PORTLAND GIRL WINS POINT IN WILL CASE

New Trial Denied in Suit by Which She Was Named Heiress of Grandmother.

ESTATE WORTH $100,000

Sybil Williams Scott Is Favored by Montana Supreme Tribunal and Will Get Fortune Unless Lower Court Is Reversed.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The State Supreme Court at Helena today denied the petition for a new trial in the famous Williams will case. This means that Sybil Williams Scott, of Portland, the granddaughter of the late Rachel E. Williams, will inherit the estate unless the Supreme Court reverses the judgment of the lower court. The contestant lives in Portland with her mother, the wife of W. F. Scott, ex-State Game Warden of this state. Mrs. Scott's first husband was the son of Mrs. Williams. He died when his daughter was young.

Rachel E. Williams died March 3, 1907, leaving an estate worth approximately $100,000. The only near relative was the contestant in the case, who at the time of the death of Mrs. Williams was 7 years old.

A document said to be the last will of Mrs. Williams was offered for probate by Lyman M. Harley and Andrew J. Davis, president of the First National Bank of Butte, who were named as the executors. By the terms of the alleged will the sum of $500 was to be given to the contestant, the granddaughter of the deceased, and the balance of the estate was to go to Andrew J. Davis.

The right to have this will probated was questioned by Dorothy Alice Scott, mother of the contestant, who was appointed guardian of her daughter, Sybil. The contest was on the ground that the will had not been duly and legally executed and that undue influence was exerted by Mr. Harley in procuring the making of the alleged will by Mrs. Williams. A jury decided against the banker in the lower court.

SCOTT FAMILY IN MONTANA

Estate Is Reputed to Be Worth More Than Reported.

Sybil Williams Scott, the Portland girl who by a decision of the Supreme Court of Montana won a point in her suit for the estate of her grandmother, is the stepdaughter of W. F. Scott, president of the Davis-Scott Belting Company on Hawthorne avenue at the east approach to the Hawthorne bridge.

Both Mr. Scott and his stepdaughter are now in Montana. Mr. Scott resides at 639 Ford street drive, Portland.

The fortune which Miss Scott may inherit is reputed to be valued at at least three times the value put on it by press report from Montana. At least $75,000 is said to be in cash and much more is invested in valuable Montana mining property.

WILLAMETTE STILL RISING

Oregon City Paper Mills Close for Lack of Power.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—At 6 o'clock tonight the Willamette was still rising, although slowly, both above and below the falls. At the locks in West Linn the upper river has gone up six-tenths of a foot in the last 24 hours, and the lower river has raised a foot.

The rise in the lower river, due to backwater, has reduced the head at the power houses at the local paper mills to such an extent that practically every wet machine and every grinder which are used in making paper was shut down by nightfall.

The crest of the high water is expected to pass Oregon City some time tonight or early tomorrow morning.

TIME TO GET TAGS SHORT

Automobile License Applicants Make Rush on Secretary of State.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—With only seven days left in which automobile owners under the law may operate their cars before obtaining a 1916 license, the rush of applications at the Secretary of State's office has become heavy, and yet only a third of the total number of automobile owners in the state have so far applied for licenses.

Today out of the 33,600 motor cars registered this year, only 8200 had been equipped with the new license plate, due to carelessness on the part of owners in making application. Last Monday 600 applications were received.

WATER RATE CUT IS DENIED

Penalty Against Coos Bay Company Also Is Not Allowed.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The State Public Service Commission today refused to penalize the Coos Bay Water Company for its failure to comply with an order made in 1913 by the Commission to construct a 10-inch water main for giving additional service to the cities of North Bend and Marshfield.

In the same order, the Commission also refused the cities' request that the rates fixed by the Commission be decreased if the additional water service were not granted. Construction of an additional reservoir of 350,000 gallons' capacity by the water company, however, is ordered.

Friday's War Moves

TODAY, the second Christmas of the great war, will differ little from its predecessor, judging from the visible signs of the past 24 hours.

Although there is small likelihood of an exact repetition of the strange truce of last year, here and there it is probable that the opposing lines will come to some sort of understanding which will permit them to celebrate their one common day of rejoicing without undue annoyance.

The fighting around Hartmann's-Weilerkopf, which has been the chief incident in the recent news from the western front, has not yet reached a decision, but reports indicate that the four days' losses on both sides have been so severe that some kind of a lull is almost inevitable.

