SUED FOR FREEDOM

W. E. Reid Files Bill of Particulars of Services in Shortening Imprisonment.

TAFT'S SON'S NAME USED

Mrs. Morse, Plaintiff Declares, Was Prevented From Spending Money Unwisely in Hope of Securing Husband's Release.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Walter E. Reld, of Portland, Me., who is suing Charles Morse for \$150,000 for alleged breach of contract, today filed in the Federal District Court supplementary particulars demanded by the defendant in elaboration of the plaintiffs claim that he had prevented Morse and his wife from engaging in "improper and unwise enterprises" in their efforts to obtain the banker's release from the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Reid alleges he spent \$13,400 in fulfilling a contract to obtain Morse's release. Morse's sentence of imprisonment for

Morse's sentence of imprisonment to, 15 years for misappropriation of the funds of the National Bank of America was commuted January 18, 1912, by President William H. Taft after the prisoner had served a little more than two years of his sentence. The President's action was based on the recomment's action was based on the recomtwo years of his sentence. The President's action was based on the recommendation of Attorney-General Wickersham and the report of Surgeon-General Torney. Mr. Torney's conclu-

Morse Not Expected to Live.

'In my opinion, the prisoner's duration of life will be in all probability less than one month if kept in confine-ment, and in the event of his release under commutation of sentence it is not probable that he will live as long as six months." was Mr. Reid, in his additional particulars craft.

filed today, said:
"In the Spring of 1910 at the New York office of the defendant, Mrs. Morse stated to the plaintiff that Erwin Morse, the defendant's son, was a college mate of Robert Taft, President Tatt's son, and that she was going to invite Robert Taft to New York to spend a week-end and offer him \$10,000 to use his influence in procuring de-fendant's release. Mrs. Morse also stated she would get Robert Taft to see Justice White. Plaintiff prevented Mrs. Morse from carrying out this plan. \$50,000 Cintmed Saved.

"Mrs. Morse also had interviews and corperpondence with one Garland, of Philadelphia, Pa., who was to procure defendant's pardon in consideration of \$50,000, of which sum the said Garland was to retain \$10,000 for himself. .he method by which the pardon was to be obtained was undisclosed. The plaintiff prevented this arrangement from being carried out."

After relating several instances in which Mr. Reid alleged that he pre-vented Mrs. Morse from using "undis-closed means" to obtain her husband's release, the supplementary bill of par-ticulars enumerates a list of influen-tial men, who, it alleges, were inter-viewed by the plaintiff in Morse's be-

Although Morse in his answer to Reid's suit denied that the plaintiff had ever rendered any services for him, the plaintiff asserts that the contract sued upon—a verbal one—covered a period from August 10, 1909, to May 1, 1913, and that his disbursements in Morse's behalf approximated \$13,400.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 24.—A frontier correspondent of the Handelsblad says that the explosion which occurred re-cently at the Krupp works had its origin in a building where 1000 per-sons were employed. The engine-room WENT TO WAR. and turning-shop suffered most and only the wooden portion of the building was destroyed. According to this cor-respondent, there was no loss of life.

A dispatch of December 21 from Maestricht, Holland, gave workmen from Essenas authority for the statement that the Krupp plant had beer ablaze for 24 hours,

MANY EDITORS CONTRIBUTE

Christmas Number of "Recruiters Bulletin" Is Interesting.

Copies of the Christmas number of the Recruiters' Bulletin, the monthly publication of the recruiting service of the United States Marine Corps, reached Portland yesterday from New York. The number is richly decorated with seasonal typography, borders and cuts. A leading feature of the Bulletin is a symposium under the heading, "Newspapermen Write About Marines," to which between 25 and 30 city editors of large dailies of the United States contributed. Articles by two Portland city editors have place in the symposium.

ELDER DE SAULLES IS DEAD

End Believed to Have Been Hastened by Tragedy of Son.

BETHLEHEM, Penn., Dec. 24.—Major
Arthur Brice he Saulles died here today, aged 78. He had been ill for some
time. Death was hastened by the
tragedy of his son, John L., who was
shot by his former wife, Blanca de
shot by his former wife, Blanca de
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that such action would bring about a solution of the trouble between the teacher and B. Sullivan, a fellow-mem-ber of the board, must await further

espite two written offers made by Wettlaufer to resign, providing Mr. Sullivan also would step out of of fice, the latter's resignation hardly had reached the County Superintendent when a letter came from Rev. Wettlau-fer, in which he revoked his former of-fers to resign.

