WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.-An outbreak occurred tonight in front of the White House when soldiers, sailors and citizens undertook to end a "watch fire" demonstration, started in Lafayette Park by "sentinels" of the National Women's Party, as a protest against the failure of the Senate to pass the equal suffrage amendment. Women carrying banners were

knocked down by the charging crowd and their banners destroyed. An urn in which the "watch fire" was burning, was destroyed. After the police had destored order the women started a new fire in one of the big urns in the park and five of them were arrested for violation of park regulations. They refused to furnish bond and were held at a precinct station.

HOLLY GIVEN AWAY AT STATE CAPITOL

SALEM, Or., Dec. 30.-Holly from the state capitol grounds for Christmas decorating purposes was furnished free of charge to 600 or 700 persons, most of them adults. The value of the holly was about \$500. Distribution of the holly is an annual practice encouraged by Secretary of State

and his lawn keepers. On the capitol celling their first papers. grounds are a large number of handsome holly trees and it was cuttings from these that constituted the gifts made up in packages containing approximately two pounds each of hol-

ly. These were distributed to all making requests therefor, and numbered some 600 or 700 packages, aggregating 1000 pounds. Computing this on the basis of the minimum Portland be seen that the holly distribution had zens than were those of other neu- then reiterated—are mere fabricaa monetary value of approximately tral countries. \$500. The holly trees from which these tt. The holly this year was extremely RETURNED TROOPS IN good and was the occasion of comment as to its remarkable richness of color and plentitude of berries."

SPEECH OF PRESSIDENT ASKS NO ALLIANCE

MANCHESTER, England, Dec. 30 .-President Wilson in an epochal apeech at Free Trade hall today served no- ing soldiers and sailors, welcoming tice on the world that the United the advent of peace and in observing States will participate in no combination of all those nations interested in maintaining the peace of the walld The speech, which was received with the wildest applause, followed

the conferring of the freedom of the city upon the American president. The United States has no interest in European politics, nor in any balance of power, President Wilson said.

America, he explained, is interested my in the peace of the world. Brilliant and impressive scene parked the ceremonies at the hall The lord mayor, attired in red robe and wig, led the way, followed by the president and Mrs. Wilson, The entrance of the presidential party was

the signal for an outburst that lasted three minutes. The great pipe organ in the back-

IR LUMBERMEN RECIEVE ANOTHER on Dr. Marie Equi by Judge Bean in the United States court this morning, SERIOUS BLOW

producers of Oregon and Washington counter occurred between Dr. Equi have been struck another blow under Mrs. Harriett Speckart, her friend the belt by influences of the Southern and William Bryon, chief of the Unit-United States railroad administration, trio met in the corridor outside the tralia, the Orient and South America The latest assault on the Pacific court room, In the scuffle both of the are short millions of feet of lumber, Northwest industry is aimed directly women were thrown to the floor, and according to J. H. Bloedel, Seattle at manufacturers of ties and other Dr. Equi filled the air with her out- lumber manufacturer, and as a result material needed by the railways of the cries as Bryon made a hasty but tem- the lumber industry of the Pacific lumber used by the railways practical- United States Attorney Haney herded This assertion was made at the meet- did not want to fight,

OREGON CITY PROVES LOYALTY.

Citizens Meet Obligations and Go 100 Per Cent In Roll Call.

Oregon City went over the top in the Red Cross drive for Christmas Roll Call memberships.

2316 memberships were received and some more are expected before the books are closed at Red Cross headquarters in the Masonic building-where those who have been missed can sign the honor roll.

The committee at the Hawley mill received 464 but 114 had taken out memberships from solicitors at their homes, making 578 Red Cross members employed at this mill and making the Hawley mill 100 per cent, including office and plant.

