# BY OREGON CLAIMS

Argument for Coastal Road Wins Approval.

Opening of Timber Sections Would Repay Government.

### COMMITTEE HEARS PLEAS

Rostility to Hawley Bill for Ap propriation for Roosevelt Highway Is Lessened.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Wash-Ington, July 11. - Advocates of the U. S. ENVOY TO VISIT OMSK Roosevelt military highway on the Oregon coast made a strong case in their appeal to the house roads committee to day for a favorable report on the Hawley bill, authorizing an appropriation of \$2,500,000 to match an equal amount voted by the people of Oregon for building the road.

The hearing afforded a remarkable and interesting exhibition of the effectiveness of sound argument. It was evident when Representative Hawley arose to address the committee that there was much antagonism to the general proposition of appropriating money every one of the 48 states would have just as valid a claim for a like appropriation. This antagonism came from Representative Dunn, chairman of the mmittee, and other members, and Deputy was manifested by one member of the committee to the point of brusqueness. but the change was instantaneous when B. F. Jones of Toledo, Or., author the important facts of the argument.

### Opening Is Needed.

Mr. Jones, looking frail and still showing the marks of an illness from influenza which left his hearing slightly dulled, showed some of the qualities of an evangelist before he had proceeded far in his argument. The attitude of the committee changed rapidly as he pointed out how Oregon's right to ask from eastern Oregon and Klamath mething from the United States is different from the rights of some other states. The members of the committee warmed up to him as he told how the used of the seven counties in western U. S. WILL PROTECT CATTLE Oregon, which this road would connect is more than half withheld from the state tax rolls by the federal governtions, national parks and monuments, He said further that the lands with held in this way by the government in Oregon, if released, would add \$250. see,000 to the taxable property of the state. Forty-three years' residence in Oregon, he said, he believed qualified him to speak for that country.

### Much Already Done.

"We have done what has been asked of no other section of the coastline or either coast," he said. "In the improvement of our harbors on the Oregon coast the people of the seven ounties through which this would run have voted over a period government 50-50 on the expense. We lave paid out this money uncomplainingly, and with the exception of the Columbia river there is not a ningle military fortification on the Oregon

The road, he said, would make poselble the almost perfect defense of these harbors in event of a war, as ars' worth of timber now over-ripe. He said that because of having no out- lution urging immediate establishment vi. Umber enough is wasting every year in the western Oregon forest reever, and that to help to build this man." road the federal government would be helping itself.

Louis J. Simpson of North Bend, Or. as chairman of the Pacific Coast States Defense league, made a strong appeal for the road as necessary to th proper defense of the coast, and he was trengly supported by Charles Hall o Marshfield and Senatora Chamberlain and McNary and Representative Arthur, who declared their belief that the next war.

A favorable report is expected from committee on the Roosevelt highway bill. Senator McNary called on report on the bill, hoping to obtain the secretary's approval. A similar the secretary's approval. report will be asked from Secretary of War Baker.

# RUPERT ON WAY TO PRISON

Escaped Convict Being Returned From California to Salem.

LOS ANGELES, Cal. July 11 .- Clyde Rupert, known as "Red" Rupert, who escaped from the state penitentiary at Or. a number of menths age was taken north today in custody of three officers, to serve out the re- the railroads to private control was nainder of his original sentence of continued today by the senate interstate three years for theil.

Rupert was arrested at Brawley, Cal. of Robert Lee Ringer, a newspaper ably would be a month before the man who had known him in Portland | committee could frame a bill

## CLOUDBURST DAMAGES THE DALLES ORCHARDS

SOIL WASHED FROM TREE ROOTS; WIND BREAKS LIMBS.

storm Which Starts Up Chenowith Creek Causes Heaviest Rainfail of Year.

