PORTLAND OREGON, SATURDAY, JANUARY 24, 1920

CAPTAIN J. F. BLAIN IN SHIP FRAUD NET BRICK WALLS CRACKED AND

Ex-Shipping Board Head Arrested in Seattle.

BAIL IS FIXED AT \$10,000

Acceptance of Secret Commissions Is Charged.

FIFTY COUNTS INCLUDED

Former North Pacific District Man ager of Emergency Fleet Corporation Under Fire.

SEATTLE, Wash, Jan. 27 .- Captain John F. Blain, former north Pacific beyond some telephones being put ou fleet corporation, was arrested late while head of the shipping board in people thought there had been an this section. He was later released explosion in Nanaimo. under \$10,000 cash bail, to appear for

arraignment in federal court Monday While the indictment of Captain Binin is the first definite action i the probe of alleged frauds in the Pacific coast shipbuilding programme t will be followed shortly by other involving emergency fleet corporation officials and individuals in the north according to Walter C. Foster special agent of the department o justice, who is in charge of the in vestigation. Cases of other official will be presented to the grand jury when it reconvenes Tuesday, it was

Two Indictments Returned. indictments were returned against Captain Blain. One indict- ganized effort." which contains 50 counts, charges that while district manager indictment further charges that he demand for him." received secret commissions amount-Steward company. The second indictment covers the same charges.

Captain Blain has been prominent in shipping circles on both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts. At one time he was inspector of hulls and boilers doring company.

While Captain Blain was district control delivered to the shipping board | Poland. ene-third of all the steel ships turned Captain Blain was director of the

Good Record Made.

Today's indictments come as the climax of a series of investigations congressmen and government agents SLAYER'S PLEA IS VAIN have been making of Pacific coast

ghipyards since 1918. One of the shipping board's agents F. A. Dowsey, formerly a New York customs officer, was found dead last summer in the building in which the murdered were stilled when a coroner's jury found that he died of natural causes.

House Makes Probe A house of representatives investigating committee was here last summer going over the yards and the shippard accounts. Representative Joseph Walsh, Massachusetts, was chairman. When the committee returned to Washington it was announced that their findings had been turned over to the department of

justice. Early last fall, W. C. Foster, agent of the department of justice, came tere to check shipbuilding accounts of Oregon and Washington yards. A few days ago he was joined here by Bert Schlesinger, San Francisco attorney, who had been named specia assistant attorney-general to probe alleged shippard frauds.

CAPTAIN BLAIN KNOWN HERE

Oregon Drydock Company.

years. He was manager for a numcompany, a concern affiliated with and imports of \$3,031,000,000. the Willamette Iron & Steel works and operating a small drydock near plant of that company.

Captain Brain left here when he entered the United States steamboat South Carolina Act Would Apply to aspection service and was stationed at Boston. He subsequently returned to the Pacific coast as assistant general manager of the Pacific Coast in eating places would be prohibited Steamship company at Seattle, but under a bill passed to second reading left the service of that company be- by the state senate. fore it was converted into the Pacific (Concluded on Page 2, Column 2.)

PUGET SOUND CITIES 85 RADICALS IN

scattle, Bellingham and Vancou ver, B. C., Rocked-Degrees of Intensity Are Varied.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 23,-An arthquake shock which cracked a number of brick walls in this vicinity was felt here shortly after 11 o'clock ALL BELONG TO COMMUNISTS onight. At Anacortes, Wash., near here, windows in a number of houses were broken by the force of the temblor and brick walls were cracked, Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes Is according to reports reaching here. The quake was felt in varying de grees of intensity in a number of towns in the northwestern section of Washington, it was reported.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 23 .- Three listinct earthquake shocks were felt here at 11;08 o'clock tonight. So far no material damage has been

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 23 .- One the most severe earthquake shocks that has ever visited this vicinity shook the city shortly after 11 o'clock Excited people rushed out of buildings, but up to the present no damage has been reported,

of commission. Victoria reported feeling the same shock almost at the moment it oc- radical activities in Illinois before ups today following his indictment by a curred here, and a little later reports Judge Robert E. Crowe of the crim- against the three men. came from Nanaimo that the shock accepted secret commissions had been felt there. Some Vancouver

HOOVER CLUBS BARRED

Julius F. Barnes Announces Booster Bodies Are Not Sanctioned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23 .- Julius F. Barnes, president of the United States grain corporation, who intimated in a and an active organizer, and Nicholas be "drafted" for the presidency, announced in a statement today that there is no authority or sanction for any organization work in the form of Hoover clubs or any other similar or-

