TRIO GETS \$25,000

Robbers Flee as Train Enters Minneapolis.

THREE CLERKS ARE BOUND

Booty Is Estimated as High as \$75,000.

WHOLE CITY IN SEARCH

No Clew of Men Who Raided Mails Is Found, Despite Most Thorough Hunt on Record

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn., Dec. 3 .-(Special.)-Registered mail of an esbers, who held up the Mobridge-Milwaukee & St. Paul railway between Minneapolis and Hopkins at 7 A. M. today and escaped.

The robbers left the train at the no reply has been given school grounds in Minneapolis and disagents and federal men began cooperating in what will be probably the most thorough robber hunt ever conducted in the city, but have falled to find trace of the trio.

late today by officials of the St. Paul

Mail Clerks Left Bound.

of the mail car, bound hand and foot, claimants allege. It was not until the train reached the stilwaukee station, about 30 minutes LABOR TRIBUNAL PLANNED ter, that the men succeeded in resing themselves and gave the police Four States to Urge Legislation for ort of the robbery.

While the robbers were at work in the mail car, two armed guards sat bery until the train reached the sta-

Leader of Trio About 30.

old, 5 feet 6 inches, weight about 160 nounced at the governor's office topounds, of dark complexion and day. 20 to 22 years of age, about 5 feet 7 be introduced. inches tall and weighed about 180 pounds. He was of light complexion coat, but no overcoat. Robber No. 2 was about 28 years old, 5 feet 8 inches Brother-in-Law of President to tall, weighing about 150 pounds, and wore dark clothes and a dark cap. He had no overcoat.

Investigation has led the police and federal agents to believe that the rob-bers boarded the train either at Chan-harsen or Hopkins, stons having been harsen or Hopkins, stops having been University of California No. 6, due in Minneapolis at 7:45 more lucrative positions with a Los A. M. It carried registered mail from Angeles banking firm. points along the Milwaukee road between Minneapolis and Mobridge. have been from country banks, the

Robbers Climb on Platform,

The holdup men climbed aboard the small platform on the front end of the mail coach, which was directly behind the tender of the engine.

Mr. Ensch, who was the chief mail elerk, said that as the train was leaving Hopkins he saw that a chain holding the door shut from the inside had worked out of place. The door was swinging on its hinges and slightly open. As he stepped over 'WHISKY' COLORED WATER to close it a foot was placed between ment the door was forced wide open and Ensch faced a pistol in the hands of the leading gunman.

wall, all of you," ordered the robber. pistols and wore white handkerchiefs that the barrels were filled with col-The mail clerks complied. ored water. One of the robbers was relieved of his gun by the leader, who directed the Japanese liner Tenyo Maru. im to bind the clerks hand and foot The robber who did this work pro duced a roll of hay wire with which RUSSIA POPULATION CUT he tied the three victims while the two other robbers stood guard. With Decrease of 10 Per Cent Laid to their victims lying helpless upon the floor, the trio turned its attention to the mail sacks.

Bank Messengers in St. Paul Are

Robbed by Two Men.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Dec. 3.—Regis- per cent. tered Liberty bonds valued at \$15,000 were obtained by two robbers who held up two bank messengers in front of the St. Paul postoffice shortly after 6 o'clock tonight. The robbers escaped in an automobile. The messengers employed by the Capital National bank of this city were tak- dore Roosevelt, Jr., was taken suding the bonds, consigned to a Chicago dently ill at the Harford Hunt club bonding house, to the postoffice. Just as they were about to enter Baltimore hospital. the building the two messengers said | She was reported today as being

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WILSON MAY APPEAR BEFORE

CONGRESS TUESDAY. President's Health Declared to

Past Few Weeks. WASHINGTON, Dec. 2 .- (By the ssociated Press.)-President Wilson was represented today as being strongly desirous" of appearing in

nessage to that body. He has not owever, made known his plans Both Secretary Tumulty and Rear Admiral Grayson, the president's Early Financial Relief Possiphysician, professed ignorance of Mr. Wilson's decision and it is not exdected that he will make it known intil just before congress is ready to eceive the executive's message next

