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PLANS MADE FOR COMING CONVENTIONS

National Leaders of Spanish War Veterans, Lions to Visit City.

INSTALL OFFICERS AT ENCAMPMENT

La Grande Will be Host to Many Delegations During Months of June and July.

TWO NATIONAL COMMANDERS COMING TO LA GRANDE

Two national leaders, Judge Edward S. Matthias, commander-in-chief of the Spanish-American War veterans, and Earl Hodgin, president of Lions International, will be in La Grande this summer. Matthias will attend the state convention here July 19-22, inclusive, and Hodgin will attend the state convention here June 24-25.

July 19, 20, 21 and 22 have been set as the dates for Oregon state encampment of the Spanish-American War veterans to be held in La Grande this year. Judge Edward S. Matthias, national commander-in-chief of the S. A. W. V., will be in the city for the convention, and Leslie R. Hale, adjutant of the La Grande veterans, predicts that his presence will draw visitors from Washington and Idaho as well as from all parts of Oregon. A meeting of the general encampment committees was held on Saturday at the Knights of Pythias hall just preceding the James E. Page comp session, and progress is being made in arrangements which promise to make this one of the liveliest and most interesting encampments ever held, Mr. Hale, believes. At the camp session of the veterans and the auxiliary which followed the general committee meeting, installation of officers for the ensuing year was held with J. G. Henry being installed as commander; D. C. Conner, senior vice; Charles B. Piatt, junion vice; Mr. Hale, adjutant; H. E. Coolidge, quartermaster; C. W. Chandler, trustee; E. M. Barnett, officer of the day; George Stager, senior color sergeant; Adolf Sonnenburg, junior color sergeant.

Kirkendall Installs

Senior Vice Department Commander E. A. Kirkendall, of Baker, was installing officer and was accompanied from his home city by several veterans who visited the local camp meeting.

Mark W. Goodwin, retiring commander, was presented with a past commander's jewel from the camp, with Department Inspector Hale making the presentation speech.

Dr. Frampton C. Brosius, of Elgin, was admitted to membership. Refreshments were served.

LIONS CONVENTION JUNE 24-25

On June 24 and 25 airplanes of Lions, caravans of Lions and trainloads of Lions from each of the 44 clubs in the state will hold their annual state convention in La Grande. Lions from Springfield, Ore., have already announced their intention of chartering an airplane, says Jack Ferris, district governor, who has just returned from a visit to the clubs in the Willamette valley and along the

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ODD FELLOWS, REBEKAHS OF COUNTY MEET

Odd Fellows and Rebekahs of Cove, Union, Elgin, Summerville and Imbler joined the La Grande lodge Saturday evening at the I. O. O. F. temple for the meeting of the county association held to commemorate the anniversary of the founding of the lodge by Thomas Riley.

"Fraternity" was discussed by J. H. Blunt, of the high school and then an interesting program of readings was presented, with numbers by Mrs. Garnet Ruckman.

Melvin Bork was in charge of the program which was followed by dancinng. Refreshments were served to about 200 people.

Union will entertain the county association at the February meeting, the exact date to be set later.

More Rain Falls During The Night

After a disagreeable Sunday, with the weather below freezing most of the day and with occasional snow flurries and plenty of wind, La Grande was treated to more "Western Oregon" rain during the night and early this morning.

The rain was measured at .16 of an inch at 7:30 this morning and enough fell after that to bring the total near a fifth or fourth of an inch, it is believed. Ice, accumulated for weeks, is rapidly disappearing from the streets and a few more days of thawing weather would erase practically all of it.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy tonight and Tuesday, rains in the northwest and extreme southwest portions. Moderate temperature. Fresh and strong south winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—34 above.
Minimum: 29 above.
Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 38, minimum 28 above.
Condition: cloudy, traces of snow, rain .16 of inch.

WEATHER JAN. 26, 1930

Maximum 32, minimum 12 above.
Condition: partly cloudy.

