NEUTRALITY PLOT COMEDY OF ERRORS

Government's Star Witness Tells of Futile Efforts to Make Dynamite Explode.

HAVOC CONTRACT BROKEN

Informer Says He Was Paid for His Part in Work by Military Attache of German Consulate-Gen-

eral at San Francisco.

San Bureau Announces.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Some lidea of the extent to which expenses of local distribution of commodities enter into the cost of living was given to day in a report on a preliminary survery of the subject of the

According to Smith railroad tunnels and munitions shipments were rarely endangered by their presence, despite the alleged verbal contract that they held from the Consulate to spread havoc. On one occasion they tried to mix dynamite in a cemetery at Grosse Island, near Toronto, and when they tested it, "nothing went off but the per-

cussion cap."
Smith's closing testimony indicated that the Hercules Powder Company's works at Pinole, Cal., a powder works at Tacoma. Wash., and the Aetna Chemical Company's plant at Aetna,

near, Gary, Ind., were marked for dyna-miting following the payment of the \$1,254.80 in San Francisco. That Smith's sojourn in New York while waiting for funds was spent par-tially at Cedarhurst, L. L. was demon-strated by telegrams introduced: in

WASHINGTON, Dec. 13.—Use of the country's schools for all branches of community work was urged today by Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's daughter, before the annual convention here of the American Civic Association. The school principal, she said, should not be hampered by restriction to irksome school duties, but should have a free hand for work along the broader lines.

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Community workers from many parts of the country talked of the school-house movement and the community drama, and the convention heard reorts on work done by related organi-

Dr. Henry E. Jackson, of the Federal Bureau of Education, traced the history of the community use of schools,

and said:

"We are beginning to see that it is morally wrong to invest the people's maney in school buildings and use those buildings less than half the time.

We are only beginning to discover that the schoolhouse aught to be used for the schoolhouse ought to be used for youths and adults as well as chil-

ESTATE GOES FOR "UPLIFT"

Ontario Woman Bequeaths Property Valued at \$201,599.

TORONTO, Ont. Dec. 13.—The will of Miss Mary Helen Orr, of Bobcaygeon, Ont. bequeaths her estate of \$201.
529 to "purposes of uplift." The sum of \$16,000 goes to the mother Christian Science Church of Boston, another \$10.
600 in small amounts to "those building Christian Science churches," \$10.
600 to "those who are endeavoring to unlift the needy in Chicago." \$10,000 uplift the needy in Chicago", \$10,000 "for any uplifting purpose" among her kin and \$10,000 to the town of Bobcaygeon, "to be used only for such pur-poses as will elevate the community

The condition is made that no German, Austrian, Bulgarian or Turk shall receive any portion of the estate.

The High Court will be asked to intercept the will.

LEVY TO BE 3.03 MILLS

(Continued From First Page) estimated expense comes within the tax limitation amendment it was unnecessary for the State Tax Commission to call upon the Attorney-General for an opinion as to whether the amend-ment is broad enough to cover the cost of state expenses, or applies to smaller political divisions of the state only.

Engineer's Estimates Cut.

Fees of State Engineer's Department
Fees of Supreme Court
From rents and sales of property
From one-third of expense incurred by Forestry Department
in each county
Fees for keeping deposits of express and foreign insurance
companies
Fees of Public Service Commission

250,00

Figures Are for Two Years.

Spirith further said that Charles C. Crowley, alleged go-between, who is also on trial, at the same time received a considerable sum.

Bopp, Yon Schack, Von Brincken, Crowley, Mrs. Margaret W. Cornell, Crowley's accretary, Smith, and Johannes van Koolbergen, a Hollander, at present in Canada, are all charged with having conspired to blow up entente munitions shipments and interfere with interstate commerce in 1915.

The recital of Smith's and Crowley's alleged efforts to obtain dynamite and plant bombs had been a comedy of errors throughout the day. At no piont, according to the Government's witness, had he actually succeeded in establishing a bomb where it would affect the shipment of entente munitions.

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WAR OPENS ON COYOTES

Exterminate Pest in Idaho.

FURTHER STUDY PLANNED

Investigation Made So Far Covers Ice, Coal, Wood, Milk and Department Store Merchandise, Cen-

NEW YORK, Dec. 13.—Troubles of the milkmen were described before the Wicks legislative investigating com-mittee here today by Loton Horton, president of one of the largest distrib-uting companies in this city. He com-plained that:

2,000
12,000
4,894
4,174
1,600
500
333
30,000
53,525
6,200
12,000
Many persons use milk drivers as alarm clocks.
Fine, fashionable people who rent swell apartments here in the Winter and leave for Florida in the Spring also leave their milk bills behind.
A milk driver climbs on an average of 324 flights of stairs a day and twice a week this is doubled because of the 25,000 a week this is doubled because of the bills he has to deliver.

No man can climb that number of stairs and last more than three years.

stairs and last more than three years, he said.

The Sheffield Farms-Slosson Decker Company, of which Horton is the head, had a surplus of \$800,000 last year, but this was not "considered satisfactory," the witness said. Of the amount, Mr. Horton said, \$200,000 went to depreciation on buildings, \$100,000 to salaries, \$120,000 for dividends, and the remaining \$380,000 to capital stock. His company sells 300,000 quarts of milk a day, he added. That Smith's sojourn in New York while waiting for funds was spent partially at Cedarhurst, L. L. was demonstrated by telegrams introduced in court today.

