

### NATIONAL BANKS GAIN 4 BILLION IN LAST 2 YEARS

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### TOTAL WEALTH OF MANY GREAT FOREIGN BANKS FAR EXCELLED

Western States Show Greatest Increase—Mark of 1906 is Doubled and Growth Continues 18 Per Cent Annually

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Resources of national banks of the United States, Controller Williams announced tonight have increased more than \$4,000,000,000 during the last two years and now aggregate \$15,520,000,000, exceeding by about \$1,000,000,000 the total resources of the Bank of England, the Bank of France, the Bank of Russia, the German Reichsbank, the Bank of The Netherlands, the Bank of Denmark, the Swiss National Bank and the Imperial Bank of Japan combined.

In a statement based upon returns from the last bank call November 17 the Controller calls attention to the fact that the increase has been at the rate of approximately 18 per cent a year during the past two years as compared with 6 per cent a year for the 10-year period from 1904 to 1914, and that the total resources are at present more than double what they were 10 years ago.

"The compilation just completed of returns for the last bank call," the controller's statement reads, "discloses a condition of strength, progress and growth beyond all precedent. Resources of national banks on the date of the last call are greater than the total resources of all reporting state banks, savings banks, private banks and loan and trust companies throughout the United States at the time of the inauguration of the federal reserve system about two years ago.

"It is also noteworthy that the resources of our national banks at this time exceeded by \$21,000,000 the total resources of all the reporting banking institutions in the United States, including state banks, savings banks and loan and trust companies and national banks as well, as late as the year 1914."

The greatest percentage of increase, the controller states, during the two-year period in which the federal reserve system has been in operation, was in the western states.

### PERSHING'S COMMAND IS HARD HIT BY BIG STORM

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Heavy damage to the equipment of Major General Pershing's command in Mexico was reported today in dispatches to the war department telling of the storm which swept his lines Christmas day.

Masts of the wireless stations at Colonia Dublan and El Valle were blown down and field hospital No. 2 was demolished. The commissary store house and many other structures were badly damaged. At least 75 per cent of the tentage at Colonia Dublan was destroyed and telegraphic communication was interrupted along the line.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 27.—Stoves here were kept roaring in the tents of the soldiers on this part of the border last night and early today because of the cold wave. Timbers from the Mexican end of the Mexican international bridge were torn away for fuel by Mexican soldiers.

### DR. DEWITT A. PAINE OF EUGENE, IS DEAD

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 27.—Dr. Dewitt A. Paine, physician, banker and capitalist, one of Eugene's most prominent citizens, died suddenly at 10:35 o'clock this morning, a few minutes after he had returned to his home from the Eugene Loan & Savings bank and the United States National bank, where he had transacted business. The cause of death was apoplexy, superinduced by diabetes.

### DENSE FOG TIES UP LONDON SURFACE TRAFFIC

LONDON, Dec. 28.—One of the thickest fogs of recent years enveloped London today, disorganizing traffic and causing great inconvenience. Owing to the restrictions with regard to the lighting of the city, this somber pall at nightfall brought surface traffic to a complete standstill. The underground railways were not affected and were the only means of transportation.

### AUTO PLUNGES; FOUR HURT

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Dec. 25.—Two persons were seriously injured and two others painfully hurt at 10 o'clock Sunday, two miles east of Leland when an automobile in which were seven employees of the Greenback mine fell down a 70-foot embankment on a 99

### TEACHERS GATHERED IN PORTLAND UNITE FOR THE PENSION MEASURE

ONLY THREE OF SEVERAL HUNDRED FAIL TO VOTE RECOMMENDATION OF PROPOSAL

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 27.—Although there was a sharp division of opinion on the merits of a proposed teachers' retirement and pension fund, as reported to the representative council of the Oregon State Teachers' association today, the draft of the measure was framed as recommended by a majority vote. On motion to make the recommendation unanimous, three out of several hundred voted in the negative.