Tuesday. lent have said that his health had im proved so rapidly in the past few weeks that there was no doubt of his ability to go before congress if he de-

Mr. Wilson ceased using his wheel hair more than a week ago and I was said that he would be able to go o the capitol without the ald of a

Senate and house leaders have sought information from the White imated value of from \$25,000 to \$75,- House as to whether the president 000 was stolen today by three rob- will receive this year the committee ment is on foot to secure amendment Minneapolis train on the Hastings of congress formally to notify him the short session of congress. There and Dakota division of the Chicago, that the legislative body was in session and ready to receive communications from the executive, but as yet

train ran through the West high SIX SURVIVORS SUE CITY City police, railroad Klamath Falls Defendant in Case session after March 4. Among those Prince Rupert, B. C., and had caused

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Dec. 3. (Special.)-Claims against the city for damages totaling \$3735 have been school which believes that any effort INDUSTRIAL DEATHS ARE 4 Rewards of \$1000 each for the ar- filed by six survivors of the Houston to get tax legislation now would re ed hotel fire, in which at least nine per- sult in a legislative snarl which sons lost their lives September 6.

The claimants sliege that the city sible. Senator Boies Penrose, chair ouncil issued a lodging house permit man of the senate committee of When the robbers quit the train to Mrs. W. B. Barnes for conducting finance, is among those credited with they left three mail clerks, R. M. the hotel January 13, in spite of the opposition to any plan of action now Ensch, 1023 Twelfth avenue S. E.; F. well-known lack of fire protection C. Tousle, 733 Fry street, St. Paul, and facilities demanded by the Oregon A. E. Osterman, 361 South Exchange law. The same lack of protection exstreet, St. Paul, lying upon the floor isted when the fire occurred, the

Settling Industrial Disputes.

in an adjoining car with rifles to of the legislatures in four states- excess profits provision of the pres- of the law and 12 were from public protect a shipment of \$500,000 in cash. New York, West Virginia, Indiana ent revenue act should be repealed utility corporations not subject to the and Montana-have recently written Governor Allen they expect to intro- believed that if possible tariff rates duce bills at the next sessions establishing a tribunal to settle industrial make up the deficit incurred. The leader of the gunmen was de- disputes, modeled on the Kansas court scribed as being from 30 to 32 years of industrial relations, it was an-

dressed in blue overalls and a blue In at least 14 other states, the govserge suit. Robber No. 2 was from ernor is informed, atmilar bills will

and wore khaki overalls, a blue serge TWO PROFESSORS RESIGN

Take Bank Position BERKELEY, Cal., Dec. 3 .- Edward Elliott, brother-in-law of President

Much of the mail was reported to FLYING RECORDS BROKEN packages containing bonds and cur- Chicago-New York Run Made in 5 Hours 31 Minutes.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 3 .- All records for flying between Chicago and New York were broken today by the air mall service, sald an announcement by the postoffice department. J. T. Christensen, piloting a single-

motored plane, made the 742 miles in five hours and 31 minutes actual flying time.

the door and the jamb. The next mo- Big Shipment Destined for Chinese Port Found Bogus.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 .- Investi-"Stick up your mitts and face the gation by customs authorities here today of a shipment of whisky billed who marched into the coach followed at approximately \$54,000 from this by two others. All three carried city to Shanghal, revealed the fact

The shipment was being loaded on

Epidemics and War Losses. STOCKHOLM, Dec. 3 .- Preliminary

returns of the Russian census show \$15,000 IN BONDS STOLEN decreases in the population of more than 10 per cent, compared with 1914, due to epidemics and war losses. Moscow's population has dropped 45 per cent and that of Petrograd 71

MRS. T. R. JR., AT HOSPITAL Wife of ex-President's Son Taken

Ill at Hunt Club. BALTIMORE, Dec. 3.-Mrs. Theolast night and was brought to a

only slightly ill.

LAW IS FORECAST

Amendment at Coming Session Proposed.