The Oregon City Woolen Mill is also 100 per cent in

The committees in the house to house canvas all worked hard and deserve a great deal of credit. All secthe city did well in proportion to to the popula-

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MANY ALIENS BARRED FROM CITIZENSHIP

PORTLAND, Jan. 1.—Seeking to evade military service in the United

John K. Pollock, secretary of the who took this step, and he contemplates sending it to every naturalization bureau and State Council of Defense in the coutnry.

were more free i ntheir declaration to quotation, or 50 cents a pound, it will abandon their rights to become citi-

FRISCO ENTERTAINED ON NEW YEAR'S EVE

Francisco dedicated last night's ob- can executive's visit. servance of the New Year's advent in a noisy, spontaneous outdoor and indoor demonstration to greeting returnwhat is believed to be the last "wet" New Year's in California,

Several contingents of wounded soldiers were met by reception committees and Red Cross nurses and esand were commandeered by civilians and pressed into service in adding to New Year's family parties.

DR. MARIE EQUI GIVEN SENTENCE

PORTLAND, Dec. 31.-Three years' such other prison as might be deter- appeared. mined by the government, and a fine of \$500 was the sentence imposed upon Dr. Marie Equi by Judge Bean in as the sequel of her indictment, trial

and conviction for sedition. Immediately following the pro-PORTLAND, Dec. 28.-Fir lumber nouncement of sentence a physical enpine mills operating through the ed States secret service, when the ly was nation-wide, but bureaucratic the excited woman into the United ing of the West Coast Lumbermen's centralized purchasing now places an States marshal's office where she told association here Friday evening. arbitrary power in one man and the him, in the course of her explanation parket of railway material has be of the encounter, that her brother ne gretaly restricted at depressed would be in Portland in a short time CALL A RALESTEE IN ACROSS BRINGE | Dowle and would will Bruon on clobs

PRESIDENT OF FRANCE

PARIS, Dec. 31.-President Poin-States by taking advantage of a specare is planning to visit the United "Santa Claus in this case," says Mr. clai provision applying to subjects of States after the peace conference. He Olcott, "was George Dunsford, super neutral countries only in the selective revealed this today during an interintendent of the capitol buildings and service regulations, 94 aliens of this view in which he forecast that France grounds, under the custodianship of state forever renounced their rights to the United States and the allies in the office of the secretary of state become citizens of America by can general will enter the concrence aleady agreed on the basis for peace.

State Council of Defense, Monday fixed for Poincare's visit, but June or of the following standing committees several were laid aside for further completed the list of names of those July have been tentative suggested of the council;

"Naturally," he said with a smile, "as president of the country where the conference will be held, I will be un-Swedish and Norwegian subjects able to leave before it is ended."

Reports of material differences among the allies, Paicare declared-

"I do not foresee the slightest trouble in arriving at complete accord. even to the details," he said. "We are already in harmony on general lines. The details will be settled as soon as the delegates get down to work. It will take some time, of course, as there is a tremendous amount of de-

Poincare early directed the conversation to President Wilson's presence in France in an evident desire to SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 1 .- San show his appreciation of the Ameri-

MEN ARRESTED EARLY SUNDAY

Early Sunday morning Sheriff Wilson and Deputy Meads stopped a car corted on a tour of the city. Soldiers at the foot of the South End road and sailors, many of them wearing and arrested J. E. Pomeroy, former service and wound chevrons, were justice of the peace at Sandy, and conspicuous among the merry-makers Lee Porter, of Portland, and confiscated seven suit cases of whiskey.

When Meads flashed his light on the car one of the men called him by name and asked what was wanted The deputy informed him that they were after the load of booze.

The men were released on ball and at the hearing they pleaded not guil-

The men will be given a trial Fri day morning.

DEMAND IN THE ORIENT KEEN FOR LUMBER

TACOMA, WASH., Dec. 28 .- Aus-

statesmen and President Wilson.

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started Tuesday morning on the com-

CONVENTION OF

Definite plans of action in connec-

tion convention called by Governor

vention program.

development in Oregon's history.

ARE PILLAGING

LONDON, Dec. 30 .- Pillaging on a

GERMAN MOBS

Democratic candidate.

have our differences."

