



## SPRY REFUSES TO HELP HILLSTROM

### Request of President Is Turned Down.

## TANGIBLE FACTS DEMANDED

### Utah Governor Says Full Justice Has Been Done.

## EXECUTIONERS ARE READY

### Wilson's Intimation That Courts of State Have Not Done Full Duty Declared Not to Be Justified by Facts.

## EVENTS LEADING TO EXECUTION OF JOSEPH HILLSTROM.

January 10, 1914—John G. Morrison, grocer, and his son, shot in store by two masked men. Son shot one of assailants in chest.

January 13—Joseph Hillstrom arrested in hiding, being traced to house by trail of blood.

June, 1914—Hillstrom convicted. Jury recommends death penalty.

July, 1915—Judgment sustained by Supreme Court of state. Hillstrom was sentenced to die October 1.

September 15—Board of Pardons denied application for commutation.

September 20—Evening of day set for Hillstrom's execution. President Wilson requests respite.

October 16—Case again heard before Pardons Board. No new evidence introduced.

October 18—Hillstrom sentenced to die on November 13, 1915.

November 17—President again urges respite.

November 18—Governor Spry declines to interfere.

## SALT LAKE CITY, Nov. 18.—

Asserting his belief that a further postponement of the execution of Joseph Hillstrom would be an unwarranted interference with the course of justice, Governor William Spry telegraphed to President Wilson today that he could not and would not lend himself or his office to such interference.

The Governor's telegram was in answer to one he received yesterday from the President requesting a reconsideration of the case of Hillstrom, who was convicted of the murder of J. H. Morrison, a Salt Lake grocer, and Morrison's son, January 10, 1914.

## Board of Pardons Unanimous.

The President's message was received by the Governor after resolutions adopted by the convention of the American Federation of Labor at San Francisco, asking further consideration of the case, had been telegraphed to the President. The Governor had the President's request under consideration yesterday and until afternoon today. His answer was submitted to the State Board of Pardons today, and was unanimously concurred in before it was sent to the President.

A death watch was placed over Hillstrom at the state prison today, and he will be shot some time tomorrow, probably early in the day. The five men appointed to execute him have been directed to report at the prison at a week's notice tomorrow morning.

## Governor Telegraphs Wilson.

Reviewing the history of the case, and particularly the President's action in connection with it, the Governor says in his telegram:

"September 20 you requested a stay of execution of the sentence to give the Swedish Minister an opportunity to present his view of the case. Upon the same day, at your request, on the assumption that you were in possession of facts not presented to the board, I granted a respite until October 16, especially requesting that the Swedish Minister personally investigate the case and appear before the board."

"Under date of October 1 you advised me that your only reason for intervening was the request of the representative of a foreign government. On October 16, at a regular meeting of the board an open hearing was had in further consideration of the case."

## No New Evidence Produced.

Hillstrom's attorney advised the board that there was nothing further to present, and that Hillstrom declined to appear before the board again. The only representation in the convict's behalf was a short telegram from the Swedish Minister requesting commutation of sentence, not by reason of any new thing in relation to the case, but, as he expressed it, "for the sake of humanity and comity usually practiced between friendly nations."

"Because of the absence of any showing, the board terminated the respite and again denied commutation. The convict thereupon was, upon the 13th of October, resented by the court to be shot November 13. Forty-six days after the granting of the respite and at the eleventh hour, you, as the President, without stating any reasons therefor, again wired, urging a thorough investigation of the case."

## VILLA REPORTED WOUNDED IN FIGHT

### OFFICER OF OWN ARMY TAKES REPORT TO NOGALES.

### General's Brother, However, Says Military Message Received at 5 o'Clock Reported All Well.

NOGALES, Ariz., Nov. 18.—General Francisco Villa was reported today to have been wounded during an engagement that began last night at Agua de Cupetres, a few miles north of Hermosillo, Sonora, between troops commanded by Villa and Carranza forces now occupying Hermosillo.

