## LOAN FROM JOHN D. RUIN FOR FAMILY

Left Impoverished.

OIL MAN FIRST "BROTHERLY"

Pound of Flesh Exacted When Merritts Reject Proposal.

PARSON'S ROLE DESCRIBED

Chairman of Steel Trust Committee Says Service to Humanity Has Been Done by Introduction of Testimony.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 24-John D. Rockefeller and his almoser, Rev. R. D. Gates, of Montolair, N. J., will be in vited by the House committee investig gating the United States Steel Corporation, to reply to testimony given yes terday and today by Alfred and Leonidas Merritt, of Duluth, Minn., charg-ing that Rockefeller, through Gates as is agent, took from them in 1893 \$10.-309,000 in Missabe iron mines and Du-inth, Missabe & Northern Ralifoad securities to satisfy a call loan of \$420.

These securities were afterward sold to the United States Steel Corporation. which now holds them.

No Subpena for Rockefeller.

After Leonidas Merrittt had testified lodsy that he had gone to New York with \$19,000,000 in securities, he met Mr. Rockefeller and two months later and nothing except a "chance to walk rom New York to Duluth on the ties." he steel committee had an executive Previously Chairman Stanley and announced that Mr. Rockefeller would be subpensed. The committee jecided merely to ask Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gates if they wished to ap war, and give them an opportunity to

"If Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Gates do not wish to come before the committee," Chairman Stanley announced, "the mittee will not issue a subpena for

Testimony Held Relevant.

When Leonidas Merritt had completed his testimony, in which he dramatically described how Mr. Rockefeller first had captured him with his proposal to form a consolidation of interests in the Lake Superior region, had lent him money and later foreclosed on him, leaving him and his brother without an equity in properties , they had possessed and financed, Representaffve Danforth of New York, moved that the testimony of both brothers be striken from the record on the ground that it was irrelevant to the inquiry, This motion was lost,

"It seems to me that this testimon is of little value to the committee." said Mr. Gardner, "In getting at ore values or freight rates. Even though It does perhaps justly so cast obligulty on Mr. Rockefeller, I can not see where it is any value in this investigation."

"Service Done Humanity."

Of the same mind were John W. Murshy, of counsel for Mr. Rockefeller, and D. A. Reed, of counsel for the Steel Serporation, but when the motion had been voted down Chairman Stanley declared that he thought that, by admitting the testimony of the Merritts. he had done a great service to "humunnity.

Leonidas Merritt, in his testimony today, described how his father, back n the '50s, had predicted a great future for the Mesaba region, and how he and his father sank the first ore pit n that country, in 1891. Later, he said, there was a rush to the territory. Soon after, Merritt said, experts went

over the range and condemned the ore in useless. That prevented the Merritts from borrowing money. These transactions described by my

brother yesterday," Merritt said, "caused the downfall of our family." He further testified that among the

men he tried to interest in the ore properties and railroad project without success were H. C. Frick and Andrew

Visit to Rockefeller Described.

After the completion of the road in 1892, Senator Clapp, who was a stockholder with the Merritts and their attorney, urged them to sell, but they did not. It was at this time that Mr. Rockefeller was suggested to them as the man who might be interested in the project.

Merritt related how, in 1893, he went to New York with Rev. S. D. Gates, Mr. Rockefeller's almoner. Gates was his constant companion and urged him to accept the consolidation of interests proposed by Mr. Rockefeller.

"Gates took me to Rockefeller," said Merritt, "He seemed to be a kindly, brotherly sort of a fellow. He told me that my brother and I were all right, for he had looked us up, and that we had done a great work in Minnesota. He said that If we would agree to the consolidation he proposed, he would take care of us. He said he would be proud to be my partner and backer. He also said he never speculated, and for that reason would not take any stock in the consolidation.

"He would just keep the bonds in the (Concluded on Page 2)

## PORTLAND WHEAT ANCIENT CAPITAL EXPORTS TO FRONT

PORT WILL LEAD ALL IF GAIN

Founder of Iron Range New York Declining in Last Two Months of Year-Baltimore Already Crowded Back.

> OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 22 .- Monthly statistics is sued by the Department of Commerce and Labor indicate that by December \$1 Portland again will be in the lead of all wheat exporting cities in the United States. Heavy wheat shipments in October advanced Portland from third to second place, supplanting Baltimore and New York alone now leads Portland by little more than 1,000,000 bushels for the past ten months. If Portland's exports are heavy in Novem-ber and December New York will be forced back to second place, for wheat shipments from that port are now declining rapidly.

According to official figures, Portland uring ten months ended with October last exported 5,566,910 bushels of wheat, as compared with 2,282,484 exported during the corresponding months of 1910, being a gain of more than 100 per cent. Portland's exports this year are more than double those of all Puget Sound, which exported during the past ten months 2,508,778 bushels, which is 56,443 bushels less than the Sound exported in the first ten months of 1910.

Portland's export during October was 1,065,642 bushels, as compared with 777,251 bushels from Puget Sound.

New York's wheat shipments for the past ten months are given as 6,578,293 bushels, and Baltimore's as 5,154,748. October New York exported During only 325,218 bushels of wheat and Baltimore 483,778 bushels.

Portland's export flour trade also shows a marked increase over last During the past ten months. 691.979 barrels of flour were shipped from Portland, as against 170,008 barrels in the corresponding months of This is the largest percentage of gain reported anywhere in the United States. Puget Sound's flour export was 1,626,731 barrels, as against 889,361 barrels in the same months last year.

### VOTES BLOW TO CHIVALRY

Daughter of John D. Spreckels Is Fined by Judge for Speeding Auto.

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 12 .- (Special.)-Mrs. Grace Hamilton, wife of Alexander Hamilton, millionaire hardware man and daughter of John D. Spreckels, who is several times a millionaire, today appeared before Police Judge Weller and pleaded guilty to a charge of having violated the local au-

tomobile speed law. Mrs. Hamilton was fined \$10, the ludge pronouncing the nifty little speech in which he said that in his opinion the time had gone when wemen might, as a privilege to their sex, expect leniency when they infringed the law; that the present suffrage regime had abolished all kindred conceptions of chivalry. Judge Weller

"Under the old order of things this defendant would have been released for a reprimand. She has been fair in her statements to this court, and the fault was not great, but now, by the laws of this state, women have all the rights and privileges that are granted to the sterner sex and by the same token she should be subjected to the same penalties. I fine the defendant

Mrs. Hamilton pleaded the extenuation that this was her first offense, but the Judge was obdurate. The defendant was charged with taking the Devisadero-street hill at a clip of 27 miles an hour. The fine was paid and Mrs. Hamilton departed smiling.

### CHICAGO WELCOMES OPERA

Mary Garden Will Sing Title Role of "Carmen" Tonight.

CHICAGO, Nov. 22.—The Chicago Grand Opera Company opened its secend season of grand opera here tonight before a record-breaking audience. The directorate and management of the company remain the same as last year, and the advance sale of seats indicates a second season of

financial success. The opening opera was Saint Saens, Samson et Delllah," in French. Madame Gerville-Roche and Charles Dalmores sang the principal roles. Hector DuFranne, Rosina. Gald. as premier danseuse,

Mary Garden will appear with Dalores in "Carmen" tomorrow night. R. A. Dippel remains as director of the opera company and Cleofonte Campani as conductor.

### CHINAMAN DONATES \$120 Nez Perce Celestial Helps Swell

Contribution of \$120 by a Chinaman to the publicity campaign fund of the little town of Nez Perce, on the Nez Perce Prairie, Idaho, is reported by members of the excursion of Lewiston business men who returned to Lewiston last night after a two days' journey into interior Idaho. Tom Richardson telegraphed to the Portland Commercial Club reporting success of the business men's sojourn, mentioning incidentally the largess of Fong Way. Nez Perce, a town with a population

# TO BE BOMBARDED

Rebels Drawing Near by Land and Sea.

### NANKING POORLY PROVISIONED

Hope Still Exists of Winning Over Manchu General.

