

FOUR STATES WANT CENTRAL BANK HERE

Washington, Idaho and Montana Give Aid.

CAMPAIGN FOR PORTLAND IS ON

Country Bankers and Commercial Bodies Add Support.

GOOD EFFECT IS EXPECTED

Organization Committee of New Currency System Will Be Flooded With Requests to Choose This City as Location.

Portland bankers and commercial organizations are conducting an active campaign to make this city one of the regional reserve centers, as provided by the newly-enacted currency bill.

Every commercial body in Oregon and many in Washington and Idaho are co-operating with Portland in furthering this ambition.

If a regional bank is established in the Northwest, Portland doubtless will be selected.

It generally is conceded that at least one bank will be located on the Pacific Coast—probably at San Francisco. The organization committee of the Federal reserve board, consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury and the Secretary of Agriculture, has power to designate the number and the location of the regional banks. There shall be no more than 12 and no fewer than eight.

The controller of the currency is another ex-officio member of the organization committee, but since L. O. Murray resigned a year ago that office has not been filled.

Congressmen Are Working.

The Oregon delegation in Congress gives assurance that it is sparing no efforts to have Portland selected. They are impressing upon the proper officials the claims of Portland as a financial center and are pointing out its favorable geographical position.

Meanwhile the commercial organizations are adding the weight of their appeals to the arguments of the Oregon Congressmen.

Supplementing the telegrams sent by Edgar B. Piper, president of the Commercial Club, to Senators Chamberlain and Lane on Thursday, the various organizations connected with the Oregon Development League are sending appeals direct to the Secretaries of the Treasury and Agriculture. The bankers in various cities and towns of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana will be urged today to enlist in the support of Portland, as it will be to their own advantage to have Portland designated.

A special meeting of the Portland Clearing-House Association will be held probably this afternoon, at which plans for further action will be outlined. The Clearing-House will be urged to request every bank in the four Northwestern states to recommend Portland's superior merits to the officials at Washington.

Favorable Effect Likely.

This united support of the principal commercial agencies not only in Portland but of other cities in Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana, it is confidently believed, will have the desired favorable effect with the organization committee.

In response to the message received yesterday from the president of the Commercial Club, Senator Chamberlain last night telegraphed as follows:

"I have been doing and will continue to do all in my power to secure the establishment of a regional reserve bank at Portland. The Secretaries of the Treasury and Agriculture, tomorrow morning, will conduct a series of hearings on the coast early in February. They will visit Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland and Seattle, successively, and will listen to the respective claims of each city.

It is understood that Seattle and Spokane are each making some efforts to secure a regional bank. It is certain that there will not be a bank at each place. The support of the country banks in the State of Washington is divided. Many banks and commercial bodies in the northern state are pledging their support to Portland.

The officials at the National capital indicate that political influences will not be considered either in the deter-

CARDINAL'S BLACK BOX STILL GONE

RAMPOLLA'S WILL AND OTHER PAPERS THOUGHT STOLEN.

Since Body Was Prepared for Coffin, Mystery of Disappearance Has Not Been Lightened.

ROME, Dec. 26.—All the evidence thus far adduced concerning the black box which was taken from the room of Cardinal Rampolla the day he died tends to show the cardinal was fearful that it would be tampered with. The box, which is believed by some persons to have contained the last will and testament and other papers of Cardinal Rampolla, was placed under his pillow by the cardinal the day he was forced to take to his bed with the illness that shortly afterward caused his death.

Soon after the cardinal passed away and while the body was being moved from the bed to be prepared for the coffin, the black box fell to the floor. Some person picked it up and laid it on the cardinal's writing desk. Since that the cardinal's will concerning the box. No one can be found who has seen it. Whether it disappeared before, during or after the stream of people were admitted to the death chamber to view the body of Cardinal Rampolla is not known.

Hope is still entertained that the persons who appropriated the box are not interested in the suppression of the cardinal's will, but carried the casket away in the belief that it contained valuables and will return the useless papers.

