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# BLAST KILLING 4 LAID TO REVENGE

Man Who Suffered Love \*Defeat Is Jailed.

South Bend, Wash., Dyker Blown to Bits.

Suspect. Described as Radical Member of I. W. W., Is Only Survivor.

SOUTH BEND, Wash., Dec. 18.-(Special.)-After an all-day hearing the coroner's jury late this afternoon brought in a verdict charging J. Fred Welch of Astoria and Ilwaco with having caused the dynamite explosion which killed four persons aboard the dredger Beaver, on which Welch was working, Thursday night.

The dead are the manager and part owner, Frank Behnke, his daughter Blanche, Adolph Jarvi and Eigel Christensen.

Weich was actuated by revenge because his attentions to Miss Blanche Behnke were not received, according to a dying statement attributed to Eigel Christensen, one of the four

Welch was at the South Bend hos pital all day yesterday, and this morning for the first time looked upon the ghastly bodies of the victims of the explosion. All are badly burned and their limbs are contorted, fractured.

Witnesses said that Welch, after the explosion, exclaimed: "Oh, why ald I do it?" Witnesses who brought the bodies of Christensen and Jarvi to South Bend late Thursday evening testified that Christensen, before dying, pointed to Welch and said: "He did the job and clubbed me in the water.

## Victim Identifies Welch.

At the inquest Jesse Myers, A. L. Myers, Clark Stoddard and Bert testified that Christensen identified Fred Welch as the man and Jarvi were playing cards. Laura tistics. Anderson helped dress the wounds of Christensen and heard Welch say, was shown in Memphis. she testified: "I wish I had never said when he came up on the burning dredge, referring to Christensen: "He tried to get away and I killed him with a club," and Christensen kept saving: "He even clubbed me after I was in the water." Peter Williamson J. J. Mitchell, Son of Wealthy ment and in private affairs. testified that a box of dynamite in the toolhouse had been broken into that day and some sticks taken out. No dynamite was left on the dredger. Man Clubbed, Testimony.

Bert Graves also heard Christensen say: "The crazy guy, he clubbed me in deep water." Clark Stoddard said Welch told him "he tried to get away, and I killed him with a club."

Welch in his testimony said he was working on a hammock and was not playing cards as usual with the other three men and had gone to the lower deck for a drink of water and was at the rear by a woodpile when the explosion occurred.

He said he found himself in the was trying to get out, Myers and

## HARDING HEARS REED, **NEW ON WORLD PEACE**

INDIANAN FAVORS PLEDGES OF POWERS TO DISARM.

Missourian Has Little Faith in Plans to Abolish War; Dr. Butler Urges Trade Ties.

MARION, O. Dec. 18 .- Presidentelect Harding heard suggestions for his association of nations plan from GIRL AND FATHER VICTIMS widely divergent viewpoints today in widely divergent viewpoints today in diana, Senator Reed of Missourl and Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president

of Columbia university.

Each indicated that he thought Mr Harding was following along hopeful lines, but each had his own idea of what should be made the basis and form of any international agreement to promote peace.
Senator New, republican member

DYNAMITE FOUND MISSING of the foreign relations committee was inclined to favor a disarmament agreement if one could be made. He indicated that he would not be adverse to taking such machinery of the Versailles league as might be found practicable, but told Mr. Harding that n his opinion a covenant mutually pledging the leading nations to re duce armaments' would be vastly superior to any complicated international peace structure.

As a democrat who has made a bitter fight for flat rejection of the Versailles treaty, Senator Reed counseled the president-elect against acceptance of league membership on any basis and recommended modificahope of averting misunderstandings. To go into the league in the face of people's verdict at the election. he declared, would be a breach of faith and a costly blunder. He evidenced little faith that wars could he abolished, but conceded a plan for more deliberate diplomatic parleys might prevent some of them.

Economic considerations were advanced by Dr. Butler as the determining factor of the international situation. He prophesied that in the end, trade and commercial ties would be found more binding and more practically useful than peace covenants, in rehabilitating civilization and guar anteeing its security. He suggested that Germany's burden of war inexcept the daughter, whose skull was demnity be definitely fixed as approby establishing credits among con-

> Both Senator Reed and Dr. Butler referendum proposal impracticable, planned. and Senator New reserved judgment regarding It.

## FOOD PRICES DECREASE

November Decline in Portland Per Cent, in Seattle 4 Per Cent.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- A further he was in the water, and that Welch prices in November, as compared with threw three sticks of dynamite into October, was reported today by the room where Behnke, Christensen department of labor's bureau of sta-

In Birmingham and Seattle the decisco and Washington 1 per cent.

