

# MILITARY OUTRAGES ADMITTED BY BRITISH

## Crown Acknowledges Cadets' Victims Innocent.

INSANITY IS PLEA MADE

Man Shot to Death Because He Had Bicycle, Priest Because He Was Close By.

DUBLIN, Dec. 16.—The frank admission that Canon Magner, killed yesterday at Dunmanway, County Cork, was shot by an auxiliary cadet, was made by Dublin today. A statement says that the auxiliary cadet who was ambushed near Cork Saturday night and admitted that he became insane as a result of that experience. It confirms the report that the cadet also killed Timothy Crowley, a farmer's son. P. S. Brady, a magistrate, said the auxiliary cadet, came near suffering the same fate.

Thirty auxiliaries left Dunmanway for Cork to attend the funeral of a colleague killed a few nights ago, says the statement. "They were in charge of an auxiliary cadet and proceeded in two motor lorries. Some distance along they encountered Canon Magner and Timothy Crowley walking. The cadet ordered the lorries to halt. He jumped out and demanded that Crowley show him his permit for the bicycle he was using. At this point, a castle official explained, the report was not clear as to what led to the shooting. The statement continues:

"The cadet then shot Crowley dead with his revolver and then turned to the priest and shot him dead. The cadet re-entered the lorry, the men decided to return to Dunmanway, where they reported the occurrence to the colonel in charge. The colonel promptly arrested the cadet. Crowley was respectable, 24 years of age and not engaged in politics. Canon Magner was a highly respected priest and exerted influence for good in the district."

# TWO DESCRIBE ATROCITIES

## Committee of 100 Awaits Others From Ireland.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The commission of the committee of 100 investigating conditions in Ireland heard two witnesses today and adjourned until other witnesses arrive from England and Ireland early next week.

Miss Nellie Craven of Washington described the killing of her cousin, Michael Walsh, which she said was done by the colonel and three white men who were visiting at Galway, Ireland, last October. She also declared that her 19-year-old brother had been whipped and beaten by British soldiers.

Paul J. Furnas of New York, a member of the Society of Friends, presented a report on the British branch of the society on conditions in Ireland. The report said the English government had "ceased to function over at least 80 per cent of Ireland."

# CLASH AGAIN IN COMMONS

## Devlin Tells Greenwood He Is Real Murderer of Irish.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—Sir Hamar Greenwood, chief secretary for Ireland, expressed regret in the house of commons today at the deaths of Canon Magner and Timothy Crowley at Dunmanway. He said that the cadet who had shot them was in custody and would be court-martialed.

"In view of the murder of this innocent priest and this innocent peasant boy, is the chief secretary prepared to withdraw the cadets at once?" demanded Joseph Devlin.

The chief secretary replied emphatically that he was not prepared to do so.

"Then you are the murderer."

"This brought cries of 'Withdraw' from the house."

# OIL DRILLING IS BEGUN

## BEGINNING OF OPERATIONS IS WITNESSED BY CROWD.

Programme Is Given in Honor of Initial Work by Company on Lower Columbia.

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 15.—(Special.)—A complete and thorough test of gas resources of the lower Columbia river district will be made immediately. Work on the project was started at 2 o'clock this afternoon when the Lower Columbia Oil & Gas company began active drilling operations at its proposed well on the Chew ranch in the Lewis and Clark river section and about 1100 feet from the highway.

The start was attended by an appropriate programme and was witnessed by a large number of people, including stockholders in the company and others. Following the programme, K. F. Johnson, president of the company, set the machinery in motion and the huge drill began digging.

The company, which has a capitalization of \$100,000, was composed almost entirely of local people. It has more than 60,000 acres of land under lease.

A derrick 120 feet in height has been erected and the drilling equipment includes No. 5 rotary machine, the largest and heaviest made, operated by a 30-horsepower engine and 150-horsepower boilers. The machinery with casing cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000 and its massive nature is indicated by the fact that the drill stem, which is 40 feet long and six inches square, weighs 30 tons.

# At the Theaters.

## Hippodrome.

A GREENWALD and Herman act tops the list of things entertaining on the new Hippodrome bill. This enterprising management has sent a good company in a musical revue of pretentious qualities entitled "My Dream Girl."