CHANG STOPS SLAUGHTER

Imperial Scouts Tear Up Section of Rallroad Heretofore Held to Be Neutral-Ten Warships Are on Way.

### ATTEMPTS ON LIFE OF CHINESE PREMIER REPORTED IN PERIN.

PEKIN. Nov. 22 .- According to a Chinese report, an attempt was made to assassinate Premier Yuan Shi Kal last Monday. There have been rumore that the Premier's life was threatened and he has been going

about escorted by a guard. special dispatch from Shanghal says that not only was the Governor of Tai Yuan-fu murdered, but wife and two sons also have been assessinated. The yamen has been burned, the Manchu city entirely destroyed and the whole city looted by The president of Shantung Republic has sent another message advising the abdication of the throne and Yuan Shi Kai has replied, according to the Chinese newspapers: "Watch the Germans!"

NANKING, Nov. 22, 6 A. M .- The revolutionary forces are making preparations for the bombardment of Nanking. These will be completed with the arrival of ten warships on the way to this place, and an attack will be made on the city simultaneously by land and

A small body of General Chang's imperial scouts last night tore up a section of the railway four miles to the south of Nanking. Prior to this the rallway has been considered neutral territory and had not been interfered

Within the city walls 11,000 men hold a strongly fortified position. They are said to be well supplied with arms and ammunition, but they are poorly provisioned. The former Chinese Minister to

Japan, Tsao, who is a warm personal friend of Chang's, has been endeavoring to induce him to surrender, but Chang is obdurate.

Tsao, who is the guest of President Bowen, of Nanking University, has not yet given up hope of winning over the cut off their queues and has issued a Concluded on Page 2.)

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### PACKERS FORWARD APPEAL

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CHICAGO, Nov. 22 .- Counsel for the nine Chicago packers indicted under the criminal clause of the Sherman antitrust act, left today for Washington, where it is expected they will submit Manchu general. The general has at an appeal to Chief Justice White of the least stopped killing those who have Supreme Court tomorrow. Attorneys John S. Miller and Levi Mayer were their legal representatives.

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## *IENGINEER ADVISES* **MILLION FOR JETTY**

Further Continuing Contract Urged.

### **WORK IN NORTHWEST OUTLINED**

Congress Advised to Appropriate \$3,452,250.

DREDGE PLANS UNDER WAY

Chief of Army Engineers Believes Congress Will Favor 30-Foot Channel-Work at Celilo May Be Hastened.

### DETAILED ESTIMATES OF AP-PROPRIATIONS FOR WATER-WAYS IN NORTHWEST.

outh of Columbia River, \$1,000,000. Willamette and Columbia, Portland to sea, \$475,000.

Celllo Canal, 2000,000 Columbia, above Cellio, \$30,000. Columbia, Bridgeport to Kettle Falls, \$25,000.

Willamette, above Portland, \$20,000 Siusiaw River, \$120,500, Snake River, \$25,000. Cowlitz and Lewis Rivers, \$5500. Coos River, \$5000. Tillamook Bay, \$5000.

Clatskanie River, \$1000. Entrance to Grays Harbor, Wash., \$500,000. Willapa River and Harbor, \$75,000.

Lake Washington Canal, \$400,000. Tributaries Puget Sound, \$25,000. Snohomish River, \$75,000. Skagt River, \$15,000. Bellingham Harbor, \$52,250.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Nov. 22 .- If Congress, in framing the river and harbor bill this session, follows the recommendations of the Chief of Army Engineers, as contained in his annual report, made public today, it will appropriate not less than \$3,452,250 for continuing the improvement of waterways in the Pacific Northwest. The largest appropriations recommended are for the Columbia

The report of the Chief of Engineers does not cover any new propjects which have not yet been approved by Congress and if any such projects are adopted this Winter appropriations made for them will be in addition to the foregoing amounts. Only such new projects will be adopted as have favorable recommendations from the War De-

### Jetty Work Outlined.

In submitting the foregoing estimates, the Chief of Engineers explains that the \$1,000,000 recommended for the mouth of the Columbia will be applied to completing the south jetty and to the protection of the jetty by the construction of groins and by the addi-(Concluded on Page Five.)

