

# PONZI HAILED AS 'GREATEST ITALIAN'

## Investors Receive Money as Fast as Possible.

### RECORDS RIGHT SO FAR

#### Government May Make Effort to Induce Financier to Suspend Business.

BOSTON, Mass., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—After nine hours of payments to over 100 note holders, who made demands today, Charles Ponzi, seemingly an amazing financial genius, left his offices at the Securities Exchange company with a smile as serene as ever. He had met every financial demand upon him; he had been in conference with the attorney-general of the state; he had talked on the long-distance telephone with friends and clients in distant parts of the country, and he had seen his available cash reduced by many thousands, yet he was still serene. That is the story of the day in connection with Charles Ponzi and his mysterious "get-rich-quick" plan.

His business office opened an hour earlier than usual. The line of note holders was already besieging his office, and in a short time it extended along the corridors and downstairs to the street floor out through an unoccupied store on the alley, formerly used as the famous Bell-In-Hand saloon, and then into City Hall avenue. All day long this line continued. It moved at the rate of 45 an hour.

**Ponzi Hailed as Great Man.**

Very strangely, the publication in a morning newspaper that Ponzi was insolvent failed to affect the note holders very seriously. Instead of believing the charge, many of those in line expressed the utmost confidence in the Italian operator and his methods, and only words of condemnation were expressed from the newspaper. Ponzi appeared in the corridor, he was hailed as the greatest of Italians.

"No," quickly responded Ponzi. "Christopher Columbus, who discovered the new world, is the greatest, and Marconi, who discovered wireless telegraphy, is the next."

"Then you are the third," shouted the enthusiastic admirer.

**MONTH'S HAUL LARGE ONE**

Liquor Squad's Report for July Shows Big Totals.

Patrolmen Huntington and Russell of the revenue department today arrested 50 persons for alleged violation of the prohibition law in July, with the result that the city obtained fines totaling \$130 and the federal government a total of \$22,083.44, according to a report filed with Chief of Police Jenkins last night.

**OLD TIMERS CELEBRATE**

Auld Lang Syne Society Enjoys Annual Outing.

More than 400 members and friends of the Auld Lang Syne society enjoyed a summer picnic today at the mouth of the Willamette river on board the barge "Swan" last night.

**MISSING GIRL IS FOUND**

Henrietta McKaughan, Portland Writer, Returns from Mountains.

NOQUAM, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—After three weeks in the Olympic mountains in a trip across from Lake Crescent to Lake Quinalt, most of the time alone, Henrietta McKaughan, special writer for a Portland newspaper, was brought to Quilley today by Forest Ranger David Hartsuck.

**CHIEF DOWELL RETIRES**

Veteran Fire Fighter to Get Half Pay Rest of Life.

Twenty-five years of active service is the record of E. E. Dowell, former chief of the fire department, who retired from that position Sunday. He will be on half pay for the rest of his life.

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# CONTRACTORS PRAISED

## ADJUDICATOR ONE OF BEST JOBS IN CITY, SAYS ALBEE.

Committee Hears Testimony to Defend Claim of Contractors for Payment of \$70,000.

"Praise for the excellent construction of the city auditorium was given by St. Albee, former mayor, in testifying before the auditorium claims committee at its hearing last night. "You think of the whole, that it was a good job!"

"Oh, indeed, I do," was his answer. "The former mayor then related that while he was chief executive he had given assurance to Hans Pederson, the auditorium contractor, that so far as he was concerned, the contractor should not suffer any loss by reason of an error in calculation. This guarantee was given at one time before the council."

# PORTLAND POST PREPARES TO WELCOME COMMANDER

## Major W. S. Gilbert of Astoria, New State Officer, Will Take Active Part in Reception.

With the close of the second annual state convention of the American Legion on Saturday at Astoria leaders of the legion in Portland had returned to the city yesterday and were at work making preparations for the reception of Franklin D'Olier, national commander, who is scheduled to visit this city on August 7 and to remain for about three days.

C. Lane Good of this city, who was selected vice-commander of the state organization, W. B. Follett, retiring state commander, and E. J. Elvers, who was re-elected state adjutant, are busy on the plans for receiving the distinguished guest, together with the various heads of committees and other officials. It is probable that Major W. S. Gilbert of Astoria, new state commander, will be here and will take an active part in the reception of D'Olier.

# BRITAIN TO AID GERMANY

## Big Advance Voted to Enable Nation to Pay Debts.

LONDON, Aug. 2.—The vote for an advance of £50,000,000 to Germany in connection with the Spa coal agreement came up tonight in the house of commons. It was agreed to without revision. Labor members welcomed in the proposition what they characterized as a "sensible change in the government policy toward Germany and a practical revision of the unworkable Versailles treaty."

