



LIMIT ON SESSION MAY BE PROPOSED

Quick Action Favored by Many Members.

CONFERENCE HELD BY SOME

Resolution Likely to Be Introduced Today.

NEARLY ALL IN SALEM

Heads of Both Senate and House Announce They Want Gathering to Be Snappy.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Oregon's legislature will convene in special session tomorrow, on call of Governor O'Leary, to consider the matter of proposing a state tax of \$3,000,000 spread over three years to help finance the proposed Atlantic-Pacific Highways and Electrical Exposition at Portland in 1925.

The proposal to hold down the work of the special session tonight appeared to have gained sufficient favor to warrant an introduction of a resolution tomorrow, excluding the threatened avalanche of miscellaneous bills.

The majority of legislators had arrived here tonight and in only a few instances were there any outward indications that an attempt would be made to continue the session after the Christmas holidays. Legislators, apparently favoring the consideration of extraneous legislation, are hopelessly in the minority and there is every reason to believe that the session will be brief, snappy and businesslike.

Short Session Favored.

Roy Rittner, president of the senate, and L. E. Bean, speaker of the house of representatives, have established headquarters at the Marlborough hotel. They had hardly arrived here tonight when they were besieged on all sides by jobbers and legislators who sought some special favor.

Speaker Bean, in the presence of a number of legislators, reiterated the statement made by him in Portland recently that he favored a short session, and was hopeful of taking an adjournment tomorrow. Rittner also expressed himself in favor of a brief session.

About 30 members of the house held a closed caucus tonight, presided over by E. V. Carter, and agreed that the legislature limit its meeting to consideration of roads, the fair and only such other measures as the ways and means committee might recommend. A round robin was started and 26 signers were quickly obtained.

Postponement Is Favored.

During the discussions many up-state members came out strong against any tax whatever and several declared that they were in favor of postponing that subject indefinitely when it is brought up tomorrow. As the caucus did not care to enter into a debate on that subject, the meeting was adjourned.

Following another conference behind closed doors tonight, it leaked out that a number of legislators had been called together to consider the advisability of submitting a resolution providing that no legislation other than that recommended by the governor should be introduced.

No Agreement Reached.

No agreement was reached, it was said, because a number at the conference expressed a desire to withhold their decision pending an exchange of ideas with their colleagues tomorrow. Other legislators were of the opinion that the resolution should be sufficiently elastic to permit the introduction of legislation by a three-fourths or four-fifths vote of each house.

A number of the lawmakers expressed the opinion that the world's fair legislation should be accepted by the legislature as submitted by the Ways and Means committee. Despite the individual feelings of the legislators with relation to the merits of the proposition, the argument was advanced that the voters of Portland had authorized a property tax to finance the institution by a majority of more than four to one, and it is now up to the voters of the state at large either to approve or reject the proposal.

Portland to Raise \$2,000,000.

The prospect of a prolonged debate and the threatened introduction of a dozen or more bills covering the financial phase of the exposition has not been welcomed by many of the legislators.

The estimated cost of the fair is \$6,000,000. Portland has pledged itself to raise \$2,000,000 of this amount by taxation while an additional \$1,400,000 will be raised there by popular subscription. The state at large has been asked to contribute \$3,000,000 through a property tax.

The opponents of the property tax will offer substitute bills, providing for raising the money for the fair through income levies, gasoline taxes, issuance of bonds and other sources. Regardless of how the fair is financed, the proposal must go to the voters of the state for approval.

Although they will not be forced on the legislature, there was a feeling among the legislators here that the

LIMIT FINES IMPOSED ON STEAMSHIP LINES

CUNARD COMPANY ACCUSED OF BOLD LAW VIOLATION.

Secretary Davis Asks That Diplomatic Representations Be Made to England.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Secretary Davis has ordered fines to the limit assessed against the British Cunard steamship line and has asked the state department to make diplomatic representations to England for what he officially classed as "a bold and knowing attempt on the part of the company to violate the immigration law either because of the paltry profits to be gained or to discredit our immigration policy."

The circumstances complained of arose from the arrival on December 19 at New York of the liner Aquitania with 300 Hungarian immigrants, despite that on December 11 the immigration bureau had announced that the Hungarian quota entitled to enter the United States up to July, 1922, was exhausted. Mr. Davis has likewise addressed a letter to Attorney-General Daugherty asking for legal opinion as to what action can be taken in "an appalling situation which has arisen because of the reckless disregard of the law by the Cunard line."

