Wright's Bridge High and Dry and Honeycomb Ranch Is Carried Away By Flood SWEARS FEALTY

near Wright's Sprinks, has changed bridge, which has been weakened by its entire course leaving the Wright's the tremendous force of the high water bridge high and dry and carrying the during the last few days.

is one of the most unusual freaks of complete loss of the place to Mr. ago, when S. A. A. Goff identified him the storm, according to County Judge Honeyman. The buildings were worth as a man he had seen hiding in the Anderson and Roadmaster Tom Roots probably \$2000. who visited the scenc Thursday after- The Willamette river at Oregon City plosion. Although 34 of the arrested 1. miles this side of Molalla.

Wright bridge, covering the roadway probably be resumed Saturday. and the entire lowlands for a considerable distance. While there still remains a large body of water in the deep holes beneath the bridge, there closed and while the finishing room is no force or current whatever.

not only to bridge the new channel day between 10 a. m. and noon.

ARE TO SCRUTINZE

GOVERNMENT EYES

The Molalla river, on wild rampage but to practically rebuild the Wright's

summer home of Charles Honeyman Mr. Honeyman has not been occupyof Portland, known as "Honeycomb ing the place this winter but uses it to 'ell," was the sole comment of Ranch" off down the river in the direc- as a summer home and public inn. William Hood, I. W. W. leader, charged Undoubtedly the place cannot be re- with complicity in the dynamiting of The action of the river at this point covered and the flood will result in a the governor's mansion here a week

Following a turn in the bed has been at a standstill since 9 o'clock W. W. have been turned over to the Molalla flows west and thence Thursday morning, the upper river under what is known as the Wright's gauge registering Thursday night 65.2 destroying crops and other acts of bridge at this point which is three feet and the lower river 38 feet. There vandalism, Hood and his partner, is three feet of water on the floor of George Voetter, today remain in cus When the high water came early this the grinder room of the Crown Willam. tody of the state authorities. week the orce of the waters cut out ette Paper company mill and the only the natural bend in the river bed en part of the plant in operation Thurs soul. I don't give a damn who knows tirely and the river from a point about day was Mill D, where the largest pa- it, and I'm proud of it," was Hood's a quarter of a mile above the bridge, per machines are placed. Four paper statement when a formal charge of took a straight shoot off to the west machines were down Thursday, but transporting dynamite was signed becarrying the Honeymoon summer home may resume operations today, as it is fore United States Commissioner and all barns and outbuildings along expected there will be a rapid fall in Welsh down stream. The river now runs just the river by this morning. Operations As a result of questioning Hood pracbeyond the lower approach of the in the wood mill and the pulp mill will tically admitted stealing the dynamite

> Pay Checks at Woolen Mills. The Oregon City woolen mills are

It is the opinion of many that the river course has been permanently changed, and that it will be recessary by changed, and that it will be recessary by changed. changed, and that it will be necessary be given out at the main office Satur-

MURDER OF CIRCUS **CLOWN IN MISSOURI** ALL THE U. S. MAIL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.-Censorship of foreign mails, authorized by the trading with the enemy law, now is in full force under a board on which cus clown, who was dragged from a that the woman had asked to be given the postoffice, war and navy depart- closed automobile last night and shot the child for adoption. When she was ments, the war trade board and the through the head with a revolver in refused the woman took the little committee on public information are

Through branch offices at New on the work, with as little interfertime. The government now has with- er sought the police: drawn its request for secrecy.

The board is in close co-operation of foreign mails the present censor. his car and disappeared. ship of wireless and cables.

For more than two months the United States mails have been cen-United States mails have been censored and millions of letters and parcels opened and examined without knowledge of the public until today when the information was given out by the government.

More than \$2,000,0000 has been spent in the work and an army of men and women, sworn to secrey have been handling the censorship work in virtually every large postoffice in the

ernment did not intend to take any Cross. chances on explosives being sent in

BRITISH CASUALTIES 17,976.

LONDON, Dec. 20 .- British casualties reported in the week ending today totaled 17,976 officers and men as Oficers killed or died of wounds

331; men 3181. Oficers wounded or missing, 1039;

men, 13,425.

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or shave in com-

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-no waste. No

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COMPANY

(CALIFORNIA)

smoke or odor.

