

SLACKER ROUND-UP IN OREGON PENDING

Adjutant-General White Asks
Federal Sanction.

LIST BEARS 663 NAMES

Failure by Government to Act
Promptly May Be Followed by
Independent Prosecutions.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—After removing the names of 51 Oregon soldiers and sailors which were found erroneously included in the government's official list of local draft deserters, George A. White, adjutant-general of the state, tonight telegraphed the federal authorities at Washington for sanction to proceed with a state-wide roundup of established draft dodgers.

After a reasonable delay for checking purposes, the government takes no action, Colonel White indicated that he would favor action by the various states in rounding up the thousands of slackers and turning them over to the nearest military posts as deserters.

County sheriffs, acting in conjunction with ex-service men's organizations and patriotic bodies, could make short work of locating those still in the country, he suggested.

Lists Must Be Correct.

Opposition to publication of the list until it has been cleared of all men who were in service during the war and who erroneously were reported by draft boards, was telegraphed by the adjutant-general to the national commander of the American Legion who has demanded the immediate release of the whole list to the press of the country. Colonel White called attention to the fact that the list was not a list of draft dodgers, but a list of men who had been in the service of the United States.

Roundup Must Not Lag.

"At the same time this need not prevent or halt the roundup of draft dodgers the country over. Lists of draft deserters in each county can be reported to the local authorities, with request for their names to be added as the lists are cleared of ex-service men."

In all but 12 counties of Oregon the lists of Oregon draft deserters could be turned over to the authorities now for action. These lists have been revised in every county excepting 12, where county clerks have failed to give proper co-operation in checking the lists. Other means of covering these counties will be adopted.

There are two lists of draft deserters at Washington, Colonel White explained. One contains 175,000 names of willful draft deserters. The other contains the names of men who failed to respond to the call of the state, as applying to Oregon, that the 51 ex-service men were removed. The other list is made up of 153,000 names of men charged as draft dodgers for technical reasons, and whose records, the government has, have not been cleared up. These men are not listed for prosecution, as are the 175,000.

Military Courts to Act.

"Military courts are charged with the trial of all men apprehended," said Colonel White. "The procedure is to turn the deserters over to the nearest military post. It is a deplorable fact that practically nothing has been done by the government since the war ended to round up these offenders. The whole problem should have been dealt with long ago, as it is difficult to see any other obstacle to a roundup than a set disinclination to act."

Six hundred and sixty-three names now remain on the Oregon slacker list, after deducting the 51 names of soldiers and sailors. Of these 663, 150 are in the state of Oregon, 118, or nearly half, of whom the state has second on the list with 54. But three counties returned a clean slate—Wheeler, Lincoln and Benton—not a single draft deserter appearing in any of these counties.

Of the 61 names removed by Colonel White from the official list, 17 were overseas soldiers, 2 were killed in the war and their names appear on the state's honor roll, 15 served in the navy and the others served in the United States. An investigation of the cause of these errors was asked for some time ago.

FEET FROZEN WHILE LOST

Logger at Klamath Falls May Lose Both Legs as Result.

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—John Foley, logger, was taken to a local hospital with both feet frozen as the result of wandering in Wednesday's snowstorm near Merrill. Foley was found by a truck driver who brought him here. He neglected to obtain medical attention for several days.

The delay may cause the loss of both feet. When friends finally persuaded him to seek a physician, both feet were in a terrible condition. Foley came here with the Foley and Burke carnival last summer and claims he is the nephew of the first named show man.

DR. BOYD IS RECOVERING

Former Pastor of First Presbyterian Church Regaining Health.

Rev. John H. Boyd had so far recovered in health that he was able Wednesday to meet his classes in McCormick Theological seminary at Chicago, according to word received here yesterday.

Dr. Boyd, who was pastor of the First Presbyterian church in this city for many years, has been ill for several months. He had a breakdown from overwork and his condition was considered critical for some time. He resigned his pastorate here to accept the chair of homiletics at McCormick seminary.

SPEEDER RACES POLICE

Chauffeur Overtakes Emergency Car and Is Fined \$17.50.

E. S. Thomas apparently cannot resist a challenge, real or implied, and when a police automobile passed him at 25 miles an hour on Union avenue recently, while answering an emergency call, he promptly speeded up and was caught at 30 miles an hour or more. Thomas passed four street cars in the chase which followed, and was not overtaken by the police car till he reached Killingsworth avenue. He told Judge Rossmann in police court yesterday that he had had a tooth pulled and was in a hurry to get home. He paid a fine of \$17.50 for speeding.