Since enforcement of the new immigration act the immigration authorities have been in practically constant controversy with steamship lines, which they have charged with deliberate intent to make the law futile.

"The chief offender in this instance is the Cunard liner Aquitania," Mr. Davis said in his letter to Secretary Hughes, "which arrived at New York on or about December 19, with some 300 Hungarians on board. Some of these aliens were admissible under exemptions found in the law, but at the last count 204 had been found to be excluded from admission."

"The Cunard line has been, so the commissioner of immigration informs me, one of the principal offenders against the quota law, and up to this time every possible leniency has been shown. In this case the actions seem to have been deliberate. I am bringing the matter to your attention in the hope you will consider it wise to address a protest to the British government with the request that some action be taken which will prevent the company from further violating our immigration laws."

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Officials of the Cunard line tonight denied the allegation of Secretary Davis that the line had deliberately violated the immigration laws.

"The Cunard line," declared P. W. Whitcomb, general passenger agent, "has at all times adhered to the best of compliance with the requirements of the immigration laws. It has done nothing to discredit such laws or the immigration policy of the government."

DRY CHICAGO, POLICE AIM

500 Arrests Made, More Promised Under Order of Chief.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—More than 500 persons are under arrest here charged with violation of the prohibition laws. The prisoners are being held at various police stations. Chief Fitzmorris said that plans for further arrests were under way.

The arrests were made last night and today in rapid succession at the order of the chief of police, who has promised to "make Chicago so dry that it squeaks."

Among the places raided was the exclusive Casino club, which numbers among its members many society folks. One man who, the police said, was found with a bottle of liquor in his hand was arrested.

MARY GARDEN SICK ABED

Celebrated Singer Is Threatened With Pneumonia.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Mary Garden, celebrated singer and general director of the Chicago Grand Opera company, today was ordered by her physician to stay in bed indefinitely. She is threatened with pneumonia.

SEVERE QUAKE RECORDED

Seismograph Detects Temblor 2500 Miles South of Washington.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—An earthquake described as "very severe" was recorded today on the seismograph at Georgetown university, beginning at 10:23 A. M. and continuing until about noon.

Father Tondorf of the university's scientific staff estimated the direction as south of Washington and the distance as approximately 2500 miles.

EXPLORER ON WAY SOUTH

Shackleton Expedition Leaves Rio Janeiro for Antarctic.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec. 18.—The British Antarctic expedition ship Quest, commanded by Sir Ernest Shackleton, left today for the south after undergoing repairs here.

SECRET MEETINGS CLOSED BY DAIL

Everyone Glad Private Discussion Is Over.

RATIFICATION IS EXPECTED

Approval Treaty to Be by Narrow Margin.

MEETING TO BE TODAY

Arthur Griffith to Move for Approval of Pact and Valera Is Expected to Oppose It.

DUBLIN, Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—When the secret session of the Dail Eireann terminated near midnight Saturday, newspapermen heard a burst of applause. Desmond Fitzgerald, Sinn Fein minister of propaganda, was asked if the applause meant that the treaty was to be ratified.

"It only meant," he replied, "that everybody was glad to be through with the private sessions."

A member of parliament from Cork city, when asked by the Associated Press whether the public session tomorrow would be likely to end the situation, declared:

"No, is it more likely to last over Christmas."

Other members said they expected prolonged public sittings. The general belief seems to prevail that Arthur Griffith will move and Michael Collins will second ratification of the treaty, which will be opposed by Eamon de Valera and Erskine Childers and that each member will state the reason for his decision.

The consensus of opinion, however, is that the treaty will be ratified by a small majority.

This afternoon Michael Collins, when asked concerning the prospects of a public debate, said:

"Personally, I hope the debate will end Monday. But others think it will go on for the remainder of the week."

BELFAST FIGHTING RESUMED

Searchlights Placed on Roofs of Houses by Military.

BELFAST, Dec. 18.—Firing was renewed in several districts tonight. Two persons were injured.

Searchlights were placed by the military on roofs of houses in the east end of the city. The week-end shooting came from the house tops in the poor residential district, where the snipers fired from behind chimneys or through holes broken through roofs. The victims often were persons for whom the bullets were not intended.