Banker of Chicago, Is Fiance.

was made today by Mr and Mrs. J. Edward B. McLean, newspaper pub-Ogden Armour of the engagement of lisher, as chairman of the inaugural their daughter, Miss Lolita Armour, to John J. Mitchell Jr.

Mr. Mitchell is the son of the chairman of the boards of directors of three of Chicago's largest ba .......................

## FERRY STRIKE HALTED the last 12 years. San Francisco Water Service Not

to Be Tied Up, Report. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 .- A threat-

ened strike of ferry workers on Sam lsts, modistes and taxi owners derive water covered with driftwood and Francisco bay was called off tonight. enough profits to warrant a vacation The strike had been called effective for the remainder of the year. Many (Concluded on Page 4, Column 2.) with the close of service tonight.

Jubilance Over Inaugural Ball Premature

**'KILLJOYS!" REPORTED BUSY** 

Vain Demonstration.

Plea Made at This Time Such Dis play at Public Expense Would Be Unwise.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU. Washington, Dec. 18. - Washington. the home of high society, high living and sky-high prices, jubilant almost to the point of intoxication because of the promise to revive the inaugural

ball, may be due for a terrific shock. All of this local exhibaration would drop with the sound of shattering glass if inhabitants hereabouts knew of the message being communicated to President-elect Harding today at his home in Marion, O.

"Leave it to the west to take a the joy out of life," these Washington folk probably will remark if they ever learn the contents of the message carried to Lr. Harding by Senato New of Indiana, from some of his colleagues, mainly senators from the west.

The president-elect is likely to wel-

The president-elect is likely to wel-come the message, because it is well known that if he could have his way

Real estate and building news. Section only the simplest ceremonies would mark the inaugural occasion. Senator priate and that markets be stabilized New went to Marion to discuss various questions with Mr. Harding, but Books. Section 8, page 2. before leaving he was urged to advise Automobile news. Section 6. the president-elect against approval indicated they considered the war of an inaugural ball as har been Society. Section 3, page 2.

Republican senators who discussed Auction bridge. Section ., page 3. Fashions. Section 5, page 6. Miss Tingle's column. Section 5, page 7. Nary of Oregon, Kenyon of Idaho and Spencer of Missouri. They conferred yesterday, after which they requested Senator New to say to Mr. Harding that in their opinion an inaugural ball, in the face of the country's present financial status and the delicacy Bleak city of the general economic situation. Bleak city of the general economic situation. Magazine section, page 1. of the general economic situation,

## Inaugural Ball Coatly.

It was suggested that Senator New point out to the next president that The greatest decrease, 5 per cent, the expense of an inaugural would Talks with T. R. Magazine se not less than \$100,000, which would be paid out of the treasury; that.

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With people already outburdened with our feet. Magazine section, page 7. dene it." Mrs. Bacon corroborated crease was 4 per cent; in Butte, Dal- with people already outburdened with her statement and asserted that las and Kansas City, 3 per cent; in Butte, Dal- with people already outburdened with our feet. Magazine section, page 7.

Christensen pointed to Weich and Christensen pointed to Weich and Christensen Power Los Angeles Omaha, feet on the country of such a dis-Christensen pointed to Weich and Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Omaha, fect on the country of such a dissaid: "There is the man who did Portland, Or., and Sait Lake City. 2 play at public expense would be unit." According to Jesse Myers, Weich per cent; in New York, San Fran- favorable. It would be a case, the senators declared, where all of the people would be asked to foot the bill for a frolic for a very few at a

The spirit of the Christmas tree. Section

time when the strictest economy

5, page 5. LOLITA ARMOUR ENGAGED time when the strictest economy should be practiced both in govern-

Just what the result of this pro test will be remains to be seen. Since CHICAGO, Dec. 18-Announcement the appointment a few days ago of committee, plans have been going ahead for a programme surpassing those of all former inaugurations, including the restoration of the ball, a custom which has been a dead letter in the ushering in of presidents for

> Shopkeepers Are Concerned. Inaugural affairs are always great occasions in Washington, Society gets the peak of enjoyment out of such events, and the merchants, flor-

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# MARINES EXONERATED INTOXICATING CIDER OF MURDERS IN HAIT! IN HOME IS LAWFUL

UNCOVERED BY COURT.

Findings Declare All Crimes Have Prohibition Officer, According to Been Properly Punished, and Praise Corps' Work.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- (By the associated Press.)-The naval court of inquiry which investigated the conduct of the marines in Haiti, reported to Secretary Daniels today that there "had been no proper grounds" for the statement by Briga-Westerners Would Cut Out dier-General George Barnett, formery-commandant of the marine corps that the force had been guilty of "practically indiscriminate killing" of

After a careful survey, the court, PROTEST SENT TO MARION presided over by Rear-Admiral Henry Mayo, found General Barnett's charges were "ill-considered, regretable and thoroughly unwarranted reflections" on the work of the marine corps in Haiti, adding that the corps had performed difficult, dangerous and delicate duty worthy of the highest commendation.