"There is not a dollar of campaign funds nor a dollar authorized to be of the emergency fleet corporation spent," he added. "The situation is between August, 1917, and April, 1919, exactly as when I spoke two weeks he was also agent for the Steward ago. He will not permit his friends Davit & Equipment corporation and to organize sentiment in his behalf was directly interested in the profits and personally I do not believe he of the firm through sales of mate- will permit himself to become a canrials to equip shipping board vessels didate unless there is unmistakable built in Washington and Oregon. The evidence of spontaneous and popular

American Red Cross Combats

Smallpox at Dvinsk. RIGA, Jan. 23 .- (By the Associated Press.)-The largest single vaccinain Boston, Mass. On the Pacific coast tion task ever undertaken in Europe been active in the affairs of alleged Burnside streets and \$55 at the Nob the ice I and my comrades in mishe was master of the steamship Penn- is being started by the American Red radical organizations. sylvania, chief officer of the Great Cross in the neighborhood of Dvinsk. Northern liner Minnesota and later More than 400,000 vaccinations are to grand jury for alleged violation of the from the Nob Hill pharmacy and a records regarding the weather and assistant general manager of the Pa- be performed in an effort to prevent Mann white slave act in bringing Mrs. total of four watches at the same continued our research work, hoping cific Coast Steamship company and the spread of smallpox, which has Erma Lamb, whom he declared was place. One watch was taken by the that even though we perished, future manager of the International Steve- broken out in bad form in the provnorthward throughout the Baltic

Vaccine for 400,000 persons shipped over to the board in the United States, from the American Red Cross head- ago. coording to local records. For a time quarters in Paris is being distributed. wood yards in Oregon and Washing- sheviki three weeks ago by the Poles and Letts.

Dismissal of 19 Murder Charges Denied Dynimate Case Convict. LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 23 .-

Thomas Lee Wootwine, district attor-Scattle offices of the shipping board ney, today announced receipt of a are located. Rumors that he had been letter from David Kaplan, convicted in 1916 of murder in connection with the dynamiting of the Los Angeles Times, October 1, 1910, and now serving a sentence of 10 years in San Quentin, in which Kaplan asks dismissal of 19 murder charges still standing against him.

Woolwine immediately replied, refusing the request and telling Kaplan that he had received light punishment for participation in a conspiracy which was "the forerunner of the present attempted campaign of

EXPORTS SHOW DECLINE

Imports Into U. S. Also Register Loss Over November.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23 .- December exports decreased in value \$60,000,-000 from the \$741,000,000 recorded for November, while imports dropped to \$381,000,000, a decrease of \$44,000,-Indicted Man Formerly Managed | 000, the commerce department re-

ported today. The excess of exports over imports Captain John F. Blain is widely for the entire year 1919 reached \$4,known in Portland maritime circles 017,000,000, a high record. Exports and made his home here for many totaled \$7,921,000,000 with imports amounting to \$3,904,000,000, compared ber of years of the Oregon Drydock with 1918 exports of \$6,149,000,000

SMOKING BAN PROPOSED

COLUMBIA, S. C., Jan. 23 .- Smoking

Restaurant and hotel keepers would Steamship company, Admiral line, be required to display "no smoking" His next business affiliation was signs and enforce the rule under pen

CHICAGO INDICTED

Effort to Overthrow Government Charged.

One of Those Accused.

PORTLAND MAN ON BAIL

Harry M. Wicks, Said to Have Been Member of National Committee, Is Named.

CHICAGO, Jan. 23. - Indictments against 85 members of the communist gation." party of America were returned today by a special grand jury investigating

government by violence and all but nents charging violation of the new state sedition law. Bonds were fixed at \$5000 on each charge. Prominent among those indicted are

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes, who is said to be a member of the national executive committee of the organization editor of Novy Mir, the newspaper which employed Trotzky before he returned to Russia. Others indicted were Isaac E. Fer-

guson, Chicago, alleged chief counsel for the communist party; Charles E. Ruthenburg of Cleveland and Louis C Fraina of New York, reported to be editor-in-chief of all communist party propaganda, who is believed to be in Mexico. Alexander Stoklitsky, now said to

be in Mexico City, and Harry M. Portland, Or., also were in-Wicks. They are said to be members dicted. of the national executive committee Indictments returned by the grand ury to date number 123. Last Wednesday 38 members of the communist labor party were indicted. The grand gation. ing to \$17,750 arising from contracts between the government and the 400,000 TO TAKE SERUM jury will now turn its attention to evidence against members of the . W. W., and is expected to conclude

its work next week. SPOKANE, Jan. 23. - Harry M. Wicks was convicted of criminal syn-

ince of Latgalia. Unless localized, it He was at liberty on ball under this bery.

known as Harrison Ellerson, wanted the time of the hold-up. Chicago under an indictment for an

MADE CONFESSIONS.