REPUBLICAN GROUPS CONFER person before congress next week to feliver what will be his last annual

ble. Say Some.

Those in close touch with the presi- MINORITY IS CONSIDERED

Attitude of Democrat Important. Underwood May Get on Senate Finance Committee.

Washington, Dec. 3 .- A distinct move will prove the stepping stone for be enacted new are Senators Watson of Indiana and Smoot of Utah.

Opposed to this movement is would make successful action impos

Tariff Changes Proposed. Senator Watson held a long-distance conversation with Senator Penand it is understood will go to Phila-

felphia for a conference with the

Pennsylvanian. A conference was held yesterday by Watson and Senator Smoot. This act, 18 were from firms and corpora-TOPEKA, Kan., Dec. 3 .- Members group reached the opinion that the tions that had rejected the provisions should be raised simultaneously to

> The attitude of the democrats of this subject will be important because it is realized that minority opposition in the senate could block revenue legislation or any other kind of legisla-

Subtle Threat Conveyed. For this reason it is suggested that enator Underwood of Alabama, pres-

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69-MILE GALE RAGES \$100,000 IS SENT TO ALONG OREGON COAST | CANADA FOR LIQUOR

NEAR NORTH HEAD.

umber Schooner Oregon, Trying to Get Out of Astoria, Forced Back by Big Blow.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 3 .- (Special.) strong southerly gale was sweepng along the coast tonight. A re port from North Head said the wind was blowing at a 69-mile rate from he south and the sea was rough. Locally a light rain was falling with frequent heavy gusts of wind.

TILLAMOOK. Or., Dec. 3 .- (Sperecently stranded in Nehalem bay were quite as busy watching sus-and which was successfully floated pected boats and automobiles, and and repaired, again attempted the were determined to intercept the bulk run to Wheeler from Astoria last of the liquor which the \$100,000 was night. She stood outside all night destined to buy, walting for high tide this afternoon efore crossing the bar, but a heavy storm raging all day compelled her to return to Astoria.

Storms along the Tillamook coast were declared to be the most intense in years. The tide of last week surmay surpass even the recent record- against two of these already.

The virtual impossibility of main

who believe that a limited amount velocities of more than 60 miles an things there. of legislation can be passed in the hour have been noted, according to

nore elaborate revision in the long night was reported central west of channels for liquor operations. who believe that such legislation can rain in western Oregon and Wash-

456 Accidents to Workmen Report-

ed in State for Week.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 3 .- (Special)-There were four fatalities due to inthe week ended November 2, according to a report prepared by the state !

rose yesterday over the telephone, troubleman, Portland: Floyd Hardy, truck driver, Portland; Joseph E. and Harvey Straw, rigger, Powers. Of the total of 456 accidents rea small group of republican senators ported 425 were entitled to benefits only risk being capture by town marwho supported the position of Senator under the workmen's compensation shall and sheriffs between the line enerits of the act.

FOUR MEN BURIED ALIVE Eight Trapped in Asbestos Mine.

QUEBEC, Dec. 3 .- Four men were cave-in, while working in a well 150 feet deep.

Four Are Rescued.

WIND HIGH AND SEA ROUGH PORTLAND AND SEATTLE AFTER CHRISTMAS SUPPLY.

> Names of Buyers Sending Checks to Canadian City Are in Hands of Police There.

> SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 3 .- (Special.)-One hundred thousand dollars Vancouver, B. C., from buyers in Seattle and Portland, it was reported in be Canadian city, and there was a holiday bustle in bootleg circles t

cial.)—The lumber schooner Oregon. Well as city and county authorities. Loans to Agriculturists De-Federal dry squad agents, here, as

Vancouver within the last week, according to police there, and was virually all "extra business" incident to the approaching holidays.