The news from Greece continues to presage a terrific clash in the near future, but most of the dispatches put the date of the conflict off until the new year.

Events recently have developed rapidly in Persia, with the Russians advancing on Teheran. The two chief centers of rebel activity in Persia already are in Russian hands. Considerable distance lies between the British position at Kut-el-Amara and the nearest Russian forces, but if the Russians have continued successes a junction between them and the British may be expected before long.

David Lloyd George, the British Minister of Munitions, is spending his Christmas holidays visiting the munitions works in the Clyde districts, where he is urging the imperative need of some measure of "labor dilution," which includes an agreement between the labor unions to permit of the employment of a percentage of unskilled men with skilled men in munition work.

An interesting feature in Mr. Lloyd George's programme yesterday was the christening of a new munitions manufacturing center, "Georgetown."

The figures given by Premier Asquith show how heavy have been the British casualties during the war. These total nearly 530,000, without counting the men incapacitated by sickness.

528,227 BRITISH LOST

NEARLY 120,000 OF NUMBER LISTED AS KILLED.

More Than 7000 Officers Among Dead; Casualties at Dardanelles 114,555; on Western Front 387,685.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Replying to a written question by F. A. Molteno, member of the House of Commons, Premier Asquith today gave the total British casualties up to December 9 as 528,227, the killed numbering 119,922, of whom 7267 were officers.

Detailed figures of the casualties as given by Premier Asquith corrected the figures concerning losses at the Dardanelles given yesterday in the House of Commons. At that time the casualties up to December 11 were given as 112,921, a smaller total than the Premier gave today for the operations to December 9. The casualties were distributed as follows:

	Officers.	Other Ranks.
Flanders and France—		
Killed	4,939	77,473
Wounded	8,843	241,359
Missing	1,589	12,685
Total officers and men	.....	387,685
Dardanelles—		
Killed	1,467	24,525
Wounded	2,628	72,783
Missing	350	12,194
Total officers and men	.....	114,555
Other theaters—		
Killed	871	16,149
Wounded	694	10,953
Missing	100	2,519
Total officers and men	.....	29,634
Grand total		528,227

FLEEING AUTOIST KILLED

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE AFTER RUNNING DOWN WOMEN FATAL.

Two Others Beside First Victim Are Injured and Chauffeur Is Held Under Arrest at Hospital.

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 24.—Endeavoring to make their escape after running down and seriously injuring a woman, according to police reports, Charles Herron, a motion picture actor, was killed and his two companions, James J. Gormby, a chauffeur, and Duchalin Dalton, an animal trainer, were injured here tonight, when their automobile overturned. Gormby was placed under arrest at the Emergency Hospital.

Miss Florence C. Whitman, 25 years old, a stenographer, was struck by an automobile as she alighted from a streetcar near her home, her arms filled with Christmas presents. As witnesses hurried forward, it was charged, the automobile speeded away and, after a chase of several blocks by other machines, overturned against a tree in rounding a corner.

Herron was killed almost instantly. Dalton and Gormby were hurled to the sidewalk, severely cut and bruised. Gormby was found in an apartment-house a short distance away, where officers said he fled after the second accident.

BAKER BOY FIGHTS COPS

SHOTS FIRED AT HALF DOZEN CHICAGO POLICEMEN.

Lad Saying He Is Michael Berger, First Holds Up and Robs People in Office and Is Captured.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Several robbers did their Christmas stealing early while Nicholas Hunt, the new Chief of Detectives, was telling his men to do their thief catching promptly.

A boy of 18 years was arrested after he had shot at half a dozen police and says he is Michael Berger, from Baker, Or.

He walked into the Consumers' Company branch office at 1814 Southwestern avenue with two revolvers, took $100 and ran out. Lieutenant Charles Johnson, of the Hinman-street station, was notified, and he ordered all his men out into the district, telling them to "form a circle and close in."

They found Berger hiding in a doorway, and he opened fire on the police. The police fired back and chased him until he fled into another doorway. There he raised his handkerchief above his head as a token of surrender. He had $119.50 in his pockets. The police believe he gave a fictitious name. He was taken to the Bureau of Identification to determine whether he has a criminal record.

HOLIDAY IS IN TRENCHES

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names for Christmas surprises. The schools have helped in this work. No packages valued at less than $5 have been sent to these otherwise "forgotten" soldiers.