Negotiations are pending between the various heirs of the late cardinal to see whether they can reach an agreement for a division of the estate under the will executed by Cardinal Rampolla in 1889.

POSTMASTERS ARE NAMED

Fourth-Class Offices Filled by Appointment and Reappointment.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—Fourth-class postmasters have been appointed in Oregon as follows:

Vera P. Barnes, Barneedale, vice Frank Barnes, superseded; Ward G. Anderson, Hemlock, vice L. L. Crook, resigned; Leo Manning, Maplewood, Highlands County, new office; Catherine D. Crater, Neskowin, vice J. W. Myer, superseded; Maude H. Sharp, Netarts, vice J. A. Biggs, removed; Pearl E. Fletcher, Pine Grove, vice Maude Warner, resigned; Elva B. Atkinson, Sand Lake, vice Eddie B. Hayes, superseded; Everett E. Farris, Woods, vice W. Robeson, superseded.

The following Oregon postmasters are reappointed: Gustaf E. Forsberg, Cherry Grove; Mrs. Augusta L. Peters, Elsie; Albert Hill, Hamlet; George E. Harrill, Melville; Charles S. Reynolds, Mountaineer; Herman Ahlers, Necanicum; William McInerney, Olin; Edw. T. Edmunds, Pacific City; Mrs. Jennie C. Chapman, Kowee; Matthew J. McCormick, West Woodburn; Francis W. McLean, Willhoit; James P. Reesher, Wilson; John A. Carter, Wells.

MYERS READY FOR PHONES

Postmaster Says He Had No Trouble With Parcel Post.

With all Christmas business cleaned up, Postmaster Myers, undismayed at whatever may be required, is ready for the enlargement of the postal service even to the taking over of the telephone and telegraph lines, last night sent the following telegram to Postmaster-General Burleson at Washington:

"This day after the first parcel-post Christmas and all through the Portland postoffice conditions are normal. Employees of 29 years say we passed through the Christmas period with less confusion and are better cleaned up than ever before. All records broken for increased business.

"We are ready for the 50-pound limit on the parcel post and as soon as our new eight-story postoffice building is completed will be ready for the telephone and telegraph."

MAZAMAS ARE OFF TO SKI

Party Leaves Today to Frolic on Slopes of Mount Hood.

A party of nearly 30 Mazamas will leave this morning for Government Camp, where they will enjoy the first ski outing of the season among the snows of Mount Hood. They will leave from First and Alder street at 7:30, and from Bull Run will stage to Rhododendron, where they will pass the first night out.

Tomorrow they will make side trips to points of interest in the surrounding country, and Monday and Tuesday will be passed at Government Camp. E. Coleman, Government guide, will escort the party.

New Year will be celebrated back at Rhododendron Wednesday night, and on Thursday the party will return to Portland.

COLD WAVE SWEEPS BAKER

Temperature 10 Degrees and Drifting Snow Threatens Traffic.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Snow which has been virtually continuous for almost a week, ended late last night, and a slight thaw began today, which ended suddenly at sunset. Then a cold wind sprang up from the foothills to the west of town, and by 8 o'clock it became bitter cold, with the temperature at about 10 degrees above zero and the wind piercing.

The wind and cold weather started the snow drifting and railroad officials tonight said that there was real danger of a renewed tieup of traffic due to the drifts on the tracks in the mountains to the east.

BRYAN BLUNDERS IN CHOICE OF DIPLOMAT

Wilson Led to Name Savage Critic.

EMBARRASSING LETTER OUT

G. Fred Williams' Opinion of President Unflattering.

BRYAN KNEW IS BELIEF

Massachusetts Man Chosen for Minister to Greece Presents Embarrassing Difficulty Since Cat Got Out of Bag.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 26.—William Jennings Bryan is each day becoming a heavier handicap on the Wilson Administration, but the President has given no public indication of disapproval of the premier of his Cabinet.

