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GRAND JURY WILL CONVENE ON THURSDAY

Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles Returns — District Attorney in Baker

PROSECUTION OF TWO WILL BEGIN

Keith Crosswhite Breaks Down in County Jail When He Learns of His Father's Death.

The first step in actual prosecution of Keith Crosswhite, 19, and John Owens, 28, who signed a confession in October that they fired the shots which later proved fatal to Amos "Spud" Helms, state policeman, was taken today, when Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles announced that he had called the grand jury into special session on Thursday of this week, at 10 o'clock.

District Attorney Carl Helm will ask the grand jury to return indictments against both men charging them with first degree murder.

Judge Knowles returned from a trip to California and Western Oregon yesterday morning and conferred with Mr. Helm early today, as the district attorney was called to Baker this morning in order to perfect legal matters connected with the appeal of the county from the verdict in the Kerns vs. county civil action.

Expect Not Guilty Plea

Talk about the streets as to the case finds most people believing the two will plead not guilty in order to stand trial, hoping against hope that a jury might find them guilty of a lesser charge than first degree murder, or something of the sort. Both prisoners, however, in conversations at various times with officers, have said things indicating that they both expect to pay the supreme penalty for the shooting. If the two were to plead guilty, there would be no other action likely except an immediate sentence from the bench.

Crosswhite broke down for the first time since he was imprisoned Oct. 21, when he received a telegram from Springfield, Mo., announcing the death of his father, Ollie Crosswhite, who was shot down Saturday by a group of bandits while acting as city detective. An Associated Press account of the Springfield shooting appears elsewhere in the Observer today. Local people regarded it as an ironic quirk of fate that brings home to the youth more completely than

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TIGERS PLAY TWO GAMES AT HOME JAN. 8-9

With the re-opening of school today, after the holiday vacation, the Tiger basketball squad resumes intensive training, with the formal opening of the 1932 cage schedule due here this weekend.

On Friday night Cove will play here and Enterprise will invade La Grande on Saturday, both games to be played at the Recreational hall. The Cove game will begin at 8 and the Enterprise game at 8:30, with both preceded by a class game starting an hour earlier each evening.

The Tigers, in a December schedule of four games, won two from North Powder, one from Imbler and one from Cove.

James Crowl Dies In San Diego, Cal.

James Crowl died on Jan. 1, 1932 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Hattie Stanley, in San Diego, Cal. He was for many years a resident of La Grande, coming here in 1883, and at the time of his death was 86 years old.

He is survived by four daughters, Mrs. Stanley; Mrs. F. R. Suydam, Mrs. Neal Suydam and Mrs. Cora Dozier, all of La Grande; one sister and one brother, both of Garrett, Indiana; ten grandchildren and six great grandchildren, besides many friends.

He will be buried in San Diego.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Cloudy with local valley fogs tonight and Tuesday; normal temperature; gentle changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7 a. m.—24 above.
Minimum: 20 above.
Condition: Cloudy, snowing.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 33, minimum 20 above.
Condition: Cloudy, snow 2½ inches, precipitation .30 of inch. Range—13 degrees.

WEATHER JAN. 4, 1931

Maximum 39, minimum 29 above.
Condition: Cloudy, high winds. Range—10 degrees.

Gandhi Jailed For Third Time By the British

English Government to Use All its Statutory Power to Combat Civil Disobedience.

LONDON, Jan. 4 (AP)—The government of Great Britain, operating through the government of India, will use all its statutory power to combat Mahatma Gandhi's civil disobedience campaign, it was learned today on the highest authority.

GANDHI IS JAILED

POONA, India, Jan. 4 (AP)—Mahatma Gandhi was walled up today in the British jail at Yerawda, a few miles from here, for the third time in his career as leader of the Indian nationalists.

The little Indian leader was brought here this morning from Bombay, where he was arrested dramatically in the early morning hours for what the warrant said were "good and sufficient reasons."

At the same time that Gandhi was

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Life Procession Marches Across Altar of Church

The procession of life marched across the altar of the Methodist church yesterday morning at 11 o'clock in an impressive pageant presented under the direction of Miss Alice Klippel and Mrs. R. F. Tyler. "The Procession of Life" was produced as the New Year's candle lighting service, and was accompanied by the choir, under the direction of Paul Knautz, Miss Helen Williams at the console of the organ, and Rev. W. H. Hertzog, who read the selections appropriate to each month of the year which was presented.