Cross-examination of Smith by the defense began late in the afternoon, but was interrupted by adjournment. Smith will be grilled tomorrow by Theodore Roche, attorney for Bopp and Von Schack, and representing attorneys of the other defendants.

WIDER USE IS ADVISED

Margaret Wilson Talks on Schools and Community Work.

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Slavery Charge Stands,

> Claude E. Ingram, of Everett, Wash., lost the first step in his fight for free-dom yesterday in the court of Judge Wolverton when his wife known variously as Nadine and Billic Ingram and in the underworld as Goldie 3.000 account of a questionable career since 44.585 her home was closed to her at the age 13.500 of 17.

7,060 Case out of the hands of United States Commissioner Woods, when the Commissioner on November 14 ruled that Ingram must be returned to Seattle to stand trial on the charge of white 3,720 slavery preferred against him in that 200,000 city by his wife, yesterday held that the testimony of the wife could be ad2,500 mitted against her, and that the order 24,146 for the removal of Ingram should stand.

The warrant last night was trivined. The warrant last night was turned over to the United States Marshal and the prisoner will be sent north to stand The warrant last night was turned over to the United States Marshal and the prisoner will be sent north to stand trial on that charge. Ingram was arrested in Portland at the request of his wife. At that time he was in the company of Lucille Stennett, aged 17. His wife declared yesterday he had asked her to instruct the Stennett girl in the "trade" after he had met the girl at Everett.

REBEL SUSPECTS HELD

The warrant last night was turned over to the United States Marshal and where to keep me out of reach of booze—li's life or death to me," pleaded W. E. Brown, proprietor, so he says, of a hotel at Echo, Or., with Walter F. Geren, special agent of the District Atterney's office, vesterday. He was taken to the County Jail, pending possible arrangements for his incarceration in a state institution. "For 20 years I have not been able to call my soul my own," quavered Mr. Brown. "I have had to have alcohol and have squandered on it every cent I could make. When the state went

VILLA'S PURSUER TAKES BLACK FLAG AS HIS ENSIGN.

to Clear Chihunhun State of Villistas in Month.

EL PASO, Dec. 13.-General Murguia, the new commander of the operations against Villa, is arresting all persons suspected of having been in communication with rebel troops, 500 in Chihuahua City alone having been detained 4.360
2.000
2.000
38.000
8.250
600
8.250
600
8.250
General Murgula has adopted as his
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division standard, according to an authoritative source, the black flag, with skull and crossbones.

It is meant to be a warning to all followers of Villa, the same authority explained. It was said to have been exhibited for the first time when General Murguia's troops entered Chihuahua after the departure of Villa.

Engineer's Estimates Cut.

Today's meeting of the State Tax Commission proved particularly disastrous to the office of the State Engineer, as the board eliminated a provision of \$10,000 for making hydrographic surveys in connection with the United States Government, as well as an estimate of \$20,000 for topographic maps, and cut the estimate for stream measurements from \$14,420 to \$10,000.

In this budget estimate nothing is taken into account unless it is specifically provided by law, so that all appropriations such as for charitable institutions, the Oregon Historical Society and other similar institutions must go before the Legislature. If such appropriations are secured, it is stated on good authority they must be se-

MERRY XMAS

Purple Umbrellas

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Novel Slipper Soles That are used for the foun-

dation for Xmas slippers. Of leather, with spring heel and adjustable lamb's wool pad, for men and women. -Leather covered with attached or detachable lamb's wool pad; for men, women and children.

-Satin quilted in light colors, for women and children. Fifth Floor. * * *

> The Donald Snug-Fit Veil

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You'll Find a Splendid Collection Here Bacmo cape tan gloves, and fine gray gloves......\$2.00 Bacmo gray mocha and cape tan gloves,

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\$35.00 Amethyst and Gold Beads \$17.50 A solid gold necklace, neck size. \$15.00 Solid Gold Vanity \$7.50 Round, hand-engraved, powder puff and mirror. \$10.00 Men's Sterling Card Case \$5.00 Of solid silver, hand engraved.

\$4.00 Crystal and Rhinestone Bar Pin \$2.00 \$16.50 Swiss Movement Watches \$8.25 Two-year case, 17-jewel, fully guaranteed. \$25 Women's Lady Racine Bracelet Watch \$12.50

\$17.50 Selld Gold Lorgnette \$8.75 New short-handle model. \$20.00 Solid Gold Match Box \$10.00 With a beautiful, plain polish case.

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dry I could not stop. I begged, stole and bought drinks."

He explained that he had left his have not much longer to live if I continue at this pace.

days ago, taking his departure with the avowed intention of finding some successful method of battling with Demon Rum.

chance. If I don't get that, liquor will get me now, and I have not much longer to live if I continue at this pace.

"I told my wife I would not be back until I had straightened up."

English Learn to Eat Horse Meat.

"Oh, I have tried cures, and I have stopped drinking for 10 or 20 days at a time, but it doesn't last," he complained. "They can't cure a man with a thirst like mine in 30 days. I want to go to the asylum, to the penitentiary, some place where I cannot touch liquor for six months. That is my only "Wolverton, John Riddell, Councilmen"

Union Caucus Nominates.

MONMOUTH, Or., Dec. 13.—After the largest union caucus ever held in Monmouth the following ticket was presented for the city election of Monmouth, December 18; H. C. Osten, of the United States on food conditions abroad say Belgian refugees have opened a horse slaughter-house at Hall-fax, Yorkshire, and are teaching English workmen to eat horse meat, long the Normal faculty, for Mayor; O. W. Read The Oregonian classified ads.

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