COPENHAGEN, Jan, 1,--Riga is panic-stricken over advance of Bolshevist forces, which are only 18 miles away, and many families are fleeing, Berlin reports.

The Russian fleet will attempt to leave Kronstadt and meet the British in the Baltic. Two battleships and some cruisers, manned by Esthonians and Lithuanians ,tried to put out dian in commenting on the speeches to sea recently, but were fired upon of Premier Clemenceau and Foreign tying up railway traffic . from the Finnish coast and returned Minister Pichon and the difference in to Kronstadt.

PARIS, Jan. 1 .- Official dispatches received from Bucharest say that Bolshevik organizations, aided by Russian Anarchists and Budapest ravolutionists, recently organized a demonstration in Bucharest and attempted to cross one of the principal thoroughfares. The revolutionists fired on the soldiers guarding the strest. The troops returned the fire, and as a result of the fighting six persons were killed and 15 wounded. The ringleaders in the affray were arrested and will be prosecuted.

NEW MAYOR APPOINTS WOODWARD FOR CHIEF

the office of Mayor of Oregon City on New Year's Day, Tuesday night announced his appointments for the new year at a supper which he tendered the eight incoming members of the council at the Electric hotel.

George Woodward will be the new chief of police, succeeding Henry plaint of Henry R. Koehier, defeated Cooke, who will be given a post on the night force, and Ed Surfus will be retained as night officer.

Babcock as superintendent of streets, rington and R. S. Runyon are doing The mayoralty supper to the new the work and Tuesday they counted affair, at which matters of interest to Out of this number very little dif- CLACKAMAS HAD No dates and no details have been Holman announced the appointment count, Koehler won a vote or two and

Finance-Tobin, Kruger, Bridges. Streets and Public Property-Kru- thought they would be through within ger, Green, Tobin.

Fire and Water-Bridges, Wood ing. ward, Albright. Health and Police-Kelly, Green, PLANS MADE FOR

Woodward.

Cemetery-Scott, Albright, Tobin. Tobin, by reason of his experience and especial interest in municipal affairs, has been placed on three committees, the important posts of finance and streets, and was also given a place on the cemetery committee, tion with Oregon's transformation inas he has been in close touch with im- dustrially from a war to a peace basis provements that have been placed for will be formulated at a Reconstructhe city cemetery. In making up his committees, Mayor Holman was care Withycombe, to be held in Portland, ful to place not more than one coun on January 9, 10 and 11. Representacilman from any single ward on the tives, business men, industrial leadsame committee. Of the eight mem- ers, representatives of both organized bers of the council, Tobin and Bridg- and unorganized labor and delegates es are the only ones who served dur- from all organizations interested in ing the past year. Tobin, Krager, the development of the state will at-Bridges, Scott and Kelly are given tend. chairmanships.

City Recorder Loder and City Attorney Story, who were reelected last meeting has arranged for the atten-November, have qualified and will dance of several federal representaserve during 1919-1920, as all city af- tives from Washington, D. C., who are ficers are now chosen for two-year The council is expected to have

a short meeting today for the purpose of effecting formal organiza

DESERTER TAKEN THURSDAY BY LOCAL OFFICERS

Carl John Newberger, an Austrian, who registered here and was called AND \$500 FINE ty to the charge of bootlegging, say for service September, 1917, disaping that the whiskey did not belong; peared and had not been heard from to them but that they were hired to since, was captured Thursday by Ofcarry it and the real owners jumped ficers Meads and Joyner at the home imprisonment at McNeil's Island, or out of the car just before the officers of friends a short distance out of When questioned he claimed to have

been traveling ever since leaving here and had been in Wisconsin and Arizona. In the latter place he got into some trouble and then registered under the 31-year call, using an assumed name.

After the war was over he decided to come back and straighten the matter out with the local board but had not made his appearance before being captured.