THE DALLES, Or., July 11 -- (Special.)-The country southwest of The Dalles yesterday afternoon was visited y a cloudburst which did considerable \$2,500,000 FUND IS SOUGHT by a cloudburst which did considerable damage to the farms and orchards. The torm started about five miles up Chenowith creek, southwest of the city, and headed directly toward the city, gi ing The Dalles the heaviest rainfall of the year.

The gardens and orchards in the Cherry Heights district suffered the most damage from the hall, and the strong wind broke down a number of fruit trees and damaged a number of heavenly laden trees. The soil was washed away from the roots of the rees in many places. A large amount of work will be required to place the rchards into shape again.

A barn on the farm of Howard Meyer was caved in by the hall and a number of chicken and packing houses were wrecked.

The precipitation in The Dalles was ecorded at .2 of an inch.

Russian Conditions Will Be Investi-

gated by Ambassador. TOKIO, Friday, July 4 .- (By the As-Press.)-Roland S. Morris. American ambassador to Japan, will leave here July 7 for Omsk to make a special investigation of the Russian situation. It is the impression here n well-informed circles that the American government, in view of the growng importance of the Russian problem, desires first-hand information on con-

The American ambassador became familiar with Siberian affairs through two previous visits, during which he for such a purpose, on the theory that took part in the reorganization of the trans-Siberian railroad.

Wardens Busy to Prevent Losses in Oregon Forests.

SALEM Or. July 11 -- (Special.)-Warm weather of the past few days the Roosevelt highway bill passed has resulted in reports being received by the Oregon legislature, got down to at the offices of State Forester Elliott regarding several minor fires in various parts of Oregon. Mr. Elliott says most f his deputy wardens are now in the field and every possible effort is under way to prevent serious losses from fire during the remainder of the

None of the fires thus far reported has been of a serious nature. Letters county say it is very dry in those sec-

Steps Taken to Assist During Drouth in Montana Region.

WASHINGTON, July 11 .- As a pre iminary step to rendering assistance stockmen in Montana and neighbor ing states where cattle are suffering because of a drouth, the department of agriculture today called a conference to be held at St. Paul, July 15. Officials of the bureau of animal industry, bureau of markets and states rena service will attend.

If the situation demands it the department will assist in organizing a plan by which the cattle can be shipped out of stricken territory to grazing ground in other states.

### of years almost \$12,000,000 to meet the CITY MARKETS ADVOCATED

Locomotive Brotherhood Adopts Resolutions on High Prices.

DENVER, July 11.-With a declaraion that "the high cont of living, the high cost of dying, the high cost of justice and the outrageously high cost of everything is the paramount issue in well as making it possible for the the world today," the convention of the government to market millions of dol- Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen the world today," the convention of the and Enginemen today adopted a reseof municipal markets and cold-storage houses to deal in necessities and the serve to build this road several times by eliminate the profits of the "middle

> The resolution attacked the big packers, alleging control of food products.

# BEEF PRICES ARE ASSAILED

California Cattlemen Suffer Los From Overproduction.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11 .- Present high prices of beef to the consumer are not justified, L. A. Nares of Fresno president of the California Cattlemen's association, declared in a statement issued today. California cattlemen are suffering great financial loss through overproduction and on account of low prices being paid to them by meat dis-

Mr. Nares advocated closer supervision of the meat distributing and packing industry by the United States

### NEW RAIL BILL SOUGHT

Legislation to Meet Problems of Private Control Discussed.

WASHINGTON, July 11 .- Discussion which will grow out of the return of

commerce sub-committee. Chairman Cummins said daily sesfew days ago on the identification sions would be held and that it prob-

# TRADE WITH LATE **ENEMY TO RESUME**

Government Plans for Commerce to Germany.

## STEAMSHIPS TO PLY DIRECT

Dyestuffs and Chemicals Barred From Cargo

### NO PASSPORTS FOR AGENTS

Much Business Waits Vessels, Volume Will Depend on Tenton's Credits.

PARIS, July 11 .- (By the Associated Press.)-The council of five has decided to raise the blockade against Germany tomorrow, it was announced tonight.

