# WILSUN'S RAILROAD

**Everybody Wonders What** Chief Will Do.

SURRENDER JAN. 1 DOUBTED

Veto of Bill if Passed Is Declared Likely.

LABOR INTERESTS FACTOR

Belief in Some Quarters Is That Government Control of Roads Will Continue for Time.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 16 .- Votes sufficient o insure the passage of the railroad bill within the next few days have been rounded up. Senator Watson o Indiana reported this afternoon, but there is growing curiosity as to what the White House is going to do with the railroads and railroad legislation

There are 54 votes sure, and maybe nore, favorable to the bill, Senator that the president would sign whatever bill is finally agreed upon by the we houses of congress, but this is at ariance with opinious most generally heard around the capital.

Veto Declared Possible.

Whatever bill is passed is certain t in the leadership of Mr. Wilson's party which is hoping that he brotherhoods. The hope of these lead- | 1400 votes. ers is so strong that they already are predicting that he will veto it.

side would like to have White House operation in framing the measur nd have been trying to obtain so vance of his special message, nov lelayed to the point where it can be of little value because the senate is nearing the end of consideration of the bill in committee of the whole

The drawback is that no one can made today to get some information lish communication was reported.

Good Jobs Endangered.

The extension of government con trol under one pretext or another of course, means an extension of numerous good jobs for men who cannot expect to remain on the payrolls of the railroads when they pass back to the private owners. As is well known, railroad corporations do not pay fancy salaries to men who are without railroad experience and these Job holders know it. They may LIQUOR STORAGE PLAN UP not have had railroad experience but they have political pull and their pull just now is backward in an effort to prevent the dissolution of government control and consequent loss of their satisfactory incomes.

It was said today that the president's message will come tomorrow, today, so there is no way of knowing constitutional. when it will reach congress; but it is Treaty Conferences Go On.

Notwithstanding President Wilson's dictum that there is to be no move ences continued between democratic senators today to effect a compromise If the president's letter had any ef- countries. fect, it was to make some of the democratic leaders more determined DESERTERS BLAME GIRLS than before. Up to the time he issued his statement, their sole purpose was to get the treaty ratified. Now they are working as angry men with an added purpose, which is to show that they feel that their obligation to him was discharged when they went through with the votes that knocked out the Lodge resolution on November 19.

For the first time since the treaty debates began months ago, senators it became known today. prominent on the democratic side are willing to speak in disapproval of stayed leaves were due to their widtheir leader's position. A sensation owed mothers' need of their assistwas created, however, by the publication today of an unauthorized interview from Senator Walsh of Montana. who is not at all in accord with Mr. Wilson's position as expressed in the statement. Senator Walsh discussed the president's statement frankly yesterday and said much that everybody DRASTIC REDUCTION MADE understood was not for publication

Democrata Invariably Rage. A part of the interview, which was not for publication, appeared on the first page of the Washington Post today as follows:

wardly seething over the position ployes' compensation commission were taken by the president. They are all reduced from \$7,289,500 to \$3,110,000 wendering whether the statement was by the house appropriations commitreally written by the president or by tee, which recommended today \$1,100 .some cheap politician assuming to 000 for a compensation fund and speak the president's mind,"

Some who talked with Senator ance patients. Walsh yesterday verified the lan- The sundry civil bill in July carguage of this interview, but said they ried \$4,000,000 for war risk needs, but aid not repeat it because it was un- an additional \$2,000,000 is needed, the derstood at the time to be confiden- committee report said to sustain the

Account of Daily Expenditures to Be Kept and Unnecessary Items Eliminated.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- An army of 4,000,000 women, representing ten national organizations, has been organized by the savings division of the easury department to enter the fight against the high cost of living. Beginning January 1 and extending to April 1, a great thrift campaign will be conducted in an effort to induce women to keep strict accounts of their daily expenditures in order by study of them to eliminate un-

According to the plan, amounts saved by this means would be invest-

ed in government securities. Women's organizations which have seen enlisted in the campaign include the Association of College Alumnae Daughters of the American Revolu- Debate in House Largely Criticism tion, General Federation of Women's clubs, National Catholic War council. National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher associations, National Council of Jewish Women, National Federation of Business and Profesional Women's clubs, National League for Women's Service, wom en's department of the National Civic Federation and the Y. W. C. A.