Each month was presented by a spirit, with Fred Hertzog as the spirit of religion for January; Genevieve Adler, spirit of patriotism, February; George Moats, spirit of prayer, March; Marian Boyles, spirit of Easter, April; Lenn Pierson, spirit of mankind, May; Clarice Taylor, spirit of nature, June; Frank Tyler, spirit of freedom, July; Mrs. Glenn Wagner and daughter, Mary Ellen,

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Justice Court Begins Year In Active Manner

The first week of 1932 will be a busy one in the justice court, with trials set or pending for every day, Judge L. Denham, justice of the peace, stated this morning. Walter Parrish and James Lippert, of Union, were brought before Judge Denham this morning on a charge of unlawful possession of deer meat killed out of season, and both pleaded guilty to possession of three doe and one buck deer.

Parrish, who hauled the meat, was fined $100, and Lippert, who killed the deer, was fined $150. A rifle belonging to the latter was forfeited to the state.

The case of Doyle Zimmerman vs. R. R. Walker and Lillian M. Walker, a civil action for the recovery of money, will be tried tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock. George Carlyle and his wife will stand trial for unlawful possession of intoxicating liquor on Jan. 6, and on Jan. 8, J. H. Kilby will be tried on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor. Other cases are pending and will be announced later, Judge Denham stated this morning.

SEES LEAGUE AS A STEP TO WORLD POWER

Comparing the league of nations with the old articles of confederation as to efficiency, yet predicting that the league, while possibly doomed to fail in itself, will serve as a stepping stone to eventual world government, Dr. Clarence L. Gilstrap addressed the Lions club at the Monday luncheon today at noon at the Sacajawea Inn.

Dr. Gilstrap predicted that in due course of time world governmental machinery, with all nations contributing, would be set up, equipped with a world army, navy, etc., and with strength enough to enforce all necessary rules. This government, he explained, would not usurp individual governments except in enforcing peace, etc.

Pays Tribute To Robert Withycombe

By Mrs. L. Z. Terrall
(Observer Correspondent)

UNION, Ore., Jan. 4 (Special) — Several fine tributes were paid to the late Robert Withycombe at a memorial service held at the Methodist Episcopal church here Sunday morning.

Mayor C. L. Cadwell, Attorney L. Z. Terrall and Rev. B. C. Lee all spoke of the deceased superintendent of the Eastern Oregon experiment farm, who contributed a great deal toward advancement of agriculture during his life.

During the service Tony D. Smith, postmaster, sang "One Sweetly Solemn Thought," accompanied at the piano by his daughter, Miss Jane.

MANHUNT ON FOR SLAYERS OF OFFICERS

Desperate Young Brothers Sought Today in Houston, Texas.

OLLIE CROSSWHITE AMONG THE DEAD

Six Shot Down at Farm House Massacre at Springfield, Mo. Saturday Afternoon.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., Jan. 4 (AP) — A manhunt rivaling those of the old days of the "bad" Southwest today carried the search for the desperate young brothers, who killed six officers in a farm yard massacre, from the rough Ozark county of Missouri, far into Texas.

The abandonment of a wrecked automobile by two men near Streetman, Tex., was considered by District Attorney Dan Nee as a valuable clue in the ever spreading search.

Nee said descriptions of the two motorists, given by a friendly farmer who offered a mule team to right the machine, "tallied closely" to those of two of the suspects.

Within the car was a rifle and shotgun similar to weapons the slayers took from the body of Sheriff Marcell Hendrix after he had fallen dead at their door from a shotgun charge.

Harry Young, 27-year-old leader of the desperadoes, and his brother, Jennings, 29, were declared to have recently spent much time in Houston, Tex. Officers expressed the opinion they might be heading for Mexico.

The six Springfield officers fell victims late Saturday to a withering gunfire directed from the home of Mrs. Willie Young, the mother of the brothers, when men sought Harry's arrest. Sheriff Hendrix led the party to the Young farm upon learning that Harry, wanted for the slaying of Marshal Mark Noe of Republic, Mo., was at home.