C. W. Friedrich

KANSAN CITY, Mo., Dec. 25 .- The tree celebration here. murder of Eddie Eckert, one-time cirthe hands of an unidentified man, was girl under pretense of showing her still unsolved today.

The spot where the killing occurred said. York, the Panama canal zone, Porto is sparsely settled, but witnesses dechild Rico and such other places as may scribed the assailant as a well-dressed be necessary, the board plans to carry man in a long overcoat, who shoved his victim against a fence, murdere ence to legitimate correspondence as is possible. The work of the organization was begun on November 1, and turned and stooping over Eckert's at the request of the government the body said to one of the witnesses who newspapers did not publish it at that remained with the body while the oth-

"Well, Eddie, I guess you're dead." Just then the police automobile was with the British and French censor, seen approaching and the mysterious ship. It will combine with censorship murderer clambered easily back into

THE RED CROSS WORK IS BEHIND ATTACK ON

BOSTON, Dec. 25 .- A statement Not one of the 381,000 parcels that characterizing as pro-German propawent as Christmas gifts to the boys in ganda an attack made upon the Ameri-France went aboard the transports without being carefully searched sectionists," because the organization twice. In Portland, for example, ev. has given \$100,000 to the medical staff ery parcel was carefully examined of the United States army in France and contents checked. Then it was for research work, was made public forwarded to the Atlantic seaboard, today by James Jackson, manager of where it was re-examined. The gov. the New England division of the Red

"Such research work," said Mr. the guise of packages. And none was Jackson, "may mean the saving of according to information received in thousands of human lives and may mean victory in the war. Only weak sentimentalists who value lightly the responsibilities of citizenship can be influenced by such clear and palpable German propaganda at such a time."

SLAIN BY OREGON MAN.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 25.-William leader declared. "We are not able to Greer, real estate dealer and land make war for 10 years in the interest owner of Montana, and formerly from of the French Bourse and English im-Oregon, shot and killed Ben Waugh.

tion as a whole. ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE DENIED BY PERSHING

separate peace."

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY IN FRANCE, Dec. 25. - All Alcoholic beverages except light wines and beers can expeditionary forces in France by General Pershing in general orders issued today. Extraordinary measures are being taken to insure sobriety and LOST a high moral standard in the army, and the officers have been informed they will be held to strict accountability for the fullest compliance with the

BRITISH AVIATORS KILLED.

FORT WORTH, Tex., Dec. 25 -

machines collided in the air. Two of the men were in one ma-Hogg Bros. from the fanding field.

FUNERAL PROBABLY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-The funeral of Senator Francis G. Newlands, who died suddenly last night, probably

FRANCIS G. NEWLANDS.

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Dec. 25.—"Go

capitol park the night before the ex-

"The L. W. W. is my country and my

which was found in his posession, from

the Pacific Gas & Electric company at

family of John Cunningham yesterday

spent an unhappy day while police

the Christmas tree, Mrs. Cunningham

directors, has formally announced his

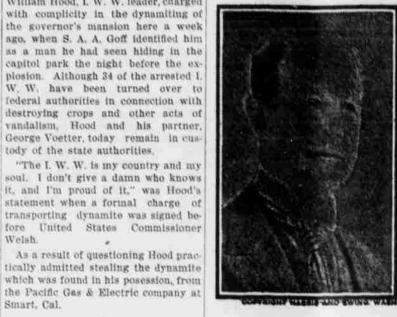
MONTHS BY RUSSIA

Trotsky's speech was made to a

The strange woman and the

had vanished a few minutes

Mrs. Cunningham told



Senator From Nevada, Who Died Sud denly at Washington.

will be held here Thursday and burial will be in a local cemetery.

A meeting of the interstate commerce committee, of which the senator was chairman, which was to have been held tomorrow to plan the forthoming investigation of the railway. situation, was today postponed SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 26.-The

scoured the city for 3-year-old Norma Helen Cunningham, who disappeared in the company of a richly gowned woman during a municipal Christmas successor has been selected

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. - The total loan applications received by the 12 federal farm loan banks to December 1, acording to a report issued oday, is \$219,760,740

mer, member of the board of school mainder,

candidacy for the Republican nomina- bureaus, through which all money is building plants on the Coast. tion for state treasurer. Mr. Plummer borrowed from these banks, have been was formerly secretary and treasurer organized.

of the Portland Union stockyards, E. D. Cusick, of Albany, announced his includes Kansas, Oklahoma, Colorado andidacy for the same nomination a and New Mexico leads in the number few days ago and others expected to of farm loan associations formed to enter the field are William Adams, December 1, reporting 344-with apcity treasurer of Portland, and T. F. plications for \$24.891,249-of which Ryan, chief deputy of State Treasur- \$12,335,845 has been approved and \$7, 3930, 900 actually has been loaned.