LEAGUE SUPPORTER WINS Democrat Elected Representative

in North Carolina. CHARLOTTE, N. C., Dec. 16 .- In a special election in which the league of nations was one of the leading actory to labor, and there is a strong tative Webb to a federal judgeship. Practically co splete returns indicated a majority for the democratic to the requisitioning power. nominee of from 1500 to 2000. More-

Than at Thanksgiving. ROSEBURG, Or., Dec. 16.- (Special.) railroad administration, stronger than during the Thanksgiv- favorable action.

> for the Christmas market. Several cases of birds have been sent out by express and a carload will with others to follow in the week.

Kentucky Distillers May Ship

Stocks to Cuban Warehouses. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 16 .- A way out apparently has been found for distillers caught with large stocks of liquor on hand by the supreme court's but yesterday's reports had it coming decision holding war-time prohibition

A plan was presented to distillers asserted as almost positive that he here today by representatives of will exercise his war powers and re- steamship lines operating out of tain control of the roads indefinitely. Charleston, Brunswick, Jacksonville, Savannah and Wilmington to Cuba. South America and Europe. It contemplates shipment of liquor stocks from the democratic side to bring the in Kentucky, estimated at 39,000,000 peace treaty forward again, confer- gallons, largely to Cuban ports for storage and subsequent re-sale in Cuba or shipment to other foreign

Navy Men Say "They Insisted on Making Love to Us."

NEW YORK, Dec. 16,-Of 1500 alleged deserters courtmartialed at the New York navy yard since the United States entered the war, 25 attributed their overstayed leaves to girls who "insisted on making love to them."

Several explained that their over-One bluejacket said his ship sailed while he had "gone across the street to purchase tobacco" and that he had vainly tried to overtake the ship with a tug he hired for the occa-

sion.

Committee Cuts Millions Off Appropriations Estimate.

WASHINGTON, D. C .- Urgency deficiency appropriation estimates for "The democratic senators are in- the public health service and em-\$2,000,000 to care for war risk insur-

tial. He did give an interview for service until the regular deficiency (Concluded on Page 2, Column 3.) appropriation bill is passed.

House Passes Equalization Board Bill.

SENATE ALREADY HAS ACTED

Amendments Retaining War-Time Powers Approved.

EMBARGO TALK DECRIED

of President for Failure to Purchase Cuban Crop.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16 .- By a vote of 256 to 24, the house late today passed the senate bill continuing the sugar equalization board through ever of ending, nor are cataclysmi the war-time powers of the governments of sugar were approved, necessitating the sending of the meas-

While the only disputes to be setissues, voters of the Ninth North ance of the war-time powers permit- world, but the terrific disturbances service to industries forced to shut resigned fuel administrator, thought Carolina congressional district today ting licensing control of the sugar porter of the league, over John M. stocks at refinerles, leaders in con-Morehead, republican, and opponent gress were doubtful whether an tude that, should they occur, humani- mate, Mr. McKinney stated. of the league, to fill the vacancy agreement could be reached before ty might as well close up shop and The miners were the greatest losers could be reached before ty might as well close up shop and control, and contained no reference

exactly with the desires of the head conceded his defeat by 1300 to the repeal of these powers and the toll its final hour. unanimous criticism of the sugar Two years ago Webb, running on equalization board that the senate democratic ticket, received a bill would serve no useful purpose Several senators on the republican majority of 4152 over his republican were placed before the house comidea of the president's wishes in ad- DOUGLAS TURKEYS HIGH be vested with these powers as well with the immeasurable energy of

the proposal to place an embarge on Also in a straight line, but on the string beans, which the family ate statistics bearing on labor costs and The turkey market opened here to sugar, but deferred final action until opposite side of the sun, appears the Saturday hight. see the president. An effort was day and from early indications it Friday. Several members of congress planet Uranus. would appear that it will be much appeared before the committee to urge stronger than during the Thanksgiv- favorable action.

