

## JERSEY COAST STREWED WITH STORM DEBRIS

THE WORST STORM IN 30 YEARS SWEEPS ALONG THE NEW JERSEY COAST.

## OCEAN CRAFT PREY TO TERRIFIC BLOW AT SEA

Harbor Facilities Along Jersey Coast Torn Out By Storm That Reaches Terrific Velocity—Several Craft at Sea Suffer Seriously—Believed Two Crews Drowned.

New York, Jan. 5.—That the American tank steamship Oklahoma was sunk in a storm off Sandy Hook was reported by wireless from the Hamburg-American liner Bavaria, which rescued the Oklahoma's captain, Albrecht Guenter, and seven members of the crew, but it is believed that 32 per cent on board, numbering 132, perished. It is considered certain that the Oklahoma is the vessel reported by the Spanish liner Minuetta last night to be in distress off Sandy Hook. The J. M. Duffy Petroleum company owned the Oklahoma.

Seven ships stood by, barely a cable's length away, but were powerless to aid. Before the eyes of the lookouts a portion of the ship sank like lead and all on that section perished. As if by miracle, the forepart floated, and clinging to it were eight men who were later saved. The Oklahoma became distressed late Sunday and sent out wireless calls. The Calve was first to respond and she also sent out calls for help. There were soon seven vessels on the scene. Sunday night the Oklahoma lay helpless in the sea while about it circled the big ships, made up of steamers, freighters and cutters. All made attempts to launch lifeboats but these were smashed against the sides of the ships. At dawn the sea was quieter and it was then seen that a part of the Oklahoma's hull carried eight men, and these were reached by a boat from the Bavaria.

Seabright, N. J., Jan. 5.—A million dollars in damage was done here alone by the worst storm the Jersey coast has had in 30 years. Piers, wharves, breakwaters, cottages and improvements for 50 miles up and down the beach were smashed by mountainous waves. The sands are littered with wreckage. One death is reported. Ellsworth Cottrell, living alone on Plum Island, reported that waves had engulfed the cottage. It is feared the schooner El Ruperta has gone down off Ocean City, with Captain Matthews and his crew.

Other Craft In Distress. Washington, Jan. 5.—A wireless has been received from the revenue cutter Andrescoggin stating a cutter is aground on Cove Point, Chesapeake bay. The cutter Apex has gone to her assistance.

Baseball Commission Meets. Cincinnati, Jan. 5.—Consideration of the Baseball Players' Fraternity demands was the important work before the National Commission which met here today for its annual session.

Glass Hotel Threatened. A burning flue threatened destruction of the Glass hotel at noon today. The department extinguished the blaze with chemicals and no general alarm was turned in. The damage was trifling, and far behind the danger that threatened had not prompt attention been given.

## Tribunal Is In Session

GOMPERS CASE TO BE ARGUED AT ONCE.

## SETTLE MANY ISSUES

Near-Record Set By Supreme Court For Number of Cases Settled.

Washington, D. C., Jan. 5.—Meeting for its first session since December 22, the Supreme Court of the United States today almost equalled its record for the number of opinions handed down in one day.

Argument beginning today is scheduled in the contempt cases against President Samuel Gompers, Vice President John Mitchell and Secretary Frank Morrison, of the American Federation of Labor. This is the second time this famous bit of litigation has been before the Supreme Court. It grows out of contempt proceedings instituted by Justice Daniel Thew Wright, of the District of Columbia Supreme Court because of alleged violation of the labor leaders of that court's order forbidding continuance of a boycott against the Bucks Stove and Range Company, of St. Louis.

Another case scheduled for early hearing—probably Wednesday—was that of the right of the government to remove George G. Henry, of New York, to Washington for trial on contempt charges. Henry, who is a member of a Wall Street stock brokerage firm, refused to answer questions asked him by the Puffo Money Trust investigating committee concerning who profited by a deal in California Petroleum Company stock. He was indicted by a local grand jury for contempt.

## PLUMMER RATE HEARING IS SET

JANUARY 14 DATE OF ARGUING COURT ORDERS.

Local Lumbermen Advised of Hearing Dates in Portland Soon.

Eastern Oregon lumbermen will have an opportunity on January 14 to present arguments why the Plummer gateway should not be temporarily closed by the Interstate Commerce commission. Letters received by Secretary Williamson of the commercial club and local timbermen affirm that on January 14, at the U. S. court rooms in Portland, Special Investigator Thurtell will take up the question which was raised by Eastern Oregon lumbermen against the closing of the Plummer gateway, which shuts off competitive rates on lumber to points in the middle west.

The lumbermen are organized to take up the case at that time.

Ocean Liability Discussed.

Washington, Jan. 5.—Whether the liability of the Oceanic Navigation Company, as owner of the ill-fated Titanic which went down off the Newfoundland banks nearly two years ago with 1,635 persons, on the giant ship's maiden voyage from London to New York, shall be governed by American or British law, will be decided by arguments scheduled to begin before the United States Supreme Court.

Fine For Abusive Language.