There are five talented folk in this act, and an attractive maid, Miss Hazel Burton is featured. She is completely surrounded by four clever men smartly garbed and entertaining as to dance and song. Miss Burton's voice is an excellent one, she dances delightfully, and she has plenty of variety in her offerings. She dresses beautifully and is graceful and charming.

# POSTAL OPERATION DEFICIT 17 MILLION

## Burleson Blames Congress for Department Loss.

## WAR BONUS IS DECRIED

Secretary Predicts Losses in 1921 Will Total \$36,000,000 Unless Changes Are Made.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Operation of the United States postal service for the fiscal year 1920 resulted in a deficit of \$17,270,482—the second largest in the history of the service—Postmaster-General Burleson says in his annual report to the president.

Office departments are placed at \$454,222,509 and revenues at \$437,156,212. The postmaster-general charges congress with direct responsibility for the deficit, explaining that the expenditures included approximately \$33,292,690 paid as a war bonus to postal employees and stating that but for this there would have been a surplus of \$18,427,817. Mr. Burleson says he declined to approve the bonus action of the legislative department, adding that he had offered suggestions of another plan for compensating the employees which would have served the purpose without at the same time giving a blanket increase in pay to "thousands who were already amply compensated."

"For reasons that can be readily understood," he continues, "the legislative department rejected these suggestions made by the postmaster-general and hence the deficit which inevitably followed the indefensible action."

Postmaster-general feels constrained to point out that if a prompt halt is not called and such a policy is persisted in, there will be a deficit of \$36,000,000 for the next fiscal year of approximately \$36,000,000 and the postal establishment will cease to be self-supporting and should be, and will become a constantly increasing burden upon the general treasury."

Reference also is made to the deplorable condition of the interstate commerce commission, granting the railways additional pay aggregating \$3,192,889 for carrying the mails.

"The present postal administration has been one of continuous and permanent progress and improvement.

"The air mail service, which has been operated successfully since its inauguration, May 15, 1918, has been extended across the continent.

Parcel Post Extended.

"The parcel post service, both domestic and international, has been greatly extended and facilities for handling parcels improved.

"City delivery service has been extended, the established service in all the larger cities materially improved, and the government owned motor-vehicle service established in 162 cities.

"The railway mail service has been operated with increased efficiency under the space system.

"The money order service and the postal savings system have rapidly recovered from war conditions.

"The rural mail service was extended during the fiscal year to more than 600,000 additional persons.

"There has been still further improvement in the registry and insured parcel post systems and the methods of handling dead letters.

"A large number of important improvements have been made in mail-equipment shops, facilitating the work, adding to the compensation and the comforts of the employees and at the same time lowering, by efficient methods, the unit cost of production."

# MINES CUT PAY \$1 DAILY

## EMPLOYERS CONSULT UNIONS BEFORE TAKING ACTION.

Reduction Will Affect 9500 Men in Butte, Great Falls and Anaconda District.

BUTTE, Mont., Dec. 16.—Basic wages of miners and all crafts employed in and around the Butte district will be reduced by one dollar a day, according to an announcement made today.

The action followed a general conference of the various companies of Butte in which the representatives of labor organizations having jurisdiction in the district. The reduction was made, according to the companies, to avoid a complete shutdown of mining operations as a result of the adverse market condition.

The wage cut here followed reductions in Michigan, Arizona, Idaho and other western states, made for the same reason, according to information advanced at the time the reductions were made. The reduction of \$1 a day will be affected by the reduction of pay. Of this number, 6900 are in the Butte district, 2600 in Anaconda and the remainder in Great Falls and other districts.

The reduction was made in accordance with and in the manner provided for in the contract between the mining companies and the metal trades crafts.

# WAGE CUT ORDERED IN UTAH

## Pay of Silver-Lead Miners to Be Reduced 75 Cents to \$1.

SALT LAKE CITY, Dec. 16.—A cut in wages of silver-lead miners of 75 cents a day and of copper miners of \$1, the reductions to go into effect January 1, was decided upon at a final conference of Utah mine operators here. An official of the Utah Copper company, speaking in behalf of all the big operators, said notices of the reductions would be posted within the next few days.

The Utah Copper company posted a notice this afternoon announcing a reduction in miners' wages of 75 cents effective January 1.