### STATE WINS HYDE CASE IN MARION CIRCUIT COURT

SIMILAR ACTION PENDING BEFORE JUDGE CAMPBELL—COLLUSION HELD PROVEN.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 23.—The first of the seven celebrated Hyde-Benson land fraud cases involving in all 37,000 acres of land in Linn, Lane, Clackamas, Hood River, Crook, Klamath and Josephine counties, was decided by Judge Galloway Friday. This case has to do with land in Linn county.

Judge Galloway held that the title to the 600 acres involved in this particular case is vested in the state of Oregon and that the title to it was obtained by collusion and conspiracy to defraud on the part of F. A. Hyde, John Benson and their associates.

This land was taken up out of the school land and under the law one person was allowed only 320 acres, but through the aid of dummy entries thousands of acres were secured. The land was then exchanged for land in Montana under the provisions of the Hen Land act, and sold to the Western Lumber company, of which Senator Clarke of Montana is a large shareholder.

A similar action is pending in the Clackamas county circuit court. Large tracts of Clackamas county timber lands are involved in the local case, which is the same in practically every respect as the Marion county case.

### ALLIED WARSHIPS ARE OFF ATLANTIC COAST

BOSTON, Dec. 26.—The presence on this side of the Atlantic of a formidable fleet of allied war ships was indicated definitely today. The vessels are known officially as commerce protectors.

They are heavily armed and disguised. For obvious reasons their exact disposition is not revealed, but the arrival recently in American waters of this newest unit of the British and French admiralities was made known from a source that hardly can be mistaken.

Salem — \$23,619,902 invested in plants and equipment of various timber industries in Oregon.

### MANY DIE WHEN TORNADO SWEEPS OVER ARKANSAS

PATH OF DESTRUCTION IN WAKE OF STORM IS FOUR MILES WIDE

### ALL WIRES ARE CARRIED DOWN; NEWS FROM DISTRICT IS MEAGER

Convict Farm With 325 Prisoners Is Reported Struck—Death List May Be Heavy One—Fires Break Out in Debris.

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 26.—From 17 to 21 and probably more persons were killed in a tornado that struck South Central Arkansas at 3 o'clock today, according to reports received here tonight.

Four are known to be dead at Englewood, Ind. Is not waiting for congressional investigations to reduce the high cost of living. He expects to do it himself by putting the municipality into the produce business.

Rosse was in Chicago recently contracting with wholesalers for carload lots of potatoes and other food products to sell to the public direct from the cars, thus eliminating the middle-man's profit.

By this means he hopes to educate the Evansville retail dealers in foodstuffs to a new system of doing business that will save money for both the public and themselves. He has let a contract for the erection of a municipal market building, in which his plan will be continued.

The foodstuffs that Mayor Rosse buys will be sold to Evansville consumers at cost plus the freight charge. The cost of handling them in Evansville will be negligible, Mayor Rosse says, since there will be no delivery except of large purchases. A small additional charge will be made to purchasers who require delivery. Mayor Rosse hopes to educate the public to the idea of doing the buying of foodstuffs on a cash basis and carrying the goods home.

### Would Be a Help.

"Every cloud has a silver lining." "It would be nice if they also had arsenic deposits," said the farmer. "Then the rain would spray our crops as well as moisten them."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Mrs. Siddons.

After she had retired from the stage Mrs. Siddons was found studying Lady Macbeth and said, "I am amazed to discover some new points in the character which I never found out while acting it."

### When You Select Your Turkey.

In selecting your turkey or chicken choose a bird that is heavy in proportion to its size. Avoid those fowls that have a prominent breastbone, and pass over those having coarse skin and rough scales on the legs, for these show old age. Select a bird that has clean, smooth, yellow feet and legs, moist and delicate skin and a plump breast, which, when pressed with the thumb will be elastic.

### And So It Goes.

"How is it you are always short-handed at your place?" "Well, somebody is generally sick or something. We seldom have all the clerks report." "Go on." "And when they do happen to all report everybody thinks that's a good excuse to get a day off."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

### Too Sore to Shake.

"Did you take the mixture I gave you?" "To tell you the truth, I did not, doctor." "Why not?" "Well, I fancy you made a little mistake. You gave me aque mixture. It says, 'Shake before taking,' and my complaint is rheumatism."—Pall Mall Gazette.