It is Porta's contention that the TWO POLICEMEN ARE HELD posed that the miners be given an increase of these stronger than during the Thanksgiv- favorable action.

## WOMEN START DRIVE U.S. TO CONTINUE WORLD IS DECLARED PORTLAND AVIATOR TO IN NO DANGER TODAY FLY AROUND WORLD

PORTLAND, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1919.

Covey of Fluttering Bats, Think Fellow Scientists.

Full many a time and oft, in the have predicted the end of the world. With confident calamitous pessimism of the given day on which the fine old sphere should revert to the elements visdom once and for all.

So there's really nothing new at all in the forecast of practical final- he said, and his route from there ity, set for today, December 17-except that for once, the prediction has the semblance of isolated scien- and Port Said; across the Meditertific approval. It is the dictum of ta, an European meteorologist-and against his prophecy in absolute denial stands the remainder of the trai America and home by way o scientific world. Others equally or more learned in the stars and the mysterious forces that wheel the planets on their cycles, agree to the Pine street after his demobilization last savant that Porta's mental belfry contains a vast convey of bats. whose flutterings have seriously impaired his scientific judgment.

Cataelysm Is Scouted.

"The world is in no danger what-1920. Amendments retaining in forca storms to rage over the face of earth -in brief, Professor Porta's predicment for controlling prices and move- diction is the acme of unlimited bunk" would serve as a free translation of the weight of learned opinion that

Actually Professor Porta's forecast tled in conference are the continu- for today is not for the end of the tional loss to railroads from curtailed 14 per cent which Dr. H. A. Garfield, for rain today, with warmer atmos- high prices. business, and the requisitioning of between today and Friday of this could not be estimated, and no allow-Opposition of the bill's supporters ulous, that the clock of destiny is to \$40,000,000, while the operators' fig-

Basis of Prophecy Explained.

nittee before it decided earlier in the planets of the solar system, which will lay to recommend continuance of the be grouped today practically in a powers. The board declared it should straight line from the sun, tugging as the power to place an embargo on their combined magnetism against the The house interstate commerce in this league are Mercury, Venus, tion as a result, according to their ator Frelinhuysen and Senator Townmmittee began hearings today on Mars, Jupiter, Saturn and Neptune, physician, of poisoning from canned send, Michigan, through a maze of

wilson in the preparation of his conditions the birds failed to fatten in the preparation of his conditions the birds failed to fatten in the preparation of his conditions the birds failed to fatten in the preparation of his conditions the birds failed to fatten in igan, declared "this embargo talk is capable of engulfing worlds, on what many of the turkey raisers of Doug- nonsense," as under an agreement of to us is the eastern side of the sun, has county have held their turkeys the equalization board with Great and that the result will be a solar

THE WORLD: "I MAY BE PRETTY WELL BUNGED UP, BUT I ALWAYS MANAGE TO

PULL THROUGH!"

Porta's Mental Belfrey Contains Journey Calls for First Stop a Honolulu, Across Orient and Home Via Azores.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 16 .- G. M. enturies which are dust, prophets Gorden, a Portland aviator, announced here today that he proposed to star out from San Francisco before Febthey have foretold the exact minute ruary, in an attempt to fly around the world. He said he would use a scaplane of the type in which Con of eternity and cease its folly and its mander Read crossed the Atlantic last

Honolulu would be his first stop, would be via Japan, Hongkong, Singapore, Colombo, Bombay, Aden omer alone, Professor Por- to Paris and London and back, and FUEL SITUATION IMPROVES of the cold spell apparently had been WOMEN ASKED TO ASSIST ranean to Lisbon, then a side tri then across the Atlantic, via the Azores to New York, thence to Cen-San Diego.

G. Murl Gorden lived at 1165 East until recently. At a late hour last night no details of his record as an aviator were available.

STRIKE LOSS \$126,000,000 Obio Estimates Show Coal Miners

Alone Out \$60,000,000. COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 16 .- Loss to recent coal strike amounted to apure to conference committee of the bears down upon the European as- Ohlo was about \$27,000,000, according to W. D. McKinney, secretary of the Southern Ohlo coal exchange. Addlthat he asserts will rock the earth down on account of the fuel situation justified."

ures he set at \$26,000,000.

