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PRICE FIVE CENTS

AFT PART SINKS WHEN SHIP HITS

Most of Chanslor Crew Lost in Crash.

3 OUT OF 38 SURVIVE

15 Men in Lifeboat Have Terrible Ride—12 Are Lost in Breakers.

THREE BODIES IDENTIFIED

F. C. Jackson, F. Madsen, B. Secord, L. DeLor, R. Curtis, Portland, Thought Lost.

SALIENT FACTS ABOUT THE J. A. CHANSLOR WRECK.

Total men on board the wrecked steamer, 38.
Total known survivors, 3.
Total probably lost, 35.
Portland men on board and probably lost: Francis C. Jackson, second assistant engineer and son of C. S. Jackson, publisher of the Oregon Journal; Boris Secord, seaman; Louis DeLor, messman; F. Madsen, seaman; Roy Curtis, oiler.
Known survivors are Captain A. A. Sawyer, E. W. Dooley, steward, and William Merkel, quartermaster.
Cause of wreck: Vessel swept off her course by cross currents and dashed on rocks in fog.
Condition of wreck: Vessel total loss. After half broken away. House has floated to sea.
Number of bodies recovered, 4. Of these three were identified as follows: Adolph Hahne, of San Francisco, quartermaster; W. H. Reese, first officer; and Edward A. Rose, third officer.

BOY OF 7 KILLED BY COMPANION, AGED 14

REVOLVER IS ACCIDENTALLY DISCHARGED, BELIEF.

Vernon Franks Dead as Result of Playing With Weapon—Edward Keller, Slayer, Missing.

Vernon Franks, 7-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Franks, 2067 Delano street, Montavilla, was shot and instantly killed yesterday afternoon by his cousin, Edward Keller, 14 years old. It is believed to have been an accident while the two boys were playing upstairs at the Franks home, where the Keller boy also lived.

Following the shooting Edward Keller, living at the same address with the Franks, disappeared. He was being sought by relatives and friends with the assistance of the police in the fear that he might commit suicide or do himself some harm as a result of his fright and despondency over the affair, when he returned safely.

The two boys are said to have been playing together with two old rifles and a revolver. Just what led to the shooting was not known last night, as Edward Keller had not been found.

The mothers of the two boys, who are sisters, heard the report and afterwards young Keller carried the limp form of his cousin, shot through the heart, downstairs. Investigation showed that the bullet had passed through the boy's heart.

With tears in his eyes young Keller said to have accessed his uncle, H. H. Franks, who had returned home in the meantime, pleading that he also be shot, when he realized what he had done.

"Oh, shoot me, uncle, shoot me, too," he declared to have cried, shortly afterward disappearing.

The families of the boys are confident that the shooting was accidental.

TRACERS SENT FOR NC-4

Seaplane Overdue on Flight From Galveston to Mobile.

MOBILE, Ala., Dec. 20.—The navy department was officially notified tonight by Captain W. Oper, in charge of this recruiting district, that naval seaplane NC-4, which made the first trans-Atlantic flight, was many hours overdue on its trip today to this port from Galveston, Tex.

The seaplane is on recruiting duty and is commanded by Lieutenant-Commander A. C. Tighe, who was in charge during the flight to Plymouth, England.

Captain W. G. Roper, head of the southeastern naval recruiting district, who came here to welcome Commander Tighe, has many hours search for the missing plane.

HOUSTON, Texas, Dec. 20.—C. W. Vick, a wireless operator, with whom Commander Read of the NC-4 conferred all the way from New Orleans to Galveston Wednesday, maintained communication today for an hour and 49 minutes and then lost the airplane. Vicks quoted Read as saying he expected weather conditions today to interfere with wireless work.

23 DIE IN COLLISION

Immigrant Train Collides With Freight Near Onawa, Me.

ONAWA, Me., Dec. 20.—Twenty-three deaths resulted from a head-on collision between an immigrant train and a freight train on the Canadian Pacific railway two miles west of Onawa station today. Seventeen persons were killed outright and six died later.

Fifty passengers were injured, many seriously. Engineers Fred Wilson and William Bagley and firemen Henninger and Hutchins, of the two trains, are dead. Six victims were children. Fourteen bodies have been taken from the wreckage.