### EVANSVILLE'S MAYOR PUTS CITY INTO BUSINESS OF FIGHTING THE H. C. OF L.



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### 2 KILLED AND 3 ARE HURT WHEN CARS CRUSH JIT

CHAPLAIN OF ST. VINCENT'S HOSPITAL, PORTLAND, AND WOMAN ARE DEAD.

### ONE INJURED MAN MAY DIE AS RESULT OF UNUSUAL ACCIDENT

Auto Attempts to Pass Streetcar, Is Caught Between Them and Part of Machine Is Crushed Like so Much Cardboard.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—Rev. Father Castell, 76 years old, chaplain at St. Vincent hospital, and Mrs. J. J. Chambreau, 49 years old, were fatally injured and Edward Savage, 35 years old, manager of the Ice Hippodrome and the Portland Hockey team, was possibly fatally injured when a west-bound jitney driven by Norman Myers was crushed between two Twenty-third street streetcars on Washington street, between Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets this afternoon.

Father Castell died at the Good Samaritan hospital at 4 o'clock and Mrs. Chambreau, wife of J. J. Chambreau, a public accountant, died at the same hospital at 5 o'clock.

Following the accident the driver was taken to the police station, where he gave a statement to Chairman H. P. Coffin, of the safety first commission.

The accident happened when the jitney driver attempted to pass around the westbound streetcar and was caught between it and the eastbound car. The rear end of his machine, which was occupied by Rev. Father Castell, Mrs. Chambreau and Mr. Savage, was crushed together like so much cardboard.

### WOMAN SENTENCES HUSBAND

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Mrs. Anna Smith sat as magistrate in Chief Magistrate Dues' court just long enough to sentence her husband to spend Christmas and 29 other days in jail.

The magistrate allowed the woman to sentence her husband, when he disturbed the peace while "hit up" in celebration of Christmas eve.

"Six months," said the woman. "The law didn't allow six months for the first offense, however."

"Then five months," "three months" "two months," said the wife. She tried them all, but the law held the maximum sentence she could mete out was 30 days and she gave it.

The Bergmann Shoe Company of Portland is enlarging its output and has added a waterproofing shoe oil to its line of products. The report that Mr. Bergmann has sold his interest in the company is untrue.

### WILD MEN SAVE MODERN CRUSOE ON WILD COAST

SHIPWRECKED AMERICAN SAILOR DRIFTS FOR DAYS ON PIECE OF WRECKAGE.

### COMPANION TRIES TO SWIM TO SHORE, SINKS AND IS DROWNED

Berries and Roots Only Food for Days—Indians From Whom First He Flees Prove to Be Friendly to Him.—On Way Home.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Like the tale of Robinson Crusoe is the report reaching Acting Secretary of Commerce Sweet today on the shipwreck and rescue of Gustave Nelson, an American sailor, one of three survivors of the steamer Edward L. Hines, which went down in a storm in the Caribbean sea Friday, October 13.

After floating nine days on a piece of wreckage, aided by an improvised sail, with nothing to eat and only a little water collected during showers to drink, Nelson reached Honduras. There he lived in the wilds for eight days, eating berries and small fruits until he met three Indians. He ran from these, but they overtook him and proved to be friendly Caribs.

They took him to the American consul at Tela, J. Rivers, who reported the story. Nelson has been sent back to New Orleans and expects to join his family in Boston.

Another sailor, Frederick Troutman who was with Nelson on the wreckage, drank salt water, became crazed and when they sighted land he jumped into the water to swim, but drowned. Two other members of the crew, a Norwegian and a Spaniard, were afloat at sea on a hatch cover for 13 days with rain-water to drink and two gulls, caught with their bare hands, to eat raw. They landed on Utilia island and were reported by F. J. Dyer, American consul at Ceiba.

