

ADJUTANT GENERAL'S RESIGNATION ASKED

Moss Virtually Ousted by Governor Hart.

SELF-BOOSTING ALLEGED

Incumbent Said to Have Circulated Letters and Petitions Urging Retention in Office.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Governor Hart today asked for the immediate resignation of Adjutant-General Harvey J. Moss, and directed him to inform his authority in state military affairs and the headquarters office at Seattle to his assistant, Major James H. Kahl.

The governor was not ready to announce the new adjutant-general today. He is said to be an officer well known to military affairs of this state and to have a service record in the world war, which is understood to mean that he is a member of the American Legion.

Summary action by Governor Hart in what amounts to removal of Adjutant-General Moss was taken when the governor received copies of a circular letter and form of petition for the retention of General Moss which the adjutant-general himself was mailing out into his own behalf to American Legion posts of the state. Moss, it is said, asserts that he is the only man in the state fully qualified by the law fixing military requirements for appointment as adjutant-general, intimating that his removal by the governor would amount to violation of the law which the American Legion as a body is bound to uphold.

Moss' communication and petition mention his earnest and faithful work and effectiveness, both as a preliminary chairman in American Legion organization and as commander of the state troops under the governor. Activity in getting the petitions signed is requested. They are to be mailed to Dr. Mark A. Mathews at Seattle. So far the governor says he has received none of these petitions bearing signatures.

Moss declares that the governor had given him to understand that he could have a much better job by getting out of the adjutant-general's office and letting a service man in, but because of his legal qualifications Moss says he prefers to let the former service man have the better job and remain where he is. Governor Hart would make no comment on this further than that Moss had thereby declined whatever job he had been offered in exchange for his rank as adjutant-general.

Moss was appointed adjutant-general by Governor Lister in March, 1918, to fill the vacancy caused by transfer of Maurice Thompson to the federal service. General Thompson has since been mustered out, and is now living in Seattle.

Thompson May Get Job. Governor Hart recently wrote a letter to a sister of eastern Washington in which he called attention to the propriety of giving returned service men the job they relinquished in order to enter the service. The governor then recites the fact that General Thompson had been promoted to the position of adjutant-general in order to render military service to the government during the world war, and remarked that consistency would require that he be returned to the office he surrendered.

IDAHO CABINET MEETS

BANK RETURNS REPORTED TO BE GREATEST IN HISTORY.

Commissioner Also Declares Fish and Game Collections Amount to \$110,660 for Year.

BOISE, Idaho, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The last quarterly meeting of the governor's cabinet for 1919 was held this month with all members present. Commissioner Gibson, in charge of state finances, reported that returns from state banks showed the greatest deposits in the history of Idaho and that the premiums paid into the insurance fund totaled \$12,123 for November.

The law enforcement commissioner reported that for the same month the state athletic fund had earned \$2263. This commissioner also had charge of the state fish and game department, the reports from which showed the total collections for the year derived from the sale of fish and game licenses, fines, etc., amounted to \$110,660, as compared to \$72,308 for the corresponding period a year ago.

C. W. BROWNFIELD DIES

Man Reputed to Be Wealthiest in Umatilla Succumbs.

PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Charles W. Brownfield, reputed to be one of Umatilla county's wealthiest men, died here this morning. Mr. Brownfield was 60 years old. He was born in California, but came to this section in the early days, when he served as waiter and pianist in the early hotels. From his earnings he built the two Brownfield buildings here, and became one of the organizers of the Oregon Building and Loan association. He served for a time as secretary of this organization. Later, after the organization of the National bank, he served as its cashier. Of late years he has been engaged in the investment and brokerage business. He is survived by Mrs. Brownfield, a son, Walter, and daughter, Gladys, two sisters, Mrs. Gun Berger of Vancouver, Wash., and Mrs. S. V. Knox of Weston.

LEGION PROPOSES LAW

Bi-Lingual Style for Foreign Language Papers Urged.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Clatsop post, American Legion, has decided to request the Oregon legislature at its coming special session to enact a law requiring all foreign language papers to be printed in bilingual style.

PAVING CONTRACT IS LET

Work on One-Half Mile at The Dalles to Cost \$9285.10.

THE DALLES, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Contract for paving one-half

mile of highway from the West Sixth-street viaduct to near its inter-section with the highway was awarded to the United Construction company by the city council last night. The contract price was \$9285.10. The city, by furnishing the rock needed for the road construction, will save between \$2900 and \$3000. The battle over the route by which the Columbia river highway will enter The Dalles from the west was opened last night. It was indicated that the issue may be placed upon the ballot at a special election.