# SOVIET BUYS IN CANADA

## Millions of Dollars of Orders Declared to Have Been Placed.

MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—F. A. Boyer, a Montreal business man who has just returned from England, where he was in close touch with Leonid Krassin, special trade envoy of the Russian soviet government, declared today that many millions of dollars worth of Russian orders had been obtained for Canadian manufacturers.

Mr. Boyer's visit to London was to consolidate the position of the \$6,000,000 contract obtained by his firm from Ludwig C. A. K. Martens last January, when Martens was endeavoring to obtain supplies for the Russian soviet government in the United States.

# AUSTRIA FOOD PURVEYOR

## 4 Billion Crowns Credit Voted; Public Gets Supplies Below Cost.

VIENNA, Dec. 15.—The finance commission of the national assembly today authorized a bill granting the government an additional credit of 8,000,000,000 crowns to cover extraordinary expenses for the first three months of 1921, of which sum 4,000,000,000 crowns will be used in payment for foodstuffs, which will be sold to the public at a loss. Last week a credit of 6,000,000,000 crowns was granted the government. The Neus Abdenblatt says:

"The entente must hurry and furnish credits, otherwise the state will be faced by chaos, causing the collapse of all its neighboring countries."

# AMERICANS LEAVE TABRIZ

## Action of Reds and Turks Make Persian City Dangerous.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Increasing activities of the radical element in Persia have resulted in the evacuation of Tabriz by the European and American residents, according to advices today from Teheran to the state department.

The bolshevik and the forces of Mustapha Kemal have been extending their operations until the consuls in Tabriz considered it unwise for their nationals to remain longer.

Gordon Patrick, the American consul, and J. C. Higdon, vice-consul at Tabriz, considered it unwise for their nationals to remain longer.

Consuls of Great Britain and France also left.

# WOMAN, AGED 102, DEAD

## Husband, 99, Survives County Hospital Inmate.

HOLLISTER, Cal., Dec. 16.—Mrs. Marenza Ybarra, said to have been 102 years of age, died at the county hospital here last night.

Her husband, 99 years of age, survives her.

Prizes Given for Potatoes.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Dec. 16.—(Special.)—Merle Fitzgerald, with an exhibit of one bushel of Burbank potatoes, grown in a quarter-acre patch, was awarded the first prize of \$25 by the Clark county farm bureau. The second prize of \$15 was won by Howard Damon, R. F. D., No. 5, Vancouver. Third prize of \$10 was won by Elmer Fagh of Sara, the prize being \$10. F. E. Hodas judged the dozen entries.

Prisoners Escape Through Sewer.

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo., Dec. 16.—Two prisoners escaped from the state penitentiary today through a sewer.

# BUSINESS PLING UP FOR NEXT SESSION

## Bills on Autos, Traffic and Schools Being Framed.

## FUNDS FOR BLIND SOUGHT

Franchises Wanted by Bus Lines for Runs on State Roads. Pioneers Have Measure.

Business for the lawmakers at Salem is gradually accumulating. The session will have other things to do than to consider only the teachers' tenure bill, the fish and game legislation, port consolidation and like subjects. That the session will have its hands full of work is apparent.

The legislature will be asked to straighten out a few matters connected with the proposed industrial school for the sightless. The voters of the state approved this measure when referred by the legislature, but the measure requires supplementary sections. Nothing has been done toward carrying out the provisions of the bill, originally introduced in the legislature by Oscar W. Horne, as a representative of Multnomah county. The bill provides that an industrial school for sightless persons be located in Portland and makes stipulations relative to maintenance.

Site Not Selected.

No site has been selected, nor has any public-spirited citizen offered a free site for the institution nor will funds be available for a couple of years. To remedy this matter of funds and a few other points which should be made more specific, Gus C. Moser, state senator from Multnomah county, is now drafting a bill.

More regulation for automobiles will be made at Salem during the session. Although a road code was adopted by the last session, conditions are changing so rapidly that there are many matters that are not covered by the code. Almost every day letters are received at the office of the secretary of state calling attention to something with regard to automobiles and asking what law there is on the subject. Generally there is no law applicable. The increased use of the automobiles necessitates progressive statutes to keep pace with the machines.