He tried to place the blame on a large scale is being carried on by lady friend here who did not want him authorities are powerless to prevent mobs in Frankfort, Germany, and the to go to war and he did not want to fight against his country. He admit- it, according to a Central News disted he was a deserter from the Aus- patch from Amsterdam. Troops in of pie and cake for the New Year's country. Formerly the market for fir porary exit down the elevator, while Northwest will prosper enormously. trian army, having left because he the city refused to fire on the rioters. dinner that he wished to enjoy upor

PANIC REIGNS RETURN OF SEVERE STORM H

weeping through the Middle West com Minnesota to the gulf, delaying rains, causing great suffering and to strike Chicago today on its way The weather man promises plenty

LONDON, Jan. 1 .- "President Wil- of snow with the blizzard.

son returned to France yesterday. It Train service at Minneapolis is de was time," says the Manchester Guar- layed from one to nine hours. Kansas reports heavy snowstorms seriously

The streetcar service at Kansas the view expressed by the French City and other large Kansas centers is tied up.

Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota "The difference in views," it continues, "is palpably acute and cannot are buried under a heavy snowfall, be glossed over. It is better not to with the temperature at Grand Forks, gloss it over, but to face it and to N. D., hovering between 20 and 26

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 1.-Kansas ed President Wilson's 14 points in the today is in the grip of one of the armistce terms and that these points worst snowstorms recorded and railwere the policy of America and Great road traffic is demoralized, especially in the western part of the state. "If our friends among the allies re-The California limited of the Santa ject it-well, they will have to make their own peace and dispense with our Fe is tied up at some unknown point. Rock Island and Union Pacific trains are either cancelled, blockaded or run-

ning many hours behind time. Telegraph and telephone lines are down in all parts of the state. Several points reported a shortage of food supplies as the roads had not been open since last week's storm and supplies in stores and homes away from the rallways have been con-

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.-A southwest storm warning from Jacksonville, The long and tedious work of the Fla., to Eastport, Maine, was ordered recount in the election of the sheriff hoisted at 10 o'clock today by the weather bureau.

"A disturbance of considerable intensity is being experienced over the Attorney Hume, of Portland, consul Great Lakes and is moving eastward," for Koehler and Attorney Dimick, for the bureau also announced. "Southern Martin Christiansen succeeds C. C. Wilson, Judge Campbell, Clerk Har- gales will prevail this afternoon, shifting to westward Thursday morning."

the city were discussed, and Mayor ference was shown on the original YOUNG AVIATOR

Attorney Dimick stated that h Clackamas county can boast of having one of the youngest aviators in three days at the rate they were gothe service in France during the war. This is Robert Ewalt, son of Mrs. L. J. Ewalt, of Clairmont, near Oregon City. The young man, who has been suffering from influenza in France, arrived safely at the Marine Barracks, Norfolk, Virginia, on Monday, ac-REBUILDING cording to word received by his moth-

Robert Ewalt reached his 19th birthday anniversary March 16, 1918. He enlisted for four years' service in the United States regular army, leaving here a year ago, and first taking up his duties at Key Port , Wash., ten miles from Bremerton, where he was guarding the wireless station. There were nine other young marines stationed with him at that time. On June 8, 1917, he was transferred to Phila delphia navy yard. He was placed in charge of seven motor trucks, and Lieutenant Murray in charge of seven Mayor George L. Baker of Portland, other trucks, there being fourteen in who is handling the details of the the division. These two young men had charge of the driving of these trucks from Philadelphia to Mineola, familiar with some of the problems to L. I., (New York), where Robert be brought before the convention for Ewalt was chief mechanician, and where he took up flying. He also had

