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## IS CREATED BY SILVER THAW

Traction Company and Phone Lines Felled by Sleet Storm.

### IMMENSE DAMAGE DONE

Ice-Laden Wires Fall and More Than 200 Poles Crash to Street.

### TREES TOPPLE EVERYWHERE

Light and Power Strands the operation was slow. Break, Sputter on Ground.

### LITTLE RELIEF PROMISED

Hardly One Thoroughfare of Portland Escapes--Suburban Districts Also Suffer-Several Injured in Day's General Havoc.

### FEATURES OF "SILVER THAW." Car service demoralized. High-tension lines broken in many places and part of electric supply out off all night. Trolley wires broken on mearly every line.

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Telephone service prostrate. All toll lines down in every direction. Thousands of residences without

Thousands of trees rained by breaking under weight of speet. Streets littered with poles, trees and wires.

Automobile belonging to Dr. C G. mabin demolfahed by falling tree in Seventh street. Dr. Sahin narrowly

Two horses electrocuted on Steel bridge. Muny others dead from inslippery streets,

Many slight injuries from falling rees and wires.
Dirt slides caused by torrents de-

great damage. Orchards in many parts of William-etts Valley reported hadly damaged. Fire alarm system, excepting one

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short East Side line, out,

Drizzling rain and sleet, which turned to ice as it fell, demoralized Portland's streetcar service yesterday, left the Association Appeals to Taft Against residence districts in darkness last night prostrated the telephone and telegraph services, filled the streets in the residence districts with broken trees, telephone poles and dangling telephone and electric-light wires and caused general ruin to the extent prob-

falling late inst night and the mercury getting Root and a delegation from the New lower the outlook is for still more York Tea Association today appealed (Concluded on Page 9.)

### TWO CARRY FRIEND IN SLUSH 7 MILES

TIMBER-CUTTER, WITH BOTH ARMS BROKEN, IS BORNE.

Tree Falls on Woodsman's Hut. When Companions Find Leo Roland They Improvise Litter.

After being carried seven miles in litter by two companions, Leo Roland, woodcutter, whose arms were broken when a giant tree fell on the lonely hut in which he was living in the woods near Gresham, was brought to Portland last night. The Red Cross ambulance met the litter a mile down the Powell Valley road, and the ambulance employes lifted the man into the ambulance. A fast run in the snow to the Good Samaritan Hospital put Roland

Reland, who is an employe of Rudlum Bros., timber cutters, was employed in the woods two miles from resham. The cold spell confined him his hur. As he was sitting at his fireside, a big tree weighted down by now and ice crashed upon the hut and sinned down and severely injured Ro-Both of his arms were crushed.

Companions, who lived nearby, took him from the ruins of the hut, impro vised a litter, and with a horseman riding shead, started to Portland. moned by telephone. The Red Cross ambulance met the rider at East Fiftieth street and Hawthorne avenue. The ambulance met the litter a mile farther

is condition at the Good Samaritan Hospital at a late hour, internal injuries being added to his broken arms. Both arms were set, and his rally from

### HEALTH WILL BE TOPIC

Pour Lectures to Be Given at Ore gon Agricultural College,

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COL-LEGE, Corvallis, Jan. 6.—(Special.)-George F. Sykes, instructor of zoology at the Oregon Agricultural College, will give four lectures in January on | damage to wires was done at Centralia the Conservation of Health. lecture tomorrow on "The Science of Health," deals with the different principles of disease, both from the personal standpoint and from the effect it me had on National life.

The second lecture on "Health, a Civic Obligation," will be given January 11. This will deal with the subject from the point of view of the urban as well as the rural dweller. The third lecture will be given January 18 and the fourth January 25. These lectures will be open to the public.

### EDUCATOR IS DECORATED

Professor Frederick Starr Is Given Highest Honor by Belgian Ruler.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Professor Freder ick Starr, of the University of Chicago, received word today that he had been appointed commander of the Order of sopold IL, the highest honor in the way of decoration given by the govern-

ment of Belgium. The decoration is in recognition of his services in presenting to the world his view of the condition of affairs in the Congo Free State in 1908 and for the exhibit at Brussels of his Congo anthropological collections, for which the grand prize was awarded to him.

## TONS OF TEA PROTESTED

Threatened Importation.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.-Declaring 6,000,000 pounds of colored and adulter-ated ton which does not comply with treasury regulations, or with the pure ably of several hundred thousand dol- food law, will be admitted and sold in this country within a few days unless the Government acts quickly, Senator to President Taft.

# **EROM MANY SIDES**

Wind Velocity Reaches 60 Miles on Coast.

