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## PORTLAND IN GRASP OF NEAR-BLIZZARD

5 Inches of Snow Total for First Day.

## FORECAST IS FOR MORE

East Wind Forms Drifts Which Hamper Traffic.

## STREET CARE DELAYED

Suburban Lines Experience Great Difficulty in Operating as Snow Continues to Pile Up.

## STORM IS WIDESPREAD THROUGHOUT NORTHWEST

Hood River—Heavy snow storm rages; depth 14 inches. Bend—Twenty-four-inch snowfall; temperature 2 above zero. Eugene—Four inches of snow; temperature 22 above zero. La Grande—Blizzard, with light snowfall; temperature 6 below zero. Molalla—Snowfall of 14 inches. Pendleton—Four-inch snowfall; temperature touches zero. Walla Walla—Zero temperature, with snow. Salem—Ten-inch snowfall; rail and street traffic hampered. Marshfield—Driving rain interrupts wire communication. Aberdeen—Two-inch snowfall; temperature 22 above zero. The Dalles—Terrific snow storm rages; trains delayed; river ice-blocked. Albany—Seven inches of snow. Astoria—Seven-inch snowfall; temperature 32 above zero. Baker—Snowfall of 5 1/2 inches; temperature 2 below zero. Medford and Astland—Snow started falling early last night.

An epochal snowstorm, the heaviest local fall on record during any December since the establishment of the local weather bureau, with the exception of December 7, 1909, swept in from the Pacific early yesterday morning and held unabated away all day, cloaking Portland in a fabric of pure white, wrapped with draperies of wind-whirled flakes.

Late last night the storm was continuing with increased vigor, and at times the snow flurry was so thick that one could scarcely see across the street. As the drifts increased in size and frequency the street car service, which had been operating at almost normal throughout the afternoon, became badly shattered and delayed.

As a consequence of the disrupted traffic conditions, downtown hotels and rooming houses were crowded last night with suburban residents who did not care to risk the venture of trying to get home via the cars. The interurban electric lines were maintaining service late last night, though not on schedule. Catching the city at the close of a period of cold, clear weather, the storm drove in from the west with an even lower temperature, the mercury registering 19 and 20 degrees above throughout the day. But late yesterday afternoon the wind blew even harder and it fell to 18 degrees above at 4:30 last night—one of the coldest nights ever recorded in this section of Oregon. At 11 o'clock last night, with the storm heavier than ever, the snowfall had attained a depth of at least five inches.

## TOKIO ANNOUNCES U. S. HAS QUIT IN SIBERIA

## JAPAN STATES "HANDS OFF" POLICY IS ADOPTED.

Reports From Irkutsk Say American Railroad Commission Under J. F. Stevens Is Leaving Port.

HONOLULU, Dec. 9.—(By the Associated Press.)—The United States government has notified Japan that America has adopted the "hands-off" policy in Siberia, and will send no further assistance to the Kolchak forces, according to a Tokyo cable published here today by the Nippu Jiji, a local Japanese newspaper.

Reports have been received from the cabinet and diplomatic council of the railroad commission, under John F. Stevens, are leaving their posts, the cable stated.

VLADIVOSTOK, Dec. 5.—(By the Associated Press.)—Announcements here by the Japanese official press bureau, under the direction of M. Kato, minister of foreign affairs, regarding permitting the present Siberian situation to continue, are the center of interest in all quarters here.

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## CALL FOR SESSION MULTIPLIES BILLS

Anti-Profiteering Act Is Among Many Others.

## AVALANCHE OF WORK FACED

Creation of "Safety" Commission Also Proposed.

## C. H. GRAM BACKS PLAN

Labor Unions' Employment Measure and Gasoline Law Repeal Slated for Consideration.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The action of the governor in announcing that he would call a special session of the Oregon legislature on the second Monday in January, 1920, primarily to consider legislation tending toward more liberal financial relief for injured workmen under the state compensation act and providing funds with which to meet the demands of the soldiers', sailors' and marines' educational aid law, apparently has opened the way for an avalanche of bills if early indications are any criterion of the future.