Sheriff Hendrix, Tony Oliver, Springfield chief of detectives; Wiley Mashburn, deputy sheriff; Charles House, police patrol driver and Ollie Crosswhite and Sidney Meadows, Springfield detectives, died storming the house. (Editor's note — Ollie

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PIONEER OF '65 CALLED BEYOND

Death Takes Mrs. Millie Culbertson, Resident of La Grande 66 Years.

One of the earliest of La Grande's pioneers, a woman who crossed the plains to this valley 66 years ago, died over the weekend when Mrs. Millie Culbertson passed away.

Born in Kanawa county, Virginia, she crossed the plains by ox team in 1865, at the age of 14 years, and arrived at La Grande only four years after Ben Brown erected the first house in Old Town.

Funeral services will be held at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon with Rev. Mr. Taylor, of the Nazarene church, in charge. The burial will take place at the family plot in the I. O. O. F. cemetery.

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Ministers Hear Dr. W. L. Van Nuys

Dr. W. L. Van Nuys, of Portland, state secretary of the board of Christian education for the Presbyterian church, was the main speaker this morning at 10 o'clock at the meeting of the La Grande Ministerial association. Dr. Van Nuys spoke on "Our Work as Teachers" following a short business session of the group.

Visitors from out of town were Rev. Mr. Dryden, of Cove, and Rev. Mr. Williams, of Elgin.

Dr. Van Nuys plans to leave this evening on his return to Portland.

INQUIRY INTO ASSAULT IS BEGUN TODAY

American Vice Consul Beaten in Mukden Sunday By Japanese Trio

CONSULATE ASKS "SEVERE PENALTY"

Notifies State Department at Washington of Action—Several Arrests Made Already.

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Jan. 4 (AP)—Japan presented an apology today for the assault by three Japanese soldiers last night on Culver B. Chamberlain, the American consul.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — The American consulate at Mukden advised the state department today it had demanded that a "severe penalty" be meted out by Japanese authorities for the "unjustified" attack at Mukden on American Consul Culver B. Chamberlain.

By Glenn Babb

MUKDEN, Manchuria, Jan. 4 (AP)—An investigation into the assault and painful beating of Culver B. Chamberlain, young United States vice consul, by three Japanese soldiers in one of the main streets of Mukden yesterday was begun today by S. Morishima, Japanese consul.

The assault upon the young American, who was so badly beaten his face was cut to the bone in two places, was reported immediately to the Japanese consul by American Consul General Myrl S. Myers here. Myers told the Japanese official the assault was "entirely unprovoked."

Chamberlain was formerly of Kansas City and has been a member of the consular service for 10 years. He arrived in Mukden Saturday on the way to Harbin, where he recently had been assigned following a vacation trip to the United States.

Flag Displayed

He was riding in the American consul's automobile, which displayed an American flag and coat of arms, on his way to the station to catch an early morning train for Harbin. The automobile was halted at the border of the Japanese railway town by three Japanese soldiers apparently forming a patrol.

Chamberlain alighted from the

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TWO CHILDREN HANGED; MAID KILLS HERSELF

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (AP)—Authorities today sought the reasons why Mary Roth, 23, a nurse maid, hanged her two small charges and herself in the John H. Heindel home in the fashionable, suburban River Forest.

The blonde domestic, who cared for the children with devotion which sometimes, the children's parents said, bordered upon jealous insanity, suspended nine-months-old George by the neck to the side of his crib.

The elder brother, John B. Heindel, 4, was found hanged with a short piece of rope in the doorway.

Miss Roth hanged herself in a a closet in the basement.

Mr. and Mrs. Heindel, who were attending a bridge party Saturday night, found the bodies after police helped them break into the barred and locked home.

Fitzwater Guilty On Four Counts

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—E. E. Fitzwater, president and director of the Guardian Building and Loan association and the Mortgage Investment company here, today pleaded guilty to four indictments charging him with unlawful loans, without security, of Guardian funds to the Mortgage Investment company.

Fitzwater entered his guilty plea as J. S. Moltzner, vice president and managing director of the Guardian company, and managing director of the Mortgage Investment company, went on trial in circuit court. They were named jointly in the four indictments to which Fitzwater pleaded guilty.