Robbery of Fashion Garage, Nau's Drug Store, Filling Station, Pharmacy Admitted, Say Police.

since the first of the year, in which an aggregate of about \$1000 in loot was secured, are charged against Charles Langdale, Robert Hall and Russell Higginbotham, three men who

In confessions which the men are said to have made to Captain of Detectives Circle and Lieutenant Goltz, Langdale and Hall admitted the hold- undertaking. up of the Fashion garage on January 16. In their confessions the two are ice barrier at the Bay of Whales. said to have implicated Higginbotham

Charges of assault and robbery, beheld on an open charge "for investi- England and Australia-

Detectives last night expressed the belief that several other recent hold- be used to carry provisions and equip-

The 85 were named in one general conspiracy indictment charging them day by Detectives La Salle, Tackawith advocating the overthrow of the berry, Leonard, Hellyer, Philips, Howell and Morak under the leadership three were named in separate indict- of Lieutenant Goltz. Langdale was pole next Christmas day. The jourpicked up at Nineteenth and Wash- ney will have to be ington streets. Hall at Fourth and stages, since we could not hope to Washington streets and Higginbotham cross the highest peaks with a full at Tenth and Morrison streets.

heart of Higginbotham were taken to far as possible lighten the machine. Hourwich of New York, said to be the police station and questioned. The tain Circle and Lieutenant Goitz.

Jewelry Is Recovered.

In the arrest of the three men the not been identified last night, although in the four jobs to which the nen confessed a total of five watches was taken. Detectives were unable to as at none of the four robberies was the loss of toilet sets mentioned. This is one basis for their belief that more jobs may be charged against the three men as the result of further investi-

The loot, which the robbers are deed from the four jobs they are said to have admitted, Island after the Aurora (the Mawson

The Frank Nau drugstore was held

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THREE MEN ACCUSED | DASH TO SOUTH POLE OF 4 CITY HOLD-UPS TO BE TRIED IN AIR

TWO REPORTED TO HAVE DR. COPE TO START 5 YEARS ANTARCTIC TOUR IN JUNE.

> Airplane, Weighing 12,600 Pounds With Load and Crew, to Land . on Ice With Skids.

LONDON, Jan. 23 .- (By the Assoc ated Press.)-Dr. John L. Cope, con mander of the British Imperial Ant arctic expedition which will leave ULTIMATUM IS GIVEN LODGE England on the steamer Terranova were arrested yesterday afternoon by next June for a five years' tour or city detectives under the leadership exploration in the Antarctic, says an of Lieutenant of Detectives John attempt will be made to dash to the Sherman, Illinois, Threatens south pole by airplane. Today he told the Associated Press how he hoped to accomplish this pretentious

"The plane we are taking with us that of Frank Nau's drugstore on said Dr. Cope, "is being specially con-January 7, a Standard Oil filling sta- structed and will be so designed that tion at Thirteenth and Burnside it can land on the ice by means of streets on January 13 and the robbery skids. Three men will make the dash of the Nob Hill pharmacy on January for the pole from the top of the great

"From the starting point it will be continuous climb, since the plane ng armed with a dangerous weapon, with peaks 11,000 feet high. The pilot were placed against Langdale and will be Captain G. H. Wilkins, who Hall last night and Higginbotham was participated in the flight between

The plane will be fitted with in the city would be charged ment if anything happens to prevent the journey being continued in the The arrest of the trio was the re- air. With a full load and crew the tend to commence the flight for the load. Hence, at the foot of the peaks During the course of the investiga- in latitude 84 degrees south, we will tion yesterday afternoon the wives of land on the ice and establish a depot Langdale and Hall and the sweet- of spare fuel and provisions and as

"Having searched for the tent left girls wept copiously under the ex- by Amundsen and the flags which he amination given them, relative to the and Captain Scott deposited there, we movements of the three men, by Cap- will commence the return journey Both on the flight to the pole and back I shall follow the tracks Amunddetectives recovered three watches there are more reliable than those and four toilet sets. The watches had prevailing over the route used by

