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BUSINESS OF CITY GREATLY RETARDED BY SNOWSTORM

CAR SERVICE CANNOT BE BETTERED

Company Utterly Unable to Cope With a Few Inches of Snow—Stores Lose Because of Lack of Sufficient Transportation.

Business in Portland is almost suspended. Many of the stores have closed down entirely because there is no trade and because the clerks are unable to reach the city.

The schools have closed down for the balance of the week because it is impossible for the pupils and teachers to get about.

There is a serious crisis in the fuel situation and unless relief is soon obtained there is danger of much suffering among people of all classes in the city.

And all because the management of the street railway system is unable to cope with a situation which elsewhere would be simple and occasion hardly any inconvenience.

President Mossely of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company has at last thrown up his hands and admitted his inability to keep the cars running. He admits that the system is badly balked up and confesses that he has no hope of starting the cars on more than a few lines until after the storm is over. Perhaps when the snow has all melted and the ice has gone the cars may run about as they used to. But for the present the people of Portland must make up their minds to walk or stay at home.

Basely Paralyzed.

Three or four feet of snow might tie up the streetcar system of other cities for a few hours, but there is probably no other system in the United States so managed that a few inches could paralyze it and with it the business of the entire city. The comments being made on the situation in Portland by those who have to plod for miles through the snow would make the cars of a given image burn if it were the subject of remarks. Portland has on many occasions had reason to be thoroughly disgusted with its street railway system and the management, but never before has the situation been so serious and the incompleteness of the management so completely demonstrated.

No Relief in Sight.

And there is no relief in sight. President Mossely says he is doing what he can.

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MONTANA POOL ROOMS DOOMED

But Race Meetings Can Continue; Appointments Are Confirmed.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Helena, Mont., Jan. 7.—The Montana senate has confirmed, with a single motion, the recess appointments of Governor Tiedel and Norris. They cover a period of two years and embrace about 50 appointments to the various state positions.

It would seem that the poolroom is doomed in Montana, measures prohibiting their conduct having been introduced in both houses. An exception will be made for the Montana race meetings. Bills for direct primaries and the abolition of railroad passes, telephone and telegraph franchises and the like have also been introduced.

LEWIS ELECTED BEYOND DOUBT

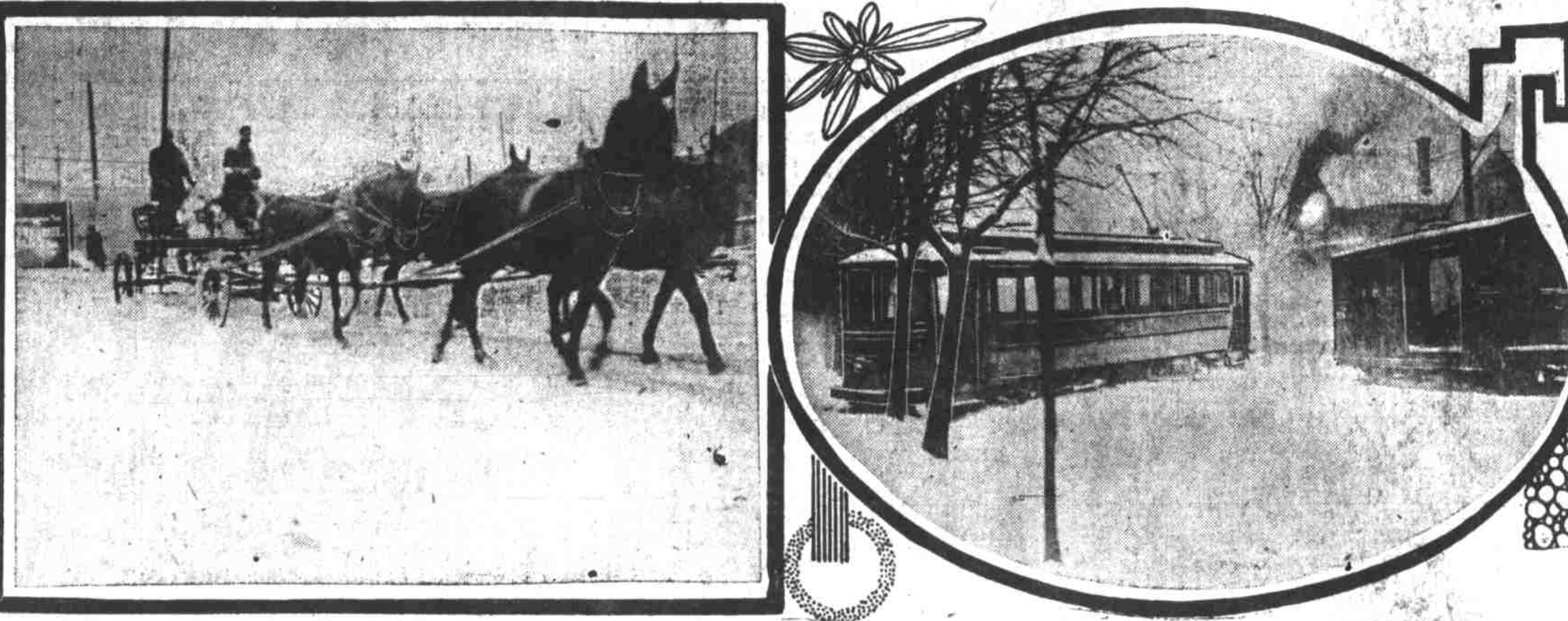
Suspension of Walker, His Rival and Enemy, Is Considered Certain.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 7.—President Lewis has been elected head of the United Mineworkers of America, according to an announcement from the tellers, who say the count has proceeded far enough to show a victory for Lewis without question. He defeated John H. Walker of Illinois.