There is considerable speculation, however, as to whether the relations between President Wilson and Secretary Bryan are really as cordial today as when the Administration came into power.

President's Friends Uneasy.

If President Wilson is not worried over the blunders of Bryan, many of his experienced political friends are growing decidedly uneasy, and there is no disguising the fact that a general shift of relief would go among progressive Democrats if some way could be found of retiring Mr. Bryan from the Cabinet. Thus far there is not the slightest inkling that Mr. Bryan intends to retire, or that the President wishes him to retire. That situation only serves to add to the concern of those Democrats who regard Bryan as a menace to the Administration and to the party.

The list of Bryan blunders is too long and too well known to need recounting, but a striking illustration of the mistakes in judgment made by the Secretary of State is shown in the recent nomination of George Fred Williams, of Massachusetts, to be Minister to Greece. This appointment was made on the urgent recommendation of Secretary Bryan and is attributed solely to Bryan's influence. The fact that Williams was nominated is the best indication of Bryan's strength and influence with the President, for Williams is a man with a record, and his record for the most part is public.

Williams' Letter Embarrassing.

George Fred Williams has always been an ardent Bryanite. He supported and worked for Bryan back in 1896 when Bryan was running on a free silver platform, and when the East strongly arrayed itself against the

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Sum of \$25,000 Proffered by People Is Refused.

ONLY UNION AID WANTED

Prosecutor Is Convinced Man Who Cried "Fire" Wore No Insignia. Door Guarded Against Admission of Outsiders.

CALUMET, Mich., Dec. 26.—Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was put on a train and sent out of the copper strike district tonight.

The deportation was the direct result of refusal of families stricken by the Christmas eve disaster here to accept relief from a committee, the majority of whose members belonged to the Citizens' Alliance, an organization combating the five-months' strike of the federation.

At the meeting of the relief committee tonight it was said that the federation had forbidden its members to accept any portion of the \$25,000 raised for relief of the panic victims. A section of the committee thereupon was delegated to confer with President Moyer of the federation.

Retraction Is Demanded.

They arranged a meeting with Mr. Moyer at Hancock, at which the Citizens' Alliance men told the union executive that his attitude was against all dictates of humanity. They demanded that he retract statements credited to him that the cry of "fire" which started the panic causing the deaths of 73 persons was raised by a member of the Alliance.

Moyer, it was said, refused to make a retraction satisfactory to the committee. A short time later he and John Tanner, of California, an organizer for the federation, were observed on a streetcar going from Hancock to Houghton.

Just across the bridge connecting the two towns, and distant about 400 feet from the structure, is the station of the Copper Range Railroad. There it was noticed that Moyer and his companion boarded a train bound for Chicago. They were accompanied by three men who seemed to be guarding them, although there was no visible demonstration of force or coercion.

Departure Is Unexpected.

That Moyer's departure was unexpected was evidenced by the fact that he had engagements for tomorrow with

MEN AWAIT GHOULS AT TOMB OF BUSH

ATTEMPT TO STEAL BODY FOR RANSOM IS FEARED.

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SUMMER RESORTS WRECKED

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Ninety-Mile Gale Blows.

The damage done to property is estimated at \$1,000,000, most of it borne by Seabright and other points along the northern section of the New Jersey coast. Most of the damage was due to bulkheads giving away under the onslaught of waves lashed into fury by a gale which at one time reached a velocity of 90 miles an hour.

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Lifelines Find No Survivors.

Heroic efforts on the part of the lifesaving crews have failed so far to reach a single survivor of the wreck. The tug was reported safe in port late tonight. The two men drowned were longshoremen, whose boat was caught in the storm and swamped.

Bulkheads were smashed, tons of lumber were washed up on the beach and other damage was caused by the storm which raged around Atlantic City. The five miles of meadows between the city and the mainland resembled a turbulent sea all day. The tide was three feet above normal. Hall, snow and rain fell.

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Snow Heavy at Albany.