New legislation regulating traffic on the state highways, with particular reference to trucks and truck loads, is promised. In this connection it is also possible that some sort of

# STEAM HEAT COST RISES

## FUEL OIL PRICE INCREASE COMPELS HIGHER PRICES.

## Northwest Electric Co. Says Services Next Year Cannot Be on Present Basis.

Application for increase in the rates for delivery of steam heat in Portland by the Northwestern Electric company, filed last June, will be heard by the public service commission in the county courthouse on December 29.

Data will be produced by the company showing the cost of operation during 1920 and estimates also will be submitted to show the probable cost of operation during 1921. The largest item of expense in the production of steam heat, according to the officials, is fuel oil, which has shown a marked increase in cost during the last two years.

It is claimed by the officials of the company that operation under present rates and present costs of material and labor, brings about a loss when the final reports are tabulated.

The present rates are in steps ranging from \$1 for 1000 pounds of steam to 55 cents for the same measure, according to the quantity consumed. The officials of the company claim are inadequate, as follows:

Amount	Rate per pound
First 25,000 pounds	\$1.00
Next 25,000 pounds	.90
Next 25,000 pounds	.80
Next 25,000 pounds	.70
All in excess	.55

Heat will affect practically all large office buildings, stores and hotels in the downtown district furnished heat by this company.

# RYAN TACKLES HARD JOB

## Retired General to Be Adviser to Mexican President.

WASHINGTON.—Tasks of difficulty and variety have been assigned to Brigadier-General James A. Ryan (retired), United States army, in his long career in the service. Perhaps it is his hardest which he is now to undertake—confidential adviser to General Obregon, president of Mexico.

Ryan graduated from West Point in 1890 and entered the cavalry. He was assigned to service in China in the Boxer rebellion. After serving seven years as a second lieutenant he was promoted to first lieutenant and served in that grade in the Spanish war.

In that conflict he was assigned the unwarlike, but hazardous and necessary task of taking 200 miles, old campaigners, stationed in Alaska, on a long journey to the front in Cuba. He is credited with having been in the front with great dispatch.

But the miles themselves brought him more notice than the commendations. The money order had long since provided them against the rigors of the Alaskan climate. Naturally they were not as usual among mules. The creatures were dubbed "Ryan mules."

War correspondents were able to identify regiments with which "Ryan mules" were attached.

Another feat of Lieutenant Ryan's was recognized a short time later. In three weeks he enlisted 1400 men from western states to replace volunteers stationed in Manila.

Ranking a lieutenant-colonel at the beginning of the world war, he was promoted to be a brigadier-general in the national army. He was commanding officer at the second officers' training camp at Fort Sheridan, Ill. He retired in April, 1919, with more than 30 years' service.

# IMMIGRANT ACTION URGED

## Chairman Colt Issues Call for Senate Committee to Act.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house bill barring nearly all immigration for one year will be taken up by the senate immigration committee next Tuesday under a call issued today by Chairman Colt.

Senator King, democrat, Utah, in a brief address in the senate favoring immediate action to restrict immigration, said he understood that the senate committee would hold hearings, but that it was not planned to have them begin until after the holidays. He said he would urge immediate hearings.

# STOLEN AUTO IMPROVED

## Work Valued at \$200 Is Found on Car When Recovered.

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 16.—To have a car stolen and returned, fully repaired and with many improvements costing \$200, is the luck that befell a business man here.

Two rips in the canopy top were patched, a new motor meter put on the radiator cap, four brand-new tires were found, together with two extras in the tire carrier, and the car had been washed and polished.

# WEDDING TANGLE WAITS

## Bill on Citizenship in Inter-Marriages Is Deferred.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—The house immigration committee deferred action today on the bill urged by Representative Rogers, republican, Massachusetts, proposing to allow American women who marry foreigners to retain their citizenship.

The bill also would deny citizenship, unless obtained under the naturalization laws, to foreign women who marry Americans.

# RADIO LINKS FOUR CITIES

## New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit Exchange Messages.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—New York, Chicago, Cleveland and Detroit were linked by commercial radio today.

The inauguration of regular wireless communication between the cities was marked by the interchange of messages between the mayors of each.