Briefly, the Porta prophecy is based FOOD POISONS FAMILY apon the peculiar conjunction of the Two Children Dead; Mother and

Father Critically Ill. SAN RAFAEL, Cal., Dec. 16 .- Two children died here today and their

to Brooklyn Officers.

Britain, France and Italy to keep explosion which is to flame millions Craus, were arested today by order the scales were balanced by giving are being held up by rough seas, high stacles, I propose to go through with Seattle firms are competing with them out of the Cuban market, the of miles into space. It is the force of of District Attorney Lewis of Brookthem a lesser increase than other winds and fog, according to wireless this prophesied solar demonstration with the theft of Seattle firms are competing with them out of the supply in United States was compelled to ex- this prophesied solar demonstration lyn, in connection with the theft of classes of labor around the mines. The reports today, telling of reduced industrial conditions do not get too local merchants for the supply in Douglas county and consequently the Douglas county and consequently Pouglas county and consequently the House action on the bill resulted horrific storms upon the earth. cause furrier's plant on No
General cases of birds have been sent (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

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# POLICY IS PUZZLE 4,000,000 ARE ENLISTED IN SUGAR REGULATION PROPHECY OF END BRANDED G. M. GORDEN PLANS START HELD LIBERAL ONE

Increase of 28 Per Cent ing Point All Day-Strong Declared Assured.

Settlement Probe Brings Out

SENATE INQUIRY CONTINUES

Interesting Facts.

Last of Restrictions on Delivery of Coal Removed and Embargo on Oil from West Lifted.

was told by Tracy W. Guthrie, presi- are for a genial and gradual waning 400 city officials, heads of civic or dent of the Hiliman Coal & Coke com- of the spell of weather. the United States on account of the pany, that one clause in the proposition advanced by President Wilson proximately \$125,000,000, while that to and accepted by the miners, would miners' wages at least doubling the above. The forecast last night was The railroad administration with-

week, are of such predicted magni- ance therefor is made in the estidrew the last semblances of restricNorth Head were to the effect that ing its decrees, Mr. Palmer laid tions on fuel and began delivering the wind attained a maximum velocity down a programme of five courses of to carry provisions not entirely satis- caused by appointment of Represent the holiday recess. As passed by the call it a day. It is the terrible nature in the strike, Mr. McKinney's figures distributing it to points of greatest senate, the bill repealed the license of these alleged scientific divina- showed. Sixty million dollars was his need. It rescinded the embarge on tions that have led to world-wide estimate of their losses in wages. The the movement of fuel oil out of the alarm and the belief, among the cred. loss to the railroads he placed at west, and the orders reducing the amount of coal permitted to go to of the suburban districts, more ex- backed by mayors and prosecuting

At the white house It was said that President Wilson would not appoint he commission provided in the strike settlement proposal until Attorney-General Palmer returns from the west dreaded thaw. It is this weight of

The senatorial inquiry was reopened with the calling of R. V. parents, Antone and Anna Canzione, Norris, engineer for the fuel admin glowing surface of the orb of day, were in a hospital in critical condi-intration, who was conducted by Senprices of necessities.

from the railroad administration, stronger than during the Thanksgivwhich was presumed to be advising ing season. On account of weather In the house debate, however, Repplanets, concentrated by their conTheft of \$12,000 in Furs Charged explained, "because he based his calie pay paid pick miners. In 1917, when the coal mine NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—Two police-men, Peter Reuger and Herman Crays, were arested today by order

"Dr. Garfield decided that a par-ticular wage group ought not to serve After having fought their way took the average wage of all workers. have run into thick weather, as a re- of the rich, in that their income, as After arriving at that he found that sult of which the freighter Grange a rule, had kept pace with the rapidly an addition of 14 per cent to their Park grounded off Long Island and mounting cost of living, Mr. Palmer earnings would compensate them for the liner Carmania is in Halifax un- added. The salaried worker was the the cost of living since the last ad- dergoing repairs resulting from a col- man who had felt the full brunt of justments were made."

Larger Commission Urged.

Chairman Frelinghuysen asked if one mine operator and one repre- Lopez. sentative of the public, with power to fix wages and prices.