## BOY TIED, GAGGED, YELLS INTO PHONE

CENTRAL TELLS POLICE AND AID IS RUSHED.

Lad in Dental Parlors Refuses to Tell Armed Robbers Combination of Safe-Loot Is Little.

Bound with wire and gagged by two burglars last night, Leland Whetstone was left on the floor of the Yale Dental Parlors, at Second and Morrison streets, by the thugs, who rifled the When the burglars departed Whetstone struggled to his feet and brushed the telephone off a desk with his shoulder and yelled "Help" through the transmitter. Central notified police headquarters and a squad of patrolmen hurried to the scene of dis-The burglars had fied half an hour before.

Although scared and weeping, Whetstone, aged 19 years, braved revolvers in the hands of the two burglars and refused to tell them the combination of the safe. Disgusted with the small amount of gold loose in the place, and believing that the boy told the truth, the two robbers left the place, without being able to open the safe, which held \$40 in money and \$200 worth of gold fillings and made-up dental work.
Young Whetstone was alone in the

front room of the dental parlors when he was brought to the reception-room by the ringing of a call bell there. When he opened the swinging doors between the rooms he faced the revolvers pointed by the two men, who were masked.

The robbers bound the boy with wires which they found in a cupboard and gagged him with a towel, leaving him ying on the floor of a small office off the reception-room.

The men entered the place shortly after Monroe Whetstone, the proprieor, had left and while persons were passing by the door, going to a dance held in a hall on the third floor of the bullding.

### TAFT MAY AMEND TREATY

Some of President's Advisers Counsel Against Abrogation.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 22.-There wa well-defined report here that President Taft in his message to Congress might have something to say on the subject of negotiations between the United States and Russia, looking to a revision of the treaty of 1832, principally to remove the restrictions on the rights of travel and domicile of

American Jews in Russia. This was coincidental with the begin ning of the official calls of George Eakmetiff, the Russian Ambassador. Mr. Bagmetleff had a long talk with Sec retary Knox and soon will present his credentials to the President.

President Taft has received many in sistent suggestions that the treaty with Russia be abrogated. hand, some of the President's advisers, it is said, have counseled against such drastic action. They take the ground that to cut off all treaty relations with Russia would leave the situation in worse shape than at present and that the abrogation of the treaty the United States has everything to lose in the way of tariff concessions and other considerations, while Russia would lose virtually nothing.

### CHILDREN KILLED AT FIRE Boys, 7 and 5, Run Over by Mar-

shal's Buggy. CINCINNATI, Nov. 22 .- Two children were fatally injured and several men were seriously hurt when fire totally

The loss will be in the neighborhood of \$150,000, fully covered by insurance Two hundred employes were in the building when the fire started and the flames filled the exits in such a short time that nearly all the employes escaped from the building through other

destroyed the plant of the J. Baun

Safe & Lock Company tonight.

The two children, Thomas Schaal aged 7, and his brother, Walter, aged 5, were sitting on the sidewalk when the marshal's buggy dashed by. The children attempted to cross the street in front of the buggy and both were run over. They cannot live.

### CLERKS ALLEGED ROBBERS Seattle Grocery Pirm Loses \$15,000

in Stock Stolen.

SEATTLE, Washi, Nov. 22.-Sytematic pilfering of the wholesale grocery stock of Sylvester Brothers Company the amount of \$15,000 is alleged in the indictment of a number of men associated with the gang. Hardy Burbridge, a former shipping clerk of the firm, is now in the county fail, charged

with grand larceny and others are be-

ing sought on the same charge. Fake orders for sacks of sugar, flour, canned milk and tobacco were sent out by the shipping clerks and passed to the porters and stockmen for

### IDAHO COUNTIES GO WET

SPOKANE, Wash., Nov. 22.-After a

Women Take Active Part in Spirited Elections on Liquor Question.

most spirited contest, in which women took very active part, today Kootenai County, Idaho, voted wet by 2444 to 3843. Coeur d'Alene City is in Kootenai County and gave a large wet vote. Idaho County, Idaho, also voted wet by a majority of 112, according to Kansas and leave the stripe behind, a present returns. Many precincts, however, are remote and the result is not you, by the word 'guilty,' continue to

absolutely certain.