It is probable that Lewis' annual report will announce the suspension of Walker from the organization as a challenge to him to prove his charges that Lewis has been guilty of lying and corruption. It is certain, however, that Walker will not be suspended until the vote is announced formally. Lewis admitted today that his report contains certain things displeasing to Walker.

SNOWSTORM REFUSES TO LET GO GRIP ON NORTHWEST



Portland Today Looks Like a Typical Eastern City Except That There Are Few If Any Streetcars Running.

ASK REFORM IN SCHOOL LAWS

Bill Fathered by Leading Educators and Grange Would Give at Least Six Months of School for Every District.

Six full months of school for every district in Oregon is a slogan that will be echoed and reechoed through the corridors and chambers of the state capitol at the coming session of the legislature, according to leading Oregon educators, among whom is State Superintendent Ackerman.

The state grange has voted for such a provision, and the forces behind the movement will work untidily for a more generous policy toward the common schools.

The salient features of the plan have been incorporated in a bill that will be presented to the legislature for passage. The bill is modeled after the law in the state of Washington, but though it takes a long step in the direction of a more generous policy for the schools, it does not go as far as have the people of the evergreen state in levying taxes for school purposes. The vital provision of the bill is that enough money be raised to give each district, no matter how remote or how poor, at least six months of school each year.

Many Now Neglected.

Though not generally known, it is a fact that hundreds of districts in the state do not have more than four months of school a year. Until the legislative session two years ago, great numbers of them had no more than three months. A law was then passed, however, under which a bonus of \$50 was given to each district from each county levy for school purposes, and the law was also changed to provide that each district should not have less than four months of school a year. In the main this provision has been observed by all districts, though some of

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AMERICA LEADS RELIEF WORK

Ambassador Griscom Off for Messina in Person, Aboard Ship Laden for First Organized Effort—Pope Puts Funds Into Griscom's Hands.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Rome, Jan. 7.—Ambassador Griscom started for Messina today with \$50,000 of the American funds, besides money turned over to him by the pope.

All arrangements have been completed for the establishment of field hospitals and the distribution of supplies through American agencies to the sufferers. It is expected that the work will be fairly well organized by the time the four battleships arrive from Sicily with Admiral Sperry on Saturday.

John Baptiste Bernadine, naval at-

MRS. ERB AND SISTER ACQUITTED

Charged With Murder of Mrs. Erb's Husband—Plea Self-Defense.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Media, Pa., Jan. 7.—Mrs. Florence J. Erb and her sister, Mrs. Katherine Beisel, were acquitted today of the murder of Captain J. Clayton Erb, the Philadelphia politician, husband of Mrs. Erb. Mrs. Erb and her sister were charged jointly with murder following the death of the captain at the Erb residence, Red Bank, near here.

The prosecution sought to show that Mrs. Erb, who is a dashing society leader and horsewoman, shot her husband in cold blood. A struggle followed in which Mrs. Beisel secured Captain Erb's revolver and shot him five times. Mrs. Beisel told practically the same story declaring she shot her brother-in-law in self defense.

UNWRITTEN LAW IN POLICE COURT

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Denver, Jan. 7.—Mortimer I. Stevens, publisher of a Denver weekly society paper and formerly editor of the San Francisco News Letter, said today that he was glad to pay \$100 fine in police court because he had whipped F. W. Dean, a young man of wealth, whom he found at the theatre with Mrs. Stevens Dean paid a similar fine when the case was called yesterday.

Stevens and Dean fought in the Orpheum theatre, to the great delight of a large crowd of matinee girls. In police court Stevens declared the woman with him at the theatre was not Stevens' wife. The court cut his explanation short, fined both men and lectured Dean about bawling into other men's families.

BONDSMEN THROW HARGIS INTO JAIL

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Jackson, Ky., Jan. 7.—Beach Hargis, who was released Monday on \$25,000 bonds pending a new trial on the charge of murdering his father, was returned yesterday by his bondsmen and returned to jail. It is alleged that Hargis celebrated his release from custody by "shooting up" his native city.

Falling Tree Kills Woman.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Hanford, Cal., Jan. 7.—Mrs. F. J. Pryor, wife of the former assemblyman, was instantly killed yesterday by a falling tree two miles south of this city.

HEAVY SNOWS FIND WARM WELCOME

Storm-Swept Northwest Can Smile in Anticipation of Next Year's Record Crops—Stock Will Not Suffer in the Least.