The Spokane district is second in number of bureaus with 25, but leads in total applications. In that district \$33,556,053 has been applied for, \$15,-239,120 approved and \$5,366,615 LEGE, Corvallis, Dec. 25-C. E. Spence

low, with only 55 associations; \$6,086, the agricultural lime conference Janu-683 applied for, 13,012,880 approved ary 1, 1918. and \$708,555 loaned.

FOR GENERAL PEACE STOCKHOLM, Dec. 25.-The Rus-600,800 more than the capital stock maximum use, but by united efforts draft not yet called out. sian Bolsheviki have given the allies has actually been paid out by the a reduction is now in sight. The state At present Sharpe declared there is two months in which to poin in the banks without one cent revenue being lime board will report to the confer- not enough clothing for the men in "general peace" they propose, according to a speech by Leon Trotsky, fore- received. ign minister, which reached here to-

large enough sales of bonds to meet product and other subjects relating the French and British troops. "We do not promise not to conclude the demands of the farm loan syst to the industry, a separate peace," the Bolsheviki tem the premiums was reduced from 1% to 1/2 of 1 per cent by the farm oan board W-incaday. perialism. History will condone a

The 5 per cent interest rate to the porrower, originally fixed by the federal land banks, was predicted on the sale of 415 per cent bonds at a prem-

group of members of the left (Radical) parties at the peasants' congress, on With a reduction in the primbim it Monday after the Bolsheviki minister was decided that the difference behad been howled down by the conven- tween the bond rate and the lending rate, which covers the expenses of manufactures, farmers, and the grange the system, should be increased to and union l per cent. Accordingly the lending rate was advanced to 51/2 per cent.

RICH MINISTER DIES.

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 25.-Rev L. P. Gilbert reported to be the high est paid Methodist minister, died here Monday. He served extended pastorates in New Haven and Cleveland. He has written several well known books and was editor of both the leading Methodist publications.

are denied to members of the Ameri-Strike and Lockout Working Days Half a Million Gone

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26,-More than a half million working days—the equivalent of the labor of 20,000 workmen it reasonably can convince the com-Three British aviators in training here for a solid month, have been lost to mittee it needs," said Chairman Dent were killed this morning, when two the government's shipbuilding pro- today. "We will call up the bureau gram through strikes and lockouts, committee.

EMPEROR WILLIAM GOING TO RUSSIA TO PERSONALLY HAND DOPE TO BOLSHEVIKI

The Berliner Zeitung says Emperor under consideration.

declared that everybody wants peace war, shall decide their status by a Arestasoff. and that the future offers so many referendum. great tasks that all states must cooperate in them.

Peace without annexations and received here from Brest-Litovsk, mit Bey and General Zekki Pashs. now being discussed at Brest-Litovak, tended by the following delegates:

LONDON, Dec. 24.-A dispatch to The Russian terms have been submitthe Exchange Telegraph from Copen- ted to the representatives of the cen- mann, foreign minister; Herr von tral powers, who have taken them Rosenberg, Baron von Hoch, General

William has informed his government No compulsory annexation of terriand regents of Europe in a peace con- six. Russia suggests that countries for you Gluise. ference, as was done after the Napole-deprived of their independence during Bulgaria-Minister Popoff, ex-Sec . The emperor is credited with having groups not independent before the Stoyanovich, Colonel Gantjiff and De-

Peace Negotiations Begun

indemnities, the formula Russia, dated Saturday, says: adopted by the German reichstag in Today at 4 o'clock in the afternoon its peace resolution las July is the the peace negotiations were begun at man Pawlowich, Admiral Altvater keynote of the Russian peace terms, a solemn sitting. The meeting was at Tumerrel. Colonel Rokki.