The passenger train was running as the third section of the immigrant special, two sections of which had passed the freight while it was on a siding. On board were a few returned Canadian soldiers and nearly 300 immigrants.

So far as learned, the collision resulted from a misunderstanding of orders.

FUTURE OF ROADS NOT YET DECIDED

Fate Uncertain Despite Action of Senate.

CUMMINS BILL GOES THROUGH

Chances Are Carriers Will Be Turned Back Jan. 1.

LA FOLLETTE'S PLEA VAIN

Effort to Extend Government Control Two Years Falls—Plumb Plan Promoters Discouraged.

OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU.

Washington, Dec. 20.—The senate this afternoon passed the Cummins railroad bill by a vote of 45 to 30, but this by no means decides the future of the railroads. Every man you meet in Washington who has been following the course of railroad legislation and the administration of the railroads has a different opinion as to what will happen next.

There were signs today that the railroads are going back to private ownership January 1, whether new legislation is enacted soon or not. Around the offices of the railroad administration there appeared to have been some pit that the president is determined to turn the roads back on January 1, just as he gave his word some time ago that he would do.

Plumb Plan Promoters Busy.

All the pressure brought on him in the last ten days has been from persons who would have the government retain control, the promoters of the Plumb plan having directed this effort. When William G. McAdoe, former secretary of the treasury, as well as former director-general of railroads, called on Mr. Wilson, he was asked to sign a letter in which he pledged to the railroad brotherhoods to help withhold the roads from the owners. It is now hinted that Mr. McAdoe's efforts were vain.

If the president does return the railroads he will be able to point to the fact that his action is approved by a very large majority of the democrats in the senate, as registered in the vote this afternoon against the La Follette amendment to the Cummins bill to extend government control for two years.

La Follette's Plea Vain.

After La Follette had made an earnest plea for the extension of government control, only eight democrats supported his amendment, these being Ashurst of Arizona, Chamberlain of Oregon, Henderson of Nevada, Johnson of South Dakota, Kendrick of Wyoming, Nugent of Idaho, Shepard of Texas and Walsh of Montana. Republicans supporting the amendment were, besides La Follette, Gronna of North Dakota and Norris of Nebraska.

But all this decides nothing as to the fate of the bill, because it has a rough road ahead. The Cummins bill goes from the senate today without any taint of partisanship. More republicans than democrats voted for it, but all of the leaders on the democratic side, including Hitchcock of Nebraska, Underwood of Alabama and Williams of Mississippi, supported it.

Deadline Now Expected.

The bill now goes to conference and a long deadline is expected on the anti-strike provision, because the Eech bill, passed by the house, contains only a very mild labor provision, which was approved by the railroads.

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BANK HEAD CONFESSES SHORTAGE OF \$140,000

SUM REPAID BY RICH BROTH-ER IN OREGON.

Warrant Issued for Arrest of Kansas Official—William Pollman of Baker Gives Aid.

TOPEKA, Kas., Dec. 20.—Discovery of a shortage of \$140,000 in the Linn County bank of Lacynge and the confession of President A. Pollman that he had signed worthless paper to that extent were reported today by State Bank Commissioner Walter E. Wilson, who stated he had authorized the Linn county attorney to issue a warrant for the arrest of the bank president.

A brother of the banker, William Pollman, Baker, Or., said to be a millionaire lumberman, is declared to have made good the entire amount of the bank.

Speculation in Texas lands and mining ventures was declared by Pollman to have resulted in the loss of the money.

CONGRESS TAKES RECESS

House and Senate Suspend for Holiday Season.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—The Christmas recess of congress began at 11:12 o'clock tonight, when the senate adjourned to meet again January 5. The house adjourned four minutes earlier and no business was transacted in either house during the night.

The delay in adjournment was necessary to permit bills passed today to be prepared for the signature of the president of the senate before being transmitted to the White House. Few members were present at adjournment.

YORK'S RIVAL HONORED

Hun-Slaying Sergeant to Be Special Escort for Dead.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Former Sergeant Willie Sandlin of Hydén, Ky., today was appointed special escort for the return of soldier dead from overseas by Secretary Baker on recommendation of Major General Rogers. Sergeant Sandlin was selected for the post because of his unusual record in the world war.

Unofficially he ranks next to Sergeant York in his exploits against the enemy, being credited with killing 24 Germans and wounding and capturing many more.