# BLUE SUNDAY IS MOCKED

## New York's Ellie Join Burlesque Foking Fun at Restrictions.

NEW YORK, Dec. 16.—"Blue Sunday" was burlesqued on Broadway

# REGULATION MAY BE MADE FOR THE INTERURBAN LINES, THE MOTOR BUSES WHICH OPERATE BETWEEN TOWNS ON THE PACIFIC AND COLUMBIA HIGHWAYS.

## Franchises Are Contested.

Some of the operators of these conveyances would like to have the state issue franchises for certain runs. The argument of the bus men is that about the time a line of machines works up a good trade, several other independent buses appear on the scene, until the traffic is so split up that no one can make money in the business. By receiving a franchise from the state, a bus line would be protected from competition and at the same time would be subjected to strict regulations for the protection of the traveling public patronizing a motor conveyance, as well as calling for a regular schedule of arrivals and departures and rates.

Teaching Oregon history in the public schools of the state is to be the object of a bill to be advocated by the executive committee of the Sons and Daughters of Oregon Pioneers. The committee is in charge of preparing the bill consisting of Harver G. Starkweather, Mrs. S. B. Huston, T. T. Geer, Milton A. Miller and Mrs. Ida B. Callahan of Corvallis. The bill will also provide for the adoption of a textbook on the subject.

# NO BLUE SUNDAY WANTED

## Amusement Promoters Prepare to Fight Proposed Reform.

NEW YORK.—Promoters of Sunday sports, the candy ice cream and tobacco trades and amusement enterprises are showing an interest in the proposed national "Blue Sunday" laws of the Lord's Day Alliance, which indicates that they may combine to resist the enactment of any legislation aimed at their Sunday patronage.

Sunday sports promoters certainly will pool their resources and their energies to fight such laws, Colonel Jacob Ruppert, president and part owner of the New York Yankees, declared.

The Yankees were largely instrumental in securing the passage of the New York state law permitting Sunday baseball, which attracted hundreds of thousands of fans to the Polo grounds and Ebets field here last summer. Sunday became the most profitable day for the three major league ball clubs here.

The motion picture industry also is taking alarm at the proposed laws. Resortis such as Coney Island, which mark the Sundays of the summer in red numerals, would suffer a tremendous reduction of revenue if compelled to shut down on the Sabbath. Coney's losses due to rain on several Sundays in the 1919 season furnished the concessionaires, having hundreds of thousands of dollars invested, a convincing and disagreeable foretaste of the blue Sunday.

There are "blue laws" in New York state at present which are winked at by all the enforcement agencies, thus permitting Sunday vaudeville shows and flourish in Broadway theaters as secure entertainments. The legislation is usually conducted by such

# There Is One Electric Store Where Prices Are Lower!

Electric Light Globes, 10, 15, 25, 40-watt.....35c  
No. 14 House Wire (special) per foot.....2 1/2c  
Key Sockets (brass) special.....49c  
1/2-Pound Friction Tape.....45c  
Chain-Pull Sockets (regular \$1.25).....99c  
House Fuses (15c quality).....9c  
No. 18 Lamp Cord (per foot).....4c  
Dry Cell Batteries (No. 6 size, retail 60c).....49c  
Electric Light Extension (8-ft. cord and plug) \$1.25

We Repair Your Flashlight Free of Charge  
Flashlight Batteries Strictly Fresh Last Longer  
We Repair Electric Irons and Electric Appliances  
Lowest Prices on Everything Electrical  
Percolators, Waffle Irons, Hair Curlers, Vibrators, Heating Pads, Hotpoint Irons, Electric Sewing Machine Motors

# EVINRUDE ELECTRIC STORE

Evinrude Motors—Electric Supplies—Phone Marshall 1765  
211 Morrison, Near First—Look for the Sign, Electric  
Open Evenings Until Xmas

# Woman Attempts Suicide.

Mrs. Billie Burke, 27 years old, residing at a downtown hotel, took eight grains of a poison at Central library about 4:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon with suicidal intent. The librarian called an ambulance and sent the patient to St. Vincent's hospital, where it was said last night that her life was in no danger. No motive for the attempt at suicide was advanced by authorities.

# Building Investigators Continued.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Continuation of the senate committee which has been investigating the building situation, including housing conditions, was authorized in a resolution adopted today by the senate without discussion.

Every large city has one newspaper which, by universal consent, is the Want-Ad medium of the community. In Portland it's The Oregonian.

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