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## NORTHWEST IN GRIP OF COLD AND SNOW

## BLIZZARD DISRUPTS TRAFFIC AND COMMUNICATIONS.

Unusually Low Temperatures Are Reported From Points in Washington and Oregon.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special.)—The mid-Columbia is in the grip of the city's December snow-storm for the past 25 years. Falling steadily since midnight last night, the blanket tonight has reached a depth of 14 inches and the storm continues with intensity. The maximum temperature for the day has been 29 degrees.

The frigid weather has alarmed city authorities over the fuel shortage. City Marshal Frasier has been made fuel administrator and is now holding in reserve most of a carload of fuel that arrived today. Rural residents are not permitted further allotments of coal, nor will city residents receive any, if they are supplied with wood.

The city had planned on rushing the cutting and hauling of a large lot of wood from Post canyon west of here, but the deep snow may block the roads and prevent transportation of fuel. Trying to buck the storm, many motor trucks have been brought up at roadsides in snowbanks, where they will remain until a thaw comes. Until the storm breaks apiece transportation from valley points will be bobbed.

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## SCHOOL ATTENDANCE IS RULED OPTIONAL

## CITY BOARDS COMPROMISE ON SHUTDOWN PROPOSAL.

Order of Health Officer Closing Institutions Meets With Strong Opposition.

Contrary opinions held by City Health Officer Parrish and School Superintendent Grout in regard to the closing of schools today brought about a compromise last night, when it was announced that attendance during the storm would be purely optional with the parents. While absent marks will be held against children remaining at home, they will not be graded off in their studies or be given any class work to make up. Leniently will also be shown teachers having a long distance to traverse or those suffering with colds or chills.

Announcement was made yesterday afternoon by Dr. Parrish that, owing to the prevalence of illness among the children, all schools would be closed, but this soon brought forth a protest from school authorities. Superintendent Grout hired extra firemen to keep the buildings warm during the night and stated that in his opinion many of the parents who have children living close to the buildings would prefer to have them in comfortable class rooms than out playing in the snow.

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## CAPTAIN ACCUSED OF TORTURING MEN

Indiana Officer Is to Face Army Inquiry.

## BIG SENSATION IS PROMISED

Evidence May Eclipse That of "Hard-Boiled" Smith Case.

## MANY WITNESSES CALLED

Infliction of Severe Punishment to Get Confessions From Prisoners Is Alleged.

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—Another court-martial involving charges of brutal treatment accorded members of the American expeditionary force, at which the evidence is expected to eclipse even the sensations developed at the trial of Lieutenant ("Hard-Boiled") Smith, will begin tomorrow at Governor's Island.

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## AIR SERVICE TO CALL MAYNARD ON CARPET

## CHARGE OF PILOTS' DRINKING TO BE INVESTIGATED.

"Flying Parson" to Be Asked to Prove Assertion That "Too Much Booze" Caused Race Failures.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—An official investigation will be ordered by the war department into statements attributed to Lieutenant Velvin W. Maynard of the army air service that the secret of the failure of some of the pilots in the recent transcontinental army air race "can be attributed to too much booze."

It is found that Lieutenant Maynard has been correctly quoted, it was said today by the department, he will be requested to justify or prove his statements before an official board. Officials said no official reports had been received indicating that any flying in the transcontinental race used intoxicants during the contest. They also pointed out that every man in the race was examined at each control station to determine his physical fitness for continuing the flight.

## DUMPING IN U. S. OPPOSED

## Fordey Bill Protecting Home Industry Passes House.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—Without a record vote, the house today passed the Fordey bill designed to prevent foreign manufacturers from flooding American markets with products sold at a lower price in the United States than in the country of manufacture. The measure would authorize the secretary of the treasury to send agents to inspect the books and plans of manufacturers of exports to the United States and to study prices of such merchandise abroad.

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## MINERS ADJOURN; STRIKE STILL ON

Wilson's Peace Proposal Is Hotly Debated.

## COMMITTEE RESUMES TODAY

Opposition to President's Plan of Action Develops.

## COURT PROCEEDING HALTS

Appeals for Acceptance Made by Attorney-General and Others Expected Yet to Carry.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 9.—Settlement of the strike of coal miners confidently was predicted late tonight by a high official of the United Mine Workers of America. It was declared that the conservative element was in the majority and that an agreement on the president's proposal for termination of the controversy was only a question of how long it would take to hear arguments of all representatives.

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