An attempted raid for arms on the Balmoral show grounds, which is under military occupation, failed Saturday.

MAN, IN LOBBY, IS SHOT

Suicide Indicated; Shooting Takes Place While He Talks to Woman.

While talking to a woman in the lobby of the Empress hotel at 825 West street, N. K. Hodson, 35 years old and a mill foreman, was shot in the head, apparently self-inflicted, and was declared by physicians to be fatally wounded, the bullet having entered the right ear and, at first examination, apparently pierced the skull.

The woman was immediately taken into custody by detectives and was being questioned on the theory that she might have fired the shot. Although there were several other persons in the lobby at the time, no one saw the actual shooting.

MARINE DISAPPEARS AFTER BARING PLOTS

ROBBERIES PLAN REVEALED BY MAIL GUARD.

Hat and Coat of Private Found After He Falls to Appear for Portland-Astoria Run.

Mystery surrounds the unexplained disappearance of Ashton Field, marine private and mail train guard on the Portland-Astoria run, who left a suicide note in his room at the Palace hotel Saturday night and who failed to appear to go out on his run yesterday morning.

The young man's blouse and cap were found stuffed in the doorway of the Page & Co. commission house, Front and Washington streets, yesterday morning by Patrolman Scott. Several blood spots were found within the immediate vicinity of the uniform, although there was no blood on the clothing, nor was there any other indication of foul play.

The theory that Field had been slain or had committed suicide was scouted by both the police and marine officers.

"To whom it may concern: I am disgusted with life. A. F. F. This was the penciled note found in Field's room by detectives during their investigation yesterday.

Field will be posted by the marine corps this morning as a deserter, according to the commanding officer.

During the fore part of last week five service revolvers and one rifle were stolen from the marine mail train guards in Portland.

Young Field was one of those questioned by the police and during his examination he told of a purported plan whereby several officers, including another marine and two ex-marines, had planned a series of robberies and burglaries.

As a result of information furnished by Private Field two ex-marines were arrested and scheduled for hearing in federal court today. It was first believed that Field might have been the victim of foul play on the part of some of the men whom he had accused.

But there are other indications, said the police, that Field, himself, was to have been one of the principals in this crime pact.

One of the ex-marines under arrest is Edward Parsons, who has been identified by C. C. Van Winkel as the highwayman who held him up, gagged him and robbed him of \$30 and a gold watch at Thirty-sixth and Fremont streets on December 12. Parsons was one of those named by Field in his story to the police.

Field is 29 years old and has been in the service for two and a half years. His home was in Modesto, Cal.

TRUCK LEFT IN ROAD CAUSES AUTO CRASH

FOUR PERSONS INJURED, ONE PERHAPS FATALEY.

Car Driven by President of Hillsboro Bank Strikes Lightless Machine on Highway.

HILLSBORO, Or., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—S. P. Gillenwater is in the Hillsboro hospital with a fractured thigh and collar bone and internal injuries, the extent of which are not known, received when an automobile driven by his son-in-law, Edward Schulerich, president of the Hillsboro Commercial bank, struck a truck left standing without lights on the state highway a mile east of Hillsboro at 5:45 o'clock last night.

Mrs. Gillenwater sustained a fracture of the left arm and severe bruises, and Mrs. Schulerich was thrown through the door and escaped serious injury. Mr. Schulerich was severely cut about the face and head.

He had a narrow escape from death, as the force of the collision broke off the steering wheel and left it in his grasp and he was caught between the post and broken seat.

Mr. Gillenwater was thrown through the windshield. He is an elderly man and his recovery is doubtful.

The Schulerich car was reduced to junk. The truck is owned in Forest Grove and traffic officers are looking for the driver. Investigation developed that it had stood squarely on the highway for nearly an hour after being stopped by engine trouble.

SEVEN HURT IN RIOTING

Meeting of Party of Armenian Republic Ends in Fight.

DETROIT, Dec. 18.—Seven men were injured and 600 persons, many of them women and children, were thrown into a panic when rioting broke out at Grand Army of the Republic hall today during a meeting of the party of the Armenian republic.

The rioting began, police said, when a speaker advocated overthrow of the party and formation of a strictly workmen's party of Armenians. At the start of the disturbance, men pushed women and children into an adjoining room, then avidly into factions and fought with chairs and their fists. Twenty-five police reserves quelled the riot.