"That would depend on the makeup of the commission," Norris returned; "but I think a larger number ought to be named. It gives two interests a chance to combine against the TODAY'S—Rain and warmer; southerly to be named. It gives two interests

Mr. Gutbrie was called to present actual facts from payrolls upon Whger. "About 20 per cent of the miners

are idle all the time, according to our experience with 23 mines," he told the committee. "That is, we have to have 120 names on the payroll in order to get 100 men on the job as a constant factor. Miners like to celebrate all American holidays and a American Legion warms congress against fair of foreign ones. Then they have 'Mitchell day' on April 1, in honor of the late John Mitchell. They have 'rabbit day' on November 10, when Bill sent to house to curb radicals. Page 7, everybody adjourns to shoot a rab-

From mine accounts he read the record of one miner who in 187 days Physicians believe Atlantic City slayer to against profiteers, many of whom of the present year earned \$2070 . De unbalanced. Page 3. of the present year, earned \$3070, or an average of \$15.50 per day. He paid \$72 rent for a 'company house' during the period and his fuel bill was \$5. Other records furnished showed the

Striking coal miners of the Cle Elum and Roslyn districts, the largest coal fields in Washington, today were voting on the question of returning to Roslyn late today said the four locals there, with a total membership of nearly 2000, voted overwhelmingly in favor of remaining on strike.

towns in the district, predicted today that the members of his union tonight would vote to remain out. The result of the Cle Elum vote has not been Change in highway procedure favored by received here.

the district officers to go to the fields Council delays vote on one-way traffic measure to allow time for improvements. (Concluded on Page 2, Column 5.)

WEATHER CHIEF SAYS SILVER

Thermometer Stays Around Freez Gale Reported on Coast.

Fingers of rain tore at the snowdrifts, relics of last week's epochal storm, from early morning yesterday and all throughout the day, while the roury, for the first time since December, 8, ran up the tube beyond the freezing point. At 4 o'clock in the afternoon the highest reading of the day was reached, at 33 degrees, or Attorney General Outlines His ne notch above the frost line.

Though the streets were prolific of slush and umbrellas replaced were holsted against the steady downfall of moisture, Portland breathed a sigh of sincere relief that the province passed. But one dread remained—the anxiety lest falling rain should plunge through a strata of cold frosty atmos phere and reach the earth as sleet, inaugurating the beautiful, but disastrous charms of a genuine silver

thaw. Edward L. Wells, chief of the Port land weather bureau, said last night that present conditions do not warrant expectations either of a silver WASHINGTON, Dec 16 .- The senate thaw or flood, though a turn in the weather, either way, might bring one or the other. But he bade Portland

hovered around the freezing point, a pleasant temperature when compared partment in the prosecution of hoard-"bring about an increase in the and at 4 o'clock it crept one degree phere and southerly winds. Along the coast, as predicted, south-

of 68 miles an hour yesterday after- action, which, if carried out, noon, sinking down to 48 miles at do much to deal a deathblow to the o'clock.

While rain fell in the downtown district yesterday morning, sections mittees in every city and county, posed and at slightly higher altitude. experienced the threat of a silver porting United States district at thaw. Moisture in many such dis- torneys. tricts fell as sleet, coating the trees ice, redoubled through days of storm, that plays havoe with light and power lines, renders the streets almost imtended the recent blizzard

### "Secretary of Labor Wilson pro- 2 STORMS DELAY LINERS

crease of \$1.67 per cent," Mr. Norris Scores of Passenger and Freight six

NEW YORK, Dec. 16 .- A dozen which have swept across the Atlantic can bring real relief."

lision.

Among liners overdue are the Rot- last to obtain relief. terdam, Baltic, Veronica, Carmania,

### INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS business men to the ultimate con-

The Weather.

National.

Increase of 28 per cent in wages of coal minets is declared assured. Page 1.

Domestic, Senator Harding announces republican presidential nomination aspirations.

Women of nation launch drive against tribution in 18 states of millions of high prices. Page 1. Dry amendment is attacked in court dollars' worth of food.

Pacific Northwest. ercury at Wasco climbs above zero Spores.