Enrollment At High School At New Mark–712

La Grande Tops 700 For First Time in Local History—Second Semester Begins.

Students in all La Grande public schools were back at work today after enjoying the brief mid-semester holiday. The second semester's work began this morning with all classes meeting on the regular schedules, and preliminary estimates indicate a considerable increase in enrollments.

Enrollment at the high school reached the total of 712, the first time it has ever passed the 700 mark, last year's high figure being 690. The increase is mainly due to the graduation of students from the eighth grade, though a few new-comers have registered.

Total enrollment figures for grade schools are not yet available, but the numbers actually in attendance today are as follows: Ackerman Training school, 166; Central, 513; Greenwood, 398; Riveria, 300; Willow, 148; making a total of 1525. Of this number 38 are children just entering the first grade.

One Change in Staff

The only change in the teaching staff is that made necessary by the

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Draw Jury List For Next Term Circuit Court

From the list of 327 names compiled by the county court about two weeks ago the following 31 names were drawn, thus forming the list of jurors for the February term of the circuit court. From this list of 31 names Judge Knowles probably will draw seven which will comprise the grand jury. Then 12 more will be drawn for the regular jury, and in case any of these must be excused additional names will be drawn as necessary.

Grant Tucker, James Scott, John Davis, W. W. Sanderson, Edgar Wilkinson, Peter Evanson, E. H. De Long, Vergil E. Walsinger, Oren E. Wagner, I. E. Chenault, George W. English, Jonas Weimer, J. A. Dahlstrom, F. A. Young, Cap H. Tuttle, Lyle Wilson, J. D. Smith, Jay Breshears, Link Woods, Royal G. Conley, Orlin Anson, Fred E. White, Bird A. Bennett, H. E. Bull, L. A. Tidball, W. J. Case, S. T. Baille, Charles Buesing, Wilbur F. Brock, C. W. Bond, Louis P. Derby.

Educators Meet To Revise Course

The course which is used by schools over the state in the teaching of reading is being revised and supplemented by a committee yhich met Saturday at the Eastern Oregon Normal school, and which is headed by Miss Kate Houx, director of the J. H. Ackerman training school.

There are several committees working at various institutions in the state for the purpose of improving primary and lower-class training. Those who met Saturday at the Normal school were Mrs. Maybelle Romig, county school superintendent of Baker; Miss Sylvia Springstein, class room teacher in the Pendleton schools; Mrs. Beatrice Young, primary teacher in the La Grande public school; Miss Alma Whitmer, primary superintendent at the Eastern Oregon Normal school; and Miss Houx.

They will meet again in about a month to complete the work.

Hardware Added to Grace Harness Shop

Mrs. Grace Snyder, owner of the Grace Harness shop, recently announced the opening of a new and complete hardware department in her store on Adams avenue. Carpenters and painters have been busy during the past two weeks, and have completely remodeled one side of the store in order to provide for the new hardware stock which was placed on display Friday for the first time.

The new department will offer complete lines of builders' hardware, tools, cutlery, guns, fishing tackle, aand hardware novelties, practically all of the goods being of nationally advertised brands.

Mrs. Snyder has been operating the store for ten years, and announces that she will continue to handle the same lines of high grade harness, luggage, and leather goods, and will be equipped to make and repair harness and do special leather work to order.

Salvation Army Officers Coming

Brigadier A. E. Baynton and Adjutant Ronald Eberhart, of Portland, will be in La Grande Wednesday to conduct a service at the Salvation Army hall at 8 o'clock in the evening.

The two officers will arrive here Wednesday morning.

Car Hits Switch Engine; None Hurt

What might have been a serious accident occurred at 8:30 o'clock this morning on the Y near the foundry when a car driven by Mrs. Grace Willett ran into a switch engine. Mrs. Willett, in reporting the accident to the police, stated that she did not see the locomotive until almost upon it. She applied the brakes and the car was almost at a stop when it collided with the engine. The automobile was damaged some but its occupants were unhurt.