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DR. HICKMAN TO GO BACK

RESIGNATION AS SCHOOL HEAD IS RECONSIDERED.

Duties as President of Kimball College to Be Resumed by Request of Bishop.

Dr. E. C. Hickman has reconsidered his resignation as president of the Kimball School of Theology, and will go to Salem this morning to assume his active duties, he stated yesterday. Dr. Hickman reconsidered his resignation at the personal solicitation of Bishop William O. Shepard and many local Methodists.

"We were very happy to have him withdraw his resignation," said Dr. William Wallace Youngson last night. Dr. Youngson is a member of the board of trustees of the school.

"I had the pleasure of making the announcement at the Kimball school that Dr. Hickman would come to Salem," he said.

In addition to his duties as president of the school, Dr. Hickman will be secretary of life service for the Portland area of the Methodist centenary movement. Much of his time will be spent in this work in personal talks with young people.

"He will urge them to dedicate their lives to noble purposes," said Dr. Youngson. "He will talk with young men and women who are to become missionaries, deaconesses and ministers. Those who are to enter the business world will be impressed with the value of high ideals."

OLD SENTENCE IN FORCE

From Two to 15 Years to Be Served by Parole Violator.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—James L. Vest, charged with stealing an automobile here recently, was sentenced today to from 2 to 15 years in the state reformatory at Monroe.

This sentence is not exactly for breaking the parole. More than a year ago he broke into the Palace pool hall and for that was sentenced to from 2 to 15 years in the state reformatory, but the sentence was suspended upon his good behavior. Now that he has broken the parole, the order suspending the sentence was suspended, and the sentence is now in force and will be served.

Girl Wins \$50 Prize.

Little Jane Hamer Kandler, 8-year-old daughter of Judge Kandler, of the court of domestic relations, yesterday was awarded the prize of \$50 for naming the proposed tourist hotel on the Columbia highway the "Columbia Gorge hotel." The new hotel is to be built by S. Benson and Henry Thiele on the site of the Wah-Gwin-Gwin hotel, located near Hood River. Numerous selections of the official name for the hotel were considered by the judges before they rendered their final decision. It was announced.

State to Have Auto Booth.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The state motor vehicle department will have a booth at the annual automobile show to be held in Portland next week, according to announcement made by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, today. The booth will be educational in its nature, and T. A. Rafferty, chief field deputy, will be in charge. "Prevention of accidents will be the keynote of the discussions with persons visiting the booth."

Mother Seeks Son.

Fred Earl Belcher, who left his home in Denver, Colo., nine years ago, is now sought by his broken-hearted mother. In a letter to The Oregonian Mrs. Belcher states that she is in poor health and poverty-stricken, and desires to locate her son if possible. Mrs. Belcher does not give a description of the son or any information regarding him. Anyone who might know regarding him whereabouts is requested to communicate with her at 2535 Arapahoe street, Denver, Colo.

Flood Wrecks Home.

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—The high water on Tuesday night burst a dike near Hiram creek, near Battle Ground, and the immense wall of water carried all before it, washing away the home of Albert Gates and flooding the tract of Joe Kasper. The dam broke about 11 o'clock at night, and many persons living near the stream were compelled to leave their homes.

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UNIFORM PORT FEES FAVORED IN SEATTLE

Speakers Say High Charges Discourage Shippers.

RESOLUTION IS ADOPTED

Question Will Be Taken Up Again at Association's Meeting in San Francisco.

SEATTLE, Wash., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—At the special meeting of the port authorities held here today, resolutions indicative of the policy of uniform port charges favored by the ports of this section were adopted for submission to the meeting of the entire association to be held at San Francisco January 17.

Thomas S. Lippert, formerly president of the association and retiring member of the port of Seattle committee, presided at the meeting. It was the sense of the meeting that local conditions should generally govern any proposed plan for uniformity in port charges. The discussions brought out that the port of Seattle was extremely advantageous to shippers and ship operators in the matter of port charges, but quite as disadvantageous to the shipper, since higher wharfage charges for handling exports and imports exist here than elsewhere on the coast, with the possible exception of Portland.

While having no bearing on today's meeting, it is believed in port circles that the railroads and steamship lines at a meeting next week will wipe out the existing disadvantages in the matter of wharfage charges to an extent that will at least place this port and Portland on a parity with California ports.

The first resolution adopted by the northern port authorities was one favoring the handling of incoming and outgoing cargoes from shipboard to pile on wharf under one supervision.