The trouble, which culminated in a

fistic encounter between the minister and Mr. Sullivan at a board meetitus a week or so ago and which resulted in Sullivan being convicted of assault and battery last Tuesday, probably is not fipished. With the filing of Mr. Sullivan's res-

ignation it was thought Rev. Mr. Wett-laufer also would quit. Instead, the cierk wrote a letter to the Superin-tendent revoking his offer to resign, asserting it was his duty as an Ameri-can citizen to stand by the "little white schoolbanes."

ASTORIA LAUNCH LIKELY TO BE TOTAL LOSS.

Little Craft Has Been Plying Between Astoria and Forts at Mouth of Columbia River.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24,-(Special.)-The gasoline launch El Kader, that has been plying between this city and the forts at the mouth of the river, is ashore on the jetty sands just below the Alex Grant seining grounds, and the indications are she will be a total

accident occurred about 11:20 o'clock last night. The launch was re-turning from Fort Canby when her en-gines broke down and, driven by the strong east wind, she drifted through the breakers and on the sands inside the south jetty. Distress signals were sent up and Captain Wicklund and the Point Adams Coast Guard crew has-tened to the scene. They took off Cap-tain Chet Turner and W. L. Habernicht, the only persons on board. The launch pilot No. 1 went down at 5 o'clock this morning, but owing to the high seas was unable to reach the distressed

The El Kader was completely water-logged, part of her house was gone, all the windows had been smashed and the waves were breaking clear over the little vessel. At low tide this after-noon she was high and dry. The El Kader was built at Portland

in 1902 as a pleasure launch for R. D. Inman; 61 feet long, with 10 feet beam and her net tonnage is 21 tons. She was purchased a short time ago by Captain R. Swanson, Captain Chet Turner and W. L. Habernicht.

CHARGE IS VIOLATION OF PIONAGE ACT.

United States Army Lieutenant, Aged 22, Arrested With Wife of German Officer in Chattanooga Hotel.

Washington; Edward O. Eldredge, at New York.

"Plaintiff also wrote to President Taft and corresponded with and interviewed officials of the Department of Justice, acting under direction of Attorney-General George W. Wickersham," says the supplementary bill of particulars.

Although Morse in his answer to

country.
Spaulding testified that he loved the prisoner and wanted to marry her; that she had paid his hotel bills and other expenses on various occasions and that she helped him to get a commission in the Army after he had been compelled to resign from the Naval Academy on

count of "bills."
Commissioner McAlester, who con-1000 WORKERS IN DANGER Commissioner McAlester, who conducted the hearing, indicated that much Correspondent Says Krupp Fire
Caused No Loss of Life.



Saulles.

Major De Saulles earned his title in the Confederate army.

Saulles.

Major De Saulles earned his title in the Realty & Mortgage Company, with offices in the Chamber of Commerce building. Not only has Mrs. Hotchkiss

Wednesday the cargo of the Shilka CLERK REFUSES TO QUIT

Building. Not only has Mrs. Hotchkiss handled this business, but she has done all her own housework and has, bestides, for the past seven months, been taking a training course to fit her to become a Red Cross nurse. Of the class of 33, only three are to be graduated as qualified nurses, and Mrs. Hotchkiss is one of them. She has shown what a plucky woman can do in these war times.

Building. Not only has Mrs. Hotchkiss Wednesday the cargo of the Shilka will be discharged under strict Federal supervision.

Federal officials threw the guard about the ship, they said, because of a reported mutiny of the crew several days after the vessel left a Russian Pacific port.

One of the Shilka's crew, who was on shore leave when the guard was put

Universalist Minister, Aged 102, Dies at Daughter's Home in Astoria.

DEATH COMES PEACEFULLY

Aged Man, Who Made Journey Across Continent Alone Last July, Attributed His Longevity to Clean Living in His Youth.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 24 .- (Special.) -Rev. Henry Watson, aged 102 years, months and 26 days, the oldest restdent of Clastop County, and one of the oldest in Oregon, died



Rev. Henry Hill Watson.

arrival of the grim reaper. He peace-fully passed away as if falling asleep, a fitting ending of a well-rounded life that had been rightfully lived, to the full measure. In accordance with the often-expressed wish of the deceased, the body will be sent to Oswego, N. Y., interment in the family plot

Henry Hill Watson was born in Mas-sachusetts on April 27, 1815. When a young man he moved to Wisconsin and resided at the site of the present city CHATTANOOGA. Tenn., Dec. 24.—
Baroness Iona Zollner, of New York,

remarkable retention of his mental fac-

ulties to rightful living in his youth.