Stolen Car Upset And Abandoned

A coupe, stolen Saturday just after midnight from K. C. Bade, was found yesterday near the Masonic cemetery, overturned but practically undamaged. The car was taken from in front of a business place on Adams avenue, according to the report made to the police.

GANDHI FREE AFTER TIME BEHIND BARS

Frail 61-Year-Old Leader of Nationalists Released From Prison.

EASTERN EMPIRE SCENE OF RIOTS

In England, the British Parliament Prepares to Debate its Policy in India.

POONA, India, Jan. 26 (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi, frail 61-year-old leader of the Indian nationalists, was released from prison shortly after 11 o'clock tonight.

They took him out the back way secretly, bundled him into a closed automobile with drawn curtains and drove to a small railway station about ten miles from Poona, where the authorities put him on a train for Bombay. He was due there at 5:30 tomorrow morning.

Thin and Worn

The little old man wore only his usual homespun loin cloth and a thin cotton shawl over his shoulders. He was thin and worn.

With him on the train was the woman nationalist, Mrs. Sarojini Naidu, India's leading poetess, who toured America in 1929.

None but a few persons, including the Associated Press correspondent, knew in advance the exact hour at which this midnight "flight" would take place. The authorities had maintained the closest secrecy regarding Gandhi's release as a precaution against demonstrations by his followers.

All day and all night crowds in which there were many women waited outside the jail hoping for a fleeting glimpse of the man who would lead India's 320,000,000 out of the shadow of British rule and into the full light of freedom. They were disappointed.

Thanks Superintendent

Gandhi's last act before leaving the prison where he has lived since last May was to hand Major J. R. Martin, the superintendent, a written statement in which, it was understood, he thanked him for his considerate treatment.

This gesture was not unexpected, for since the beginning of his incarceration Gandhi had occupied several

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CLARA REQUESTS MERCY FOR DAISY

Writes Letter to Judge—Sentencing Postponed a Week Due to Motion.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 26 (AP)—Sentencing of Daisy De Boe for the alleged theft from Clara Bow was postponed today until next Monday by Judge William Doran when defense counsel made a motion for a new trial and asked a delay to permit preparation of arguments.

Miss Bow said today that she has sent a letter to Judge Doran with a request that he read it before sentencing Daisy De Boe, former secretary to the actress, who was convicted of stealing $825 from her. Miss Bow said she could not reveal the contents of the letter.

Miss Bow's announcement was in reply to reports that she would appear in the courtroom to plead for leniency for Miss De Boe.

The letter was received by District Attorney Buron Fitts this morning. It read:

"My dear Mr. Fitts: I am not sure to whom this letter should be addressed, or whether it is even proper under the circumstances to even write it, but I find myself unable to avoid letting you know that it is my hope that mercy will be shown to Daisy De Boe.

"The fact is that I never would have called this matter to your attention in the first place if Daisy De Boe had not threatened to blackmail me and I had no other way to protect myself except to come to your office and follow your advice.

"If it is right for you to do so I wish you would tell the judge about this letter.

Sincerely yours,
"Clara Bow."

The letter was written on January 25. The reference to the alleged attempt of blackmail referred to Miss Bow's charge that Miss De Boe had attempted to collect $150,000 from her for the return of her love letters.

Senate Judiciary Committee Votes For 'Power' Test

Walsh Resolution, to Determine Right of Commissioners to Retain Office, Approved.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP) — The senate judiciary committee voted 8 to 3 today for the Walsh resolution requesting District Attorney Rover here to institute proceedings testing the right of the three disputed members of the power commission to retain office.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, author of the resolution, will seek prompt senate action.

The senate coalition of Democrats and Republican Independents is standing firm in its insistence to the right to reconsider the nominations of the three commissioners, despite the refusal of President Hoover to return their names.

Senate approval of the Walsh resolution will put the issue up to the district attorney.

