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"STRENGTH AND GLADNESS"—Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised. . . . Glory and honor in His presence; strength and gladness are His place." 1 Chron. 16:25, 27.

The skeptics will now give way to the "I-told-you-so's."

It should be a fine Christmas for the kids this year. There are 300,000 reindeer in Alaska alone. Transportation will not be one of Santa's problems.

A message of congratulation from Mayor Levy of Union was received by A. T. Hill, president of the city commission within ten minutes after the normal location was announced. That is a fine spirit of neighborliness and is evidence of the cooperative spirit of communities of the Grande Ronde valley. La Grande appreciates it.

There are times when good news works greater wonders than medicine with one who is ill. Such was the case of Albert Hunter, state senator for Union and Wallowa counties yesterday afternoon when The Observer notified him by phone that La Grande had been selected as the normal school location. Mr. Hunter has been seriously ill for the last few weeks, is now barely able to be out, but he will be entirely fit for the legislative fray after the first of the year if yesterday's good news stimulant lasts. No one has done more for the Eastern Oregon normal than Albert Hunter. It has been his dream for four years—and he's going to see it come true. He has been tireless; he has thought normal, talked normal, and worked normal. Without his vision and energy we doubt if it could have been realized. We congratulate Albert as we congratulate La Grande on yesterday's victory.

SPAIN AND SPANISH AMERICA
Spain had an ambition to organize a Spanish League of Nations. Having decided to withdraw from the League at Geneva, she started in to group around her all of the Spanish-American countries. That would revive, in a way, the old glory of Spain. Spanish culture would thrive and Spanish prestige would rise. The scheme looked promising, but it has failed to work. Not one Spanish-American country followed Spain's example in withdrawing from the League. Efforts to make treaties and understandings binding Spain's New World offspring to her more closely have met with polite coldness. It does not mean exactly a triumph for the United States. Uncle Sam and his Monroe Doctrine are far from popular at present in Latin-America. But the Central and South American countries are obviously convinced that there is nothing to be gained by following Old World leadership, and that they are better off as a New World group in the big League of Nations than as mere supporters of any European power. Which, by the way, bodes well for all the Americas.

FALL, SINCLAIR URGE DISMISSAL

Motion to Drop Conspiracy Indictments Taken Under Advisement

WASHINGTON, Dec. 21 (AP).—Motions to dismiss the Fall-Sinclair Teapot Dome conspiracy indictments were taken under advisement today by Justice Jennings Bailey after the conclusion of arguments in the District of Columbia supreme court.

Roberts' argument was confined to the assertion that the motion to quash was a piece of time-serving strategy, and to a brief statement denying that the special prosecutors were in fact empowered to go beyond the normal functions of regular district prosecutors.

He pointed out that in a previous action Sinclair had contended that the grand jury proceedings were illegal because a representative of the district attorneys was present in the jury room along with the government counsel.

"Thus, our friends are in the position of having resisted the indictment because this man did have a part," he said, "and now they challenge the legality of the indictments because he did not have a part."

Give Rule Thursday
Justice Bailey will rule on the motion at 10 o'clock Thursday morning. Meantime arraignment of the defendants and the fixing of a trial date will be delayed.

Arguing the dismissal proposal today, attorneys for Albert B. Fall and Harry F. Sinclair declared the whole proceeding should be invalidated as not constituting "due process of law" and Owen J. Roberts, of government counsel, replied that the move was "unquestionably dilatory."

Martin W. Littleton, chief counsel for Sinclair, said the prosecution had been characterized by unusual and unconstitutional steps all along, including repeated attacks on the defendants from the senate floor.

COLLEGIANS ARE WELCOMED HOME FOR HOLIDAYS

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An enrollment of 5,000, the diversity of the curriculum and commuting on the size of the campus—495 acres of land. He declared that the state college had the best courses in commerce and engineering in the west.

Thurston Wilson, attending the University of Washington, pointed to the growth of his institution, and declared that constant progress is being made in all branches. Sam Cochran, of Stanford, spoke of his university's "policy" that the student body is now limited to 2,000 members and that the students are entered under a selective system.

Canada has one golf course for every 19,393 inhabitants; in the United States there is one for every 25,792 persons.

There is at present a world shortage in tin, caused by the demand for its use in the manufacture of widely varied articles, including food speakers and silk hosiery.

The antiquity of the game of football is indicated by the record that one of the first official acts of Augustus Caesar was to revise the rules of football, a game learned by the Romans from the Greeks.

During the last three centuries 129,000 persons have been destroyed by volcanic eruptions, 175,500 of these fatalities being in the Pacific area.