FREQUENT RAINS COMING

Forecast for Coast for Week Is Unsettled Weather.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Weather predictions for the week beginning Monday issued by the weather department: Northern Rocky mountain and plateau regions—Unsettled with snows and rains with normal temperature the first half of the week; the latter half will be generally fair and cold.

Pacific states—Unsettled, with normal temperatures and frequent rains.

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GERMANS STAY IN JAPAN

6000 Prisoners of War Are Not to Return Home.

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BIG STILL CONFISCATED

Plant, Making 250 Gallons a Day, Found in Full Operation.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 20.—A huge still, with a capacity of 250 gallons of liquor a day, said to be the largest illicit distilling plant ever encountered by the officers in this state, was seized today by a force of state constabulary ten miles south of here.

The plant, which was operated by steam, was running in full blast.

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COAL TRIBUNAL IS NAMED BY WILSON

Working Conditions and Wages to Be Probed.

STEP LINKED WITH STRIKE

Labor, Operators and Public Are Represented.

DILIGENT STUDY IS URGED

If Readjustment of Prices Is Found Necessary, President Promises to Confer Power.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Coincident tonight with President Wilson's appointment of the commission of three to carry out the government's plan for settlement of the bituminous coal strike, the executive committee of the Bituminous Coal Operators' association issued a statement flatly denying that the operators had agreed to or been consulted in regard to the settlement terms.

The operators' denial was aimed specifically at a statement contained in Mr. Wilson's identical letter to the three commissioners he has selected—Henry M. Robinson, Pasadena, Cal., representing the public; John P. White, representing the miners, and Rembrandt Peale of Pennsylvania, representing the operators—that the operators had agreed to the government's proposal. The denial was met immediately by a statement from Attorney-General Palmer declaring it would be "an amazing repudiation of their own statement" which some of the operators now failed to accept the settlement plan.

Palmer at Conference.

The president's announcement and the statements from the operators and the attorney-general, which came on its heels, followed a day of conference between Mr. Palmer and representatives of the mine owners and also a meeting of the operators' executive committee. No official word came from either side as to the nature of these discussions, however, although it was apparent that the president's announcement was expected at the White House to be issued at any moment, and no reason for the delay was disclosed. Later developments were said in some quarters to show that Mr. Palmer had been endeavoring to induce the operators to accept the settlement plan.

Coal Strike Reviewed.

In his letter to Mr. Robinson, the president reviewed the coal strike situation and the various fruitless efforts made to arrive at a settlement before his own plan was proposed and adopted by the miners. Mr. Wilson said he had been informed that the operators "have generally agreed" to the plan and told the commissioners that if, in their judgment, after a full examination of the facts, "a readjustment of the price of coal shall be found necessary," he would clothe them with the powers now vested in the fuel administration to carry out their judgment.

This grant of power will be given, however, the president added, only in the event of unanimous decision by the commission as to its findings.

Miners' Production Again.

Production has been assumed at the mines, Mr. Wilson said, on a sufficient scale to warrant appointment of the commission to make effective the terms of the government's proposals. He warned the commissioners, however, that while their decision as to a new wage scale for the coal miners would, he was sure, be accepted as a basis for an agreement in the coal fields, which would promote public welfare, no lasting benefit

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STATE'S STRIKE LOSS MORE THAN MILLION

WALKOUTS IN OREGON IN YEAR PROVE COSTLY.

Labor Chief Sufferer, According to Report of Commission; Action by Legislature Is Asked.

SALEM, Or., Dec. 20.—(Special.)—Losses to industries and employees due to strikes in Oregon during the year 1919 total \$1,227,350, according to a statement prepared here today by C. H. Gram, state labor commissioner. These figures will be made a part of Mr. Gram's annual report, and also will be used by the commissioner in urging upon the legislature, at its special session in January, the creation of a so-called "state safety commission."

Of the total loss employees suffered to the extent of \$1,048,400, according to Mr. Gram's report, while the loss to various industries is estimated at \$178,950. The financial loss to employees of the various shipbuilding plants during the year was \$450,000, while the loss to the industry is estimated by the employers at \$65,000. The cereal workers suffered a loss in wages of \$11,250, as against a loss of approximately \$500 to the industries.

The telephone operators, according to figures prepared by these workers, lost \$28,400, with no estimate of the loss to the industry.