The resolution requests Rover to institute proceedings against Chairman Smith and Commissioners Garsaud and Draper of the power commission.

Attorney General Mitchell has ruled that Mr. Hoover is without authority to return the nominations to the senate, which confirmed the men once.

Those voting for the Walsh resolution in committee were: Republicans, Norris, Nebraska; Blaine, Wisconsin; and Steiwer, Oregon. Democrats, Walsh, King, Utah; Stephens, Mississippi; Dill, Washington, and Bratton, New Mexico.

Those opposed were Deneen, Illinois; Gillett, Massachusetts, and Hastings, Delaware, all Republicans.

A move by Senator Hastings to refer the resolution to a subcommittee was rejected.

SHEEP CREEK ROAD REPORT TO BE GIVEN

The Sheep Creek road, which will open the Imnaha country in Wallowa county, Tuesday will be brought before the forum luncheon of the chamber of commerce which will be devoted entirely to business. The luncheon will be at the Sacajawea Inn at 12 o'clock.

A report from the chamber Red Cross committee, headed by Sherwood Williams, will be made, and the recommendations of the better business bureau will be read.

Several musical numbers have been arranged including one by Hugh Winder, a singer from Portland.

Daily copies of new bills and a copy of the senate and house calendar are received daily at the office of the secretary, Harold Boone, and may be used for public reference.

Two Crews of Men At Work On Road

A total of $406.50 was paid to 18 men who worked on the Mt. Emily road last week, Gerald J. Tucker, forest ranger, stated today. The Mt. Emily project which is being worked now is a part of the federal service's plan for relief of unemployment.

These men were laid off for a week on Saturday evening and another crew will take their places this week. In this manner, Mr. Tucker states, about 32 men will receive employment during alternate weeks until further road work is not practical.

The list of men for the job was compiled from statistics and lists in the office of the county judge, and only men who were under severe financial pressure were hired, Mr. Tucker adds.

National Guard Unit Complimented

Thoroughness of organization and morals are the factors which Major Fred R. Dierking, plane and training officer of the infantry, believes cause the high attendance rating of Company E, 186th Infantry in this city. During the month of December the local unit had an attendance rating of 93.3 per cent.

Major Dierking issued the following statement which was received by Capt. Walter Bean of Company E:

"It is with sincere gratification that the Regimental Commander has noticed the continued good record of attendance of your unit for the month of December, 1930. Preliminary attendance standings list your unit with 93.3 per cent. This high percentage of attendance has assisted materially in increasing the regimental average. In the opinion of this headquarters, continued high attendance records indicate thoroughness of organization and morale."

Capt. Bean adds that the attendance for January is to be better than that for December.

Tigers Defeat Union Saturday; Pendleton to Play Here Friday

The La Grande Tigers broke even in the weekend basketball games, losing to Baker at Baker Friday 24 to 17 and defeating a close-checking Union team here Saturday night 31 to 16.

The Tigers, in spite of the defeat at the hands of the Bulldogs, showed considerable strength, holding Baker scoreless in the final period while making six points.

The Union Bobcats have one of the best teams in years, if Saturday's contest is any criterion. Baskets were difficult to make, and the Tigers had to work for every point.

Bobcats Weaken in Last

Although La Grande rolled up a lead of 10 to 0 in the first period before Conklin scored for Union, the Bobcats outplayed the Tigers in the second quarter, scoring eight to La Grande's six. In the last half the blue and white cagers found themselves and accounted for six field goals while the visitors made but three.

Torrence played a strong, consistent game throughout and in the first half Oesterling, guard, broke through twice for field goals, one of them the first score in the contest.

Paus, Conley and Stoddard all saw action during the contest, but only Conley broke into the scoring column.

Pendleton Here Friday

Baum, diminutive Union forward, was high scorer for union with six points, while Eaton and Shepherd each caged eight.

The high school band played during the intermissions.