Rube Chandler was fined \$10.00 in municipal court by Judge Eakin this morning for having used abusive language at a local dance Saturday night. Because he made no resistance to arrest, and being the first offense, the fine was made light. The session of the court this morning was short. A man named Talbott was in on a disorderly charge and fined \$10.

## LOST COPPERFIELD BOOKS FOUND IN VACANT SALOON

CONTEMPT PAPERS BEING RUSHED TO SCENE OF TROUBLE--DEPOSED MEN ARRESTED UNTIL BOOKS WERE FOUND

Baker, Jan. 5.—Immediately upon the arrival of the extra militiamen this afternoon, Baker was shut off from telephone and telegraph communication with Copperfield, but word from Robenette is that Deputy Sheriff Herbert had served seven defendants in the contempt case. It is not known here what the disconnections of the telephones at Copperfield means. So far as learned no clashes occurred.

Copperfield, Jan. 5.—Pending investigation of the disappearance of city books, Colonel Lawson today placed Deposed Mayor Stewart and the deposed recorder, Clark, under arrest. At one o'clock the books were discovered hidden in a vacant saloon. Clark admitted he climbed over the partition and concealed the books under an old box but gave no reason. He said he hid the books when he learned the militia was coming last Friday. Stewart and Clark were released to attend the military hearing. The town is quiet. Liquor and bar fixtures were packed and shipped out this afternoon.

Contempt Cases Started. Baker, Jan. 5.—Proceedings for contempt of court against Colonel Lawson, promised Saturday, were commenced today and Attorney Nichols has sent Deputy Sheriff Herbert to Copperfield with copies of the complaint. The violation of the court order to restrain Lawson from ship-

ping out the liquor, prompted the contempt proceedings.

## STATE MEETING OVER

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe Home From Important Meeting at Salem.

Mrs. A. E. Ivanhoe returned last night from Salem where she attended the meeting of the county school superintendents who constitute a board of examiners. The Commercial club entertained the visiting superintendents at a banquet at which Mrs. Ivanhoe had the distinction of being the only woman county school superintendent present. Miss Casper of Salem a member of the text book commission and Mrs. Morrison of the state board of examiners were also among the prominent women present.

On her return she had the good fortune to visit her son Lytton, who recently returned from the Panama Canal where he held a responsible position with the government. Mrs. Ivanhoe declared that while she enjoyed the trip and the meeting with big men of the state she was glad to be back in La Grande.

## Medical Schools Stricter.

Washington, Jan. 2.—Falling into line with 70 other medical schools throughout the country, the Washington University today began to require that for admission to the freshman year, the pupil must have at least one year's college work in physics, biology, and modern language.

## LOUIS TRICKLE KILLS WIFE

A fit of anger Louis Trickle, age 24, a cook, formerly proprietor of the chili parlors on Adams Ave., killed his wife Mary, age 26, at the home of his brother, E. Trickle, W. 2405 Second avenue, Spokane, at a late hour Saturday.

A Spokane paper says of the crime: Trickle and his wife disagreed frequently, according to his sister-in-law, and were trying to arrange a divorce. After her return from the theater last night she suggested that he had been drinking. He immediately knocked her down, then seized a razor and cut her throat.

He then cut his own throat, but did not inflict a serious wound.

Trickle was bending over the body and wiping the blood from her face when the policemen arrived.

"I had hoped to get away without doing it," he said. "but I had to do it."

He was taken to the emergency hospital by Detective Edwards and Policeman Scott and received medical attention.

Trickle came to Spokane a week ago from Kellogg, Idaho, where he had been employed as a cook. With his wife he had been working in La Grande, Oregon, until a few months ago. She is said to have been employed at the German bakery.

## COMMONWEALTH STOCK RANCH SOLD TO BAKER COUNTY MAN

Commonwealth Stock Farm, consisting of 2566 acres of river bottom and range land, immediately up-river from Hilgard, has been sold to W. S. Dougherty, of Baker county, who is now moving on the big stock ranch and will manage and operate it himself. N. K. West, the founder and builder of the famous stock-producing ranch, acquires, by the deal, 356 acres of irrigated land near Haines, and a total of \$61,000 in cash and land by the transaction. All the stock on the place, comprising some of the finest Clydesdales in the county, goes with the deal, and the purely bred stock on the place brought \$20,000.

For several years this ranch produced standard-bred stock, Commonwealth and Satin Royal, two famous standard-bred stallions being head-quartered there when not on the turf, and for some time other good trotting stock was bred there. A few years ago Mr. West rid himself of the lotting horses and bred and developed a line of draft horses—Clydesdales. Since Mr. West became the big ranch he built modern equipped the residence in a modern near-city manner and, though seen in the valley proper and the place has every convenience of a modern near-city farm. The new owner has cast his lot with Union county and contemplates a high standard of living at all he took off the place was an old shot gun, like a good Samaritan, gave one to the new owner.

## Annual Hyde Trial Opens

SWOPE MYSTERY AGAIN TO BE AIRED IN COURT.