At home the widows and orphans of soldiers have not been forgotten. Everywhere there have been special donations organized for them, including one by the American church in Berlin. Other donations have been lavishly spent on the soldiers in the hospitals throughout the empire.

Nature has been busy for a week getting ready to make it a real, snowy Christmas.

Boys' Dormitory Burns.

SPRINGFIELD, O., Dec. 24.—Fire swept the east end of the boys' dormitory of Antioch College, at Yellow Springs, near here, late today, caused a loss of $10,000 and was prevented from destroying the entire three-story brick building only by hard work by volunteer firemen and hundreds of citizens.

BIG NAVY BY 1925 IS BOARD'S ADVICE

Daniels Gives Out Report He Was Declared by Critics to Have Suppressed.

EARLY BEGINNING URGED

Expenditure of $300,000,000 First Year Regarded as Essential. Increased Personnel Is Estimated at 11,000.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—Secretary Daniels made public tonight the original special report of the Navy General Board, prepared in reply to a query addressed to the Board when the Administration determined last July to take up the question of National preparedness. Critics of the Administration five-year building programme for the Navy have declared this report was suppressed in part by the Navy Department, and if published would disclose the inadequacy of the Government's plans.

The Board's statement of policy, holding that the American Navy should equal the strongest afloat by 1925, was published some time ago, but the first year's building programme advocated under that suggested policy is now revealed for the first time.

Immediate Work Recommended.

It shows recommendations for four dreadnoughts and four battle-cruisers, with an equally large programme for other craft, and contemplates an expenditure roughly estimated at $305,000,000 the first year, as compared with $500,000,000 to be spent for new ships in five years under the Administration plan.

In giving out the report Secretary Daniels said that all statements from the General Board as to the building programmes made during the present year had now been made public. The report said:

"In compliance with the oral order of the Secretary of the Navy to express its opinion at the earliest practical date as to a policy which should govern the development of the Navy and a building programme the General Board reports as follows:

"Policy—The Navy of the United States should ultimately be equal to the most powerful maintained by any other nation of the world. It should be gradually increased to this point by such a rate of development, year by year, as may be permitted by the facilities of the country, but the limit above defined should be attained not later than 1925.

Limit of Facilities Reached.

"2—In pursuance of this policy, and having in mind the present facilities of this country, the Board is of the opinion that the following should be authorized this year and recommends the same for your consideration. This is believed by the Board to be within and practically at the limit of the facilities at present existing:

"Four battle cruisers, four dreadnoughts, six scouts, 30 coast submarines, seven fleet submarines, 78 destroyers, six gunboats.

"Auxiliaries: One destroyer tender; two fleet submarine tenders, four fuel oil ships, one supply ship, one transport, one hospital ship, one repair ship, one ammunition ship.

"Air-craft service (lump appropriation), $5,000,000.

"Personnel: 11,000 men. This number will provide for the needs of the present ships of the Navy, including those near completion, but it must be borne in mind that the personnel, commissioned, warrant and enlisted, will have to be further increased as the new construction progresses.

Other Increases Necessary.

"Increased facilities for the Navy-yards and shore establishments generally, such as drydocks, berthing spaces, building slips, structural shops, cranes for handling heavy weights, shop machinery, ammunition and other storage facilities, civil personnel, etc.

"GEORGE DEWEY."

Secretary Daniels' recommendation to Congress that the enlisted personnel of the Navy be increased by 7500 bluejackets, 2500 apprentice seamen and 1500 marines during the year 1916-7, in order to man ships nearing completion, was based, it was disclosed also tonight, on the annual report of Rear-Admiral Victor Blue, chief of the Bureau of Navigation, now made public. The figures have been criticised in Congress and elsewhere because they were below those of the General Board. There were 52,636 bluejackets in the service October 1, 1915, Admiral Blue's report shows, and with his proposed increases including the apprentice seamen, the force would number 62,636 in 1917, or about 4400 fewer than recommended by the General Board.

Blue Explains Estimate.

Admiral Blue says that he bases his estimate on a report from the Board in November, 1914, which holds that all battleships under 12 years old, half the cruisers, and all gunboats and necessary auxiliaries should be kept in full commission, the remaining ships to be held in reserve with nucleus crews. Should Congress authorize an increase of 7500 men, he said, there would be in full commission July 1, 1917, 22 battleships, five armored cruisers, 12 cruisers, 52 destroyers, 26 gunboats, 56 submarines and the requisite auxiliaries.