## DEFAMERS OF GIRL BITTERLY SCORED

Punishment of Guilty Persons Demanded.

### CASE UP TO JURY TODAY

Prosecutor Makes Ringing Address in Court.

### LETTERS NOT INTRODUCED

Touch of Romance Given Trial of Trio as Members of Tar Party When Schoolma'am's Beau Goes on Witness Stand.

LINCOLN CENTER, Kan., Nov. 22 .-With only the closing arguments to be delivered, the indication tonight is that the "tar party" case will be in the jury's hands by tomorrow noon.

The day's developments in the trial were marked by the prosecutor's stirring address to the jury, in which he demanded that the severest punishment possible under the law be administered to the men who tarred Mary Chamber-

lin, the Shady Bend schoolteacher. "To think," he thundered, "that a rowd of men should attack a defenseless girl! Even a dog deserved better treatment. During my practice I have sent men to the penitentiary for felonles, but I never have had a case that could equal the one at the bar n enormity of cowardice and brutal-

### Letters Not Introduced.

None of the letters known to be in the hands of the defense, which Everett G. Clark, a confessed member of the tar party, is said to have declared on the night of the tarring would clear the defendants, was introduced. In an interview today, Everett Clark said he was holding these letters for use in case of a civil suit.

After the testimony was all in, Clark was willing to talk of his share in the affair more fully.

"I know that persons who don't live n Shady Bend think we were fiends," "Maybe we should not have tarred her. Perhaps we would not do it again."

### Defense Is Complacent. Attorneys for the defense regard the

dge's instructions to the jury as highly favorable to their clients. They say the defendants might be found guilty of aiding and abetting in the crime even if they were not present, but say there is not sufficient grounds. The courtroom, which was less than half filled this afternoon, was again crowded when Prosecutor McCanless began to speak tonight. Many persons brought their dinners with them in baskets and remained in their seats during the recess preceding the night

#### session. Mother Girl's Companion.

Miss Chamberlin occupied a scat near the jury box, where she had a full view of all the jurors. Her mother was with her. The three defendants, A. N. Simms, Sherill Clark and John Schmidt, also switched their chairs around so that they faced the jury. Simms' wife sat by his side. The other two men-were unaccompanied. Schmidt and Clark were the chief

witnesses today. Both corroborated the statement of Simms that the three defendants had never intended to be parties to the "tarring." but they admitted that they had made an attempt to reach the scene of the crime. Touch of Romance Given.

A touch of romance was introduced into the trial when Homer Hoflick was called by the state in rebuttal. He has been friendly with Miss Chamber-In during the last five or six months, In fact, he said, he had been "keeping ompany" steadily with her.

Prosecutor McCandless, in his address to the jury, said in part: "I regret indeed that our laws are so lame, our Legislatures so lax, that we find it necessary after an offense of this nature has been perpetrated in our midst, that we must be content to send the offenders to jail or heap upon them

an insignificant fine. "Tar and feathers! A relic of ancient times! Tarring a girl; think of it! One of our own girls; one of our citizens; right here in the center of

#### civilization. Reputation Not Issue. "It has been intimated through tha

conduct of this trial that Miss Chamberlin is not a girl of good reputation or character. This I would challenge most strenuously if it were necessary; if her reputation were an issue in this case. But it is not an issue. I care not who Miss Chamberlain is, nor what she is. She may be the vilest character on top of the earth, yet she is just as much entitled to the protection of our laws as if she were an angel.

"Gentlemen, this girl is our sister; this girl is one of the daughters of Kansas. This girl calls for the protection of our laws and our state. It is your duty to give it to her. You can if you will. Will you, in your verdict today, blot from the spangled banner the star that glitters to the name of fit emblem of her degradation? Or will

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Gustave Huberdeau and were the principal stars. Town's Publicity Fund. of not more than 1600, is raising a fund of \$10,000, of which \$7300 is already subscribed, with which to promote the interests of its section.