Friday Pendleton plays here and on Saturday the Wallowa five will be La Grande's guests.

The lineups:

Union (16)		(31)	La Grande
Prather (4)	F	(8)	Eaton
Baum (6)	F	(8)	Shepherd
Wilde (4)	C	(6)	Torrence
Zaugg	G	(4)	Oesterling
Conklin (2)	G	(2)	Nelson

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MEIER READY TO FIGHT FOR PORT POWER

Governor Would Appoint Entire Commission—Charges Autocracy.

LEGISLATORS HEAR SPECIAL MESSAGE

Mott Would Abolish Taxes on Real Property For State Purposes; Writes Resolution.

SALEM, Jan. 26 (AP) — Governor Julius L. Meier in a special message to the legislature today urged the passage of the Keasey Port of Portland bill providing for the appointment of the entire commission by the governor. His message was awaited by the legislators as the sessions resumed at 11 o'clock this morning and was delivered shortly after the house was called to order.

The governor's message followed a controversy last Thursday over the issue with the Multnomah delegation and one in which he declared he would go "down the line" for the executive appointment. Another had been introduced providing for the legislature to appoint the four members whose terms expire next June, and the election by the port after 1932 of all members. A compromise, which would give the governor the appointment of the four members was rejected by the delegation, which split over the issue.

Calls It Autocracy

The message was a plea for the elimination of political factions and cliques from port activities. He characterized the commission as a closed corporation for forty odd years. "Within the last decade or so the commission," the governor said, "has arrogated to itself power so extraordinary it is now an autocracy in the broadest sense. Spending millions annually, it is accountable to

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Prescott Death Due to Stopping Rum Is Theory

MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP) — The theory that J. C. Adams may have been carrying out a commission when he shot Night Officer Sam Prescott to death Saturday has been advanced here by District Attorney George A. Codding.

Adams, who yesterday declared he was James E. Kingsley, of Seattle, confessed the shooting after he was arrested and returned to jail at Ashland, 12 moles south of here.

Codding pointed out two grounds as support for his theory:

Prescott has been active in stopping liquor cars northbound from California. Just last week he seized a car with a $3000 cargo.

Adams is said to have stopped at a service station North of Ashland and asked if Prescott was still on duty. Officers are checking this report, Codding said.

In solitary confinement in the county jail here awaiting preliminary hearing on a charge of first degree murder, Adams has made only one statement. Officers quoted him as follows:

"Some time you will find out why I killed him."

Coroner H. W. Conger announced today that no inquest would be held. Preliminary hearing will be in justice court either here or in Ashland.

In a signed statement made to District Attorney Codding, Adams declared he tried to shoot his way to freedom to escape punishment for a series of holdups in Seattle, Tacoma and Portland. He denied he is a "hired killer," as suspected by the district attorney, and reviewed a criminal career which, he said, started when he was a child, following desertion by his father and death of his mother.

No Trace Found Of Missing Aviator

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP) — The weather seemed determined to defeat both land and air efforts to locate Walter E. Case, Varney Air Lines pilot, missing since he took off in his mail plane at Portland airport for Pasco, Wash.

While seven army airplanes stood by at Pearson field, Vancouver, Wash., for suitable flying weather, two mountain climbing parties were halted within about two miles of Trail peak from which signal flashes had been reported. Trail peak is in Washington, about 20 miles south of Mount Adams.

Al Davis, Varney pilot, said he had seen flashes from the peak.

Tydings Resolution Laid Aside Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP) — The Tydings resolution proposing a senate inquiry into the "contradictory recommendations" of the Wickersham commission was laid aside today by the senate after it had encountered outspoken opposition.

Two Suicides In Umatilla County

PENDLETON, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP) — Two deaths, apparently at hands of the victims, were reported in Umatilla county today. One was in Pendleton, the other in Stanfield.

The body of Henry Schneider of Pendleton was found today. He had been shot through the chest by a charge from a 12-gauge shotgun. He was 58 years old.