Revival of ice liockey in Portland con-templated. Page 14. Commercial and Marine

the question of returning to
A telephone message from late today said the four locals

A deliveries of corn sharply higher at being made to get congress to continue the operation of the Lever food. Control act for six months after the Boats unreported as beacons go out. Page 16.

Portland and Vicinity. Frank Holmes, president of the Dr. East-siders differ over playground. Page 6. Mercury rises and Portland has rain, Page 1. Claims of "Dr." Lucas branded as absurd by university professor. Page 15.

## SMITE PROFITEER, SAYS MR. PALMER

PRICE FIVE CENTS

War to Limit on Extreme Prices Declared.

AID OF CITIZENS SOLICITED

Plan of Procedure.

People Urged to Exercise Economy, to Buy Only Necessities and to Increase Production.

CHICAGO, Dec. 16. - Attorney. General A. Mitchell Palmer today department of justice to bring down ganizations and clubwomen of Illinois, Pledging the full power of his de for the assistance of every man and

woman for a national fight against Explaining the plan of action whereby fair price committees in

high cost of living. They are: 1. Organization of fair price co. attorneys, with the committees sup-

Buy Only Necessities, Plea

2. Organization of women to refuse to buy anything but actual necensities until prices come down.

3. Holding of "conservation and mic meetings," in every community under the auspices of civic

4. Influence of mayors and prose cuting afterneys to be brought to bear on the "warring elements" to prevent "factional disturbances in injustry," and particularly to bring about an industrial peace of at least

Wage Earners Fortunate. probably leave Roseburg tomorrow, now as a basis for calculations and through the storms, several craft The wage earners were in the class

> higher costs, because he had been the The chief causes of the high cost the witness approved the creation of Royal eGorge, La Fayette, Bergens- of living, he pointed out, were dea commission composed of one miner, fjord, Vasari, Europa and Antonio creased production incident to the war, inflated currency due to government borrowings and heavy taxes, which he charged were passed on by

> > "In every line of trade there are selfish and greedy men who have taken advantage of after-war conditions to add a bit to their prices and profits," Mr. Palmer said. "Such men are the profiteers and I purpose to devote all the power at my command to root them out and expose them to ident public scorn, and, if necessary, put them in public prisons. The profiteer is worse than unpatriotic, he is criminal. I ask the state's attorneys of Illinois to go after these devils with

all the force you command."

Facts Efficient Weapon. Activities of the department of Justice, he said, had already uncovered 219 cases against food hoarders, which had resulted in the libeling and dis-Ninety-eight cases had been brought

were indicted, and some of whom were serving sentences. The campaign was to continue, the attorney-general declared, with one purpose-"prices must come down." earnings during the first nine months of 1919 ranging from \$1400 to \$2100 for pick and machine miners.

Revival of ice hockey in Portland Control of templated. Page 14.

Oregon coach hopes for even break in Harvard game. Page 14.

Gibbons outpoints Darcy in Milwaukie people are to get a look in. The finest bout. Page 15. Government calls for hids for January edge. Let the people know the facts and they will take care of the rest." Mr. Palmer described the efforts

> le left the producer to be stamped upon the article, New Law Held Necessary.

> declaration of peace and to pass a law

requiring the price at which an arti-

"If we can get that law we will top profiteering," he said. "When you go to the shoe store if you see plainly stamped on a pair of shoes the wholeinced by sale price of \$4.50 you simply are not According to reports received here, radical members of the unions are urging the minor to remain out. They danger. Page 1.

Increase in price of gasoline announced by Standard Oli company. Page 18.

Standard Oli company. Page 18.

World, billed to end today, declared in no danger. Page 1.

Store in one of our cities where the going to pay \$18 for that pair of have not stated exactly what they are wholesale grocers may be investigated store in one of our cities where the wholesale grocers may be investigated store in one of our cities where the bolding out for, but declare they want for using sugar to draw trade. Page 4. store in one of our cities where the to the cost. They advertise a special

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HE'S BEEN ANYTHING ACTING KINDA TO THIS QUEER LATELY REPORT THAT YOU'RE GOING TO END YOUR EXISTENCE?

LOOKA HERE!

15 THERE