SWEEPING ROUNDUP OF CROOKS IS ON

New York Takes Steps to Put Stop to Crime Wave.

ALL SUSPECTS SEARCHED

Policemen Not Allowed to Take Half Hour for Meals and All Courts Clear Calendars.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—The most sweeping roundup of crooks and suspicious characters in the history of New York was made today by the city's police force of 11,000, augmented by 4800 reserves, in an effort to stem the wave of crime that startled the metropolis last week. More than 150 persons were caught in the dragnet last night.

"Night raids by police fail to stop crime wave."

Thus read headlines in New York newspapers tonight after the roundup was over.

During the day, amid numerous robberies, was listed on police records another murder by gunmen, who invaded the Seaman's mission on the waterfront and shot and killed one man while stealing $400.

Suspects to Be Searched.

But at the rollcall in police stations this afternoon were read two orders that indicated Commissioner Enright intends to push the roundup to the limit.

The first command was for patrolmen to stop and question all pedestrians found between midnight and dawn on unfrequented streets and if their actions arouse suspicion, to search them for firearms.

The second revoked permission for policemen to take half an hour for meals while on duty.

Revocation of the meal hour permission came after the board of estimate had postponed until tomorrow further consideration of a request by Commissioner Enright for nearly $00 more policemen.

Courts Lend Assistance.

Meanwhile, criminal courts cleared their calendars for action against robber bands. All cases against burglars and highwaymen were advanced and heavy penalties inflicted in cases where they were found guilty.

While the municipal authorties were preparing to launch their official offensive on the underworld, the American Legion, Merchants' association and other bodies met to lay plans of their own.

New York posts of the War Veterans' association, after their session, despatched a letter to Mayor Hylan offering him "the services of from 500 to 5000 selected members of the legion to reinforce the police force of Greater New York," if required.

FIRE MARSHAL PRAISED

INSURANCE BODIES FAVOR INCREASE IN TAXES.

Code Enacted at 1917 Legislature Declared Satisfactory Without Further Changes.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Because of the co-operation given by the state fire marshal's department in ferreting out incendiary fires, representatives of nine mutual fire insurance associations operating in Oregon today went on record favoring an increase in the taxes paid by these organizations in order that more money may be made available to continue the work undertaken by the fire marshal and his assistants.

The conference also recommended that the fire marshal's scope of authority be increased to the extent that he shall estimate all fire losses as soon as reports of fires are received at the offices of the insurance corporations. Legislation to this end probably will be sought at the next session of the legislature, although the exact nature of the bills to be introduced was not determined at today's session.

The insurance code enacted at the 1917 legislative session was declared to be satisfactory and no amendments to the laws will be asked by the mutual insurance associations.

The conference was held in the offices of the state insurance commissioner, with A. C. Barbur, state fire marshal, and his assistants in attendance.

Frightened Horses Kick Man.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—While hauling logs at Carver Thursday Stephen Carver was thrown from a wagon when the logs rolled and pitched him forward behind the horses. The frightened animals kicked the helpless man in the head, but he managed to crawl from beneath the wagon and the horses ran away. Carver is suffering from bruises as the result of the accident, but says he is lucky to get out alive.

Small Claims Court Planned.

OREGON CITY, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Emery Noble, who was elected justice of the peace for district No. 4 of Clackamas county, will after January 1, when he takes office, introduce a "small claims department" under the law passed in 1917. The object of the department in the justice court will be to hear matters in litigation for sums of $20 or less and where the creditor or debtor desires to get action without the employing of an attorney. Matters decided in this court by the justice will be final and subject to all existing laws thereafter for enforcement.

Ex-Samoan Governor Buried.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Full military honors attended the funeral today of Commander Warren J. Terhune, ex-governor of Samoa. The services were held in the chapel at Arlington cemetery. Eight of Commander Terhune's classmates at the naval academy served as honorary pallbearers.

City Invites Verdun Hero.

The savior of Verdun, General Robert Nivelle, is in San Francisco, where he is visiting Major-General Hunter Liggett, commander of the 9th army area. Yesterday an invitation was sent to him requesting him to visit Portland before he completed his coast tour. General Nivelle is the guest of the nation and was sent by France to represent his country at the Pilgrim tercentenary. As far as is known a visit to Portland was not included in his itinerary. The invitation to come here was extended by Over-the-Top post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, through John Walker Jones, national junior vice-commander.

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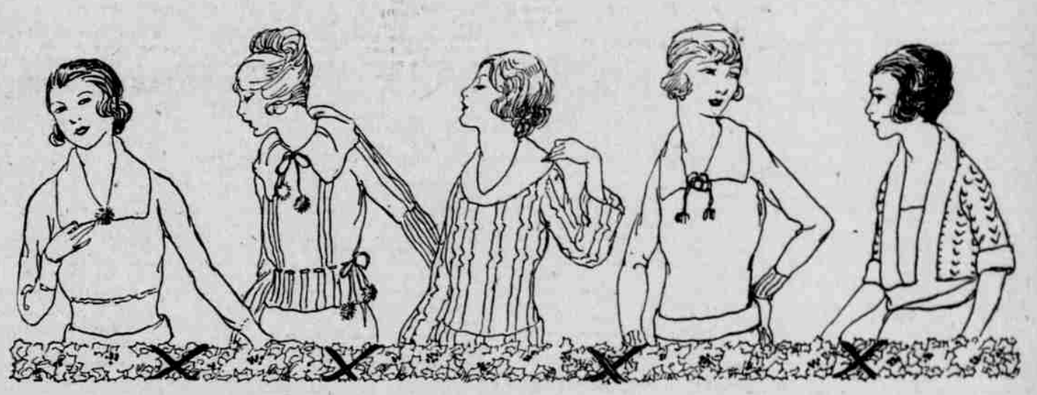

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