The marines virtually were given a clean bill by the court, which declined to recommend trial by court-martial of Freeman Lang of Los Angeles and Doras Williams of Birmingham, Ala, charged by native witnesses with the murder of Haitiens. Indeed, the Lang and Williams cases

were not mentioned. In all "isolated" cases of unjustifiable conduct by marines the court found disciplinary action had been taken. The findings as made public were approved by Secretary Daniels and Major-General John A. Lejeune. commandant of the marine corps.

NLY 2 CRIMINAL HOMICIDES PALMER RULES DRY ACT PRE-VENTS ONLY SALE.

> Opinion, Without Authority. Houston Asks Verdict.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 .- Use of cider in the home by its manufacturer, even after it has become in toxicating, is lawful and without the bounds of the prohibition enforcement act, according to an opinion sub mitted to the secretary of the treasury by Attorney-General Palmer and made public today.

The opinion is in conflict with the regulations of the bureau of internal revenue, which state home-made cider must be "non-intoxicating in fact, although not necessarily containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol."

Secretary Houston asked for at opinion as to whether the term "nonintoxicating cider and fruit juices' means non-intoxicating in fact or containing less than one-half of one per cent of alcohol. The phrase occurs in section 29 of the prohibition act which permits manufacture of nonntoxicating cider for use in the home without a permit.

In answer the attorney-general held that the expression meant containing fess than one-half of 1 per cent, but added:

LAND TERMINAL SITUATION. "In view, however, of what I un derstand section 29 to mean, I am sure it would be misleading for me to content myself with this direct answer to your question."

Congress intended by section 29 to prohibit the sale, but not the man-ufacture, of intoxicating cider for use in the home, the opinion said. "Congress seems to have recog-(Concluded on Page 4, Column 1.)

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# AT UNION STATION Terminal Company Will

# DECISION BREAKS LIKE BOMB

Not Suspend Order.

Public Service Commission to Seek Quick Remedy.

CITY WILL CO-OPERATE

Non-Member Railroads Blamed Member Lines for Present Trouble and Compromise Refused.

### FACTS REGARDING PORT-

J. P. O'Brien president of the board of directors of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, notifies state public service commission it cannot grant to Great Northern and Spokane, Portland & Scattle lines privileges of joint-user after Decem-

Mr. O'Brien, in a letter to the state commission, says efforts were made by Union Pacific and Southern Pacific to get a common-user terminal, but that Great Northern and Spokane, Portland & Seattle resused to come in and that it is their fault that they cannot now be granted use of the terminal facilities.

State commission and city next will appeal to the interstate commerce commission for an order rescinding the ouster notice and for full investigation of the entire terminal situation on behalf of the traveling public.

ice commission, handed to the members late yesterday, J. P. O'Brien. general manager of the O.W R & N company and president of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, stands on the original ouster order, issued notifying the Great North-Seattle roads that they cannot use cember 31.

Mr. O'Brien goes into opnsiderable detail in his letter as to the reasons actuating himself and the officials of the terminal company and of the Southern Pacific system, but the burden of his statement is that an effort made by members of the terminal ompany and interested roads to effect an amicable agreement with the non-member roads named, met with Athens to have no official relations failure because of the non-members' attitude; also that the terminal yard is sufficient only for the increased traffic of the member roads and can-

not accommodate outsiders. State Commission to Act. Fred G. Buchtel, chairman of the mmissioner Bigelow proposes to curb Yamhili market profiteers. Section 2, page 5. sponse to a request of the state body, that the ouster order be stayed until that this was the first time in the history of the state that any public utility corporation thus had defied the state commission and refused to extend what he and his colleagues regarded as a courtesy to the people predictions for the week beginning same price for his veal as heretofore. of Oregon, speaking through the mem-

of the commission, until he has con-terred with Messrs. Corey and Will-

# STEAMER IN DISTRESS OFF OREGON COAST

RADIO STATION REPORTS SVEA NEEDING HELP.

Details of Trouble North of Coo Bay Lacking-Signals Picked Up by Guard.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18 .- The Svea, a wooden screw steamer of 618 tons, was reported anchored, appar ently in distress, off Coos bay bar when darkness fell tonight. The Sver was en route from Coos bay to Sar Francisco with lumber.