L. M. Mills, 60, died early today at Stanfield from poison, self-administered. He was well known in the west end of the county, due to work in the reclamation service there.

DANCER DIES

Mme. Anna Pavlova, interpretative and ballet dancer, died late last week in Holland. She became ill while on a tour.

FORMER SENATOR COMMITS SUICIDE

Edward I. Edwards, of New Jersey, Despondent Due to Illness.

JERSEY CITY, N. J., Jan. 26 (AP) —Edward I. Edwards, former governor of New Jersey and former United States senator, died today.

Edwards' son, Irving, said his father had been ill for some time and was despondent. The former governor was alone in a room at his home when he killed himself.

Edwards shot himself last night and died today.

Senator Edwards was one of those men in public life whose stand on prohibition was somewhat anomalous.

On that issue he was one of the most vigorous and outspoken opponents, yet he did not use intoxicants.

Although holding liberal views concerning the use of intoxicants, the senator's opposition to the prohibition amendment and the Volstead Act was based primarily on his opinion that both were an invasion of the liberties of the people.

He was elected governor of New Jersey in a campaign conducted on the issue of personal liberty, and in his inaugural address attracted national attention by his bold denunciation of prohibition and the Volstead law. He urged the attorney general of the state to institute proceedings to test the constitutionality of the amendment and the act.

Three years later when Mr. Edwards made the race for the United States senate against Senator Joseph S. Frelinghuysen, he again injected the personal liberty issue into the campaign and was elected by the unprecedented plurality in New Jersey of 89,000 votes.

Throughout his service in the up-

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ATTACKER AT LARGE; POLICE STILL SEARCH

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP) — Search for the man who attacked Mrs. H. W. Howard, state witness in the murder case against Nelson C. Bowles and Irma Loucks, continued today although detectives said they feared he may fled the state.

They declare they know the identity of the man who assaulted Mrs. Howard on Jan. 15, and have traced his movements for the past week. Police said the suspect has a criminal record and has been identified by Mrs. Howard from a photograph.

The Portland Telegram said today it had learned "a fund of evidence in support of their theory that Mrs. Howard, so-called 'star witness' for the state in the Bowles murder case, was not attacked and threatened because of her knowledge of the case, has been gathered by defense attorneys."

"The evidence has to do with past activities of Mrs. Howard," the paper said.

TO INCREASE HERD

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP)—The sale of the Virgil Conn ranch of 211 acres bordering the South Umpqua, 5 miles west of here, to J. F. Bonebrake, of Roseburg, was announced today.

Bonebrake, owner of one of the county's largest registered Jersey cattle herds, plans a large increase of his purebred herd and is taking immediate possession. The ranch contains 150 acres of river bottom land, devoted to Alfalfa.

SMOOT BETTER TODAY

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Senator Smoot, of Utah, was pronounced "much better" today from an attack of influenza.

Members of the family of the veteran Republican senator said he was out of danger.

COMMUNISTS RIOT

STENDAL, Germany, Jan. 26 (AP)—Fifteen persons were badly injured, some of them innocent passersby, when police clubbed and dispersed a band of communist demonstrators who had come here in fourteen automobiles during the night.

The communists smashed the windows of a fascist retaurant and reviled an evangelical pastor, following him into his church to heap insults upon him.

FIRE SWEEPS BUENAVENTURA

BUENAVENTURA, Colombia, Jan. 26 (AP) — Fire believed of incendiary origin today wiped out the business district of this city with a loss estimated at $5,000,000.

Buildings occupied by the Royal Bank of Canada, the customs house and the government telegraph and postal offices were burned down.

Legion Leaders Favor Payments To War Veterans

Immediate Cash Retirement of Compensation Certificates is Endorsed by Committee.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Jan. 26 (AP) —Without indicating preference for any bill now pending before congress, the national executive committee of the American Legion yesterday indorsed the principle of immediate cash retirement, on application, of veterans' compensation certificates.