# PAVING BIDS SUBMITTED

## Commissioners to Take Action on Work to Be Done Tomorrow.

Bids for paving sections of Montague street and the Columbia boulevard were submitted yesterday to the Multnomah county commissioners. They will be acted upon by the commission tomorrow.

The United Contract company bid \$2.45 a yard, unit price, for cement concrete for Montgomery drive. The total price for this work is \$13,200.

# IDAHO POLITICS STRAIGHT

## No Mixing of Parties at Primary Election Today.

BOISE, Idaho, Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Tomorrow the citizens of Idaho will exercise their right of ballot under the direct primary law as amended by the last session of the legislature. Under the new system each party will conduct its own primary, and there can be no mixing of politics of the party members of one party in the vote at the primary of the other, as has been charged in the past.

# FIVE WARSHIPS DELAYED

## Ex-German Craft Allotted U. S. Fail to Reach New York.

NEW YORK, Aug. 2.—The five ex-German warships, awarded to the United States in the distribution of the German naval forces, did not arrive today.

A wireless message from the fleet announced that the vessels were delayed owing to heavy towing of one of the disabled ships. It was expected they would arrive about August 10.

# BOOTLEGGERS GOES FREE

## Case Against Convicted Japanese Liquor-Maker Dismissed.

Albany, N. Y., Aug. 2.—James A. Muck, county commissioner, is defendant in the case against bootleggers. He was yesterday discharged by the court.

# AUTO ROLLS 300 FEET

## DRIVER STAYS WITH CAR IN TUMBLE DOWN SLOPE.

William O'Donnell of Beaverton, Ore., was injured seriously at 9 o'clock last night when his automobile went off Terwilliger boulevard at the top of the hill beyond Marquam gulch, rolled 300 yards down toward the river and stopped after turning over several times.

# REGISTER BALKS ROBBER

## Armed Man Enters Restaurant, but Fails to Get Cash.

A highwayman last night tried to rob the Gem restaurant, 734 Thurman street, but failed to get any cash because the cash register was balked.

The robbery was reported to the police last night by a woman who was in the restaurant.

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## Automobile Dealers of State Bring in Supply to Protect Business.

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# LABOR SUPPORTS FRIENDS

## War to Limit to Be Declared on Political Enemies.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., Aug. 2.—Following a lengthy session of the executive council of the American Federation of Labor today the statement was authorized that Samuel George Crockett, Frank Morrison, secretary, together with James McConnell, head of the metal trades, had been appointed to a committee with power to formulate a programme of non-partisan political activities for members of the federation.

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# CLUB WEDNESDAY NOON AT THE BENSON HOTEL

## T. J. Mahoney of the Columbia Basin Wool Warehouse company, and A. R. Jacobs of the Oregon City Woolen mills being the speakers. George M. Hyland, former Portlander, who is now a special emissary for the United States Chamber of Commerce, will also speak.

# COUNTY AGENT RESIGNS

## WASCO, Wash., Aug. 2.—(Special.)—Carl Filler, county agricultural agent since the resignation of M. J. Newhouse, the first of the

# AD CLUB TO HOLD SESSION

## The sheep industry and Oregon wool production and manufacture will be taken up for discussion at the regular weekly luncheon of the Portland A. S.

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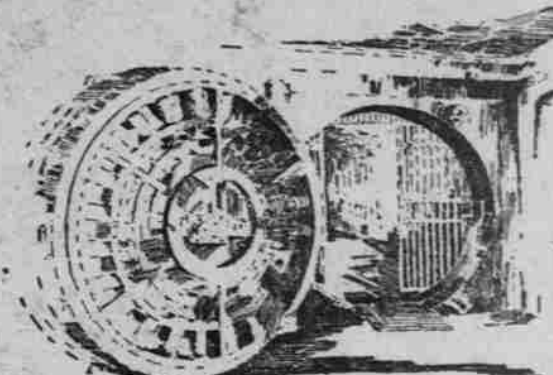
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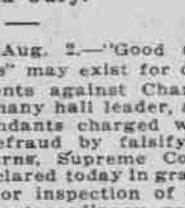
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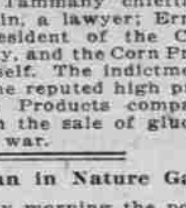
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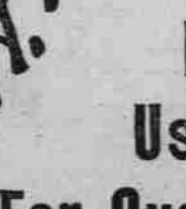
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