DEATH CALLS EX-MAYOR

M. PETERSON WELL KNOWN AS FOREST GROVE OFFICIAL.

Prolonged Illness Fatal to Merchant Who Came to Oregon From Kansas in 1901.



M. Peterson, ex-mayor of Forest Grove, who died yesterday.

M. Peterson, ex-mayor of Forest Grove and well known in Portland, where he made his home for the past three years, died yesterday at his residence, 1381 Hancock street. He had been in poor health for the past year, having suffered a stroke of partial paralysis from which he failed to rally.

Born in Denmark 62 years ago, Mr. Peterson came to this country when only 3 years old and spent most of his life in Kansas, where the family settled. In 1901 he moved to Forest Grove, where he engaged in the hardware business. He took a very active interest in the affairs of that town, serving two terms as mayor and being prominent in the Congregational church there.

Surviving Mr. Peterson are his widow and three children, E. U. Peterson, Mrs. W. B. Shively and Miss Goldie Peterson. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been made.

AMERICAN SHIP ADRIFT

COROZAS, HELPLESS IN ATLANTIC AIDED BY NAVY VESSEL.

Vulcan Tries to Take Vessel Into Tow—Steamer Madison, With Passengers, Is Aground.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—The American steamer Corozas, bound from New York to a southern port, was reported tonight to be drifting helplessly 50 miles east of Diamond Shoals lightship.

The naval repair ship Vulcan was standing by the Corozas, which in the face of a heavy gale was being swept by high seas.

Wireless messages late today from the Vulcan brought the first news of the distress of the Corozas and said the navy ship was making an effort to get the vessel into tow.

The coast guard cutter Seminole, stationed at Charleston, has been ordered to the scene.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 23.—The Old Dominion steamer Madison, with 82 passengers aboard, ran ashore off Craney island, Norfolk harbor, in a heavy fog tonight soon after leaving for New York.

Tugs were sent to the vessel's assistance.

PERSHING TIMES VISIT

Stop in Portland to Be From 3 to 11 P. M. on January 14.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, Dec. 23.—General Pershing will be in Portland from 3 o'clock to 11 o'clock of the afternoon of January 14, he advised Senator Chamberlain in a telegram today.

During that entire time he will be at the disposal of the city, he said. In explaining the much longer stay of three days scheduled for Seattle, he said one day of that period will be devoted to inspection of the harbor forts and one day to the inspection of Camp Lewis.

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ROBERG WILL LEAVE FEUD UP TO BOARD

Charges Against Parrish Not to Be Without Advice.

DAY IS SPENT IN SALEM

State Health Officer Refuses to Comment Further Than to Say He Would Not Act Alone.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—"Before I would file any charges against Dr. Parrish, Portland health officer, I would place my cards upon the table before the state board of health and proceed in accordance with their recommendations."

This statement, coming from Dr. David N. Roberg, state health officer, who passed today in Salem conferring with Governor Olcott, indicates there was some truth in the report current in Portland during the past few days that the state official was laying his plans to file formal charges against the head of the Portland health department.

Denying that his visit to Salem today had any connection with the rumor, Dr. Roberg let it be known that he had been in the city for the purpose of conferring with Governor Olcott, who is now current in Portland sometimes call for a complete investigation.

Showdown Appears Imminent. This statement, which not definitely interpreted by Dr. Roberg, was taken by his Salem friends to mean that the interview recently given out by Dr. Parrish, in which it was charged that Dr. Roberg was negligent in allowing persons suffering from contagious diseases to swarm into Portland, might lead to a showdown between the two officials.

Dr. Roberg, if preferred, probably will set out that Dr. Parrish has refused to co-operate with the state health officer and that the satisfactory health conditions prevailing in Portland were due to the indifference attitude assumed by the city health officer rather than neglect on the part of the state official.

Although refusing to discuss Dr. Parrish's charges with newspaper men here today, Dr. Roberg is said to have informed at least one of his friends here that he has been exerting every effort to enforce the health regulations of his office and that the claims of the city health official were false and unwarranted.

Dr. Roberg Denies Charges. "I have been working night and day to protect the health of Portland citizens," Dr. Roberg is said to have told his acquaintances here, "and any statements on the part of Dr. Parrish that persons infected with contagious disease have been allowed to swarm into Portland are untrue."