Germany-Dr. Richard von Kuchl Hoffman and Major Brinckmann,

Austria-Hungary - Count that he contemplates going to Brest tory seized during the war, and im foreign minister; Herr von Mercyre Litovsk if the diplomats arrive at an mediate evacuation of it and no con-Freiherr von Wisser, Count Collorddi, agreement, in which case he will en- tribution to be bequired from bellig- Count Osaky, Field Marshal von deavor to assemble all the sovereigns event countries are proposed by Rus- Chisieres, Lieutenant Parny and Ma-

the war be reinstated and national retary Coseff, Postmaster General

Turkey - Ex-Minister Affairs Nessimy Bey, Ambassador AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.-A dispatch Hakki, Under Foreign Secretary Heka-

Pokrosky, Karakhan Lubinsky, Welt-Zepplett and Captain Lipsky

BIG SHIP CONTRACTS ARE AWARDED THE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 24.-New contracts afor the construction of more than 20 steel steamers, aggregating in value between \$35,000,000 Senator Newlands' senatorial term and \$40,000,000, have been awarded to would have expired in 1921 but no the Northwest Steel company and the regular election will be held in Ne- Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporayada until the fall of 1918. Governor tion by the United States shipping Boyle has been in Washington sev- board. This information was given eral weeks, but left last night for the out this morning by oseph R. Bowles, west. He is expected to appoint a president of the Northwest Steel com-Democrat to fill the vacancy until a pany, who returned from Washington, D. C., last night.

The transaction represents the largest volume of government business to be awarded to local firms since the inauguration of the ship-building program. The new tonnage will be ready for delivery in 1918.

Alfred Smith, president of the Columbia River Shipbuilding Corporation, announced this morning that his company will erect another machine shop and make an extension of the way and dock facilities at the plant. When the yards are running to capacity he expects to have from 4500 to 5000 men on the payroll, or more than DALLAS JEWELER double the present force.

The new machine shop will be equipped fully for the production of all Of this sum \$29, 924,555 actually has kinds of ships parts and marine work been loaned and \$105,136,529 approv- generally. The company has a large ed. The interest rate remains at five boiler plant where boilers are conper cent, but the new authorized rate structed for the steamers it is build-SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.-O. M. Plum- of 51/2 per cent will apply on the reling. When these improvements have James Gardner, a jeweler of Dallas, been put in it will be among one of More than 1910 federal farm loan the most complete and modern ship

LIME PROBLEMS AT O. A. C. CONFERENCE

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLmaster of the state grange, will dis-Springfield, Mass., district No. 1, is cuss lime and the Oregon farmer, at

At the session every phase of the ap plication of lime to the soil and the der ordnance, food and clothing for day celebration they had planned, Mrs. increased profits to be derived will be discussed.

These discussions will deal with soils, crops requiring lime, cost and method of application, co-operative shipping and related topics by a staff of speakers representing the state lime board, the railroad companies,

WAR APPROPRIATION **BILL CARRIES TOTAL**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.-The army appropriation bill for the next fiscal year, on which the house military committee was to resume hearings January 3, probably will carry close to \$5,000,000,000 for the whole milltary establishment exclusive of fortifications and field artillery guns, which will be provided for by the appropriations committee. The bill is expected to be ready about February . The total army appropriation es-

timates sent to congress by the war department aggregates \$6,610,000,000. "The military committee will give the war department everything that chiefs and then ask Secretary Baker to appear to go over his military poli-

ATLANTA, Dec. 20 .- Hilly Sunday has hung a service flag on the pulpit at the tabernacle. His son, George, is ow a lieutenant in the aviation corps. Although he was exempted on account of his wife and two children, George enlisted anyway "He said he felt that his country

needed him," said Billy, in describing the incident, "so I told him I'd take care of Harriet and the two children whiel he was gone. Now I'm having a hard time keeping Billy Jr., 17, from enlisting too. These airplanes go about 125 miles an hour, but at that they'll be too slow for George.