The information was brought to Nogales, Sonora, across the border from here, by an officer of Villa's army.

EL PASO, Tex., Nov. 18.—The reported wounding of General Villa near Hermosillo in an engagement with Carranza forces lacked confirmation in Juarez tonight.

Hippolito Villa, brother of General Villa, declared he received a military message from his brother about 5 o'clock tonight, and that he reported all was well with himself and his forces. The message was handled through Nogales, he said.

## TURKEYS ADVANCE IN EAST

### Chicago Price to Be 27-28 Cents, but Roseburg Sells at 18-22.

CHICAGO, Nov. 18.—It was said by commission men today that Thanksgiving turkeys will retail at 27 to 28 cents a pound this season, or about 15 per cent higher than last year.

ROSEBURG, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Thousands of turkeys were brought to Roseburg today preparatory to being shipped to the Portland, Seattle and San Francisco markets.

The prices paid for the birds range from 18 to 22 cents. The quality of the birds is said to be better than in previous years.

## METEOR FOUND NEAR KELSEO

### Signs of Upheaval Seen in Vicinity and Ground Is Burned Hard.

KELSEO, Wash., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—On the slope of Brazier's Mountain, about two miles northeast of Kelseo, Benton Pex, of this place, found a large, peculiar looking rock deeply imbedded in the side of the hill, which he judges to be of meteoric origin. The rock is in an almost inaccessible spot.

The ground about it has the appearance of having been violently upheaved and the clay is burned as hard as brick. The rock has the appearance of hard mixed cement and stone.

## COWS NEEDN'T BE LIGHTED

### Jury Gives Owner of Injured Animal Judgment for \$100.

Cows don't need lights when tied to a farm wagon.

This was the conclusion reached by the jury in Circuit Judge Gates' court which awarded Emil Alt judgment of \$100 against August Semper for damages to Mr. Alt's cow.

Mr. Semper's automobile tried to pass Mr. Alt's wagon and cow on the Hawthorne bridge last January. The cow faced the intruder, but, tied to the wagon, was no match for the 1914 model. Defendant contended the cow should have been "lighted."

## CRUISES STOPPED BY SNOW

### Forest Service Parties Obligated to Suspend Timber Appraisals.

Two cruising parties, sent out by the Forestry Service from this district, have become snowbound in the mountains of Eastern Oregon, according to information received from members of the parties.

One of the parties was sent to appraise timber in the forest near Bend, and members of that party reported that the snow was from eight inches to two feet in depth. The other party, composed of eight men, is in the vicinity of Prineville, and reports the snow is from two feet to waist-high.

## TICKET ROMANCE IS OUT

### New York Salesman Meets Fiancee, Chicago Girl, Here.

YANCOUVER, Wash., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—From coast to coast is a long cry, but it was a happy one for Michael Goldberg, 23 years old, a traveling salesman, and Miss Louise M. Schipple, 22, of Chicago, who were married here today. Miss Schipple went to Portland to meet her fiance, and they just dropped over the river.

Miss Schipple, before coming to the coast, was selling tickets for the Rock Island Railroad, and it was at the ticket window that Mr. Goldberg first met her, going there to buy a ticket.

## ONE APPLE YIELD HEAVY

### Hood River Man Procures Nearly 5000 Boxes From 400 Trees.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—While the local apple crop in the aggregate and that of the entire Northwest, as well, will be far shorter than normally, a number of local tracts have produced phenomenal yields this season.

One of the bumper crops has been harvested by N. W. Bone, from a 12-year-old orchard. He harvested more than 5000 boxes, about 100 trees yielding the greater part of this crop.

## TWO UNEQUALLED WARSHIPS PLANNED

### 36,000-Ton Vessels Are Being Considered.

## TORPEDO DEFENSE PROVIDED

### Increased Armor and Speed Are Probable Features.

## 16-INCH GUNS POSSIBLE

### Lack of Structural Steel in United States Will Delay Beginning on Ships to Be Asked of Congress Until Summer.

## WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—

Tentative plans are being considered, Secretary Daniels said today, for two 36,000-ton battleships to be included in the first year's part of the five-year building programme Congress will be asked to approve. There are no warships so large afloat anywhere in the world now.