After being treated at a hospital, the seven injured men were arrested on charges of disturbing the peace.

CARRIER KILLED, SCALPED

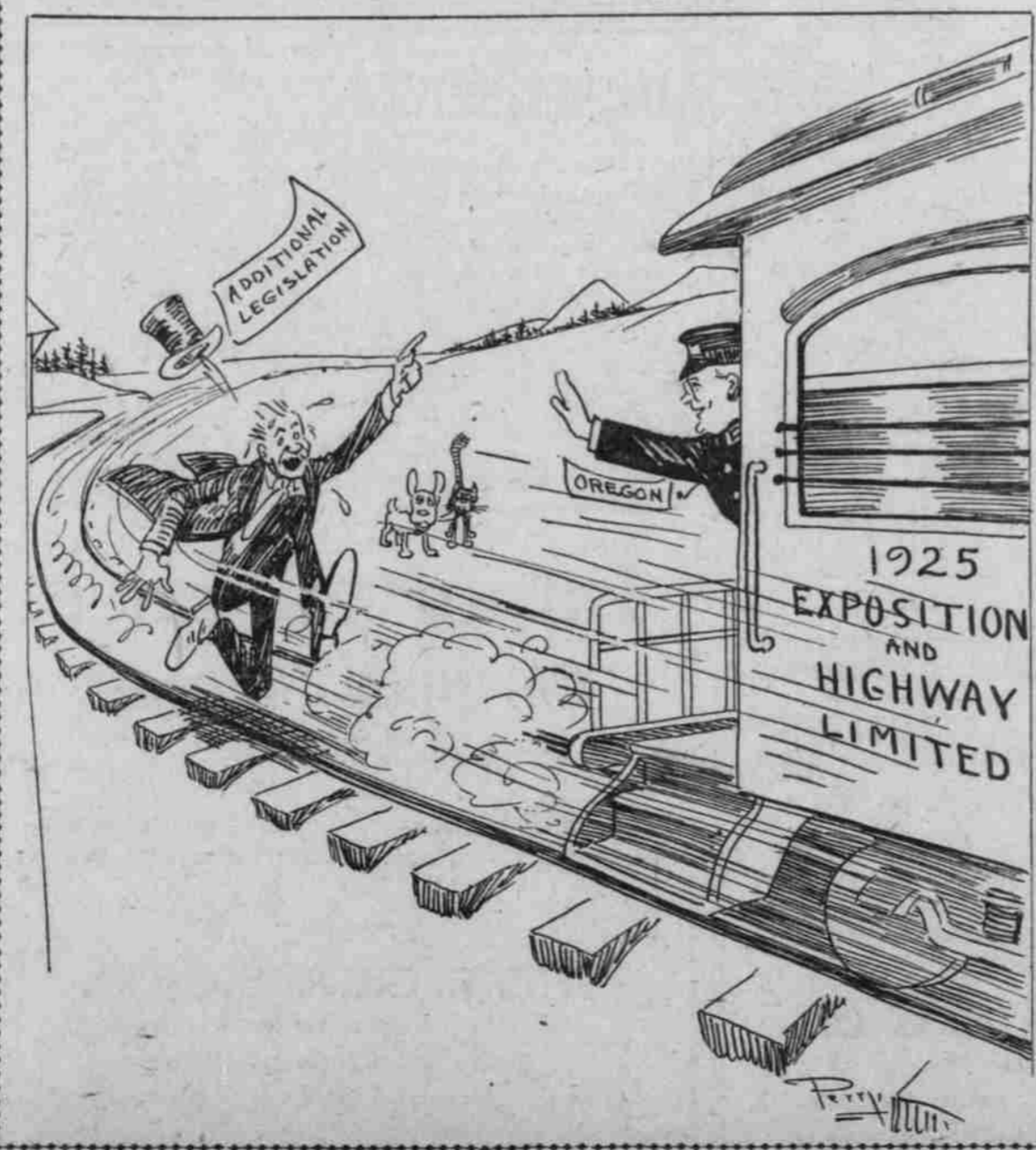
Body of Missing Mail Man Found in Basement of Shack.

GRASS VALLEY, Cal., Dec. 18.—The body of Peter Cadden, missing Grass Valley mail carrier, was found today in the basement of a deserted shack at 404 Ivey street, Grass Valley. He had been stabbed in the neck and scalped.