Observer Gets Statement From 8X Wire on Pierce Political Situation

By Nolan Skiff

Ralph Watson, political writer in the Oregon Journal, had an inspiration Saturday when he turned in his copy for the Sunday edition of his newspaper, and the result was a two-column headline on the front page: "Pierce, Wife May Be Opponents in Primary." And, as Ralph said, wouldn't that be something?

And today the Observer, wondering if it was a pipe dream or an unusually intriguing political situation about to develop, called Farmers 8X, which is the Pierce ranch.

Mrs. Pierce answered the telephone and as soon as the reporter told her he had read the Journal, she began chuckling. It was an amused, thoroughly happy chuckle and before many seconds had passed turned into real laughter.

"Why, Mr. Pierce has been addressing me as the future congressman from Oregon for the last 24 hours," she said.

Asked if she had any statement to make she said: "Of course, I have nothing to say." Was Mr. Pierce ready to make a statement? "It seems that he's supposed to make one Jackson day," she replied, "but so far I haven't been able to get any statement from him."

Statement Forthcoming

Then she said she did have a statement to make — and a prepared one at that — one which Walter also had scrutinized, probably with a broad smile on his face, and had approved.

The Observer is willing to leave any or all political significance in the following statement, which came over the wires from Farmers 8X, up to the reader:

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CHINCHOW IS CAPTURED!

The newbattlefront in Manchuria where General Jiro Tamon, right, Japanese war "ace", led his force of thousands of soldiers in a drive on Chinchow, is shown above. Chinchow fell to the Japanese Saturday without the firing of a shot.

Sandbage barricades have been erected by the Japanese to keep their headquarters in Tientsin impregnable. This picture shows infantry men and marines behind a barricade on the edge of the Japanese leased territory at Tientsin. Note their fine equipment.

Editorial Urges Republicans To Pick New Leader

ROCKFORD, Jan. 4 (Special) — In an editorial dictated by its publisher, Mrs. Ruth Hanna McCormick, former congressman-at-large from Illinois, the Rockford Register-Republic today urged that the Republican party disregard precedent and select a presidential nominee who has "a fair chance of winning."

The editorial declared that President Herbert Hoover is "not a popular leader" and asked "why Hoover should not be freely discussed and impartially weighed as a seeker for public office."

It emphasized confidence for 1932, as expressed by the Democratic leaders, and asked consideration for "hundreds of thousands of Republicans who will either vote against Mr. Hoover or refrain from voting for him." The editorial, recalling what it called the convention steam roller

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Missionary Freed; Safe at Foochow

FOOCHOW, China, Jan. 4 (AP) — Harriet Halverstadt, Wellington, Kans., missionary who was captured by Chinese bandits Decemebr 24 returned here sare today and told a tale of a harrowing Christmas.

She spent it tramping over rough mountains and sleeping in a barn, although she insisted the treatment she received was "comparatively good." Her health was excellent when she arrived here after being released yesterday at Futsing.

During the negotiations for her release the bandits demanded that they be accepted into the provincial military forces and the authorities agreed to this demand in order to obtain her freedom as soon as possible.

Rates On Grain Set Aside Today

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP)—Reduced freight rates on grain which went into effect last August were set aside today by the supreme court.

The court, with Chief Justice Hughes delivering the opinion, took the position the commission should have reheard the case at the request of the railroads.

The carriers, which recently asked for a blanket freight rate increase, argued that economic conditions had changed since the commission made its order in Sept. 1928.

Infant Daughter Dies Here Sunday

Joan Wright, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Wright, of Alicel, passed away at a local hospital early Sunday morning. She is survived by her parents and several other relatives. The funeral will be held from the chapel of Walkers Funeral Home Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock with Rev. Father Nooy in charge. Burial will be in the Catholic cemetery.

HEAVY SEAS TAKE THREE OREGONIANS

Storm at Coos Bay Fatal to Fishermen — Rescue Boat is Overturned.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP) — Three men were drowned when their fishing smack was crashed by heavy seas against the shores of Coos bay Saturday afternoon, and coast guardsmen who attempted their rescue nearly lost their own lives when their cutter was twice overturned by the same gigantic breaker that splintered the smack.

The dead:
Burrell Magee, 31, Marshfield.
Alton Andrus, 22, Marshfield.
Albert Risenstein, 32, West Side.