### VALLEY GETS FREEZING RAIN

3 O.-W. R. & N. Trains Tied Up: Relief Crews Sent Out.

### ICE IN COLUMBIA FORMS

Disturbance at Mouth of Big River Indicative of Colder Weather. Oregon Electric Service Is Hit By Broken Wires.

Though the storm which swept over Portland yesterday and inst night might have been termed "local" in the sense of the damage done to tele phone, telegraph, electric light and trolley wires, there were violent weather manifestations over the greater part of Oregon and Washington. Heavy wind and rain about the mouth of the

Columbia is reported. The storm at North Head was acompanied by a maximum wind veloc-

ty of 60 miles. Reports are that the sleet storm extended south as far as Salem and west to the Coast range. South of Salem there was cold rain. Vancouver was as hard hit by the "silver thaw" as Portland. To the north of Vancouver toward the Puget Sound country heavy wet snow fell all day yesterday, Heavy

### Three Trains Tred Up.

Up the Columbia River gorge sleet olled down the mountainside blocked traffic on the O.-W. R. & N., a report at 1 o'clock this morning saying that three trains were stuck between Cascade Locks and Bonneville. These trains were the Canadian ex-

and The Dalles local. The He-up octrains after that proved unavailing. A report from Bonneville early this norning was, that a strong wind was still blowing and snow falling. Little relief was in sight. A rotary engine, which had been used to open a path through the storm, was of no avail. O.-W. R. & N. officials said this morn-

tng that relief trains will be sent to scene of the tie-up early today. East of the Cascades the country is covered with a heavy blanket of snow. From Walla Walla comes the report of one of the worst Winters in years.

in the Willamette Valley and the Sound country the temperatures for the last 24 hours have been either at the freezing point or a trifle below that mark, with the result that the precipitation has largely been in the form of sleet, thus making this storm one of the most disagreeable on record,

Rain Continues Today. The conditions are favorable for rain In Western Oregon and Western Wash ington and for snow in the district east of the Cascade Mountains. It will be warmer today in Northern Oregon, Washington and Northern Idaho. The winds along the coast will continue derately high for another 24 hours. All the way up the valley, including Hillaboro, Forest Grove to Salem, sleet fell practically all day. The Oregon Electric has been tied up since noon yesterday almost entirely through broken wires at various points, Hillsboro reporting no car service

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### PLANTS ALREADY BOUGHT?

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### ....... FEATURES OF GIGANTIC OIL AND PAINT MERGER.

Standard Oil Company's allied in-terests are believed to be the mov-ing power behind the scheme to control the oil and paint business. - An outley of \$20,000,000 is said to be ready to carry out the plan, which involves the territory between the Nexican and British Columbia

lines. Portland is scheduled to be the chief center of activity in the Northwest territory, and it is said a whi lead plant to cost between \$750,000 and \$1,000,000. is contemplated for

Big paint and oil establishments in San Diego, San Francisco, Sacra-mento, Portland, Tacoma and Senttle are to be taken over and operated under one policy, it is declared. Opening of the Panaroa Canal is

said to attract great oil interests and to have caused efforts to consolidate the trade.

A gigantic merger of paint and oil establishments on the Pacific Coast, inolving an outlay of approximately \$20,-000,000 and covering factories and stores in every large city from San Diego to Seattle, is being formed by large Eastern interests in the off business, accord ing to information obtained in Port-

land yesterday. The developments of the past few months, just coming to light, point very strongly to the Standard Oil Company or allied interests, as the power behind the activities in this line up and down

Portland will be the chief center, or effected, from which all the paint and off dollars annually, will be directed. Control of the industry by the Stand ard Oil interests would not necessarily mean the retirement from the field of firms already established, as it is said to be the policy of the corporation to handle the business through established agencies in each of the large cities. The general policy and control of supplies and regulation of prices would, of course, be dictated by the chief inter- in Russia.

While the merging of the paint and oll business of the Pacific Coast would pour probably \$20,000,000 into the ter-ritory concerned, it being conservativew estimated that it would cost at least that amount of money to obtain absolute control of the industry, the outlay would not stop at that point by any means, it is said.

Immense Expenditure Involved. Many millions of dollars more are to be expended, it is said, in reorganizing the business and in placing it on a

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### 'HIS'ER" NEW WORD IN TWO GENDERS

ELLA FLAGG YOUNG FILLS GAP IN LANGUAGE.

Chicago Principals Directed How to Speak When "He'er" Wishes to Save Valuable Time.

CHICAGO, Jan. 6 .- Miss Ella Flags Young, superintendent of Chicage's schools, announced today to her principals a new form of third person, singclar number, personal pronoun, which she hopes may be introduced in gen eral use. The prenoun is intended to indicate both genders at once, so that it will be unnecessary to may "his or her" or "he or she." The three words are to be compacted in one, as follows

"He'er" means "he or she." "His'er" means "his or her."