### PORTLANDERS TO FIND RAILWAY'S CONDITION

ISAAC SWETT HEADS COMMITTEE TO STUDY P. R. L. & P. COMPANY'S FINANCES.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 21.—An investigation of the financial condition of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, with a view of making the results public is to be the purpose of a committee to be appointed as a result of a mass meeting held in the Central library last night.

Isaac Swett was named chairman of the committee this morning and the others are to be named within a few days. C. E. Leno, who presided at last night's meeting, is to name the members of the committee.

The committee also proposes to get all information possible concerning the present jitney controversy and the position of the streetcar company and public officials in the controversy.

### SWITCHMEN ARE GIVEN 8-HOUR-DAY BY ROADS

RISE IN SALARY AND STRAIGHT PRO-RATA OVERTIME ARE ALSO GRANTED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—An eight-hour day and an increase in wages of 5 cents an hour and a straight pro-rata overtime were granted to the members of the switchmen's union employed by 13 eastern and middle western railroads filed here today by the Federal Board of Arbitration that heard their differences.

The decision of the board had been eagerly awaited by the railroads in general and the four major brotherhoods of railroad trainmen for what bearing it might have on the controversy between them over the Adamson act, in which the eight-hour day is a question at issue.

### TOBACCO USERS MUST LEAVE BAPTIST COLLEGE

M'INNIVILLE, Ore., Dec. 27.—When McMinnville college, the local Baptist school, throws open its doors for the new term following the holidays, students who use tobacco in any form will be among those missing when the first rollcall of the new year is read in chapel.

President Riley two weeks before the college closed for the Christmas recess, placed the lid upon the smoker or chower.

### POLISH CHILDREN DIE.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 26.—Cardinal Gibbons has accepted the honorary chairmanship of the Maryland committee for the relief of Poland's war victims. He expressed keen sympathy for the work and said he would assist in every way possible.

### ENGINE HITS SPEEDER AND TWO ARE KILLED

CORBETT STATION ON O.-W. R. & N. IS SCENE OF CHRISTMAS DAY TRAGEDY.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—Charles and John Losier, sons of Mr. and Mrs. John Losier of Fairview, were almost instantly killed at 10 o'clock this morning, when a light engine on the O.-W. R. & N. crashed into the gasoline speeder on which they were traveling eastward near Corbett station.

Charles, who was 35 years old, was an employe of the railroad, with work at Corbett. John, his brother, who was 37, had gone to Fairview from Portland to spend Christmas with his parents. Charles, having occasion to look over the work at Corbett, invited John to accompany him.

No train being scheduled at that hour, the brothers started out on the main line track. They apparently did not see the approaching engine in time to get their speeder off the rails or even to jump.

Charles was killed instantly, while John died 10 minutes after the crash. Charles was a bachelor. John, however, was married and his wife is at the ranch home of the elder Losiers.

The train crew picked up the bodies and placed them in a supply car which was standing on the siding at Corbett, then proceeded to Troutdale, where an ambulance from the corner's office brought them to Portland.

The elder Losiers have lived in the Fairview neighborhood for many years. They have two other sons, one living at Salt Lake City and one serving the Oregon Short line as fireman at Pocatello, Idaho.

### STORM BREAKS UP XMAS CELEBRATIONS ON BORDER

EL PASO, Tex., Dec. 26.—A sudden drop in temperature, accompanied by sleet and snow last night, followed the wind and dust storm which spoiled Christmas celebrations for El Paso and the army camps near here.

Tents were blown down by the high wind and were put up after dark last night and bands of officers and enlisted men who were relieved from duties at the camps spent the nights at the hotels in the city. All drills and routine camp duties have been suspended for the entire Christmas week.

### Napoleon's First Love.

The little French town of Auxonne is not associated in the popular mind with Napoleon; but, as Miss Betham Edwards reminds us in "Unfrequent France," he spent some years of his childhood there. "In the Saône he twice narrowly escaped drowning, and here, too, as narrowly, so the story runs, marriage with a bourgeois maiden called Manesca. Two ivory counters bearing this romantic name in Napoleon's handwriting enrich the little museum."

Strict on the Proprieties. "Now that I have given you something to eat," said the benevolent old lady, "will you not say some word for me?"