TAKES OWN LIFE AT INSTITUTION

SALEM, Or., Dec. 25.- William Or., who two days ago voluntarily had al for the insane when he felt his mind failing him, committed suicide early last night by fastening his head in a bedstead and turning a somersault in such a way as to break his neck. this morning, in obedience to the man-

LACK OF CLOTHING FOR ENLISTED MEN IN NATIONAL ARMY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25, - In the face of a startling lack of clothing supply thousands of men will be call-The application of lime to the soil ed to the colors by December 31, Quar-The authorized capital stock of the has enlisted wide interest among the termaster General Sharpe admitted to 2 farm loan banks is \$9,000,000, or farmers of western Oregon during the the senate military committee this af-\$750,000 for each institution. During past ten years. High freight rates termoon. This refers to the 25 per the first six months of operation, \$29.- have been the great obstacle to its cent of the last increment of the first

ence progress in the establishment of training, and American troops sent to a state operated plant, the use of con- France are going over in uniforms 27 WASHINGTON, DEC. 25-To insure vict labor, methods of securing the per cent lighter than those wern by He advised the English system of a

the army.

een issued to 1,640,000 men now, although a small part of these uniforms were cotton.

Switching the subject of overcoats ommittee members began grilling Sharpe on complaints of overcoats shortages that had been coming in | from camps. A table submitted by the PLOT TO POISON RED gareral showed 2,000,000 overcoats had been completeed by December 15, "How does it come then," asked Hitchcock, "that with only approximately 1,500,000 men to equip and with over 2,000,000 overcoats made, the men had been without coats?"

"The bulk of these overcont deliv eries came late in November and December" Sharpe replied, "Prior to that time we didn't have coats for all the

ROBERT MORAN WORKS FOR \$1

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 25.-Robert Moran, pioneer Scattle shipbuilder, has been appointed state director of the United States public service, and within a few days will undertake the task of card indexing the skilled la or of Washington for the purpose of assisting industries engaged in war work to secure trained workman Mr. Moran's salary will be \$1 a year.

FRENCH ELECTIONS POSTPONED.

in France until the end of the war.

IN RECEPTIVE MOOD

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. \$6.-Cardial Gibbons, responding to an inquiry is to what he believed the most essen tial thing to be done to end the war, is ued the following statement:

'I believe that the best way to end he war early in the coming year is for the central powers to make a definite proposition and one that will em brace all their aims and demands.

"On the part of the United States, I believe that the best governmental ac tion would be for the officials to put themselves in a receptive mood for the generous consideration of any peace offer that might come from the Central powers.

"I think that all Americans should put themselves in a position to sympathetically receive and consider any offer embodying fundamental concesdons that would commend themselves to the allies, and to ponder over these propositions in a dispassionate and broad-minded way."

TO GOVERNOR HUNT

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 25.-Thomas E. Campbell turned over the governorship of Arizona to Governor George W. P. Hunt shortly after 10 o'clock date of the supreme court of the state, which found that Governor Hunt is the legally elected governor by a plurality of \$3 votes.

The ceremony was almost featureless except for the circumstance of a change in administration under such unusual conditions, and of the knowledge that the transfer marked the end of one of the most remarkable election contests in the history of the

FESTIVE CHRISTMAS BECOMES A TRAGEDY MOTHER AND SIX DIE

GREENWOOD, S. C., Dec. 25 .-Tragedy stalked among Christmas fes-'purveyor general in supplies" to ore livities here today. Instead of the holi-J. L. Whitman and her six children, Sharpe said one uniform each had ranging in ages from three to 13 years, are dead.

They were burned to death in their home early today. The origin of the fire is not known.

CROSS BANDAGES IS UNCOVERED IN OHIO

CLEVELAND, Dec. 26 .- A plot to poison Red Cross bandages and spread wholesale death among the soldiers of America and her allies has been exposed and frustrated here. Revelations of the conspiracy were

made today when it became known that department of justice agents were AND EARNS IT hunting the perpetrators of the deed.

SCHOOL BOY'S KNIFE GOES TO HIS HEART AND TAKES HIS LIFE

NEW BRUNSWICK, N. J., Dec. 20.-Sharpening his lead pencil while hold-PARIS, Monday, Dec. 24-The Cham- ing it against his body, John Brill, 9 chine. The collision took place at a R. B. Stevens, of the shipping board, cies. The sessions will be executive, ber of Deputies adopted a resolution years old, pupil at St. Johns school, low altitude, and less than half a mile today told the senate investigating because of the military secrets in extending terms of all elective officials punctured his heart Wednesday and died instantly. His knife slipped.