WASHINGTON, July 11 -- With the lifting against Germany trading between that country and the United States, as well as with the other associated powers,

Acting Secretary of State Polk announced today that blanket licenses the fleet at San Diego, Cal., about Au-would be issued for transactions of gust 10. The date of the fleet's sail-American firms and details would be ing from Hampton Roads has been given within 48 hours after decision by changed from July 19 to July 22. legal experts as to whether a formal proclamation by the president would be reach San Francisco about August 15,

Trading in all commodities except dyestuffs, chemicals and potash-conrol over which will be exercised by the reparations commission set up by FIRE PRECAUTION TAKEN the peace treaty-will be unrestricted, it was said, depends upon the presiwas said. No Passports Yet.

oclamation of peace. It also was said at the state department there was no certainty when American consuls

Payment for the goods which this ountry sends to Germany must be made under a system of credits to be arranged later through private capital, officials said. Details have not been While Germany has large quantities

of goods ready to be exported, officials doubted that there would be any great demand for them in this country. German Needs Great.

Germany was said to be in immedi-te and pressing need of raw materials f almost all kinds, particularly cotton industries. It is believed that the demand for grain and other cereals will

### FLEET TO COME WEST WITHOUT MR. DANIELS

SAN DIEGO AUGUST 10.

President Wilson, on Speaking Tour for Learne of Nations, May Review Flotilla.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washngton, July 11 .- Senator McNary sent elegram today to Admiral Hugh Rod-

7, commander of the Pacific fleet, ging him to put Portland on the itincary of the fleet. This telegram folowed a conference with Secretary Daniels in which the latter said that Admiral Rodman must be consulted about any disposition of the fleet

Fifteen major ships, with the New Mexico as the flagship, a squadron o cruisers and a squadron stroyers will compose the Pacific fleet, which will go to the west coast. Besides the New Mexico, other battleships of the fleet are the Virginia, New Jerey, Rhode Island, Georgia, Nebraska, Wyoming, Arkansas, New York, Texas, Arizona, Idaho and Missis-

The cruiser squadron, with the Seattle as flagship, includes the Chicago, Cleveland, Denver, Tacoma, Marble-head, Machias, Vicksburg, Montana,

North Carolina and Pueblo, In addition, there will be detach sents of submarines and mine layers. An answer from Admiral Rodman ommander of the fleet, relative to takng the fleet to Portland may not be

WASHINGTON, July , 11.—Secretary Daniels announced today that he would not accompany the new Pacific fleet o the west coast.

The secretary, will however, Mr. Daniels said that the fleet would

at which port it probably will be re-viewed by President Wilson during his speaking tour in behalf of the league of nations. The decision as to the port at which the review will take place, dent's Itinerary.

Secretary Duniels announced he had eccepted the invitation of the Hono-American firms doing business with accepted the invitation of the Hono-termany must send their agents into luiu chamber of commerce to be presthat country without passports, how-ever, as these cannot be issued until gust of the new navy drydock at Pearl harbor. The secretary will make the trip to Hawaii aboard the New Mexico, flagship of the Pacific fleet. Most of the fleet will go to Honolulu for the

The Pearl Harbor drydock, which is being completed, is one of the largest of the world, and will accommodate ship now affost. Construction work has been under way for several years, having been partially wrecked by an earthquake.

### Vagrancy Charge Is Dismissed.

Stadter, Municipal Judge Rossman yesterday dismissed a charge of vagrancy and copper, in order to rehabilitate her against Henry Munson, ex-soldier, who voting at all. had been arrested on a charge of vagrancy. Police say Munson had been

# DRYS TURN AGAINST NATIVE ALASKANS SECRETARY TO JOIN SHIPS AT ENFORGEMENT BILL

Provisions Too Drastic, Is Charge in House.

### HOME LIBERTY HELD INVADED

Prohibition Orators Hit Question From Many Angles.