Federal officers today said they were in possession of a complete list passed any heretofore recorded, run- of names of persons in Portland and ning 10 feet 4 inches. Predictions of Seattle to whom liquor had been sen another high tide Christmas day were and who were expecting further shipmade and if accompanied by a wind ments. Action has begun in Seattle

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 3 .- Storm the Washington - British Columbia on the agricultural situation devel- tersection. Mrs. Stearn was crushed warnings were displayed today from boundary with the present customs oped today in a dispute, at times Point Reyes north on the Pacific for force was revealed when Director Mctrong southerly gales. From the Donald stopped at Blaine on his way Harding of the federal reserve board impact of the first collision threw mouth of the Columbia river wind from British Columbia and surveyed and members of congress.

Between Blaine and Sumas, a disshort session which will give the the United States weather bureau tance of about 25 miles, there are 16 Harding roads on which there are no customs A storm moving southeastward to- stations and which therefore are open

The American customs stations at there is an equal number. The Blaine squad has to watch water traffic as well as train and highway traffic, so that the inspectors have little time | Harding. for cross-country tours along the unguarded roads.

In spite of this small force, an attempt actually is made to patrol these roads frequently trucks and passenger automobiles are caught running across the border with liquor, but the number of industrial accident commission today, seizures is insignificant compared with those that get across.

the same, a veritable network of little used country roads offering the bootaround the customs stations, their and Seattle

The watch over water craft likewise is inadequate, due to lack of he did understand the act, as he had men, funds and equipment. morning there are no customs

through either town with small risk makers could issue a statement to intelligent understanding of the funof detection. Douglas and Lynden, reputed to be timony to be that the reserve board The presentment placed on foreign important points of entry for the was favorable to banks extending all colonies in this country blame for illicit cargoes, have no customs sta- the credit possible to farmers. ouried alive today in the Federal as- tions. The volume of traffic at

> customs records showing 2157 motor- ernor Harding replied. cars had passed through the Canadian (Concluded on Page 2 Column 2)

THERE'S A DIFFERENT STORY TO TELL TODAY.



CREDITS HEARING

Governor Harding at Odds With Committeemen.

BANK POLICY IS ATTACKED

clared Restricted.

The big sum, all in checks, reached COTTON JUGGLING SEEN

Reply Is Farmers Need Have No Fear Bankers Will Not Do Right Thing by Them.

gressional joint committee hearings ing still on Washington at the in between Governor

"Mr. Chairman, what is the pur- she was caught when the automipose of this hearing?" Governor bile struck the street car. being questioned by Representative

Blaine has a force of seven. At Sumas declaring he had been a target for were brought to police headquarters "all kinds of abuse." Representative Byrnes said he determine who was to blame for the

Circulars issued by the regional reserve bank of Richmond, Va., to mem ber banks, and which Mr. Byrnes, was attempting to show had resulted in rigid restriction of farmers' credits were under discussion. Governor Harding said such circulars were not submitted to the board until printed, when they were looked over, and attention of the regional bank issuing them called to anything the board

deemed unwise. The board, he a-ded, was not central bank. ...Governor Harding told Representative Byrnes he "ought to read the federal reserve act and try to under stand it." Mr. Byrnes replied that

helped frame it Verbal Tilt Is Held.

agents on duty at all at Biaine or Senator-elect Heflin, Alabama, of all who cannot read and write Sumas, so the bootleggers could drive asked Governor Harding if the law- English and who do not possess an "The federal reserve board prefers

Eight men were trapped when the station in 11 months. At Alder bank to restrict loans for non-essen-

"I know some banks in South Carolina had been carrying large loans on cotton, some since 1917, in the INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS face of an active market."

Speculation Is Charged.

"plainly speculating." Governor Harding declared farmers need have no fear that the banks would not do their part and carry over loans on staple crops for which there is no market provided the farmers would make a fair statement of their condition to the bankers. He cited figures, which, he said, showed nomic blockade to prevent war. Page 2. there had been no restriction on rediscounts of agricultural paper.

Secretary Houston, who preceded Governor Harding, strongly opposed projects to revive the war finance of finance of farmers. Page 1.

Thit marks congressional hearing on plight finally was cast against the wall of the room, to be shattered into bits nancing sales abroad of surplus farm of Page 5. nancing sales abroad of surplus farm products. Present price declines were president desires to deliver his last annual spick and span pajamas belonging to due to readjustment, following the message to congress in person. Page 1. due to readjustment, following the war, he said, and he saw no solution for the problem, although the treasject for the last two months.