"During the flight we will be in touch by wireless with our base and a searching party will be sent out account for the toilet sets, inasmuch afoot to find us if we should be out of touch more than two days.
"With the aid of the airplane I am

certain we shall be able to penetrate farther into the interior and reach spots which could be reached on foot only with the utmost difficulty and great danger.

included, according to reports made expedition ship of 1916) was driven at the police station, \$70 obtained at away in the blizzard gave me every Taft, who consulted with the Fashion garage, \$98 obtained at opportunity for studying weather conthe Frank Nau drug store, \$130 at the ditions. In the little hut established Wicks was convicted of criminal of the convergence Hill pharmacy. In addition two dia- fortune lived for two years with all Later he was indicted by a federal mond rings valued at \$500 were taken hope of rescue abandoned. We kept his secretary, here from Portland, Or, holdup men at the Frank Nau rob- explorers would find data that would benefit them. Those records conis feared the disease will spread indictment, and was last heard from The first of the series of robberies vinced me of the practicability of in Chicago, according to his attorney charged to the three men was that of aviation in the Antarctic during the manager here the yards under his states and southward throughout here, who said Wicks had resigned the Fashion garage, at Tenth and summer. During the expedition an from the national executive committee Taylor streets, which was held up at attempt will be made to circumnaviof the communist party some time 10:40 P. M. on the night of January 1, gate the Antarctic and three mem-Three men participated in this hold- bers of the party, including myself, ate by Senator Ashurst, up in which the cash register was will spend a whole winter on the Arizona, in favor of immediate rati-POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Jan. 23 .- rifled of \$70. R. Morrison, night clerk great ice barrier, a thing never be- fication. Mr. Ashurst charged both A man alleged to be John Reed, also at the garage, was in the place at fore attempted, for the purpose of republicans and democrats with destudying weather conditions.

public property.

COMPROMISE MOVE SUFFERS SETBACK MRS. PETER A. KIKES MAY NOT SURVIVE INJURIES.

Republicans Protest Further Reservations:

to Join Third Party.

CONCERN IS EXPRESSED

Ex-President Taft Urges Compromise on Change to Article 10, Declaring Covenant Safeguarded.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 23.-Protest by large group of influential republi- swept up her back to her hair. patent sledge attachment which will can senators against turther comprogotiations a severe setback and, senators declared, involved future solionly in the senate but in the nation.

Borah, Idaho, and claiming to represent other senators, called Republican Leader Lodge into conference and delivered what was declared to be an ultimatum against proposed compro-mises of the informal bi-partisan committees of senate leaders.

Some of the senators in the conference with Senator Lodge declared that the reception of the protests would affect the republican leadership and unity in the senate, while one Senator Sherman of Illinois, stated after the conference that he would leave the republican party and join sent followed afoot, because the winds a third party if the republicans sup-

The conference with Senator Lodge, which lasted nearly three hours, prevented the scheduled session of the bi-partisan committee. This committee will meet again tomorrow, but to the discovery of the fire. The with the situation thrown into confu- baby's burnes were not considered P. M. sion by today's developments. Democrats interested in the compromise negotiations tonight expressed concern over the turn of events at the resultant possibility of success.

The movement of protest agains was almost coincident with a visit to the senate by former President "mild reservation" republicans, in of Minnesota and Colt of Rhode Island. Mr. Taft urged compromise strongly and declared that a compromise on the Lodge reservation to article 10 of the league of nations covenant would not "kill" the treaty, because, he asserted, other provision would make for world peace and cause resort rarely to article 10.

Both Parties Blamed.

Another offset of the opposition to compromise was a speech in the sen-

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OPEN FLAME HEATER DUTCH WON IGNITES WOMAN'S ROBE

Fire Consumes Night Dress and

Burns Hair From Head-Full Hospitals Delay Treatment.

Mrs. Peter A. Kikes, 33, was severe y burned about the back and shoul head at 9 o'clock yesterday morning when her night robe caught fire from an open-flame gas heater at her home 731 Union avenue North. She wa taken to the Portland sanitarium where Dr. F. H. Dammasch pro iounced her recovery doubtful.