Liquor Traffic Likened to Convicted Criminal Appealing for Reprieve. Discussion to Continuc.

WASHINGTON. July 11 .- In a five our debate in the house today on the prohibition bill the liquor traffic was likened to a convicted criminal appealing for a reprieve, while some of the forthcoming until the Pacific coast is more drastic provisions of the measure were denounced as an invasion of the liberty, hospitality and habits of the

> prohibition oratory in the house. Not all of the 12 hours set aside for general debate had been used at the close of an all-day discussion which ranged from a technical argument on constitutional questions to a straight stump speech for prohibition and its enforce-

committee, in charge of the bill, and Representative Igoe, democrat of Mis- state commerce commission here. souri, leader of the minority, were unable to allot all of the time desired by members anxious to be heard.

### All Ask to Talk. There were more demands than there

was time to give, with everybody want-ing a word. Speech-making will contomorrow, but the house will not actual work on the bill, section y section, until Monday. Again today ardent prohibitionists

declared they could not support the enforcement bill because of its provisions, and others contended that once congress defines intoxicating liquors as a beverage containing one half of one per cent alcohol, the federal law for such enforcement canno become effective without concurren action by the several states.

The principal "dry" argument against the measure today was made by Representative Moon, democrat of Tennessee, who declared that unless On motion of Deputy City Attorney was materially amended he would feel in duty bound to vote against it or else express his disapproval by not

For 22 years, Mr. Moon said, he stood up on the floor of the house and up-

# DECIMATED BY FLU

RELIEF EXPEDITION.

Only Fifty Influenza Sufferers Still Alive When Workers Reach Bristol Bay Epidemic.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 11 .- Confirmation of reports that the native in-dian population of Bristol Bay, Alaska virtually was wiped out by an epidemic of influenza was brought here SEATTLE MEN ARE SUSPECTED today by the United States cruiser Marblehead on its return from a relief exedition to the north

According to Lieutenant W. R. Lea-hy, senior medical officer of the expedition, 95 per cent of a population of more than 900 persons had died by the time the expedition reached Bristol Bay. Only approximately 50 of the in fluenza sufferers were alive when re VICTORY STILL ASSERTED lief arrived, Lieutenant Leahy said, and half this number were saved.

described finding babies and young children among the hundreds of dead, weak and helpless from starvation. The mortality, he said, almost was entirely confined to adults, the children apparently being immune the influenza. Lieutenant Leahy said the disease was a modified form of Spanish influence, but that the native appeared to have no powers of resistance. He attributed this to other discases prevalent among the population and the squalld conditions under which the natives lived.

The Marblehead left here June 4 for Bristol Bay with doctors, nurses and supplies.

### SHIPPERS FIGHTING RATES Perishable Products Hearing Due in

Portland July 16. LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 11 .- Shippers today opened their fight against the new freight rate schedule proposed by the railroad administration for perishable products at a hearing before Examiner C. R. Marshall of the inter-

A similar hearing will be conducted In Portland, starting July 16.

### AIRMEN TO PATROL BORDER

28 Aviators Leave San Diego for San Antonio, Texas.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., July 11 .- Twentyight reserve military aviators, cluding five members of Rockwell and Ream fields' "famous stunting" team, left San Diego tonight for Kelly field

The army airmen will be organized into aero squadrons for aerial patrol duty along the Mexican border

## CANAL TOLL LEVY FAVORED

Tonnage Basis Previously Opposed

in Congress by Lumbermen. WASHINGTON, July 11.-Legislation proposing that tolls on ships passing Tiffin, who made an autopsy, the cut through the Panama canal be levied on a tonnage basis was favorably report- length and could have been caused by ed today by the house interstate com-

merce committee. Efforts made in previous congresses requested by the federal authorities to

# NEW MAY TRY INSANITY

Attorney Will Make Effort to Prove Lunacy.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., July 11.-Efforts will be made to bring Harry S. New, who admits he shot and killed millions. These papers are now miss his fiancee, Miss Freida Lesser, in ing, but reports prior to his death are Topango canyon last Friday night, be- in the hands of secret service men, who fore the state lunacy commission on an insanity complaint, according to his attorney, John Richardson

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# DESOLATION AND DISEASE MEET STEALING MILLIONS

Federal Agent Dies on Eve of Revelations.