SAN CARLO COMPANY NOW ONLY

ONE ON TOUR. Advance Manager, Here to Arrange

Details of Coming Season, Tells

"Opera production, like everything else, has increased in cost, and is now hedged about by such tremendous expenses as to deter the most aggressive managers from attempting it. As a result there are now but three grand opera organizations in the United States—the Chicago Opera and the Metropolitan of New York, whose activities are confined scales to these comties are confined solely to those com-munities, and the San Carlo, now the only company on tour. All other trav-eling organizations have closed their season thus early, suffering heavy

deficit.

"The greatest item of expense, of course, is the immense salary list, which, as in the case of the San Carlo, covers an aggregate of 100 persons. covers an aggregate of 100 persons.
Next, perhaps, is the excessive cost of traveling, now that the Government has imposed an 5 per cent ax on all railroad tickets. Then there are hundreds of items, such as royalties paid the publishers for the use of their opera scores, the fees paid the composers for the use of their works, the scenery, costuming and other stage effects such as armor, furs, weapons, stage properties of all kinds, which in the San Carlo organization covers some 15 operas. Advertising aterial is 100 per cent higher than it was a year ago."

Wednesday the cargo of the Shilka

ver the vessel, was arrested by city colice last night at local L W. W. sadquarters. The officers said he atended a meeting of the local radicals yesterday and made a spirited speech. Twenty-one alleged I. W. W. were ar-rested yesterday when they fraternized rith, the Russian crew on the dock.

Shortly before noon today the com mandant of the station where the American sailors were from went into onference with the United States District Attorney here. Captain Boris Dogal, master of th

oat, and members o fthe crew probably will be interned, officials asserted, Search will be continued until the entire vessel and also the cargo are gone Money Not Yet Found.

Saturday night unverified rumors were circulated that the vessel caried \$100,000 sent by Bolsheviki to aid the defense of L. W. W. under trial in Chicago. Officials have found no trace of the money.

Late today Federal agents, digging

heir way down into the hold of the Shilka, came across a number of small packing boxes. When they picked up the boxes and ndeavored to throw them to one side, the Russians on the vessel became ex-cited and one cried: "Look out; it

will explode." "An investigation to determine the purpose of those in charge of the ship today at the will be made immediately," the United. home of his daughter. Mrs. F. C. John- States District Attorney here said toson, in this city. The aged man had been seriously ill for several weeks, but he retained full use of his faculties parently is in charge of a committee almost to the last, calmly awaiting the parently is in charge of a committee of five that took the vessel over after the crew mutinied a few days out of

TRAVELERS TO ENTERTAIN Give "High Jinks" at Multnomah

The Oregon division of the Travelers' Protective Association will hold its an- Records, Says Armour, Show Hotel Saturday. The affair will be strictly informal.

Sullivan, president; Clyde Evans, sec retary; W. L. Grinnell, Paul C. Morton and S. S. Pier, are working like beavers to get up something out of the ordi-

nary. Every woman present will receive handsome souvenir with the compli-ments of the association and a large number of prizes will be distributed. The affair will start promptly at 6:30. Members will be expected from Spo-kane, Tacoma, Walla Walla, Eugene, Astoria, Marshfield and numerous other cities of the Northwest.

In the afternoon at 1:30 the annual meeting and election of officers for

the coming year will be held at the Multnomah Hotel. FINE PUBLICATION ISSUED

Jewish Tribune Anniversary Number Contains Brilliant Articles.

phases particularly appropriate to the present-day situation are published in

vestments Remembered in Will.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Forty-two persons, mainly schoolteachers, princi-pals and others identified with educapals and others identified with educational affairs, are beneficiaries under the will flied today of Logan D. Howell, a teacher in the Mount Morris High School, of this city, who died August 4. The estate is valued at more than \$12,000 in personal property. The will relates that the legatees "invested through my influence in a business enterprise that proved unsuccessful." terprise that proved unsuccesful."

Among the beneficiaries are Philander P. Claxton, United State. Commissioner of Education, and Edwin A. Alderman, president of the University of Virginia.

DAILY METEOROLOGICAL REPORT.

of Worries of Impresario.