SCHOOLS READY FOR CHRISTMAS

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Students: "The Holy Knight," Christmas light in two acts, Ruth Owsley, Judith Snodgrass, Margaret Meyers, Isabelle Heger, Lola Ayres, Inez Hughes, Barbara Lavey, Florence Nelson, Constance Ray and Alice Munhall; recitation, Teddy Galvin; recitation, "Christmas Greetings," Brewster Wilson.

Santa to Be Present.
Santa Claus will appear after the program and will distribute gifts to each child.

In the public schools each room is planning special Christmas exercises, followed by a Christmas tree. The 18 rooms in the Central school building are decorated, each having a Christmas tree. On Thursday afternoon before the close of school a Christmas program will be given, after which the pupils will exchange gifts.

At Willow school there will be Christmas exercises tomorrow morning when an assembly will be called and Thursday afternoon each room will enjoy a Christmas tree and the pupils will exchange presents.

Plan Xmas Parties.
The pupils of each room at Greenwood school are also planning Christmas parties for Thursday afternoon before the close of school for the holidays. Each room has a tree and the students have exchanged names to buy gifts. As in the other schools several of the teachers are planning surprises for their pupils on that day.

Headed a small Christmas tree in the nine rooms of Rivera school, there is a large one in the hall, which was decorated by the Rivera campfire girls' organization. Each room in the school will have a Christmas party Thursday afternoon when gifts will be distributed from the various trees. The high school will not have a Christmas program, but a special assembly tomorrow morning at 9 o'clock has been announced, and all former high school students and college students are urged to attend. The purpose of the assembly is to welcome back the former members of the student body, and renew old acquaintances. The program will be informal.

The associated girl students of the high school are also planning an assembly, which will probably be on Thursday, to welcome former members here for the holidays. The A. G. S. will not have a regular Christmas party, but is arranging one for the beginning of the new year.



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Today in Washington

Congress meets at noon. Rivers and Harbors legislation is before the senate. The agricultural appropriation bill continues before the house. Validity of the Fall-Sinclair conspiracy indictment is up for argument.

Cobb Denies Betting.
"Cobb did not bet on the ball game," he said. "I have played baseball for 22 years. Cobb said with a catch in his voice. 'I couldn't think of anything but win. Every year, every month, every week and every day, I did my level best to play good ball and to live so that I could play good ball. I never bet on an American league game in my life. I don't believe any body ever played the game any harder or cleaner or squarer than I. I am involved in this smudge seven years after the thing happened. My position is vindicated in the testimony and so is that of Speaker. I refer the baseball fans of the country to my record in baseball. I am proud of it, and I will leave my case to them.'"

Leonard Sells Letter.
"Cobb said that Leonard, now in California, came east last September and sold to American league officials for \$29,000 a letter from Wood and one from Cobb, written against \$129 that Detroit, then in third place would win from the second place Cleveland club on Sept. 25, 1919. Wood did not play in the game, Cobb said. Speaker, accused of having knowledge of the plan for Cleveland to lose made three hits, two of which were doubles, while Cobb, charged with knowledge of a pre-arranged Detroit victory, got but one hit in five times at bat. Boland pitched for Detroit.

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NEW SCANDAL IN BASEBALL IS UNEARTHED

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result of the game. Compare With 1919 Scandal
Today's scandal was the third to be exploded on the American baseball public within the last six years, and on the surface appeared to be as startling as the famous crooked world series of 1919, after which eight stars of the Chicago White Sox were forever barred from organized baseball.

The volume of testimony Commissioner Landis made public included letters Cobb is purported to have written to Leonard, the Tiger pitcher.

Fred C. West, who is not immediately identified in connection with the investigation was also named in the testimony.

"What about the status of Cobb and Speaker?" Commissioner Landis was asked.

No Action Necessary.
"These men being out of baseball to decision will be made unless changed conditions in the future require," the commissioner barked. He refused to amplify the statement.

Cobb, here with Speaker, for a hearing granted by Judge Landis, declared today that he did not know of the bet until long afterwards and that the box score of the contest which Detroit won 3 to 2 would show that neither he nor Speaker could have been implicated in throwing the game.

Cobb related that "Dutch" Leonard, Detroit pitcher, and Joe Wood, Cleveland pitcher, had bet \$500 against \$129 that Detroit, then in third place would win from the second place Cleveland club on Sept. 25, 1919. Wood did not play in the game, Cobb said. Speaker, accused of having knowledge of the plan for Cleveland to lose made three hits, two of which were doubles, while Cobb, charged with knowledge of a pre-arranged Detroit victory, got but one hit in five times at bat. Boland pitched for Detroit.

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