Cadden's body was found by a squad of postoffice employes, who organized a search party today after the police had failed to find the man Cadden disappeared last Thursday night, shortly after finishing his regular shift at the postoffice.

The shack in which the body was found, it is known, had recently been rented by Cadden, who, it is said, apparently planned to furnish the place for sub-rental.

CAN'T STOP FOR ANY MORE PASSENGERS AND GET THROUGH BY CHRISTMAS.



BREACH OF FAITH LAD TO FRANCE

Note Sent Premier Briand by Mr. Hughes.

LACK OF HARMONY IS CITED

Basic Principles of Limitation Held Ignored.

PARIS BACKS PROPOSAL

French Delegates Think Programme Is Fair and Do Not Consider Making Any Modification.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Secretary Hughes, as chairman of the armament conference, has communicated directly with Premier Briand of France regarding the situation which has developed as a result of the stand of the French delegation on naval ratios.

Mr. Hughes was understood to have called the attention of M. Briand to the unexpected nature of the French proposal and to its failure to harmonize with the basic principles upon which the limitation of naval armaments plan was drawn.

The French proposal for a capital ship ratio permitting her to construct and maintain 350,000 tons, which, when first presented to the arms naval committee, was understood to be merely a suggestion, today was declared to have the full support of the French government.

Adjournment Is Delayed.

This was the development today in connection with the conference and was accepted in most quarters as considerably postponing what had been predicted would be an early adjournment of the conference.

With agreement definitely reached on the American-British-Japanese ratios and with the Shantung "conversations" moving steadily toward an amicable understanding, most delegations had prepared to arrange the remaining details of the conference.

The impression gained among other delegations was that if France insisted on the 5-5-3-3 ratio comprised in the proposal put forward Thursday she would find a solid opposition. Neither from a standpoint of national security nor from that of "present status" on which the scheme of limitation is built, it was declared, could the French delegation defend the claim to such a standing in the world's delimited naval concert.

Plan Held Reasonable.

The proposals made by the French delegation Thursday to the naval committee of the armament conference included a definite schedule of construction which contemplated the replacement by 1941 of the present French battle fleet by ten new ships totaling 250,000 tons.

Proposals and the accompanying schedule of planned construction were presented with the full authority of the French government, it was learned on best authority tonight, and were not, as had been indicated in some quarters merely "a tentative departmental plan."

Authoritative French opinion as obtained tonight was that the plan and its resulting ratio for France was entirely reasonable.

Plan Not to Be Modified.

It was made plain that there was no disposition to modify the proposals which vital features of the plan would be lost thereby. The 175,000-ton ratio proposed by the American delegation.

The first new ship would be laid down in 1925, under the French plan submitted to the committee, and each year the keel of an additional ship would be laid, gradually to replace and augment the present capital ship tonnage of France which, in the opinion of the government is antiquated in design and inadequate to properly protect the nation's interests.

The naval experts of the French delegation estimated that the last of new ships would be ready for service in 1941 or not before ten years after the period of the naval holiday contemplated in the limitation agreement now before the conference.

Table Is Prepared.

Essential features of the French plan were submitted in a table illustrating proposed construction as follows:

1926—Capital ship tonnage, 104,000 (all old dreadnaughts).
1927—Capital ship tonnage, 200,000 (two new, six old dreadnaughts).
1928—Capital ship tonnage, 250,000 (one old, seven new dreadnaughts).
1931—Capital ship tonnage, 350,000 (ten new dreadnaughts).

An analysis, it was explained, would show that the French navy after 10 years would figure about 200,000 tons of capital ships, including two new dreadnaughts, and that this would be only 60,000 tons, representing approximately the tonnage of the two new ships over the allotment made to France under the American plan.

Paris has been kept informed of what transpired Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

No recommendation for changes has been made by the delegation and no supplementary instructions have been received by Paris. The conviction exists in the delegation that none would be received unless recommended.

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BUFFALO IS SWEEPED BY 95-MILE GALE

ONE MAN KILLED, TREES UPROOTED, WATER PILED HIGH.

400 Craft Torn From Moorings. Property Damage Will Be in Hundreds of Thousands.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—A 95-mile-an-hour gale swept this city today, uprooting trees, tearing down chimneys, smashing plate glass windows and piling up the water in the harbor to an unprecedented stage. One man was killed.