Mrs. Kikes was prevented from be ing burned to death by the ready action of John Gilson, 22, who room at the Kikes residence. The woma had run outside, the flames leaping over her body, when Mr. Gilson selzed

Mrs. Kikes was dressing one of her three little children at the time of the accident. She leaned over to arrange something about the child's dress when her robe swept into the flame of the heater and the fire immediately

Miss Kikes is the wife of Peter mises on reservations to the peace A. Kikes, who is employed in a res- of Germany, that he may be tried "for treaty today gave the compromise ne- taurant at 155 North Sixth street, as a supreme offense against internaa waiter.

darity of the republican party not the Portland hospitals and the im- Holland. possibility of securing accomm Eight republican senators, headed tions it was an hour and a half beby Senators Johnson, California, and fore Dr. Dammasch finally was able minister. Holland takes the ground to make arrangements to have the that the Dutch government is not a suffering woman cared for at the Portland sanitarium. "I spent an hour and a half tele-

phoning the Good Samaritan hospital, St. Vincent's hospital, the Emanuel hospital and other hospitals and was finally compelled to send her clear out to the Portland sanitarium," said Dr. Dammasch

in the need for greater hospital facilities in Portland." The several months' old baby East Nineteenth street north, was and tradition.

fire which started in the Smith residence from an overheated stove yesterday, doing about \$1200 damage to the residence and furnishings. The crying of the baby, which had been sleeping in the living room, led

Combined Three-Day Convention. EVERETT, Wash., Jan. 23. - The embined convention of the Pacific Milk Dealers' association and the Pa Northwest Association of Milk and Dairy Inspectors will be held February 3, 4 and 5 in Portland. L. Davies, president of the Inspectors' ssociation, announced today.

Dairymen and inspectors from the Pacific coast states and British Co-

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UP EX-EMPEROR

Note Says Holland Is Not Bound by Treaty.

HONOR HELD TO BE AT STAKE

Nation Cannot Betray Confidence, Says Reply.

IS REHEARSED DEMAND

Contention Is Advanced That Queen Has Not Same Interest That Actuates Powers.

PARIS, Jan. 23 .- The demand of the ntente powers that Holland deliver up to them former Emperor William tional morality and the sanctity of Owing to the crowded condition of the treaties," has been refused by

In a note delivered this afternoon to the foreign office by the Dutch party to the peace treaty, which con emned William Hohenzollern, and that it cannot recognize as an international duty the necessity to asso late itself with "this act of high international policy of the powers

It declares also that the constituen aws of the kingdom and the tradition of the country, always a ground for refuge for the vanquished in interna tional conflicts, will not permit the the entente by withdrawing from the Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Smith, 327 former emperor the benefit of its laws slightly burned as the result of a made that the people of The Netherlands cannot betray the faith of those who have confided themselves to Holland's free Institutions

The Dutch minister delivered Holland's reply to the allied demand for extradition of the former German emperor to the foreign office at 5:30

Following is the reply of The Netherlands government to the en-

"By verbal note, dated January 15, Paris, the powers, referring to article 227 of the treaty of Versailles, demand that the government of Holland give into their hands William of Hohenzollern, former emperor of Germany, so that he may be tried,

"Supporting this demand they

observe that if the former emperor had remained in Germany the German government would, under the terms of article 22 of the treaty of peace, have been obliged to deliver him. "In citing as premeditated violations of international treaties, as well as a systematic disregard of the most sacred rules of the rights of

man, a number of acts committed

during the war by German authority,

the powers place the responsibility, at least morally, upon the former "They express the opinion that Holland would not fulfill her international duty if she refused to associate herself with them within the limit or her ability to pursue or at least not to

impede, the punishment of crimes committed,

Holland Held Not Bound. "They emphasize the special charcter of their demands, which contemplate not a judicial accusation but an act of high international policy. and they make an appeal to Holland's respect of law and love of justice not to cover with her moral authority vio-Anti-sedition bill fight splits party lines in house. Page 10.

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serve, first, that obligations which. for Germany, could have resulted from article 228 of the treaty of eace, cannot serve to determine the duty of Holland, which is not a party to the treaty.

"The government of the queen moved by imprescriptible reasons, cannot view the question raised by the demands of the powers except from the point of view of its own duty. It was absolutely unconnected with the origin of the war and has maintained, and not without difficulty, its neutrality to the end. It finds itself, then, face to face with facts of the war in a position different from that of the powers.

"It rejects with energy all susnicion of wishing to cover with its sovereign right and its moral authority violations of the essential principles of the solidarity of nations; but It cannot recognize an international duty to associate itself with this act of high international policy of the

"If, in the future, there should be instituted by the society of nations an international jurisdiction compatent to judge in case of war deeds qualified as crimes and submitted to

Honor Held Involved.

"The government of the queen cannot admit in the present case any other duty than that imposed upon Zoning vote to be taken in chamber. Page it by the laws of the kingdom and national tradition. "Now, neither the constituent laws

"IF YOU WANT TO KNOW WHO'S BOSS AROUND HERE, START SOMETHING."