solution. Members of the Oregon legcharge of the motor trucks for a short islature have been invited to attend. Nothing is deemed as important at time. He learned to fly in January, the present time as the solution of the 1918. From that place he was transferproblems which are a part of the reconstruction period. To properly han-May was sent to Marni, Florida. He dle these problems provision for the was also acting in the quartermaster expansion of industries, plans for new service at that place. On August 10, projects which will both aid in the 1918, he was again transferred, this state's development and provide emtime going to Hoboken, N. J., and ployment to large numbers of men. August 17 left for overseas duty. Af-Recognized leaders in every branch ter his arrival in France he entered of endeavor, including agriculture, the First Marine aviation forces, stock-raising, mining, fishing, shipwhere he has been thoroughly enjoyping, shipbuilding, road building, etc., ng his aerial experiences, many of will attend and take part in the conwhich were exciting. Since entering the service Ewalt has the distinction From this convention will come a of working on all kinds of airships definite program which will insure the Uncle Sam has had. Having a head for state against unemplowment, provide mechanics, he has found this to be

employment for returning service men most valuable since entering the ser and bring about the greatest state of vice of Uncle Sam. If Ewalt is given the privilege of enjoying a furlough, he will visit his home in Clackamas county. He has been suffering from effects of influen za since November, and word that he had arrived in Virginia was some-IN FRANKFORT what of a surprise to his mother here, as he had not informed her of his ex-

pectation of leaving France. Mrs. Ewalt received a letter from today. her nephew, Higby Ewalt, who makes his home with his aunt, on Friday, his return from France. As the young GENERAL PERSHING WILL REST man is with the Twenty-Eighth Divi-Astoria applies of appropriation of water from Big creek at estimated nesday and turned over to the author will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here in France of some other country in the line will take a rest, remaining over here.

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.- The 8,000-for nospital transport Northern Pacific, which formerly operated in the passenger service between Flavel, Or. and San Francisco, ran aground in a heavy fog on the shore of Fire Island at 2 o'clock this morning.

The big steamship has 2500 return ing soldiers on board, of which 1744 are wounded men.

Efforts to float the ship at high tide this morning failed. The ship is on an even keel, hard and fast on the say shelving beach of Fire Island, about 40 miles from New York bay.

The hospital transport Solace standing by and the 1744 wounded soldiers will be transferred to her if it Is impossible to pull the Northern Pacific into deep water.

The positon of the Northern Pacific is believed to be good. The shore is rocky in places but she escaped strik

es last Thursday, and 2000 um congestion of busi pile department of the secretary

state's office is new developing.
For the last month the employes in the department have been overtime at night to keep pace IN GREAT WAR during the last days of the year and the first part of January is a result of the tardiness of go many automobile owners in making applications for the new license tags.

"We are registering today around 24,000," said Secretary of State OF cott. "As there were registered for the current year 63,325 machines it will be seen that considerably less than pne half of the automobile owners have so far responded to our several urgent requests to send in their applications before January 1, to the end that we could be sure that everybody would have his plate by or soon fol lowing that date.

NEW YORK WELCOMES AMERICA'S BIG FLEET

NEW YORK, Dec. 26,-America's rictory fleet was given a tumultimus welcome upon its triamphant return today. Emerging from a gray mist that spread at the city's gates, where the 10 great dreadnaughts arrived Wednesday, the fleet steamed into the harbor amidst the greatest popular ovation in the history of New York.

Just before the Heet steamed into the harbor snow began to fall, addne a touch of winter to the imposing spectacle. The immense crowd which fillett

every vantage point in Battery park, gamely stuck to its ground despite the blinding snow. The snow fell so thickly that the statue of Liberty could scarcely be seen from lower Manhat

With bands playing, flags fluttering and peace guns reverberating, there was patriotic thrill added to the inspiring demonstration that surpassed the acclaim with which previous naval spectacles were heralded.

PREMIER SWEEPING

LONDON, Dec. 28.-The coalition parliamentary candidates, political upporters of Premier Lloyd George. had a 4 to 1 lead, according to re-turns from the general election on secomber 14, and public up to man

General Tillett, an independent, was overwhelmingly returned to con Colonel Lynch, an Irish Nationalist,

As further returns came in Premios Lloyd George's coalition forces con-tinued to show gains. The line-up m