The damage throughout the city was great, but heaviest losses occurred along the water front where a 300-foot wireless tower was demolished, boat-houses and small docks were swept away and 400 craft were carried down the river.

The property loss will run into hundreds of thousands of dollars.

A window hatch torn from a business block fell on an automobile, killing P. E. Kiefer, an engineer, and injuring the other occupant severely. The hatch pinned Kiefer to the seat. The automobile, with both occupants unconscious, ran a block before it swerved and crashed into a store.

Two women were caught under a falling tree. One suffered both legs broken and the other was internally injured and firemen had to cut away part of the tree trunk before she could be released.

The wind, blowing from the southwest directly down Lake Erie, piled up the water until Bird island pier and Squaw Island were nearly submerged. Nearly 100 quonset huts were carried out into the Niagara river. Their occupants were rescued.

Three ferry boats were piled up on the rocks between the river and the canal.

At Tonawanda, the water rose eight feet above normal, flooding the large lumber yards there and carrying thousands of feet of timber into the river and over Niagara falls. Seldom has such a volume of water poured over the Niagara cataract as today.

The water of Lake Erie crowded into the Niagara river, caused a swirling flood where usually there are only a few scant inches. Such flood poured over the precipice that the pier of the Maid of the Mist was submerged.

Many houses just above the falls were submerged for the first time in years. Great property damage was done on the upper river to riverside boat-houses and motor boats.

Half of the 64 large lake steamers berthed behind the main breakwater and the remaining 100 were scattered at its height, but it is feared from shore at nightfall as though all had kept off the beach.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Winds of cyclonic character, accompanied by heavy rains, visited New York early today, caused slight damage in lower Manhattan, then jumped to the Bronx and wrought destruction over a wide area in the Unionport section. An unidentified man, dead from exposure, was found on a bowery sidewalk. There were no other casualties.

Fire Company Stalls.

One of the east side fire companies started on a run to a chimney fire and was held up by ice on the streets. As a result another company had to be sent to take care of the fire. The police emergency vehicles also reported considerable trouble in making runs owing to the ice on the streets which prevented anything like speed.

Portland's hills and outlying districts were covered with snow all day yesterday. It was only in the downtown section, where traffic was heavy, that the snow was melted.

The total snow fall here was 1.7 inches, according to the weather office. The snow storm was the heaviest that has hit the city since the first snow of the season. At Eugene the snow was 2.5 inches, at Eugene 1/2 an inch, at Albany 1/2 an inch, and at Roseburg and Marshfield there was said to have been a touch of snow.

Coasting Is Begun.

For the small boy yesterday was a big day and all the hillsides were dotted with coasters and sleds. Some managed to attach their sleds to friendly automobiles and ride for miles through the city. For those same small boys Sunday school yesterday was an irksome institution which took them away for a long hour from their winter sports.

Members of the summer underwearer fraternity began to be noticeable yesterday by the manner in which they crept into their overcoats and sought the fire on every possible occasion.

Birds which had dared winter's rigors to remain in the city were sitting dolefully around in sheltered places.

The temperature in Portland yesterday reached 29 degrees yesterday morning. From that time on it grew warmer until about 3 o'clock in the afternoon, when the mercury again began to drop.

Wire Trouble Avoided.

The telegraph and telephone companies reported that they had experienced no wire trouble. The snow was light and dry and consequently did not stick to the wires sufficiently to do any damage. The street car company also had no trouble in making schedules.

The majority of the trains from the east were late yesterday. However, this was declared to be due to conditions in the Rocky mountains and further east rather than to the local storm.

WALLA WALLA HAS SNOW

Blanket for Winter Crops Welcomed by Farmers.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 18.—(Special.)—Walla Walla woke up this morning with a blanket of snow.

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SNOW AND COLD EXPECTED TODAY

Blanket of Ice Covers Downtown Streets.

Coasting in Vogue on Hills All Around City.

AUTO TRAFFIC IS HAMPERED

MERCURY DROPS TO 29

Total Fall Reported as 1.7 Inches. Whole District West of Cascades Hit by Storm.

Portland was in the grip of the "frost giants" yesterday, with prospects of still colder weather and additional snow today.

The thermometer was dropping rapidly and the mercury had reached a fraction under 29 degrees, which was the coldest so far this season.

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