In reserve would be 17 battleships more than 15 years old, five armored cruisers, 11 cruisers, 16 destroyers, 19 old torpedo-boats and four tenders.

The difference between the General Board's figures of the necessary minimum strength for 1917 and those of Admiral Blue probably lies in the fact that Admiral Fletcher, commanding the Atlantic fleet, has urged an increase in the complement of each battleship. Admiral Blue says this has not been done because it would necessitate putting more ships in reserve for lack of men.

CHRISTMAS PLANS FOILED

Hillsboro Prisoners Almost Dig Way to Liberty Before Discovered.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Plans of prisoners in the Washington County jail to spend Christmas in the wide, wide world were blocked last night, when Sheriff Reeves discovered a hole cut almost through the brick wall. Only one layer remained. Today freedom of the corridors was denied the men and they are confined to the cage.

The jail is in a brick annex to the courthouse and contains a modern steel cellhouse, in which the men are locked at 5 o'clock in the afternoon for the night. Between the steel wall of the cellhouse and the brick wall of the building is a space of two feet, and here the hole was cut, a bit of steel torn from a cell cot being used.

Peru is the size of Spain, France, Germany and Italy put together.

ROAD IS SUFFERER

No Train to Tillamook Tuesday and Damage Is Big.

EXTRA CREWS EMPLOYED

First-Class Mail Sent Out by Wilson River Route and Santa to Be Late — Nehalem Newspapers Print on Wrapping Paper.

NEHALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Serious slides on the railroad, near Wilson River, and washing out of a bridge near Tillamook on the Northern Pacific Railway & Navigation Company's line and loss of track in several places promises a cheerless Christmas for Tillamook County. Trains have not been operated since Tuesday and none is promised for more than a week.

It is reported that big slides cover the track in many places along the Salmonberry River and Batterson. One big slide at Batterson will require many days to clear.

The storm broke Sunday and lasted for three days without interruption, causing freshets in all rivers and streams and doing serious damage to railroad and county roads. The most serious damage was the destruction of the Wilson River Railroad bridge about a mile from Tillamook. Several extra crews are at work attempting to clear the track but the work is progressing slowly.

First-class mail from here was sent to Tillamook today to go out over the Wilson River route. Both newspapers in the Nehalem Valley are publishing this week on wrapping paper. All Christmas presents, both coming into the county and going out, are slide-bound, and it looks as though Santa Claus would be behind his schedule.

Flood Breaks Water Main.

FOREST GROVE, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The heavy rains of the past week caused an unusual flow of water up Clear Creek, resulting in three sections of the water main that carries Forest Grove's water supply from the mountains to the city reservoir to wash out, shutting off the water supply. While the damage is being repaired the city is taking its water supply direct from Gales Creek, the water being forced through the mains by direct pressure from the city power plant.

JEWISH IDEALS URGED

RABBI SAYS YOUNG PEOPLE DRIFT AWAY FROM FAITH.

Jews Themselves Not Blameless if World Is Ignorant of Their Altruistic Aspirations.

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—An appeal to the Jews of America to govern their lives by altruistic ideals was voiced by Rabbi Louis Bernstein, of St. Joseph, Mo., who preached the opening sermon tonight at the National meeting of the Jewish Chautauqua, which assembled here today for a six-day session.

"If the non-Jewish world," he said, "has been ignorant of our dreams, our hopes and our inspirations, Jews are not altogether blameless.

"Our young people no longer draw joy from the wells of our salvation. Bridge whist has supplanted the Bible, and the twistings of the tortuous modern dance have shattered the ethical outlook of an age-old faith. Once we staked our lives on the principles to perpetuate which our fathers agonized. Today we stake our health in the smoke-infested rooms of a clubhouse, where we watch the cards as they reveal to us whether we have won or lost.

"If Jewish history and Jewish literature stand for anything at all they both spell a deep message of social service."

Station Change Order Is Denied.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Application of Lewis J. Glass, that the Oregon Electric Railway be ordered to move its station from Loganville to Crosby Crossing, was denied today by the State Public Service Commission. The hearing developed the fact that the expense of relocating the station was not justified by the amount of business that could be expected.

VICTIM'S PARENTS BENEFIT

Monthly Industrial Insurance Payments Are Doubled.