Failure to heed the warnings of other seafaring men against going out in the heavy seas, the trio forged their boat, the Comet, over the bar Saturday morning, and the coast

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MEIER, FAMILY RETURN TODAY TO SALEM, ORE.

SALEM, Jan. 4 (AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier returned to Salem today after an absence of a month, feeling "better than ever," he said. The governor visited the press room as his first act upon entering the capitol building before going to his own office.

The governor and his family have moved back to his apartments in Salem and announced he would again make his residence in the capital city. The governor has gained some weight during his absence. When asked what he would do to reduce, said he would have to "get into a fight with someone now and take some of the weight off." He added he hadn't felt so good in a long time.

There will be no board meeting today, but the governor announced there would be several tomorrow, including an important session of the state board of control. What business will be brought up was not announced.

Schooner Vigilant Sails to Victory

TATOOSH, Island, Wash., Jan. 4 (AP)—The five-masted schooner Vigilant, believed a certain loser two weeks ago in a thrilling sailing ship race from Honolulu, sailed by Tatoosh island and into the Strait of Juan De Fuca at 10:34 a. m. today to victory. Her rival, the four-masted Commodore was only 15 or 20 miles behind.

BOX COMPANY TO OPEN

PRINEVILLE, Ore., Jan. 4 (AP)—E. A. Bell, of Spokane, announced here Saturday that with 111 carloads of box shooks already booked, operation of Prineville's new box company will start this week. Employment will be given to 25 or 30 men. Bell said most of the output will go to California fruit organizations.

Tariff Bill Is Ready to Submit To Lower House

Senate-House Policy Committee Members Agree — Action Expected Probably on Thursday.

WASHINGTON, Jan. (AP) — The Democratic senate-house policy committee today agreed on a tariff bill.

The measure, drafted during the Christmas holidays by Speaker Garner, Senator Harrison, of Mississippi, ranking Democrat on the finance committee, Representative Rainey, of Illinois, the Democratic leader, and Chairman Collier, of the house ways and means committee, will be brought up for action in the house probably Thursday.

The measure does not touch the rate structure of the tariff. It sets out a policy that the Democrats would follow in event they captured the senate and the house in the elections next fall.

The tariff proposal carries a provision authorizing an international economic conference to be called by the president to promote a lowering of the international tariff walls.

It also woold provide for the tariff commission to make recommendations to congress instead of to the president for changes in duties.

It embraces a provision for the creation of a consumers counsel for the tariff commission, and looks to a lowering of duties as a result of the proposed international conference.

BEER DATA ASKED

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — A resolution asking the commerce department for a report on the number of people employed in the manufacture of beer before prohibition was adopted today by the senate.

The senate also approved a joint resolution asking the agriculture department for a report on the amount of grain used.

Both resolutions were offered by

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Pinchot Assails Hoover-Gifford Relief Measures

By Francis M. Stephenson

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — The "Hoover-Gifford national voluntary relief plan" was assailed as "vicious" by Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania, today before the senate manufacturers committee.

The governor urged direct federal aid for unemployment, a plan opposed by President Hoover.

"The Hoover-Gifford plan takes money from the little fellow. It does not take it from the big fellow," he said.

"It is an attempt to get by without increasing taxes and letting the big fellows come in to share the load."

He said his state has more than one million unemployed, and asked federal help.

The witness related his unsuccessful effort to put through a $120,000,000 relief plan in his legislature and blamed the "Republican machine" for the defeat. The $190,000,000 relief bills before congress he described as "totally inadequate."

Just Senators LaFollette and Costigan, who are sponsoring federal relief bills, were present to hear Pinchot.

Pinchot, whose name has been linked with presidential speculation, told of his futile effort to get a million dollar loan for the state employment fund from Secretary Mellon and added "I can't conceive how a man in his position could do what he did."

"This talk of a dole," he said, "is a cry to scare children."

Meanwhile, Representative Laguardia today sponsored a relief pro-

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Canadian Police Seeking Fugitives

NEW WESTMINSTER, B. C., Jan. 4 (AP)—Canadian police officers were searching today for five convicts who escaped from Oakalla prison at 7 o'clock last night. Prison officials revealed the escaped convicts overpowered a trusty confined with them, and climbed through a window at the end of the corridor. The bars of the window had been sawed. Once outside the prison walls, the men stole an automobile.

