

# MASSACRE IN INDIA IGNORED BY BRITAIN

**Killing of 500 Unarmed Men Gets Scant Attention.**

## GOVERNMENT SAYS LITTLE

**Some Papers Denounce Act of General Dyer; Others Make No Comment on Affair.**

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LONDON, Dec. 21.—(Special cable.)—The publication of the fact of the massacre during the incident Punjab uprising in India last April, when British troops fired on an unarmed mob, killing 500 natives and wounding 1500, has excited little attention here. Some papers do not publish anything about it and others treat it as news of secondary importance.

The present attitude of E. S. Montagu, secretary of state for India, is that he cannot express an opinion on a case that is still sub-judice. He intends to wait until the commission of inquiry has completed its deliberations and presented its report. The proceedings are not expected to unduly protract, for Lord Hunter, the chairman, holds the view that the quicker the matter is settled the better.

Considerable comment has been evoked by the apparent discrepancy between the statement made in the house of commons that 344 persons were killed at Amritsar and General Dyer's evidence which gave the number of killed as between 400 and 500, and the wounded as 1500. An official at the India office, discussing this with a Daily News representative, agreed that the difference between the two sets of figures was a serious one, but affirmed that the secretary of state had based his statement on information furnished by the Indian authorities at the time.

**Dyer's Recall Demanded.**  
The number of wounded was not then known and the addition to the death roll might in part be explained by the fact that some of the wounded had subsequently died.

The Westminster Gazette says: "General Dyer must be recalled and dealt with in such a way that the massacre shall solemnly be repudiated by the imperial government. If he is not condemned by the nation, the nation itself will be condemned by the civilized world."

The Star says: "Is there in our history any parallel to this story? We hesitate to define the impression it will make on the British people and upon the world. Our honor and our humanity are at stake. What shall we do to redeem them?"

In its news columns the Star says: "Two questions demand an answer. Why was news of this terrible slaughter suppressed by the censor in April? Why was news of the inquiry in Lahore in November not telegraphed to this country?"

**"Butchery," Declares Herald.**  
The labor paper, the Daily Herald, denounces the massacre as "imperialist butchery." The Liberal Daily News in a mild editorial under the caption "Frightfulness," deplores it as an example of the spirit of coercion, but does not fail to note "the difficulty and delicacy of the position."

The Manchester Guardian, to which the massacre owes such publicity as it has attained at this time, says: "Few more dreadful incidents can be found in the history of British rule in India." It dwells not alone upon the enormity itself, but upon its serious bearing on anglo-Indian relations.

# ALLEGED ROBBER TAKEN

**SAM POUFF SAYS REVOLVERS FAILED TO WORK.**

**Prisoner Is Charged With Attempt to Hold Up Paul and Mike Eleac, Who Turn Tables.**

"If my two revolvers had not missed fire, I wouldn't have been caught," Sam Pouff, declared by the police to be a self-confessed bolshevik and former bomb-plotter, is said to have told Detective Fisher and Mallett yesterday in a confession at the city jail, in which he is alleged to have admitted the attempt to hold up Paul and Mike Eleac, Austrians, who live at 644 Lake street.

Pouff was taken by the two Eleac brothers after he and a companion are said to have attempted to rob them. Pouff was turned over to the police, and will be given a preliminary hearing in municipal court today on a charge of attack with a dangerous weapon with intent to rob. His companion escaped.

# PASTOR DEPICTS BENEFIT

**Advent of Christ Called "Greatest Event in All Time."**

In the Christmas sermon at the First Methodist church yesterday morning Dr. Stapfield took as his text Luke 1:15, "Let us see this great thing which has come to pass." He said the greatest event in all time was the coming of Christ into the world, that it excited the wonder of angels and men, of heaven and earth, that it was more than an historic event, and that it was the great advent of God into human.

Rev. Mr. Stapfield said: "God had always been in the world, and in times past had spoken to the fathers by the prophets, but in the fullness of time the clearest and best view of God the world has ever had was in Jesus Christ. He was the fullness of divine revelation.

in and through man. All true knowledge is within man and not external. We only see and know the beauty of a glorious sunset as we personally see it. We only know the harmonies of music and the beauties of art as we know them within.

# VOTERS REJECT PAY RISE

**TEACHERS' MEASURE DEFEATED AT NORTH BEND.**

**Instructors May Accept Positions in Washington or California at Higher Figure.**

NORTH BEND, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—At a special school election held here yesterday to vote on the question of a special levy of \$4020 on the taxable property of the district to meet the recent demand of the teachers of the city schools for a salary increase of \$20 a month each, to be retroactive and date from the beginning of the current year, 124 votes were cast, 55 for and 71 against the special levy, defeating the proposal of the teachers for increased salaries by 16 votes.