"Him'er' means "him er her." Some examples of the "simplified grammar," as given by Miss Young is her address to the superintendents fol-

"A principal should so conduct his'er school that all pupils are engaged in something that is profitable to him'er and where the pupil is required to use knowledge in accomplishing his'er task.
"I don't see how one can map out the work for the fifth or sixth grade then he'er has always done the work in the grades above or below."

### 67 ATHLETES VIE IN SNOW

Oarsmen in Their Track Suits Brave Cold to Secure Place.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Wash., Jan. 6.—(Special.)—Shivering with cold, while snow fell on heir bare arms and shoulders and got inside their thin white track shirts, 67 candidates for the 'varsity rowing crew are propelling "fours" and "eights" over the surface of Lake Washington as steadily as if bright April sun. stead of cold January clouds, was glarng at them from the sky.

Systematic training has begun in arnest now and no candidate is willing tain Hanson being on the bridge. to hurt his chances for getting on the am by shirking from rain or The training table will be instituted n February and from that time on the prospective crew will be restricted severely in the matter of food, drink and

Chances for both a freshman and varsity crew that will defeat the Calfornia colleges are good, says Coach Connibear.

### AMERICAN SHOT IN BERLIN Milliner Alleges Failure to Support

Her Two Children.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.-Norbert M. Redkinon, a prominent member of the Amercan colony here, was shot, probably fatally, last night by a milliner named Alwyne Siede. The woman was intercepted as she was escaping from Mr. Rodkinson's office and immediately eadquarters of the merger, when it is fired a bullet into her own body. The deep water, where her cargo was

> The affair, according to the allegations of Miss Stede's brought about by the Interruption of relations between her and Mr. Rodkinson and his refusal to support her two children. Mr. Rodkinson, however, asserts that it was an attempt at extortion on the part of Miss Siede, who had been a servant of the family years ago

### INJURY IS FATAL Shotgun, Accidentally Discharged,

Wounds Woodchopper. LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 6 .- (Special.)

-Frank Pierce, a woodchopper, was hot and fatally injured tonight by the accidental discharge of a shotgun, the load of which buried itself in the man's

He was brought here, a distance of five miles, through three feet of snow,

## ENGINEER SAVED

Schooner Patsy in Port by Own Power.

DEANE, FREEZING, RESCUED

Swept Overboard, Man in loy Waters Nearly One Hour.

### HARROWING TALE IS TOLD

Breakers Off Tillamook Too High to Launch Small Boats-Life Buoy

Proves Saver-Deane Once Almost Gave Up.

ASTORIA. Or., Jan. 6 .- (Special.)-Bringing a tale of a narrow escape from destruction on the Tillsmook Bay bar and a tale of the more narrow escape of Charles Deane, her chief ening, the gasoline schooner Patsy, Cap tain C. H. Hanson, came into port this afternoor under her own power.

The Patsy sailed from Astoria yes

terday bound for Silets with a general cargo. She arrived off Tillamook Bay about 4 o'clock, and as a strong wind was coming up and the glass falling, Captain Hanson decided to run into As the little craft headed in through the breakers Frank Sweet was running the engines, while Chief Deane and two of the sallors were at the wheel, Cap-

### Strong Ebb Tide Running.

A strong ebb tide was running, and when the vessel was crossing the inside line of breakers she struck the bottom hard. The helm was put hard over to bring her to starboard, and just then a terrific sea hit the schooner, shifting her cargo to port and throwing her over until her rall was under water. This was followed by another sea

which flooded the entire craft, the water rushing into the engine room, disabling the starboard engine and the electric light plant. The first sudden lurch of the schooner threw the three men at the wheel across the pilot house and through the door, the two sailors catching on the rail, but Mr. Deans rent overboard.

Mate Skog immediately threw overboard two life buoys and lines, and after hard swimming for about 20 minutes Mr. Deane was able to catch one of the buoys. Patsy drifted out across the bar into wound, however, is not likely to prove | righted, and after fully an hour and a half of hard work her engines were put into running order.

### Crew Fulls to Respond.

As soon as possible, after Deane was thrown overboard, signals were set for the life-saving crew to go to the man's assistance, but the ond, evidently misunderstanding the signals, and the only thing those on board the schooner could do was to wait for the man, who was supp by the life buoy, to swim and drift

close enough to be picked up. The breakers were too high to launch one of the schooner's small boats, and Deane was in the water fully threefourths of an hour before being rescued and hauled on board the vessel, nearly frozen, but otherwise uninjured.

As soon as the engines were repaired the Patry headed down the Coast, arriving off Yaquina about midnight. She remained there until 4 o'clock this morning, and as the seas were growing rougher and the supply of fuel was running short. Captain Hanson con-

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