Part of the increased displacement in the new ships will be due to changed hull construction to provide additional torpedo defense bulkheads. While the general characteristics of the ships have not been disclosed, it is probable that they will have increased armament and speed.

## Sixteen-inch Gun Developed.

The Navy has developed a 16-inch rifle of which no use has yet been made, and the new ships may carry 10 or more of these if developments of the European war indicate the wisdom of mounting them. The largest guns now afloat are the 15-inch guns of European navies, which the American 14-inch rifle is said to equal for all practical purposes.

Maximum speed of American battleships now built or authorized is less than 21 knots, although European first-line ships go considerably above that. It is considered probable that a speed of perhaps 25 knots will be sought hereafter.

## Structural Steel Lacking.

Secretary Daniels has received no report as yet on the examination of private bids received yesterday for battleships 42 and 44, all of which appeared to be more than the limit fixed by Congress. It is understood, however, that a careful analysis of the exceptions to advertised specifications bears out the indications that private builders will not attempt to construct the hulls and machinery of the ships within the \$7,500,000 limit.

## Neither ship can be laid down before next summer, it is said, for lack of structural steel, the war having swept the American steel market clean.

Secretary Daniels showed considerable concern today over this fact. He intimated that unless some arrangement could be made with steel plants to insure preference for Government orders, Congress might be asked to act. An embargo on exportation of steel was suggested.

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## WATER METER FUSS TAKES NEW ANGLE

### SUIT TO FORCE REMOVAL AT REQUEST THREATENED.

### Consumer Declares Refusal of Flat Rate Service Is Discriminatory and Plans Showdown.

By legal action, if necessary, F. F. Smith, of 159 Hazel Fern Place, threatens to force a showdown as a result of the Water Bureau refusing to remove water meters from residences and establish the flat rate when petitioned to do so.

Under the plan adopted by the City Council July 20, meters are put in upon application. This was done when Commissioner Daly contended that as long as the Water Bureau maintains a meter rate as well as a flat rate, the Bureau has no right to refuse any water consumer a meter upon application. To do so, he says, would be discriminatory.

"I contend," said Mr. Smith yesterday, "that if it is a question of the city having two rates, with the right of the water user to take one or the other, he should be privileged to have the flat rate if he does not want the meter rate. But they will not do this. I object to paying more for water than my neighbors, and at the same time use less water than they."

Mr. Smith says his neighbors have the flat rate and that they use what water they need. He declares his total bill for the year will be \$14.55, as compared with \$12 for his neighbors, who are on a flat rate and who used more water than he did.

## HORSES TO HAVE VACATION

### Cleaning Bureau Animals Will Be Kept in Pasture Six Months.

Occasional vacations of six months are to be enjoyed by horses in the street-cleaning and sprinkling bureau, beginning next year, according to announcement yesterday by City Commissioner Daly. About 25 of the horses will be kept in pasture at a time.

About the end of the year 42 horses will be dropped from service by reason of the purchase of three big automobile street-flushing machines. Twenty-five will be put in pasture alternately.

## BRITISH BEGIN OFFENSIVE

### Turkish Trenches Near Tip of Peninsula Captured.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—The British army at the Dardanelles has resumed the offensive and captured 250 yards of Turkish trenches.

Official announcement was made that the Fifty-second Division had successfully attacked the Turkish in the Kribh-Nullah, near the tip of the peninsula. It captured 150 yards of trenches to the east of the defile and 120 yards to the west.

## GIRL DIES FROM ANTHRAX

### Disease Believed Contracted by Wearing Yock Fur.

NEW YORK, Nov. 18.—Miss Sophia Rosen, 15 years old, the third anthrax victim in this city within the last few months, died today.