Loans on Cattle Favored. Governor Harding said diversion of the \$70,000,000 profits of the federal reserve board for loans to cattle growers would be more effective than if applied to agriculture generally. He had been asked as to his opinion on the proposal of Senator

funds for relief. The situation of cattle growers, Governor Harding said, stood by itself and demanded relief. The suggestion of Senator Hitchcock, he continued, was outside the province of the board and a matter with which it was not

Hitchcock for employment of these

was no cause for fear on the part of

Profiteering Charge Answered. carned 6.9 per cent on their capital New differential rate expected to be fully division of destroyers, as his flagcould be increased unless some way
was found for increasing Europe's
buying power and ability to furnish
requisite securities was expressed by
Houston He Ald age Secretary Houston. He did not see, he added, how much relief could be expected at this time in that way, He had no doubt, Mr. Houston said, (Cancluded on Page 4, Column &

WOMAN IS KILLED AS 2 AUTOS AND CAR HIT

THE OF DRIVER IS THROWN PARTLY OUT, CRUSHED.

Machine After Collision With Another Crashes Into Trolley Car. Victim Is Caught Between.

Mrs. Ida Stearn, 25, 1115 Wasco street, was killed almost instantly at midnight at Nineteenth and Washwas taken to the city emergency hospital in the automobile of Mr. and Mrs. Forrest Fisher of Portland

Heights, but was dead before reach-

Accounts of the accident were confused, but Arnold Adler, 424 Sixth street, driver of one of the cars, desection of Nineteenth and Washington upon the doproach of a Twentythird street car, and then noticed the Stearn car going east on Washington. He said that Stearn struck the front end of his machine, tearing off a wheel and turning the automobile around. Stearn's car then skidded

her partly from the machine, so that pany with Ruby Thurman of the same "Is the federal reserve board on trial? address, and Roy Jouvert, 446 Sixth Am I on trial here?" he continued, street, were riding with Adler. They meant no reflection on Governor accident. At 1 o'clock Captain Harms of the second relief declared that in

> held responsible for the accident. Stearn is a district manager pany and has lived in Portland for two years. They have two children, Marjorie, 4, and Walter, 1. was crazed with grief over the sudden death of his wife.

ILLITERATES HELD PERIL which reached the entrance of the Co-

Foreign Colonies in U. S. Held Responsible for Crime Wave.

er grand jury of Kings county tohibit the immigration to the country of all who cannot read and write the public as understanding his tes- damental ideas of human liberty." the present "crime wave."

About the same time the grand bestos mine at Robertson, Quebec, by Douglas is indicated by Canadian to issue its own statements," Gov- jury handed down its presentment igures were made public at Ellis Approving efforts of the Richmond island showing that of 549,069 immigrants arriving there during the tial purposes in 1919, Governor Hard- first 11 months of this year, 2703 were denled admittance and 627 deported.

Holding such c tton then, he add-ed, on reserve bank funds, was "plainty speculating"

Foreign, Mrs. Clara Sheridan, English sculptress, tells of closing events of her sojourn in Bolshevist Russia, Page 3. Allies warning against return of Constan-ting causes consternation in Greece.

Solution of Finme problem is considered near. Page 3. National.

Movement on for amendment of revenue This little bottle of green and law at coming session of congress. also tossed about in the quarters and also tossed about in the wall of

Domestic. for the problem, although the treasury department had devoted more thought to it than to any other sub
Mail car looted of \$25,000 by trio near by a grizzled rear-admiral of the United States navy, and witnessing green ink splashing on clean clothes, movement. Page 4 Los Angeles parents entrusting children to is not conducive to good humor. Ad-Christian Science healers may be pros-ecuted. Page 7.

Pacific Northwest,

Strong gale sweeps coast near Astoria. Page 1. Portland and Seattle buyers send \$100,000 to Canada for Christmas liquor, Page 1. Alaskan natives seek more cash. Page 7. gale sweeps coast near Astoria.