The naval radio station at Yuerba Buena gave out the following message from the radio station at Marshfield, Or.:

"Coast guard reported steamer Sver appeared in distress shortly before darkness. She had lost deckload and apparently anchored 300 yards north of Coos bay bar in 16 feet of water. Unable to see vessel's lights now

due to the mist." The message was received about 11

clock tonight. The Svea was reported arriving at Coos bay December 15. She is listed as belonging to Wilson Bros. & Co. So far as known she carried no pas sengers. It was not known how many were in her crew. Her registered captain is K. Rosberg.

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 18.-Radio distress signals from a vessel off Coos bay, Or., were picked up tonight by the coast guard vessel Snohomish and the steamship Elkhorn, off Cape Flattery, Wash, according to a message received at the port warden's office ticularly in the central marketing sec-

The distressed vessel was believed dence and suburban districts and in to be the lumber steamer Svea, en some of the shops along the public route from Grays harbor, Wash, to market consumers have reported that San Francisco. No details were given. they do not see as much of a reduc-Efforts were being made by the commander of the Snohomish to comnunicate with the coast guard vessel believed to be in the vicinity of Coos pound. It was highest in January

### BOAT SINKS: 12 DROWNED Steam Launch Lists and Goes follow:

Under in Less Than 5 Minutes. AUGUSTA, Ky., Dec. 18 .- Twelve persons were drowned in the Ohio river when the United States steam launch Margaret sprang a leak and sank three miles below Augusta to-

government dam at Chilo, was bring- weak, still lower prices are expected. ing 21 passengers to Augusta. The launch was in sight of Augusta when the engineer discovered a leak. He hog, weighing 150 pounds, the butcher started the pumps, but the water gets two legs of pork averaging 14

Within less than five minutes, it now and those current last January compare: Eight men survived by jumping into Logs ......

ern and the Spokane, Portland & two were picked up by fishermen. The boat sank in mid-river. According to the survivors, the launch was much as other stock, yet there has ENVOYS MAY QUIT ATHENS cents. The highest wholesale price

British and French to Have No Dealings With Constantine. LONDON, Dec. 18 .- The governmen will instruct the British minister in

with Constantine, it was announced

today. PARIS, Dec. 18 .- The French foreign office announced this evening retail prices, although the wholesale that the French minister in Athens would leave the Greek capital Sunday and that it was probable the British by the dealers as responsible for this minister also would depart from situation. When the butcher buys a Athens.

Forecast Says Weather Will Be Unsettled, Temperature Normal. WASHINGTON, Dec. 18 -- Weather fore, he declares, he must get the

bers of the commission.

Northern Rocky mountain and plaMr. Buchtel said that while he could teau regions—Cold and generally fair. Northern Rocky mountain and pla- and loin roasts at 25 cents. not go into details of the next move but with occasional snows in high

Pacific states - Normal tempera (Concluded on Page 23, Column 5.) ture, unsettled and rains,

Wholesalers' Decrease Is Passed On to Public.

# **VEAL EXCEPTION TO RULE**

Dealers Declare Hide Slump Makes Calves Costly.

### PORK AND BEEF TUMBLE

Buyers Say Stores Near Yambiil Market and in Suburbs Are Charging Too Much.

Meat prices have shown a greater fail this year than almost any other of the food lines. There has been a substantial decrease benefit of the drop. This applies partion of the city. In some of the resi-

tion as the circumstances warrant. The wholesale price of the best quality of beef is now 17 cents a and February of this year, when the ruling price was 24 cents. In the leading retail markets the prices asked by retailers now and those they received when wholesale prices were highest

Big Drop Is Shown 22 g 25 c

up shanks Pork prices, both wholesale and retail, have declined at the same rate, and as the live hog market is very cents wholesale as against 28 cents last winter. In the average block

Lambs have not fallen in price as

carrying the party to Augusta to at- been a fair reduction in retail-quotations. The best lambs cost the butchers at retail 21 cents a pound, with poorer grades selling as low as 15 last winter was 24 cents. The best quality of lamb now in the stores compares with the top price of last February:

Veni Stays at Top Price.

Veal is the only item in the fresh neat trade that has not come down in price has fallen from 24 to 18 cents. The slump in the hide market is cited chif weighing 100 pounds he gets a hide of about 10 pounds in weight. Last winter, when the hide market

retailer was able to sell this hide for

\$9. Now the same calf skin is worth

only 72 cents, and the butcher cannot

find a buyer even at that price. There-

Veal cutlets are selling at 20 cents

Smoked Meats Cheaper. oked meats are also cheaper in about the same ratio as fresh meats although in many instances the re-

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# EVENTS IN THE NEWS AS PORTRAYED BY CARTOON IST PERRY.