The refusal of the taxpayers of the district to vote the special levy and increase the salaries will probably result, it is reported, in a number of the teachers giving up their positions here and seeking positions in Washington or California, where many openings are available at higher salaries than paid here. The schools here closed Friday for the holiday vacation and will not open again until January 5.

# MORRIS A. SWAN DIES

**Civil War Veteran Passes Away at Home in Vancouver.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Morris A. Swan, Civil war veteran, 71 years of age, died at his home, 714 East twenty-sixth street, last night, after several weeks' illness. Mr. Swan was a native of Byron, Ill., and had lived in Vancouver for the past 14 years after retiring from farming in Bridgewater, S. D. During the Civil war he was a member of the 141st infantry, Illinois volunteers.

# DEAF SCHOOL TO RECESS

**Washington Institution Holidays to Start on Tuesday.**

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The Washington State School for the Deaf and Blind here will close for the Christmas holidays at noon Tuesday, December 23, and will reopen for work at 9 A. M. January 6. The school's annual Christmas programme will be held in the new building Christmas eve.

The schools at this time will not furnish guides for the children going to their homes for the holidays, but will see that they receive the trains if the transportation is provided. Incoming trains on January 5 will also be met and the children taken from the depot to the schools.

# FREIGHT TRAFFIC GROWS

**Cottage Grove Reports Large Increase for November.**

COTTAGE GROVE, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—The quantity of freight handled through the local Southern Pacific station and the amount of ticket sales have doubled since this time last year, as shown by the report for November.

# LIVESTOCK BREEDER DEAD

**David Monroe, Aged 70, Passes Away at Northport, Wash.**

SPOKANE, Dec. 21.—Stricken with apoplexy on his seventieth birthday, David Monroe, prominent breeder of cattle, died at the home of his son, George N. Monroe, at Northport, Wash., Friday, according to word received in Spokane today.

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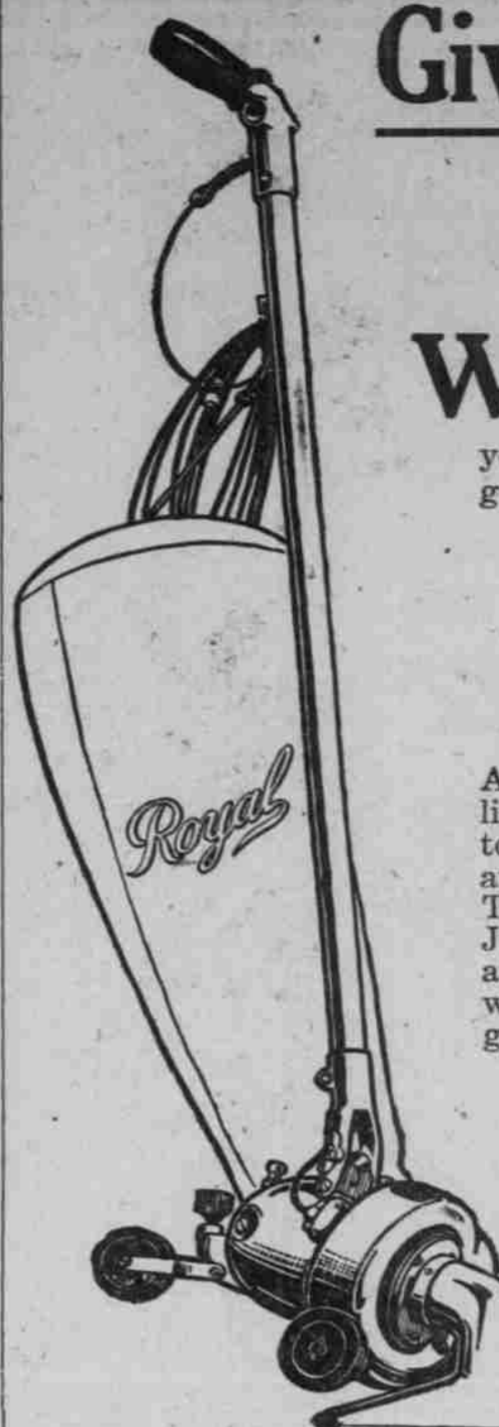
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State Hospital Superintendent Will Release Inmate Today; New Home Under Consideration.

# OPEN HIGHWAY DESIRED

**Homer A. Rogers Opposes Blockade for Paving Operations.**

HOOD RIVER, Or., Dec. 21.—(Special.)—Homer A. Rogers, host at Mount Hood Lodge, here from Portland, where he is spending the winter, seeks to renew agitation that will prevent the Columbia river highway from being closed to travel when paving operations are resumed next year.

# Water Rights Asked.

**Viola Hanson of Enterprise, Or., has filed application with the state engineer near for appropriation of waters from Crow creek for the irrigation of a small tract of land.**

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