Football complex to plan schedule. Page 10.
Three 10-round bouts are scheduled for Wednesday night. Page 10. Eastern golfers decry action of westerners, Page 13. Commercial and Marine,

Governor Harding said that there Hears check advance in wheat market at Parks, who was in Portland a few Chicago. Page 19. the producers that the banks would Specialies under pressure in Wall-street weeks ago with the congressional market. Page 19. not do their part in the present situ-portland may have freight and pageonger action.

market. Page 18.

Portland may have freight and pageonger service to Mediterranean ports. Page 19.

Portland and Vicinity.

County commissioners to be asked to help tinance Rose Festival. Page 6.

Witnesses for Hazelwood comp

AFTER ROUGHTRIP

Destroyers Buffeted by Gale Off Oregon."

OLD SALTS ARE OVERCOME

Rear-Admiral McKean Sick First Time in 40 Years.

60-MILE WIND IS MET

Fleet Football Team to Play Here Today-Entertainment Programme Is Started.

FACTS CONCERNING VISIT OF

DESTROYERS TO PORT-LAND. Destroyers are docked at

North Bank dock, directly north of Broadway bridge Parade of visiting navy officers and men, Third and Glisan streets, to Multnomah field, at

Visiting hours from 1:30 P. M to 4 P. M Destroyers will be in part until Monday morning.

Officers' headquarters in Ben-

1 P. M.

son hotel

vestigation was still pending and that he did not know who would be J. S. McKean his first taste of seamoved all thought of breakfast from the minds of practically every officer and enlisted man on the six destroyers of the 12th division, was the experi-

imbia river early yesterday morning cers to have been at least a 60-mile gale, was the sole topic of conversation among the officers when the reception committee, headed by Mayor day handed to County Judge May a Baker, Fred W. Mulkey, C. Henri presentment urging that legislation Labbe and Captain Jacob Speier, har-U. S. S. Lamberton at Linnton yes-

terday afternoon.

First Sensiekness Known. "I've been to sea for 40 years, nentlemen, but this morning I experienced my first touch of seasickness. confessed Admiral McKean. "I wasn't sure that all six of the destroyers were going to arrive in Portland on schedule either, but here they are and

they were handled splendidly." Admiral McKean, who is in command of the 6th division of battleships of the Pacific fleet, and his flag lieutenant, H. B. McCleary, are here representing Admiral Rodman, com-

mander of the Pacific fleet. The storm which the destroyer division encountered off the Oregon coast began last night in the form of a stiff northwest blow which died down, only to be followed by a terrific sou'wester which tossed the destroy-

ers about like so many casks. Sealegs Temporarily Lost. And this storm will remain indelsonnel of the destroyers. Especially will this hold true in the case of al cabin boy on the Lamberton who left a bottle of green ink on the deak in

While temporary loss of "scalege"

numor when Portland harbor was reached. Swan Island Remembered.

"I see Swan Island is still here," he said to members of the committee, "I Total value of tamble property in Oregon am afraid that the secretary of the 1s \$1,040,839,040. Page 7. navy thought that I was dreaming Sallors are stars, winged-M players plug-gers. Page 10. when I reported that it was a good come out sooner or later, and the

cooner the better." Rear-Admiral McKean was attached to Secretary Daniels' party making a tour of inspection in September, 1919. Eastern exporters and millers trying to buy when several days were spent in As-wheat in northwest. Page 10. spection party with the secretary of the navy.

Outline of the programme arranged Answering the charge of profiteering on the part of the reserve banks. Governor Harding said they had solven of Partial discontrol of the Portland after rough trip. Page 1 balances of banks amounting to Stand by high school teachers' union is ship was making its way up the \$100,000,000. Doubt that exports similar to labor's on tenure changes. Page 10. ator was unable to pick it up while his ship was bucking and tossing in the rough seas.

Destroyers on Way Sunday. The destroyers left Los Angeles

last Sunday and pulled away from Sausalito, where oil was taken, on (Concluded on Page & Column 1.)