"There are two sides to the opera production question, especially in the United States, where we have no municipally-subsidized companies," said Charles R. Baker, advance manager of the San Carlo grand opera company, who is at the Multnomah for a few days perfecting with the local promoters of the coming engagement at the Auditorium the details of the event.

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Maximum temperature, 40 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees, River treading, 8 A. M., 10.8 feet; change in last 24 hours, 2.0 feet fall. Total rainfall (5 P. M. to 5 P. M.). 01 inch, total rainfall since September 1, 1917, 15.86 inches; normal rainfall since September 1, 1917, 16.73 inches; deficiency of rainfall since September 1, 1917, 17 inches. Sunrise, 7:52 A. M.; sunset, 170 motors of the coming engagement at the Auditorium the details of the event.

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†A. M. today. *P. M. report of preceding day. FORECASTS.

Portland and vicinity—Unsettled weather, protably rain; fresh easterly winds.
Washington—Rain in western portion, fair and colder in east portion; fresh easterly winds.

Read The Oregonian classified ads.

IS WELL that the space given each day to an appeal for patronage should this morning sound a higher note—a finer message than money or wares. And so, in behalf of two hundred thirty-eight earnest, loyal, grateful people, associates and principals, each and all, do we thank you for favors given-for that spirit of courtesy and consideration which you who shop, ofttime aweary and anxious, have shown us-a spirit which has made this Christmas Season one to be cherished, even though the shadows of a great conflict lie each moment athwart our path.

Our part in winning this war lies in life's daily task well performed. You have helped us and we shall strive through the days which follow, bright or somber, so to toil and strive that a victorious peace may the sooner come to our Nation and our allies.

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ciplinary term, will be allowed to re-

join the active service.

Dull walls have taken on color.

Greens and red berries are festooned and wreathed throughout the barracks.

HALIFAX DEAD TOTAL 1500

Revised Estimate Places Damage at

\$50,000,000; Injured at 4000.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 24.-Fifteen

nundred killed, 4000 seriously injured,

20,000 homeless and total property loss

ber 24 Total 13,919.

of the United States disciplinary bar-racks, on this wind-swept rock. There is scarcely one of them but has the fierce longing to be with those other men in drab who are facing the Ger-mans in France or are about to cross the Atlantic for the far-flung Euro-pean battle lines, and many of them, as they are graduated from their dis-ciplinary term, will be allowed to re-Charges to Be Untrue.

BIG SURPLUS WAS IN 1910

Dealings in Butter, Eggs, Cheese Poultry, Etc., Said to Have Resulted in Decreasing Cost of Marketing Meat.

CHICAGO, Dec. 24 .- J. Ogden Armour said tonight the statement made yesterday by counsel for the Federal Trade Commission, which is investigating packing plants, to the effect that Armour & Co., did not disclose its ownership of an interest in the Chicago Stockyards until Federal agents seized correspondence between F. H. Prince, of Boston, and Mr. Armour was ontroverted by the records. Mr. Armour

Scintillating with brilliant articles by special writers, the 14th anniversary number of the Jewish Tribune, published in Portland, has made its appearance. It is one of the most attraction of the most attr pearance. It is one of the most attractive publications issued this season, is in enlarged size and is perfection from the standpoint of the printer and preesting the specific item, showing that we had acquired by purchase one-fifth n enlarged size and is perfection from he standpoint of the printer and pressnan.

Many special articles dealing with shases particularly appropriate to the least of the standpoint of the printer and presswe had acquired by purchase one-fifth of the stock of the Chicago Stockyards caused by the explosion of the munition ship Mont Blanc on December 6.

Prominent Men Seen.

Governor Cobb, of Maine, who was office in Augusta, Me.: George E. George G. George E. George E

The increase was made in 1916, although \$93,000,000 was invested in the business prior to the investment in the stockyards company.
Mr. Armour tonight answered two

other charges previously made at the hearing in Washington, saying: Cost of Marketing Decreased. Cost of Marketing Decreased.

"It is charged that our dealing in butter, eggs, poultry, cheese, fruits, fish and vegetables is an attempt at alleged monopolies of these products. I deny that our engaging in these kindred lines has had the effect of increasing the cost of meat, and unqualifiedly state that our aim and result in entering these lines of business were to decrease the cost of distribution and marketing of meat."

The charge that an attempt had been

marketing of meat."