The girl is believed to have contracted the disease, which is common among animals, by wearing a fur yock-piece, the skin of which had not been properly treated.

## COUNTY ESTIMATE REDUCED \$228,335

### Total Recommended Is \$1,742,727.

## BRIDGE FUND IS \$125,000

### Road Allotment Only Point of Difference and Two Would Allow Full Sum Asked by Mr. Yeon. Five Favor Cut to \$431,000.

## ADVISORY BOARD REPORT

U of O LIBRARY BUILDERS REPORT

With \$443,500 on Hand, \$1,229,227 Due by Taxation.

## TOTAL AMOUNTS TO BE SET ASIDE FOR COUNTY EXPENSES.

County general fund	\$1,165,476.50
Road fund	431,000.00
Library fund	148,250.00
Total	\$1,742,726.50
Already on hand	443,500.00
Total to be raised	\$1,299,226.50
by taxes	\$1,299,226.50
Total raised by taxes	\$1,297,602.20

## FRANCO, TRIMMED AND CUT TO THE BONE.

Multnomah County's expense account, as finally agreed upon by the advisory budget committee, will be presented to the Board of County Commissioners this morning.

All the Commissioners will have to do is to adopt the budget—unless, of course, they don't like it, in which case they don't have to adopt it.

## BRIDGE BONDS FIGURE.

The county general fund to be raised by taxes was pruned down to \$721,378.50, in spite of the addition of \$125,000 for interest on interstate bridge bonds and road paving bonds. Last year the county raised \$539,441.87 by taxes for the general fund.

Should the majority report of the budget committee be adopted, taxpayers would provide \$390,000 for the road department, whereas last year they paid \$557,178.89. These are not total appropriations in either case. They are the amounts to be raised by taxes.

## ROAD APPROPRIATION \$431,000.

The total appropriation for road purposes in the new budget is \$431,000. County Roadmaster John B. Yeon asked for \$548,221.70 for his department and Amos Benson and A. W. Jones, of the advisory budget committee, signed a minority report recommending that this amount be allowed, but the other five members of the budget committee wiped the blood from their scalps and allowed that \$431,000 was enough.

Even the Library fund was reduced.

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## OLDEST FIR TREE IS 1144 YEARS OF AGE

### RANGER IN WESTERN WASHINGTON FINDS FOREST GIANT.

### Records of 5000 Specimens Include Hemlock 343, Red Cedar 1137, Yellow Pine 687 Years Old.

News has been received by Portland officials of the Forestry Service that the Douglas fir found in the Washington forest in Western Washington, reported to be more than 1300 years old, is by the count of the annual rings 1144 years of age. It still is the oldest Douglas fir of which the authorities of the Forestry Service have record.

The rings were counted by the ranger on duty near Finlay Creek, where the monster tree was found. The tree has been cut down, the stump partially burned and 50 feet of the trunk sawed into wood.

For the first 500 years of the tree's growth it attained a radius of 27½ inches and the other 644 years added only 14 inches to the radius.

The oldest hemlock on record is 545 years old and was found somewhere in Western Washington. It had attained a diameter of 60 inches, the oldest red cedar yet discovered by the forest officials was found in the Snoqualmie forest, was 100 inches in diameter and 1137 years of age.

The oldest yellow pine in Eastern Oregon is 687 years old, its diameter being about four feet. Five thousand trees were examined in the growth study.

## GERMAN MEATS CHEAPER

### Decline of 22 Per Cent in Pork Follows Government's Action.

BERLIN, Nov. 18.—(By wireless to Tuckerton, N. J.)—Among the items given out today for publication by the Overseas News Agency was the following:

"A great decline in meat prices continues. According to official figures the price of pork fell 22 per cent from November 6 to November 13. Pork now costs from one mark, 53 pfennigs, to one mark, 60 pfennigs, a pound, as against one mark, 81 pfennigs, to one mark, 92 pfennigs, November 6. The decline is the result of the recent ordinances making maximum prices."