The cash value of the certificates is approximately $3,500,000,000. The executive committee met at national headquarters as the result of a demand among veterans for cashing the certificates and to settle dispute over the legion's action at the national convention at Boston last year, which arose when a resolution favoring payment of 80 per cent of the certificates was tabled. A preamble to the resolution, which was adopted unanimously, stated the convention's action was taken because the legion "was firmly opposed to initiating such legislation within itself." It added that since then "such a question has been initiated elsewhere."

Action Explained

The resolution declared the committee of the opinion the immediate distribution and circulation of funds "would at this time materially assist in the relief of present distressful economic conditions and put new life into American business and would . . . bring immediate relief to hundreds of thousands of veterans and their dependents who are now in sore distress and dire need."

However, the committee reaffairmed "as our first and immediate objective, legislation for the further relief of the disabled man and his dependents." This was said by committee members to mean if settlement of the certificates at this time would hinder proposed legislation for disabled, the organization would favor delay on the bonus measure.

HINES TELLS OF COST

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP)—Without making any recommendations, Veterans Administrator Hines, told the senate finance committee today immediate cash redemption of the face value of veterans adjusted service certificates would cost $3,412,000,000.

This would, in effect, increase the size of the soldier's bonus by $1,670,000,000. He said immediate cash redemption of the certificates on the basis of their present value would cost $1,707,507,000.

Called as the first witness as the committee opened hearings on legislation approved by the national executive committee of the American

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25,000 Persons Missing In New York Last Year

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP) — More than 25,000 persons, including 2,450 girls and 3,500 boys, were reported missing in New York last year.

So said Captain John H. Ayres, of the missing persons bureau, in an address at St. Johns's Protestant Episcopal church last night. It's one thing when a boy runs away from home, he said, but a different matter with a girl.

"I have never known of a case where a boy has come to harm running away from home," he said. "They usually are self reliant and self-confident. The experience often helps them to find themselves.

"It is not so, however, with the girls. Girls who run away from home are often liable to become the victims of designing persons. It is dangerous for a girl to cut loose from her home life. I have found that in 99 cases out of 100 it is the fault of the home when a girl goes out on her own."

Italian Troops Rout Tribesmen In Bloody Tilt

ROME, Jan. 26 (AP)—Italian colonial troops routed a band of natives in severe fighting Saturday at Et Tag in the heart of the Cufra oasis region of Libya, and hoisted the flag over the town.

The colonial troops lost two officers and two native soldiers killed. Sixteen native soldiers in the Italian forces were wounded.

Twenty of the rebel tribesmen were killed and 13 were prisoners. Hundreds of rifles and a quantity of ammunition also were seized.

The Duke of Apulia, called the flying duke, was credited in dispatches with having played an "important, efficacious and decisive role" in bombing the rebels from the air.

General G. H. Wood Inspects 60 Sites

ROSEBURG, Ore., Jan. 26 (AP) — General George H. Wood, chairman of the board of managers of national soldiers' homes, was on his way to San Francisco today after completing inspection of nearly sixty sites offered by the Pacific Northwest for a $2,000,000 soldiers' home authorized by congress.

General Wood made the last stop of the tour here yesterday and inspected two tracts offered by Roseburg. He said the sites are well adapted for all requirements but declined to comment on possible action of the committee.

Launch Explosion Fatal to Steward

NORFOLK, Va., Jan. 26 (AP)—A terrific gasoline explosion sank the United States engineer corps survey launch, Chipeta, here today and killed James Robert Herrick, the ships steward and the only man aboard.

Herrick's body, with most of the clothing torn off by the force of the blast, was recovered from the water near the launch. The cause of the explosion was not definitely determined.

GUARD KILLS CAPTAIN OF LIQUOR SHIP

One-Pound Shot Fired at Canadian Vessel Results in Death.

