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WENATCHEE, Wash., Sept. 30.—If Mrs. Eliza Tuttle, formerly of Salem, Or., can be found, information is at hand which, it is believed, will lead to the discovery of \$85,000 worth of nuggets and gold dust hidden along the Columbia river near Quincy, Wash., 45 years ago by miners on their way home from British Columbia.

The gold was hastily hidden during the Indian depredations in the '70s. All members of the party died after a little girl. She has made diligent search for years for the cache of nuggets and other accoutrements which was the key to the place where the gold was hidden. Eight years ago she gave up the hunt, but said if she could find the cache she could immediately walk to the spot where the gold was hidden.

The cache has been found by two men who were trapping coyotes and the story of the find brought to Wenatchee yesterday. Accompanying the find were a box with the legal papers, now unobtainable, and other interesting articles. The find corresponds to the map given her by her father before he died, but she never was able to find the spot where the goods were placed.

SALEM, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—A search of all available directories failed to find the name of Mrs. Eliza Tuttle. Inquiries among old-time residents are being conducted and a trace of her may be found.

## TROLLING LAUNCH BURNS

Red Eagle Destroyed by Fire Off Mouth of Columbia.

ASTORIA, Or., Sept. 30.—(Special.)—The trolling launch Red Eagle was totally destroyed by fire off the mouth of the Columbia river yesterday afternoon, according to a report filed by Charles Bellman, the owner, at the custom-house this morning.

Bellman was trolling outside and had trouble with his engine. He cleaned the tank and then started the engine, but it back-fired, setting the oil and grease underneath afire.

Bellman was picked up by another trawler. The boat was valued at \$3800, about one-third covered by insurance. Bellman also lost 200 pounds of fish.

## PIGEONS AFIRE IN FLIGHT

Birds Escape Burning Building But Fall Like Rockets.

ST. PAUL, Sept. 30.—When an employee of a wholesale produce firm here dived through a second story window to escape flames, which were consuming the building, last night, hundreds of pigeons followed him. As they emerged from the broken window the black background of night made noticeable spots of flames on wings and tails of many of the birds. Their course was over the Mississippi river.

Fanned by the motion of flying the flames spread until the birds were enveloped and many of them, like falling rockets, dropped into the stream.

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## PART-TIME WORK INDORSED

Responsibility of Leadership Left to Mayors.

## STATES ASKED TO HELP

Unemployment Conference Councils Fair Play to Speed Adjustment of Retail Prices.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30.—Formulation of an emergency program designed to effect the immediate relief of the nation's idle, variously estimated at from 3,500,000 to 5,000,000 persons, was completed today by the national conference on unemployment with the adoption of specific measures recommended by committees.

The conference then adjourned until October 10, when it will consider a permanent unemployment policy and suggestions for the return of business and commerce to normal. Meanwhile its committees will work on details of these subjects.

## Mayors to Be Leaders.

The conference found the task of meeting the unemployment emergency was primarily a community one with the responsibility of leadership and its solution resting on the mayors, Federal, state and municipal aid, however, was urged. Particular reference was made by the conference to the connection between prices and the solution of the country's economic questions.

"During the period of drastic economic readjustment through which we are now passing," the emergency programme said, "the continued efforts of anyone to profit beyond the requirements of safe business practice or economic consistency should be condemned. One of the important obstacles to a resumption of normal business activity will be removed as prices reach replacement values in terms of efficient production and distributing cost, plus reasonable profit."

## Adoption Is Requested.

"We, therefore, strongly urge all manufacturers and wholesalers who may not yet have adopted this policy to do so, but it is essential to the success of these measures when put into effect that retail prices shall promptly and fairly reflect the price adjustment of the producer, manufacturer and the wholesaler. When these principles have been recognized and the recommendations complied with, we are confident that the public will increase."

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## CITY MAKES STRIDES DURING SEPTEMBER

BANK CLEARINGS BEST OF ANY MONTH SO FAR THIS YEAR.

Building Permits Nearly Million Dollars in Excess of Same Period Last Year.

That industrial and business conditions in Portland are on the march to normal good times following the deflation from war-time prosperity is indicated in the bank clearings for September, which showed a greater total than for any other month so far this year. Building permits also for the month were nearly a million dollars in excess of the same month last year.

September also was a record month in Portland's shipping and wheat exports, for the exports were 150 per cent greater than for the same month last year.

Portland's bank clearings for September were nearly \$10,000,000 in excess of bank clearings at Seattle. The figures show Portland's clearings to have been \$14,181,590 and Seattle's \$13,181,590.

While September's bank clearings were less than for the same month last year, the financial situation nevertheless is considered to be clearing itself in good shape owing to a general increase in clearings which has manifested itself each month now for several months. The clearings in Portland for August amounted to \$10,150,774 and for July \$10,812,524.

A general home-building campaign is still a significant feature of building throughout the city. It is in the building situation that a greatly improved condition over last year is seen. Permits issued during September aggregated \$1,974,690 as compared with an aggregate of \$973,235 a year ago. This is a more than 100 per cent increase in value.