While here today, Dr. Roberg passed a half hour conferring with Dr. W. B. Morse, member of the state board of health. At the conclusion of this conference Dr. Morse said he would vouch for the statement made by Dr. Roberg that formal charges against Dr. Parrish had not yet been filed with the governor.

Dr. Roberg said tonight that his visit to Salem was purely in the interests of the association recently formed in Portland to simplify the work of handling the 14 child-caring institutions of that city.

CHARGES FREQUENTLY MADE

Bitter Feeling of Long Standing Between Officials Reported.

Bitter feeling between State Health Officer Roberg and City Health Officer Parrish was said to have existed from the moment that Dr. Roberg had been appointed to his present office some months ago. Frequently Dr. Parrish has charged that Dr. Roberg has failed to co-operate with city health officials.

It was also known that when State Health Officer Roberg sent a letter recently calling attention of Dr. Parrish to some alleged failure on his part properly to enforce health laws in some particular instance, Dr. Parrish sent a communication to the state health officer in which Dr. Parrish said that Mayor Baker was the "only boss" to whom the city health officer reported. It was believed that in the event Dr. Roberg should file the charges against the city health official, his letter will play a prominent part in the prosecution.

Dr. Parrish recently said that he

ALL NEW TODAY!



THE LATEST MACK SENNETT GLOOM-BUSTER

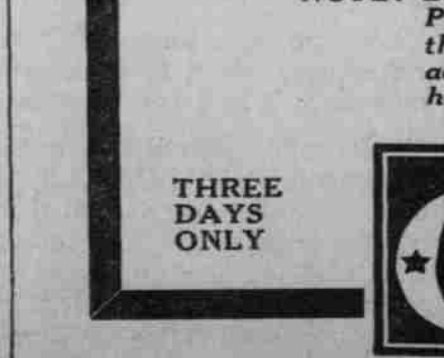
"A LADY'S TAILOR"

Oil up the old laugh machine and ride into it! There's every variety of mirth from giggles to gales of guffaws (Comanche yells and hysterics are tabooed). There are some new faces among the bathing beauties—that is, if you have ever noticed their faces.

"All Woman"

A story of a girl who fought big odds and won. Mae Marsh is the star.

NOTE: Last Xmas Shopping Matinee today, 2 to 4 P. M. Director Knowles has a special score that will make you forget that your feet ever ached! Come on, get your soul filled with happy music.



had no desire to combat the present state health official, but that he resented the apparent failure of this official to co-operate with the city, community and health officials of the city health office, he said, would show conclusively that Dr. Roberg had failed to give the city health office the support to which Dr. Parrish felt it was entitled.

"Dr. Roberg is welcome to institute any investigation he desires," said Dr. Parrish last night when apprised of the proposed plans of the state health officer. "If he believes that we have been derelict in our duty, it is his privilege to prove it. But during his investigation he should not overlook checking on his own failure to give the city health office of Portland co-operation which would aid us materially in the administration of our duties. It has not been infrequently that we have appealed to the state health office for aid, because the state health officer is in absolute authority in health matters, but it has almost always been lacking."

SALEM TO PROVIDE CHEER

INMATES OF STATE HOSPITAL TO EAT AND DANCE.

Each Convict to Get Box of Christmas Delicacies; Salvation Army Helps Poor Families.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Salem as in previous seasons, will provide an abundance of Christmas cheer for its poor people and for persons who, through physical or mental weakness, are confined in the various state institutions here.

Dr. L. F. Griffith, superintendent of the state hospital for the insane, has provided an elaborate dinner for Christmas day. The menu will include roast turkey, chicken, duck, cranberry sauce, stuffing, mashed potatoes, mince pie, nuts, coffee and many other delicacies which go to make up a first-class repast. In the evening a dance will be held for the inmates of the institution, and on the following evening a musicale will be held.

At the state penitentiary Warden Deiner and Deputy Warden Talley have completed all arrangements for a dinner which will far surpass those served in previous years. In addition to this treat each inmate of the prison will receive a three-pound box of apples, nuts, sweetmeats and other delicacies. The boxes are being prepared by the Salvation Army and will be distributed among the convicts Christmas morning.

Elaborate dinners will be served at the state tuberculosis hospital, state training school for the deaf, industrial school for girls, state home for the feeble-minded, state school for the blind, and state home for the deaf.