The next resolution adopted was in favor of uniform port charges for all coast ports, subject to local conditions. Arguments on this resolution brought out that conditions entirely dissimilar existed at the several ports, and must be taken into consideration in levying charges, which resulted in the resolution's being framed to include local conditions as governing schedules.

A resolution was adopted expressing it as the policy of the association for application for through rates from 10 days, as at present, to 10 days, to one year from date of receipt. It was also resolved that all wharfage, handling, loading and terminal charges against cargoes be absorbed by the carrier, a resolution that elicited some argument, but was finally adopted unanimously, as were all the resolutions.

Another resolution relative to an investigation of any existing discrimination in the matter of oil handling charges in favor of the California ports was adopted.

RAIN DAMAGE IS \$75,000

Estimate of Loss to State Highway Department Is Made.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Heavy rains of the last few days have cost the state highway department between \$75,000 and \$100,000 as a result of damage to roads and bridges, according to a statement made here today by Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer.

Most of the damage, Mr. Nunn said, was confined to slides on the upper and lower Columbia river highways. The most serious of these slides occurred between Hood River and Mosier. Reports reaching the highway department also indicated that approximately 20,000 cubic yards of earth have been washed down into the Roseburg-Myrtle Point highway. Water covers the highway between Monroe and Junction City and some damage to pavement in that vicinity is anticipated by the commission.

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EUGENE, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—Carl Peterson, a young farmer residing near Junction City, was arrested this afternoon on a charge of passing a number of bad checks at stores in Eugene and tonight he was in the county jail under \$1000 bond. According to the officers, the family is in destitute circumstances and this was said to have been given as the reason for Peterson issuing bad checks. Provisions and clothing to the value of \$40 or \$50, it was said, were purchased by Peterson.

Peterson resided in Eugene for some time, but moved to a farm near Junction City, and it was while there that he passed most of the checks.

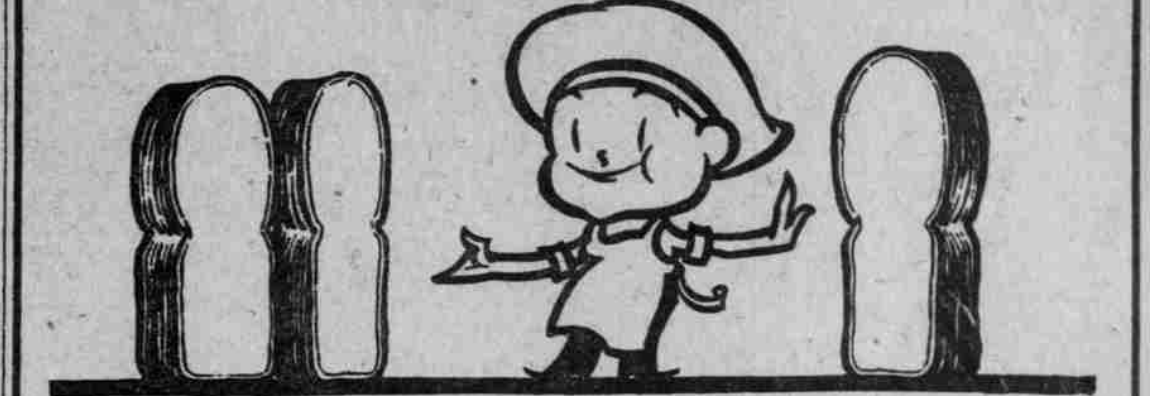
FLOOD DAMAGE ENORMOUS

RAINS IN COOS BAY DISTRICT PHENOMENAL.

Southern Pacific General Passenger Agent Reports Improvement in Road Conditions.

EUGENE, Or., Jan. 7.—(Special.)—John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific company, who had been marooned at Marshfield for several days on account of the floods and landslides on the Coos Bay branch and who arrived in Eugene this afternoon, declared that the rainfall in that section of the state was the heaviest he had ever seen and that an immense

amount of damage was done to the railway company's property. Besides the big slide near Cushman there were numerous smaller slides, said Mr. Scott, and large crews of workmen were engaged in clearing away the dirt and rocks so that trains could run. While the day trains today resumed their through trips, the night trains have been annulled until conditions are improved. The wind storm a few nights ago caused a large number of trees to fall upon the track between Gardiner and Coos Bay, said Mr. Scott, and a regular logging train was sent out with a crew to clear the track, it being necessary to saw many of the trees in several places before they could be taken off. Trains are running around the big slide near Cushman over an improvised trestle over the Siuslaw river. The prestige of Oregonian Want-Ads has been attained not merely by The Oregonian's large circulation, but by the fact that all its readers are interested in Oregonian Want-Ads.



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