Among those who regained their liberty was William Bagley, sentenced recently to 15 years and 15 lashes for the daylight robbery of the Harrison Hot Springs hotel last April. He was later captured at Sumas, Wash. His two companions in the holdup have not been apprehended.

Former Governor Of Idaho Is Dead

BOISE, Idaho, Jan. 4 (AP) — Moses Alexander, former governor of Idaho, died here today, aged 78.

Idaho's war time governor and the last Democratic executive until the election a year ago of Gov. C. Ben Ross, Alexander served two terms following his election in the fall of 1914.

An emigrant to this country from Bavaria, Germany, he built up in Idaho one of the largest mercantile enterprises in the state and acquired an outstanding position in his party, which he held until his death.

HOOVER ASKS CONGRESS TO TAKE ACTION

President, in Surprise Message, Urges Immediate Steps.

NEED "EVEN MORE EVIDENT," HE SAYS

"We . . . Must Replace the Unjustifiable Fear in the Country By Confidence," Hoover States.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 4 (AP) — President Hoover in a surprise special message to congress today urged immediate action upon his emergency economic program.

Mr. Hoover declared emphatically the need if "ever more evident" than when it was first laid before congress.

Soon after it reached the senate and house, reading of the document was begun. The chambers began to be filled when word spread around.

"We can and must replace the unjustifiable fear in the country by confidence," the president said.

Enumerates Measures

Enumerating the measures "requiring immediate action" he said they were "designed to check the further degeneration in prices and values, to fortify us against continued shocks from world instability and to unshackle the forces of recovery."

Emphasing, Mr. Hoover said "I would be derelict in my duty if I did not inform the congress of the need for action at the earliest possible moment."

Here are the measures he named:

Strengthening of the federal land bank system, already passed by the house.

Creation of the $500,000,000 recon-

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BOMBS HURLED AT RESIDENCE OF IDAHO MAN

COEUR D'ALENE, Idaho, Jan. 4 (AP)—Two dynamite bombs were hurled at the home of County Commissioner Emmett M. Barnes last night and his family probably escaped death because the second bomb hit a small tree and exploded before reaching the house, police announced today.

The first bomb failed to explode. Police said it was made of two sticks of 40 per cent dynamite, tied together with twine, and an eight-inch fuse improperly connected with the primer cap. The second bomb, thrown from a nearby highway directly at the lighted windows of the Kootenay commissioner's house, in which he and his wife and four children were entertaining guests, exploded with a terrific detonation, blasting a hole in the ground. Three feet of snow diminished the force of the explosion.

Police said tracks of the bomber, with a dog, were found in the snow of the highway.

Barnes was in charge of unemployment relief crews working county roads. Barnes said "our relief work has been regarded as fair and just and I have received no threats of any kind."

Former Kaiser Is Ill of Bronchitis

DOORN, Holland, Jan. 4 (AP)—Former Kaiser Wilhelm, who has been suffering a bronchial attack at his residence here passed a good night and members of his household said there was no reason for any uneasiness.

He caught cold while engaged in his customary outdoor work with axe and saw during the recent bad weather. Bronchitis developed yesterday.

RETURNS TO SCHOOL

Miss Pauline Conradt, student at Oregon State college, has returned to Corvallis after spending the holiday vacation with her family in La Grande.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Jan. 4 (AP) — Notwithstanding a decrease of 603,000 bushels in the United States wheat visible supply, contrasting with increases a week and a year ago, wheat values sagged today.

North American wheat export business was relatively slack, and the bearish course both of the stock market and cotton served as a drag on cereals. Electioneering between rival candidates for board of trade directors occupied much of the time of members.

Wheat closed unsettled 1¼@1⅝c lower than Thursday's finish, corn 1@1¼c down, oats ⅜@⅝c off, and provisions showing 5 to 25c decline.

PORTLAND, Jan. 4 (AP) — General losses were shown in the domestic wheat markets with the resumption of business today. On the Portland futures market May was off 1½c and July ½c bu.

On the merchants exchange cash wheat lost 1c bu. for the day.