The Salem Christmas tree for the poor children of the city will receive a substantial gift, in addition to candy, nuts, oranges and other fruits. The tree, which is being prepared by the Salvation Army, will make its usual donations to families unable to provide for themselves.

IRRIGATION PLEA HEARD

Central Oregon District Protects Company's Proposed Deal.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Officials of the Central Oregon Irrigation company appeared before the desert land board here today and requested approval of a contract by which the corporation would furnish the Lone Pine Irrigation district water sufficient to irrigate approximately 1600 acres of land. In lieu of this contract the company offered to cancel an equal area of patented lands in the Central Oregon project.

Representatives of the Central Oregon Irrigation district also appeared at the meeting and protested against approval of the contract on the grounds that the company was not in a position to furnish water sufficient to irrigate the lands which it already was obligated to serve.

Final decision will be given at the meeting of the desert land board to be held here December 26.

Chinese Gives \$100 to Church.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—Lee Hing, Chinese hop grower in the Kaiser Bottom section of Marion county, has contributed \$100 to the church at Clear Lake, \$50 of which is to be expended in improvements and the remaining \$50 to buy candy for the Christmas entertainment.

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111. W. W. GET UNTIL SATURDAY TO PLEAD

Request for Stay in Murder Case Is Refused.

DEFENDANTS WIN POINT

En Masse Conference in Private With Counsel Granted Despite Deputy's Objection.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The 111 W. W. in the county jail at Montesano charged with murder of four American Legion men at Centralia during the Armistice-day parade were arraigned in court this afternoon before Judge Wilson of Olympia. Upon being asked if they were ready to plead, George E. Vanderveer of Seattle, their attorney, asked for a stay until January 2.

Judge Wilson refused this and set the time for pleading for Saturday, December 27, at 2 o'clock, or as soon thereafter as the train should arrive from Olympia.

Vanderveer objected to the action of W. H. Abel, deputy prosecutor, in attempting to prevent him, Vanderveer said, from seeing his clients together, which he claimed as a right. He also objected to Abel as deputy prosecutor on the ground that he was not a resident of Lewis county and could not therefore be a deputy of that county.

Vanderveer won one point this morning when Judge Sheeks and Judge Abel overruled Sheriff Bartell and allowed Vanderveer to see all of the 111 W. W. defendants in private and together.

Vanderveer arrived in Montesano this morning and asked to see the prisoners together, the seven confined upstairs in the jail and the four downstairs, who had been reported to have made a confession as to the plot to murder the ex-service men. This request Sheriff Bartell refused to grant and did not reverse his stand until the order signed by both judges of the court had been presented.

Vanderveer then was allowed to interview the men together. The interview lasted about two hours.

STANDARD OIL PAYS TAX

Total of \$19,529 Turned Over to Secretary of State.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—The Standard Oil company of California today paid to the secretary of state \$19,529, covering the sales of 1,501,410 gallons of gasoline and 263,154 gallons of distillate in November. The total tax paid by the several motor vehicle fuel dealers operating in Oregon in November aggregated \$19,529. The November sales were the lightest since last March, when the total tax amounted to \$20,984.25. August was the banner month for the year, the tax for that month aggregating \$47,477.73.

PAPER EXPORT IS HALTED

Canadian Mills Ordered to Supply Own Publishers First.