## BRIDE TO TRAVERSE OCEAN

### Schooner Captain Makes Homecoming of Australian Trip.

ST. HELENS, Or., Nov. 18.—(Special.)—Accompanied by his bride of one week, Captain H. W. Dowling will sail from here this week in command of the schooner Forest Home, carrying a lumber cargo for Australia. The young captain's father will sail on the schooner as pilot.

The Dowlings were married last week in Tacoma, the bride being the former Miss Houter. It is said that the young couple will be on their way to the schooner's first cruise of the Forest Home will be her first experience on deep water.

## GIRL AS ATTRACTION TO GO

### Pool Hall Man Arrested for Employing Young Woman.

A determined police campaign against the employment of young women as attractions in North End resorts opened last night with the arrest of William Tsapras, the proprietor of a pool hall at 286 Burnside street, on a charge of employing a girl in his place. Lieutenant Harms, with Patrolman Martin and Powell, warned Tsapras to discharge the woman Wednesday night.

Tsapras also was charged with allowing minor boys in his resort.

## "BUNDLE DAY" IS HERE

### Parent-Teachers to Gather Aid for Poor School Children.

Today is bundle day in the social service headquarters of the Portland Parent-Teacher Association.

All who have clean clothing they plan to give away are requested to take whatever they can in raiment to either to the Central building, room 412, where a committee will receive all donations for the poor school children of the city. Shoes and warm clothing will be especially acceptable.

## FEVER FIGHTER STRICKEN

### Dr. Henry R. Carter Seriously Ill in Porto Rico.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 18.—Dr. Henry R. Carter, veteran yellow fever fighter of the United States Public Health Service, has been stricken in Porto Rico with dengue, the malignant tropical fever against which he recently inaugurated a campaign on the island.

A telegram to the service today announced the doctor's illness, and said his condition was serious, but that his recovery was expected.

## BRITISH ENTER CATTEGAT

### Squadron Reported After Germans Are Seen Sailing North.

LONDON, Nov. 18.—As a sequel to the report that a flotilla of 25 German torpedo-boats and a big cruiser had taken Helsingfors, Sweden, Wednesday, proceeding into the Cattegat, a dispatch to the Central News from Copenhagen says that a British squadron of cruisers and destroyers has been seen entering the Cattegat.

No further details are given.

## DOOM OF DEFECTIVE IS APPROVED HERE

### Women, Ministers, Doctors Indorse Act.

## SPARTAN MOTHER COMMENDED

### Death of Bollinger Baby Regarded as Blessing.

## JUVENILE JUDGE DISSENTS

### Mr. Cleton Says Child Had Every Right to Live and That All Possible Should Have Been Done to Preserve Its Life.

## VOTES FOR THE LIFE OF A DEFECTIVE BABY.

### Thumbs Up.

Judge T. J. Cleton, head of Juvenile Court.

## Thumbs Down.

Dr. Alan Welch Smith, School Director.

Dr. Ralph Matson, specialist.

O. M. Plummer, eugenist and School Director.

Dr. F. H. Dammach, Coroner.

Mrs. Millie R. Trumbull, child welfare worker.

Mrs. Sarah A. Evans, clubwoman.

Dr. Frank L. Loveland, pastor First Methodist Church.

Rev. W. O. Shank, pastor East Side Baptist Church.

Mrs. R. E. Bondurant, of Oregon Congress of Mothers.

Should a defective baby, doomed, if it lived, to a crippled, pitiful existence as a menace to society, be kept alive through a surgeon's skill, or allowed to lapse back into the land from whence it came?

Portland persons of both sexes and different professions, with few exceptions, decided yesterday that the merciful thing to do was not to force the babe to take up life under such a handicap. Women and men alike declared death was to be preferred.

## Death Regarded as Blessing.

The case in point was that of the Bollinger baby, in Chicago, whose

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