## REED NOT COUNSEL

Last Trial Ended in Disagreement—One Juror Went Insane.

Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—The fourth annual trial of Dr. B. Clark Hyde for the murder of Millionaire Thomas H. Swope, of Independence, began here today before Judge E. E. Porterfield, in the criminal court. This trial promised to differ from the others in that United States Senator James A. Reed is not assisting the prosecution. Reed officiated three times.

Hyde, a prominent physician, who married the niece of Swope, was indicted for killing the eccentric millionaire, his cousin and nephew with cyanide of potassium and with poisoning the whole Swope family, their servants and friends visiting in the house, with typhus germs injected in their food, milk and drinking water. In the first trial Hyde was convicted. The Missouri Supreme Court reversed and remanded the case, affirming more than 50 errors alleged by the defense and scoring the prosecution and presiding judge. The next trial a juror went insane and climbed out the transom. A mistrial was declared. On the third trial, the jury disagreed and another trial was ordered.

Mrs. Margaret C. Swope, mother-in-law of Hyde, paid the big end of the costs in the first two trials, but refused to aid the state the last time, and for months the costs were not paid. The court informed the prosecuting attorney that the case could not go again to trial until all the costs were paid.

## HAMID TEMPLE CLASS DELAYED

INSTALLATION OF TEMPLE TO COME IN FEBRUARY.

Elimination of Duplication in Pilgrimages Ordered by Knights.

To enhance the attractiveness and scope of both events, the installation of Hamid Temple, Dramatic Order of Korassans, will not take place here this month but will be in conjunction with the Knights of Pythias Golden Jubilee district convention celebration in this city in February. A large class was to have been initiated by the local charter members early this month, but because this would necessitate two pilgrimages to La Grande from all parts of Eastern Oregon within a period of two months, it has been deemed expedient to postpone the installation of the temple and the initiation of the class in the "Dokks" until the night of the convention. This will give a varied program for the convention night and will likely prove more satisfactory all around. The temple here is to be started off with a big membership and the first night will be one long to remember for the class will be big and the degree new to a great majority of the Knights.

## SCHOOL TAKES UP AGAIN.

Teachers and Students Back at Their Respective Posts of Duty.

School took up this morning after the Christmas holiday vacation. All teachers were on hand for the resumption of school work, and only a few students had not reported this morning. The total enrollment to date is the highest it has ever been in La Grande. Superintendent John Girler announces 1415 as the number enrolled in the schools today.

## ALL OF BAKER COUNTY LIKELY TO BE CLEANED

GOVERNOR INTIMATES BAKER, HAINES AND HUNTINGTON ARE NEXT.

## PRISON GUARDS SENT TO HUNTINGTON TODAY

Arrival of Militia at Copperfield This Afternoon Will Cause Removal of Lawson and Prison Guards to Huntington This Afternoon—West Will Keep Militia Busy.

Copperfield was connected with the Observer late this afternoon and it was learned that the arrival of the extra troops brought no clashes. Lawson leaves this afternoon, this interview developed, and the militiamen remain. The town is perfectly quiet, well policed, and the main main question is now, "will Lawson and those served with contempt services answer them and go to the Baker hearing as ordered?"

Salem, Jan. 5.—That martial law in Copperfield will be continued until the civil authorities assure him the laws will be enforced, was the statement of Governor West today. Ten militiamen, under Lieutenant Homan of Portland, arrived at Copperfield this afternoon to do police duty. If the town is quiet upon arrival, the governor plans to move Col. Lawson and his men to Huntington and leave the militiamen at Copperfield. Governor West intimated this afternoon that before he got through he was going to clean up Huntington, Whitney, Haines, Baker and other places if it is found the laws are not being enforced.

Carnegie Institute Unique.

Washington, Jan. 5.—The Carnegie Institute's new building equipped for the study of terrestrial magnetism was made ready for occupancy today. It is a structure absolutely unique in buildings. The smallest possible amount of steel conducive to safety was used in the construction, as steel would affect the delicate magnetic instruments to be housed in the structure. Moreover, the specifications called for as near a vibrationless building as possible and the contractors sought to accomplish this by a construction unusual in buildings. Cross wall of the building have been literally hung from concrete girders and the piers of the foundation work have been packed in sand.

It will be at least six weeks before all of the delicate instruments used by the institution can be installed and made ready for use.

High Officials Change Jobs.

Washington, Jan. 5.—LeRoy E. Reed, for a number of years confidential secretary to the attorney-general, who resigned to become private secretary to his former chief, George W. Wickersham, in law practice in New York City, today left for the metropolis.

It is understood here that Wickersham will shortly form a partnership with Henry P. Taft, brother of the former president, and Edwin P. Grosvenor, until recently the government attorney in charge of the Harvester trust prosecution.

Mr. Lederle Unchanged.

Miss Pauline Lederle returned yesterday from Pendleton. She reports her father but little changed from the preceding days. He was seized with convulsions frequently yesterday, but may live indefinitely, despite these extra attacks.