M'MINNVILLE, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Judge Belt, in the Circuit Court, increased the industrial insurance payments in the case of H. J. Moore, of Polk County, who was accidentally killed, from $10 to $20 a month, in favor of the dependent parents. So far as known this is the first case of the kind.

In overruling the Accident Insurance Commission in the matter, Judge Belt acted upon the application of the beneficiaries. The parents represented themselves as having been entirely dependent upon their son for support. Evidence was introduced which proved that H. J. Moore had regularly contributed $40 a month to his parents for their support.

"DRY SALOON" IS OFFERED

Baker Place of Business Offered as Social Center at Cost.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—That he will furnish a "dry saloon" at cost to those who are planning to put in a men's headquarters to take the place of the saloon after New Year's was the offer today of Thomas Dunphy, proprietor of the Club saloon for many years. Mr. Dunphy's offer is being seriously considered.

"I cannot figure a profit for myself after the first of the year," he said, "and my place would be an ideal location for such an establishment as proposed. I will let them have my place, fully equipped, for $20 a month rent and the overhead expenses, such as light, heat, etc. This offer is absolutely bona fide."

2 OF 164 HURT IN WEEK DIE

Of Accidents Reported, 108 Are Subject to Compensation Act.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Two of the 164 accidents reported to the State Industrial Accident Insurance Commission for the week ended December 23 were fatal. James McPherson, of Springfield, was killed while working in a sawmill, and A. L. Skeim, of Eugene, succumbed as the result of a railroad accident.

Of the accidents, 108 were subject to the workmen's compensation act, 30 were from public utility corporations, 24 were from other firms and corporations which have rejected the act, and two were from firms and corporations not employing labor in hazardous occupations.

T. R. NAMED IN MICHIGAN

Petition, Signed Mostly in Detroit, Is Filed in Lansing.

LANSING, Mich., Dec. 24.—Petitions to place the name of Theodore Roosevelt on the Presidential primary ballot in Michigan as candidate of the National Progressive party were filed today with the Secretary of State. Most of the signatures were obtained in Detroit.

It is understood that former Progressives who have returned to the Republican party are giving impetus to the movement to have Colonel Roosevelt's name also placed on the Republican ballot.

FINE POULTRY IS SHOWN

Newberg Exhibit Made Free by Merchants Providing Expenses.

NEWBERG, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The annual show of the Yamhill County Poultry Association, which closed today, was one of the best in point of attendance and quality of the exhibits ever held here. One innovation this year was having admission free by business men contributing to pay all expenses.

The exhibits came from a wide range, extending from Portland to Sheridan, and taking in most of the communities intervening.

PENDLETON TREE GRAND

SANTA OFFICIATES AT BRILLIANT MUNICIPAL CELEBRATION.

Entire Population Participates and Thousands of Sacks of Candy Are Distributed.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Amid a galaxy of red, white and blue lights, Christmas trees and bevies of angelic faces of children, Pendleton's first municipal Christmas Festival was held tonight. The entire population of the city turned out to take part in the joyous affair.

At 8 o'clock Santa Claus appeared and after making his way through the throng to the Christmas tree, distributed thousands of sacks of candy. A large electric "Merry Christmas" sign added splendor to the occasion.

Each number on the programme was roundly applauded. Two of the most enjoyable features of the night were the folk dancing by 16 high school girls under the direction of Cecile Ann Boyd and a reading by Olive Gwinn.

The Commercial Association handled the undertaking. The general committee in charge was composed of: Leon Cohen, A. J. McAllister, W. J. Clarke, Roy Alexander and Dr. F. W. Vincent. Assisting the committee were: Dr. J. E. Snyder, for the churches; Superintendent A. C. Hampton, for the city schools and the Parent-Teacher Association.

BEATING VALUED AT $5000

Dayville Man Loses 'Argument' and Sues for Damages.

BAKER, Or., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—As the result of a dispute at Dayville, G. W. Weatherly has filed suit in the Circuit Court of Grant County at Canyon City against P. H. Sheffield, also of Dayville, for $5000 damages.

Weatherly says Sheffield committed assault and battery against him, and adds the claims of $25 for loss of wages while disabled, $50 doctor's fees and costs of the suit. The men are said to have had a business argument recently and Sheffield is reported to have "trimmed" the man who seeks damages.