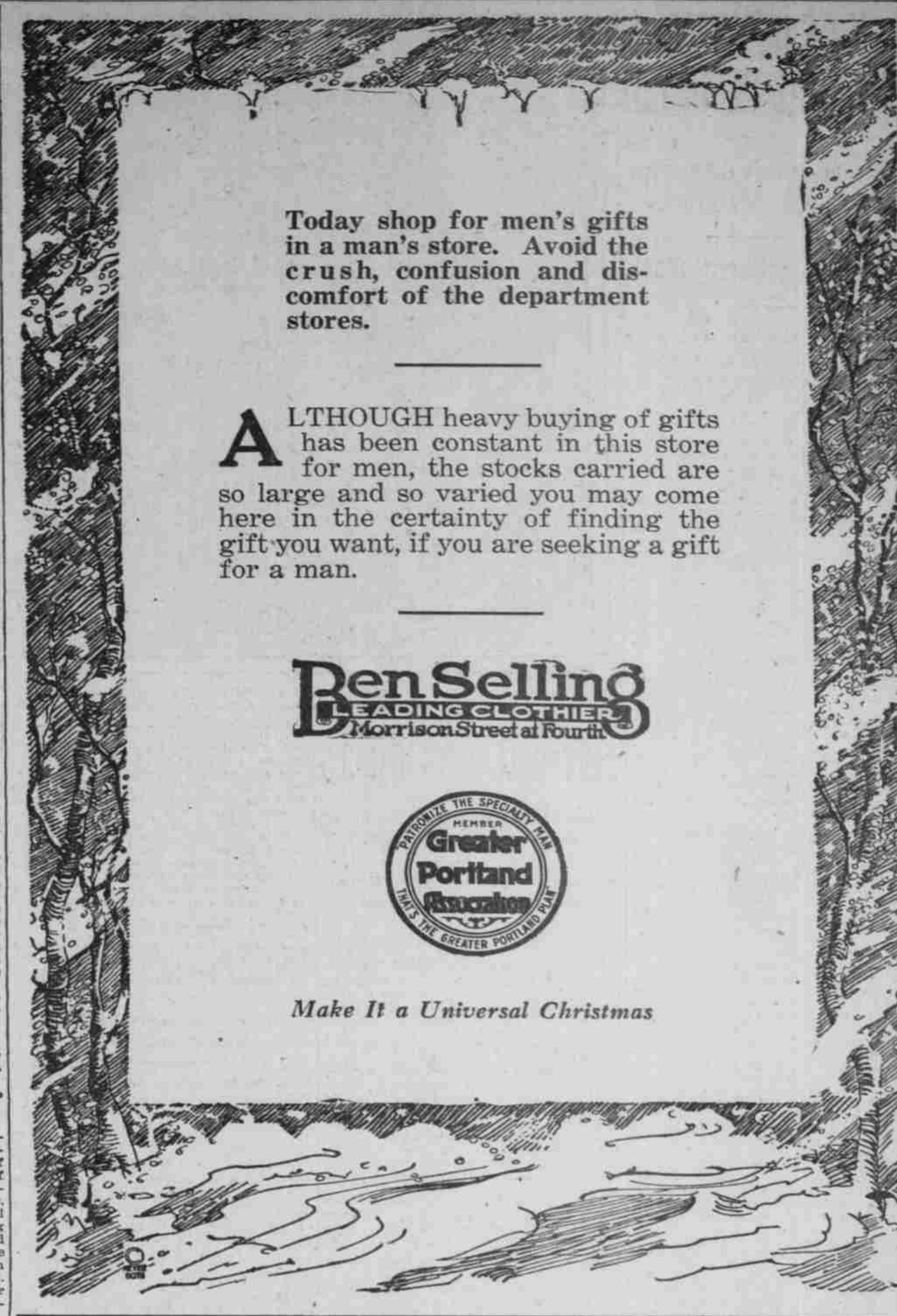
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 23.—Seven carloads of news print paper consigned to American publishers from the mills of the Fort Francis Pulp & Paper company were stopped in transit this morning by order of Robert A. Pringle, paper controller.

Mr. Pringle explained that all export shipments from the company would be stopped until it had complied with his orders to furnish paper to western Canadian publishers, who, he has been told, will be forced to suspend publication unless a supply is forthcoming before the end of the week.

QUEETS GOLD IS FOUND

Washington Discovery May Rival Nome Beach Deposit.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—What may prove to be a rich strike of coarse gold has been found north of the Queets river by J. E. Epton, Aberdeen merchant, and W. F. Henderson of Hoquiam. Epton, who mined for six years in Alaska, says



the strike appears to be a rich one and believes that it may rival the find on the Nome beach in Alaska. Washings have netted from \$1 to as high as \$7 and \$8 a cubic yard. The gold is not of the flour type found in much of the "beach sand," said Mr.

Epton. "It is heavier and is estimated to be worth around \$20 an ounce. We believe it can be taken out with sluice boxes." Still seized at Pendleton. PENDLETON, Or., Dec. 23.—(Spe-

cial.)—Thomas J. McGinnis, said to be a homesteader of Malheur county, was taken into custody here by officers last night. The officers also took five gallons of prange whiskey. Eight gallons of prange mash and a copper coil and kettle also were seized.

Large advertisement for Liberty Theater Corporation, featuring the text 'Go! LIBERTY Now!', 'A MERRY XMAS GREETING', and 'TONIGHT AT 8 P. M.', along with an illustration of a man and a woman in period clothing.