The tailors estimate their loss at \$21,000 while the loss of business to employers is fixed at \$20,000.

Loss to the jewelry workers is estimated at \$125, while the industry suffered a loss of approximately \$15,000.

Laundry workers estimate their loss at \$480,000. The employers in this industry place their loss at only \$10,000, although the employees say the operators suffered to the extent of more than \$50,000.

Grain handlers report a loss of \$3000, carpenters \$1250 and painters \$400, with no estimates of financial injury to the industries.

In addition to these losses it is estimated that persons indirectly affected by the strikes lost in the neighborhood of \$5000.

Mr. Gram says financial losses to both employees and operators in Oregon have increased materially during the past few years, and he believes legislative action should be taken whereby workers and employers may be made to realize the necessity of closer co-operation.

REFINERY RAZED BY \$350,000 FIRE

Oil Feeds Spectacular Blaze in Portland.

FIREMEN'S LIVES IN DANGER

Flames Leaping High in Air Threaten Nearby Plants.

CARS MOVED TO SAFETY

Workman Leaps From Second Story Into Snow When All Other Escape Is Cut Off.

In a fire which was one of the most spectacular in years and from the standpoint of property damage the most destructive this year, the main plant of the Portland branch of the Palmolive company, Twentieth and Roosevelt streets, was totally destroyed yesterday afternoon with a loss estimated at \$350,000.

Coming close after the big fire which totally destroyed the plant of the Portland Stove works, at Derby street and Columbia boulevard, as announced in The Oregonian yesterday morning, yesterday afternoon's blaze made the total fire loss in the city for the day reach about the \$600,000 mark.

The loss at the Portland Stove works fire was estimated by John Montan, one of the three proprietors, at \$250,000, this including a large amount of stock and all the wood patterns of the concern.

Flames Spread Rapidly.

The fire at the Palmolive plant started in the northeast corner of the three-story brick building, and from there spread rapidly through the structure, the flames fed by oil, causing much of the building to be rapidly razed to the ground. The fire was extinguished by the fire department.

Frank Ripston, Oregonian Journal Editor, was in the building, escaped with burns, but was later hospitalized.

Walter W. Bray, fireman with Engine 2, slipped and fell while running with a hose at the fire and fractured a sixth rib. He was treated at the police emergency hospital. He lives at 450 Rodney avenue and is 30 years of age.

Cause of Fire Not Fixed.

The cause of the fire had not been determined yesterday, although Assistant Fire Marshal Roberts advanced the theory that it may have started from one of the pair of rolls used in crushing the oil from the copra coming in contact with some piece of steel or metal which may have accidentally been dropped into the copra. One of these sets of rolls was located near the point where the fire was first discovered, which lends countenance to the theory. Another theory advanced by G. H. Warren, superintendent of the plant, and by some of the workmen is that the fire started from possible defective wiring or a short circuit.

Fed by the oil and oily substance of the crude product handled by the

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WILSON GETS NO TREE

President to Eat His Christmas Dinner in His Room.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—There will be no Christmas tree at the White House this year. The president and Mrs. Wilson plan to spend the day quietly.

Mr. Wilson will eat Christmas dinner in his room and it is not expected that his daughters, Mrs. William Gibbs McAdoe and Mrs. Francis B. Sayre, and his grandchildren will be at the White House.

PAY LINE OF 75 HELD UP

Pair Cover Longshoremen as Companions Rob Office.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A holdup rivaling in technique the masterpieces of "Bill" Carlisle, western bandit, occurred here today when two robbers covered with revolvers a pay line of 75 longshoremen at the East river pier while two companions, marching into the paymasters' office, seized \$5000.

The quartet then escaped in an automobile.

MINES PAY FOR PEACE

Rioting Workers Quieted When Money Is Passed Out.

TOKYO, Japan, Dec. 3.—Incensed at the refusal of the mine owners to grant increased wages and shorter hours, 2900 employees of the Kamahashi iron mine in Rikuchu province, raided the mining headquarters and extensively damaged the buildings. Troops were called out.

To pacify the rioters the owners gave each miner the equivalent of \$40, whereafter the men dispersed.

THESE NEWS FEATURES STOOD OUT ON THE VISION OF CARTOONIST PERRY THIS WEEK