GOVERNMENTS TO MAKE EXCHANGES

Cutter Sights Schooner And Small Craft Off New Jersey Coast and Gives Chase.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26 (AP) — The Canadian government wants information from the American government on the coast guard action in firing on the Josephine K off the Jersey coast Saturday, Hume Wrong, Canadian charge d'affairs, made the request today in a conference with Assistant Secretary Castle at the state department.

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP)—A rum-running drama in which a ship captain was mortally wounded by a one-pound shot and his vessel captured by a coast guard cutter after a five-mile chase up the lower bay is expected to be the subject of exchanges between the United States and Canada.

Captain William P. Cluett, 39, of Lunenberg, Nova Scotia, died in the marine hospital at Staten Island Sunday morning though his right leg was amputated in an effort tto save him.

Four hours before, the Josephine K, a two-masted auxiliary schooner of Nova Scotian registry; the scow Brooklyn of Newark; and the tugboat Dauntless 6 had been seized by the coast guard cutter 145, together with liquor valued at $100,000 and 19 men.

At reconstructed from the report to coast guard headquarters at Staten Island, the cutter 145 sighted the schooner and three small craft clustered about her four and a half miles southeast of Ambrose lightship, nine and a half miles off the New Jersey coast. Before the cutter could reach the spot, the schooner cast off lines and shot away toward the upper bay, its way tto the open sea being blocked.

A speed launch escaped without pursuit.

While the Josephine K was hitting a 14-knot clip and widening the gap, the cutter fired three warning shots in the air, a summons to halt. Still the pursued craft kept on her course and four more shots were fired, the last one tearing away the pilot house and wounding the master.

The Josephine K hove to and a crew from the cutter boarded her. The captain died without regaining consciousness. The crew of five was placed under arrest after 2500 cases of Scotch whiskey had been discovered in the hold and the schooner was convoyed to Red Hook flats.

Although the cutter had lost more than an hour in the chase, she retraced her steps anad coast guards boarded the slow-moving scow and its tug. Captain Mario Laudi, his crew of three and 1200 cases of the same content as found on the schooner were seized aboard the scow. Captain John Ambrose and a crew of eight were arrested aboard the tug.

The Josephine K is registered out of Digby, N. S. She is 110 feet long and is equipped with oil-burning auxiliary engines. The scow belongs

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STUDY PARROT IN EFFORT TO SOLVE PUZZLE

NEW YORK, Jan. 26 (AP)—The habits of a big green parrot whose mistress was found hacked to death in her East Side apartment, were studied today by police in an effort to reconstruct the crime.

Neighbors said they were awakened during the night of the crime by shrieks of the bird, which sounded like "Don't, papa, don't."

In the apartment Mrs. Francis Yitmos, 44, was found dead with numerous wounds in her arms. A blood-stained axe lay not far away. Her husband, a longshoreman, was arrested on a charge of homicide and his brother Peter was held as a material witness. Yitmos denied implication in her death. They said two men entered their home and attacked her, demanding money.

Work Will Begin On Seattle Plant

SEATTLE, Jan. 26 (AP)—R. W. Hines, branch manager of the Ford Motor company, said here that construction of the new $3,000,000 Ford assembly plant would be started immediately. Bidders who won contracts for about $2,000,000 worth of the work will be announced today, he added.

The plant will be completed November 1, Hines believed. Between 600 and 800 men will be employed in building it. When it is in operation about 2,000 men will be employed for normal production. The assembly capacity will be stepped up from 115 cars daily to 350 cars.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 26 (AP) — For the fourth successive day, corn prices went lower today, the latest drop sending the market to 5¼ cents beneath last week's top. Rallies failed to hold. Gosaip regarding a war scare in Europe attracted more or less attention, but had little apparent market influence.

Corn closed nervous ½@⅞ cents lower than Saturday's finish, wheat ⅛ off to 1¼ up, oats unchanged to ¼ down, and provisions unchanged to 5c decline.