Of the total number of permits, 271 were for residence construction and provided for an outlay of \$952,960. Building permits for August provided for an outlay of \$1,532,745. Included in this were permits for 250 residences costing \$395,725.

Building permits so far this year have reached a total of \$15,305,680. Permits for the first nine months of last year amounted to \$12,449,495.

## UTAH TOWN AGAIN SHAKEN

Earthquake Damage in Elsinore, Richfield and Monroe \$100,000.

SALT LAKE CITY, Sept. 30.—Reports from Elsinore, one of the trio of small towns in the southern part of Utah shaken severely yesterday by earthquakes, told of another violent tremor at 7:30 o'clock this morning.

The latest shock rendered more extensive the damage done yesterday. Practically every building in the little town was damaged and made untenable, according to latest reports. The damage at Elsinore, Richfield and Monroe was estimated at nearly \$100,000. So violent were the tremors that great sections of rock weighing thousands of tons tumbled down from cliffs in nearby canyons.

Twelve years ago the same section suffered heavy property loss from a series of quakes.

## ILLITERACY ON DECLINE

18,526 in State of Washington Unable to Write.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30.—The percentage of illiteracy in the state of Washington, according to census bureau figures announced today, was 1.7 in 1920, compared with 2.0 in 1910, there being a total of 18,526 persons 10 years of age and over in the state in 1920 unable to write in any language.

Of this number 1623 were native whites of native parentage, 751 of mixed parentage and 11,639 of foreign birth, 2127 Indians, 472 Chinese and 1693 Japanese.

## 30 INDICTED IN CHICAGO

2 ex-Dry Officers Charged With Accepting Bribes.

CHICAGO, Sept. 30.—The federal grand jury today returned indictments against 30 persons charging violation of the prohibition laws, using the mails to defraud and impersonation of government officials.

Two ex-prohibition agents were indicted on charges of accepting bribes and of extortion, while the Helen Clare corporation and its officials were indicted for alleged use of the mails to defraud through sales of cosmetics.

## BUSINESS IS BETTER, SAYS RESERVE BOARD

DECIDED IMPROVEMENT NOTED DURING SEPTEMBER.

Federal Report Declares Advance in Cotton Prices Is Largely Cause of Stimulation.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 30.—American business conditions improved decidedly during September, in the view of the federal reserve board, which made public tonight a distinctly optimistic review of conditions for the month. Important changes for the better were seen in the credit system, "distinct encouragement" in many basic business lines, and strong liquidation, indicating increased ability of business to settle its accounts.

The "wholesome improvement" which the board's correspondents found almost everywhere, appeared to have been based largely on the advance in cotton prices. As a result of the higher cotton values liquidation has taken place and wholesale and retail trade has been buoyed up, the report said.

Marked improvement in the credit situation was cited by the review as the noteworthy feature of business during the month, the board declaring that "taken all in all" from a financial standpoint, the month has been in the main a period of distinct encouragement.

The board noted only a slight increase in employment.

"There has been a steady and reasonably heavy movement of agricultural products to distributing and export centers," the board reported. Prices of most of these have advanced to an extent, although some were in weak quotations was seen, attributed to local marketing conditions.

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## BONUS LAW TEST TO START AT ONCE

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## COURT ACTION IS FRIENDLY

Portland Post of Legion to Take Action.

## EARLY DECISION ASKED

Formality Is Made Necessary by New York Situation Which Depresses Bond Market.

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## BIBLE IN SCHOOLS UP TO SUPREME COURT

PRESBYTERIANS TO APPEAL EXCLUSION QUESTION.

Church Says Study Is in Conformity With Principles of Declaration of Independence.

NEW YORK, Sept. 30.—The supreme court of the United States will be asked to determine whether the Bible can be legally excluded from the public schools.

This was announced tonight by leaders of the Presbyterian church here, who have headed a movement among various religious denominations to bring a certain case of the nation's highest tribunal.

The state of Washington, which officially excludes the Bible from its public schools, will furnish the basis for the case. The contemplated action had its inception in the synod of Washington of the Presbyterian church.

The line of attack will be based upon the Declaration of Independence, the Presbyterian asserting that the declaration is a covenant between the American nation and God, and that the study of the Bible by American children is essential to an understanding of the covenant and to full knowledge of God.

"To exclude the Bible from the public schools," the Presbyterians contend in their presentation preparatory to an appeal to the supreme court, "is a violation of the essential clauses of the opening paragraph of the Declaration of Independence. In the state of Washington the attorney-general and later the state supreme court have rendered an opinion in which the Bible, in effect, is adjudged to be a sectarian book and in which it is declared to be unconstitutional to read or teach the Bible in the state schools."

The Presbyterians declare that "this ruling, opinion and construction is erroneous and that the state constitution, in so far as it is construed as void as being in conflict with and repugnant to the principles of the Declaration of Independence."