"I regret to say, madam," replied the weary wayfarer, "that I cannot say word without removing my coat, and I trust I am too much of a gentleman to appear before a lady in my shirt sleeves."—Philadelphia Record.

### Endurance.

The pilgrim fathers were undoubtedly heroic men, facing, as they did, with dauntless courage, fire, frost, famine and the red menace of Indian ruthlessness. But the pilgrim mothers were more heroic still, for they endured also all these things and had in addition to stand the pilgrim fathers as well-lifed.

### His Ordeal.

The sympathetic neighbor asked: "Is your little brother ill this morning, Johnnie? I heard him crying in the most heartrending way." "No, not exactly," Johnnie explained, "but Willie pulled down a jar of molasses on himself in the pantry, and mother has been trying to comb his hair."—New York Globe.

### PORTLAND BARBER SHOP IS SCENE OF AN XMAS KILLING

W. A. SHANER IS SHOT AND INSTANTLY KILLED BY MARCUS H. McCALL.

### SLAYER WALKS TO COURT HOUSE SURRENDERS HIMSELF TO OFFICERS

Two Men Had Quarrel and Dead Man Had Demanded That Other be Let Out—Child Sees Father Murdered by Fellow Worker.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 25.—W. A. Shaner, a barber, was shot and instantly killed by Marcus H. McCall, another barber, as he stood at his chair in the Murphy Bros. shop in the basement of the Morgan building, Broadway and Washington street at 10:30 this morning.

McCall brought his six-year-old son Martin into the shop with him and the child stood there while his father shot Shaner. He was left in the shop by McCall when the latter fled. The police cared for the boy and later turned him over to his mother.

McCall fired three shots and two of them reached vital places in Shaner's heart and left lung. McCall then started after Ed Phillips, colored porter, who fled wildly from the shop. McCall followed, but the agile little colored man, in fear of his life, ran east on Washington street from the building entrance to Broadway, then south on Broadway to the Pantages theatre. McCall was half a block behind at this point when he gave up the chase.

McCall then calmly replaced the big .38 caliber revolver in his holster about his waist, inquired the way to the courthouse, stopping long enough at The Journal barber shop to tell acquaintances thereof of his act, and then walked calmly to the jail entrance, where he gave himself up to Harry W. Smith, assistant jailer.

The shooting and the incidents following created the wildest excitement on Washington street, and a crowd numbering thousands congregated. A score of policemen reached the scene a few minutes afterwards and cleared the street.

### VILLA TAKES TORREON AFTER BRIEF BATTLE

BANDIT CHIEF IS NOW AT THE HEIGHT OF POWER SINCE PERSHING BEGAN CHASE.

EL PASO, Texas, Dec. 23.—Villa is today in possession of Torreon, the most important railway center in northern Mexico. At 1 o'clock yesterday the bandit forces marched into the city.

In an early morning assault yesterday the Villistas met with a brief resistance from the Carranzista garrison, which then abandoned the city. Authentic reports of the fall of Torreon were obtained by United States department agents here during the night and transmitted to Washington. Despite the silence of the Mexican consulate, United States authorities here appear sure of their ground.

This stroke places Villa at the height of his power since General Pershing's expedition chased his broken bands into Durango.

Through "underground" sources mingling men here learned additional details of the Carranzista disaster. With six troop trains, the bandit chief passed through Bernalillo after the government forces had hastily withdrawn into Torreon.

Led by Colonel Fernandez, the Villistas started their attacks upon the Coahuila metropolis through Gomez Palacio and Lerdo before daybreak yesterday. They met with desultory resistance from the Carranza forces, meantime the government garrison, estimated at from 1000 to 3000 men, evacuating the city.



TEUTON MACHINE GUN IN ACTION UNDER BOMB-PROOF SHELTER. German gun crew operating machine gun from bomb-proof shelter of earth, grass and timber. The gun fires 400 bullets a minute and is raking the enemy's rifle pits, two hundred metres away. The gun is mounted on an elevation made of planks and filled with earth and is covered with a bomb-proof roof.

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