The charge that an attempt had been made by Armour & Co. to conceal true ownership in subsidiary and auxiliary companies by having the stock in such concerns held in the name of individuals, Mr. Armour said, was untrue. He explained that the laws of Illinois forbade an Illinois corporation to own stock in other corporations, although almost all other states did not forbid such ownership.

such ownership. Investigation Is Welcomed. "It has therefore become necessary," added Mr. Armour, "that we permit such stock to be held by individuals for the benefit of our corporation. The only alternative would be to withdraw from the state. Loyalty to Chicago and Illinois, in which I reside, has always caused me to feel that Armour & Co. should remain an Illinois corporation.

feeling that it would give the public in-formation to which it is entitled, show-ing the legitimate reasons for the present high cost of meat; and we have thrown open to the commission our books and records and stand-ready to aid them in every way possible along constructive lines."

ARMY PRISONERS GLAD

DULL BARRACKS WALLS TO RADI-ATE HOLIDAY CHEER ONE DAY.

Five Hundred Soldiers in Disgrace on Alcatraz Island to Enjoy Old-Time Christmas.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 24 .-Shining 214 feet above mean high water, one of the most powerful beawater, one of the most powerful beat cons in the lighthouse service flashes its rays through the Golden Gate so that on a clear night the mariner 21 miles out at sea can see clearly its in-termittent but regularly reappearing beams. Beneath this light is a grim gray, rocked-ribbed little island of 20 gray, rocked-ribbed little island of 20 acres, crowned with grimmer walls of gray stone pierced with rows of innumerable barred windows. Heavy fogs sweep in through the Golden Gate and envelop it and it is safeguarded by the swirting tides of San Francisco Bay, which baffle the strongest swimmer. No man who ever attempted to breast these tides from Alcatrax Island, as the little rock is called, to the mainland, only half a mile away, where the lights of the city shine at night, has lived to tell his experience. to tell his experience. Here 500 men who once wore the

United States Army uniform with honor will spend their Christmas to-morrow. Offenses, more or less serious, have brought them within the walls of the United States disciplinary bar-

UNDERGO INVESTIGATION.

Secretary of War Will Determine Whether Oregon Troops Are Suffering From Hardships

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, Dec. 24 .- The War Department. Stone walls and steel bars have failed to keep out the Christmas spirit and Arthur, today ordered an investigatheir Uncle Sam will do what he can tion at Fort Stevens to determine to make the occasion as pleasurable as whether Oregon troops stationed at

clrcumstances will permit.

All routine duties will be suspended and the men permitted liberty within the confines of the parade grounds and Mr that post are being forced to unnecessary hardships for proper housing facilities. Mr. McArthur took the matter up on barracks. There will be a baseball game between two teams in the afternoon after the Christmas dinner at noon. In the evening there will be very bad conditions. The Mayor urged noon after the Christmas dinner at noon. In the evening there will be moving pictures interspersed with a musical and vocal programme.

And overhead the light will keep very bad conditions. The Mayor u moving pictures interspersed with a musical and vocal programme.

And overhead the light will keep its vigil, flashing its rays through the Golden Gate far out across the rolling Pacific.

The War Department, as one feature of its investigation, will ascertain whether there are accommodations in permanent buildings at Vancouver Barracks for the men now tenting at Fort Stevens, and also will ascertain when

ermanent barracks heretofore ordered vill be completed at Fort Stevens. Telegrams were received by members of the Oregon delegation from Astoria citizens protesting against the trans-fer of troops from Fort Stevens, but Mr. McArthur took the ground that Mayor Baker's telegram presented a situation that demanded immediate in-

HUGHES' TOGA THREATENED Defeat of Conscription Causes Un-

vestigation.

"One Touch of Nature Makes the Whole World Kin." LONDON, Dec. 24.—The British casualties reported for the period December 19-24, inclusive, number 12,919, as follows:

Killed or died of wounds—Officers, 208; men, 2714.

Wounded or missing—Officers, 837; men, 10,160.

A very considerable decrease in the British casualties is shown in the latest figures. The casualties the week ended December 18, 28,356, and for the week ended December 11, 23,356, and for the week ended December 4, 28,882

It's a commendable trait that when something has been of benefit to us we want to share it with others who stand in need of the same help. It's the touch of Nature that makes the whole world kin—the wanting to be helpful to our fellow men. That is why people who have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy write letters to the manufacturers about it, and ask to have them published so that others will know what to do under the same circumstances. Behind every one of these letters is the warm-hearied wish of the writer to be of use to someone else.—

Adv. It's a commendable trait that when

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