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In this city about five inches fell, but the record mark was set in Whitehall and 14 inches had fallen in Glens Falls by noon. Nine inches of snow was reported from Johnstown, Electric and steam transportation lines suffered as a result.

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RIVER ICE THIN; TWO DEAD

Twelve-Year-Old Lads Drown Before Eyes of Hundred Powerless.

GRAND LEDGE, Mich., Dec. 26.—Elmer McDaniel and Harold Sackett, each 12 years old, were drowned in the Grand River tonight. The stream was frozen over for the first time this winter and the lads ventured on the ice, which was too thin to support them.

With 100 persons powerless to help watching from the river banks, one of the lads struggled 20 minutes trying to crawl upon the broken edge of the ice.

T. R. COLLECTS ANIMALS

President of Brazil Hears From Colonel as to His Progress.

RIO JANEIRO, Brazil, Dec. 26.—Marshal Hermes Rodrigues da Fonseca, president of Brazil, received a telegram today from Colonel Theodore Roosevelt, who is now gathering zoological specimens in the State of Matto Grosso, announcing that the naturalists of the expedition had secured a splendid collection of animals.

Colonel Roosevelt also highly praised the work of Colonel Bonden, one of the members of the Brazilian expedition which is accompanying the party.

WHO SHOULD WORRY?



STRIKE FUND EXHAUSTED

Philadelphia Garment Workers Will Take Vote on Resuming Work.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26.—The garment workers who have been on strike in this city since July 15, were notified at a mass meeting today that the treasury of their union was empty and no further strike benefits could be paid. It was decided to take a vote tomorrow to determine whether to return to work Monday.

More than \$300,000 has been expended by the strikers, it was stated, since the beginning of the trouble. The only money remaining in the treasury last week was applied to furnishing \$7500 bail for five men held in connection with the shooting of a nonunion worker.

In spite of the efforts of the Federal Department of Labor the Manufacturers' Association has refused to treat with the strikers as an organization, declaring the workers will have to deal with their former employers individually.

DESERTIONS ON INCREASE

Major-General Carter Makes Report on "Unpalatable Facts."

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—The number of deserters in the second division of the United States Army, including those apprehended and punished, is greater than the number of reservists in the division, according to the annual report of Major-General William H. Carter, made public today. The report said that in one quarter there were only 267 men still available for the reserve, out of a total of 941 separated from the service in the period.

Of the desertions, Major-General Carter wrote:

"These are unpalatable facts and are recited only that those engaged in the problems of creating a reserve may have the benefit of the experience of this division."

"MONA LISA" SALE TRIED

Perugia Tells Judge He Offered Stolen Painting to Morgan.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Vincenzo Perugia, in whose possession the police of Florence recently found the famous painting "Mona Lisa," was examined today by the Magistrate who is investigating the case. The prisoner said he had tried to sell the "Mona Lisa," to a representative of the late J. Pierpont Morgan and also had offered the portrait to various dealers in London, Paris and Naples.

Perugia's statements amazed the magistrate, who declared it was remarkable that none of the dealers had notified the police.

TACOMA PLANS WHITE WAY

Commission Appropriates \$35,124 to Install Lighting System.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 26.—(Special.)—Tacoma's business section is to have a luminous arc white way system to replace the common arc and incandescent strings as soon as the equipment can be installed.

The City Commission plans to make the business district second to no city in the brilliancy of its lighting at night. An ordinance was passed by the Commission today appropriating \$35,124 for the work. The city light department will do the work of removing the present lighting system and putting in the new one. All poles will be removed from the business streets.

Wellesley's President Coming West.

WELLESLEY, Mass., Dec. 26.—Miss Ellen Fitzpendleton, president of Wellesley College, started for the Pacific Coast today to seek assistance among Western graduates toward raising \$1,000,000 endowment fund. President Fitzpendleton will visit Los Angeles, San Francisco, Portland, Seattle, Salt Lake City, Denver and Omaha.