Coroner's Verdict of Apoplexy Discredited by Doctor.

### U. S. INVESTIGATION BEGUN

Jagged Cut on Head of F. A. Dowsey, Found Dead in Heart of Town, Indicates Foul Play.

SEATTLE, Wash., July 11 .- (Special.) -Convinced that F. A. Dewsey, whose body was found on the morning of May in a washroom on the fourth floor of the Securities building, was murdered at the instigation of local business against the United States government volving millions of dollars be was investigating, expert government crimicologists are in Seattle probing the circumstances of the man's death, it

became known today. The probe was initiated at the request of Coroner C. C. Tiffin, who, though he rendered a verdict of death from apoplexy at the time, was suspicious that Dowsey was a victim of foul play, because of a jagged cut over the right eye, which he at first believed to have been caused by a fall.

### Death Halts Federal Report.

With information in his possession which would have sent several men rominent in Scattle financial and political circles to the penitentiary, it is dleged, Dowsey was murdered the day before he was to have filed a report of his investigations to Washington, D. C. He was one of the government's most trusted investigators, having been in the service 22 years, and at one time chief of the customs intelligence bu-

reau. whinnie, a specialist, with offices in the Securities building, who was called in at the time the body was discovered in the lavatory, there were no indications to show that the man died of apoplexy "If called to the stand, I would say that in my judgment the cut over his right eye was caused by a blow," he said.

Investigators Are Silent. Dr. Macwhinnie described the wound ver Dowsey's eye as having been three nches long, but, according to Coroner was only three-quarters of an inch in a fall. At the time of Dowsey's death, the coroner said Friday night, he was to pass the legislation were vigorously give the case as little publicity as possible in the interest of justice.

> Federal officers here will not talk for sublication, but say that what has been learned of the plot is true and that prominent Scattle men are involved. Dowsey made reports dally to his home office in Washington and, according to Coroner Tiffin, had in his possession when killed papers implicating prominent Seattle men in frauds aggregating are working on the case and who were sent here from Washington, D. C.

### WELCOME FUND GETS \$1500

State Commission Provides for Overseas Men's Reception.

SALEM, Or., July 11 .- (Special.) -The soldiers' and sailors' commission has appropriated \$1500 from its fund provided by the last legislature to assist the Oregon welcome commission at New York in its work of receiving soldiers returning from overseas, according to word received by Governor Olcott from W. Mulkey, chairman of the soldiers'

and sailors' commission. A few days ago Governor Olcott and Mayor Baker of Portland received letters from W. L. Whittlesey, chairman of the commission, in which he said funds provided by the last legislature were nearly exhausted, but it sential that the work of the body

should continue. Mayor Baker previously aided the New York commission by furnishing \$2500 from the boxing fund of the city of Portland.

### NEWSPAPER LOWERS COSTS

Publicity Campaign in Santa Bar-

bara Cuts Prices 25 Per Cent. SANTA BARBARA, Cal., July 11 .-Following a week's campaign by the Santa Barbara Daily News for lower food costs, meat prices dropped today from 10 to 50 per cent, with an average

lowering of 25 per cent. A comparison of prices with other cities of the state is believed to be responsible.

### WILSON SIGNS WIRE BILL

Return of System to Private Ownership Is Provided.

WASHINGTON, July 11. - President Wilson late today signed the district army, navy and deficiency appropria-tion bills and the joint resolution providing for the return of the wires of

the country to private ownership.

# WON'T SOMEBODY COME TO THE RESCUE?

