd, Walla Walla; Sweet and Cody, Boise; Grant Lincoln and probably some other local fan, of La Grande.

### Jack Pot Shoot Successful

L. Rayburn carried away the hunting in the jackpot shoot held on the local club grounds the other day. Claude Mackey came second in the honors and Bert Hughes and Press Lewis were on the heels of the topnotchers. Rayburn's average was 92 in the long run shoot Bert Hughes and Rayburn tied for first place.

In the rifle shoot the scores were so close all the time that there was little or no margin between the participants. Tuck Conley captured one of the trophies consisting of a fine high grade knife. Owing to the wind not many attended and the scores on the whole were somewhat under the average.

## CASTLEROCK WRECK INJURES TWO

Tacoma, Jan. 18.—Brakeman Edwin Snyder and Fireman Studlack of Tacoma were frightfully scalded this morning, when the west bound Northern Pacific freight train No. 68 went into the ditch two and a half miles west of Castlerock, a town half way between here and Portland. Both

### M. BRIAN IS ADVANCED AS NEW PREMIER

"INCONGRUOUS TO HOLD MY PREMIERSHIP," DECLARES THE NEW PRESIDENT

### FRIENDS EXPLAIN ACTION

Startling Outcome of Election Yesterday is Noted in Paris When Raymond Poincaré Quits Present Office—Will Remain in Close Touch With Affairs, However, in the Interim.

Paris, Jan. 18.—Raymond Poincaré who has just been elected president of the French republic and who takes oath of office on the 18th of next month has resigned the office of premier. M. Briand will act as premier until Fallières retires from the presidency. Poincaré expects to remain in touch with the cabinet and advise them in the Balkan situation. The resignation from the prime ministership, Poincaré's friends explained, was made necessary by the victory yesterday. He believed it incongruous, they said, for the president-elect to remain in the cabinet. He would have been a conspicuous mark for parliamentary attacks.

It is thought probable that M. Briand, minister of justice, will be designated to act as premier until President Fallières term expires and that Poincaré's cabinet will be retained for month with M. Bourgeois as minister of foreign affairs.

### Man Suicides in Depot.

Chicago, Jan. 17.—A well dressed man, believed to be Joseph Tosney of San Francisco, shot himself in the right temple while standing in the Illinois Central station today. He was taken to the hospital, but died on the way. He was 30 years of age. In his pockets were found letters bearing the name of Tosney, and give San Francisco addresses. A ticket bearing the name of Tosney, ticket from New York to Portland, Oregon, was found in his pocket, and he carried transfer checks amounting to \$500. He was unaccompanied.

### Postmasters Named.

Washington, Jan. 18.—Presidential nominations received by the senate today include: Receiver of public moneys at the Dalles, Louis J. Armasen; postmasters, A. L. Trenem of Weiser, Idaho, and George F. Russell of Seattle.

are in the hospital here and hopes of their recovery are entertained. The injuries were confined to the upper portions of their bodies. Owing to the fact that a number of the cars were partly on the track and partly in the ditch traffic was delayed five hours.