Fruitgrowers and farmers throughout the northwest are rejoicing over the heavy snowfall that has now reached a depth varying from 6 to 18 inches (Klickitat valley) in almost every county in Oregon and Washington. Reports show that stockmen have anticipated a rigorous winter and that the stock will not suffer. Continued snowfall means thousands of dollars to growers, assuring them of long crops next year.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Salem, Or., Jan. 7.—Simultaneously with the extremely cold weather, came the snow which it is believed has saved the early grain from serious damage. There is not much grain in the valley and the storm will do very little, if any, damage to crops. Fruit men welcome the heavy snow as it assures good yields next year. The soil of the valley, which has had

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BOURNE SALARY BILL REPORTED

Senate Committee Favors Increase of Presidential Salary.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—The senate committee on finance today reported favorably Senator Bourne's bill providing for an increase of the president's salary from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and that of the vice president and the speaker of the house to \$25,000 annually. Senator Bourne believes his bill will pass and become a law in time for President-elect Taft to receive the benefit of it.

BILL TO INCREASE JUDGES' SALARIES

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Clark of Wyoming has offered an amendment to the appropriation bill providing an increase to \$18,000 in the salary of the chief justice of the United States and an increase in the salaries of the associate justices to \$17,500. It proposes that the 29 circuit judges shall receive \$10,000 and the 84 district judges \$9,000. President Roosevelt has sent a message to congress urging a reclassification and readjustment of the salaries of members of the executive department.

SAN JOSE MAYOR FIRES HOLY ROLLER

(United Press Leased Wire.)

San Jose, Cal., Jan. 7.—R. L. Harter, city engineer, was notified today by Mayor Davidson that his resignation had been accepted. Harter, as leader of the Holy Roller sect here, brought notoriety upon himself and was given a hint that his resignation would be acceptable.

Harter was in his place at a meeting of the Holy Rollers last night. The attention directed toward him and the sect following the recent expose of their doings attracted several hundred persons, who jeered the fanatic worshippers.

POSTOFFICE ROBBED AND THEN BURNED

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 7.—The postoffice at Yenier was robbed last night of stamps to the value of \$50. The burglars then set fire to the building, which was destroyed. The property loss is \$3500.

Dowager Queen of Portugal Ill.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Lisbon, Jan. 6.—The dowager queen, Maria Pia, is seriously ill of an intestinal disorder, which it is feared may prove fatal.

DEATH OF FAMOUS PIONEER

Dr. John R. Smith, Who Organized First United States Cavalry in Oregon, Dies at His Home in Vancouver, Washington.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Vancouver, Wash., Jan. 7.—Dr. John R. Smith, one of the best known men in the northwest, organizer of the first United States cavalry company in Oregon and a resident of Oregon, died at 5 o'clock this morning after a short illness. He had been in failing health for several months.

"Doc" Smith, as he was called by everyone, was 64 years of age. He came from the east when a boy, settling in the Willamette valley in Oregon. He studied medicine at the old Willamette university at Salem, graduating in

FULTON BILL FAILURE IS SERIOUS

Shippers of Country Now at Mercy of Railroads—Interests More Powerful in Senate Than the Plain People.

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—The Fulton bill is dead. Its day of grace was last year when it had back of it the strong recommendation in the president's annual message, a page in the annual report of the interstate commerce commission, urging such legislation and inculcating powerful groups of shipping associations with all influence at their command.

Among strong elements which harbored it were lumbermen of the United States, besides other industries. Elkins was never expected to report the bill favorably and he intended, if possible, to fail to report it at all. Opinion was general that he could not have been forced into action.

The senate committee on interstate commerce was a tie on the vote to report the bill favorably, but Elkins got foraker to authorize Elkins to record his against the measure. There will be no minority fight for the bill.

Senators and representatives will await the initiation of Taft before taking further action. As a result the increased freight rates of 10 per cent have been enforced. Many of these rates became effective January 1.

Effect of Defeat.

Shippers of the northwest and of the entire country are practically at the mercy of the railroads, through the failure of the senate to favorably report the Fulton bill.

Other interests seem to be more powerful in the senate than the shippers of the country, the interstate commerce commission, and all those who have advocated the passage of the Fulton bill, said J. N. Teal this morning.

How Law Stands.

"As the law now stands," continued Mr. Teal, "the railroads initiate the rates. In case of an advance, the shipper must protest to the interstate commission, and the commission must then take action."

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SUSPECTED OF MURDER OF MINISTER

Rev. John Carmichael Put Up Desperate Battle for Life Before Being Stabbed—Sailor Believed to Have Committed Vicious Crime.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Port Huron, Mich., Jan. 7.—Four posers of sheriff's deputies and citizens are out today, seeking a sailor who is suspected of having murdered Rev. John Carmichael, a Methodist minister, whose dismembered body was found in the stoves in his church near Columbus in the southwestern part of St. Clair county yesterday.

The search is being made systematically by the officers and their work is being augmented by half a dozen parties of citizens who are seeking the fiend who slew the preacher and then chopped his body to pieces.

Struggled for Life.

A careful investigation of the church leads to the belief today that the minister was stabbed to death after a terrific struggle and then, the murderer, half insane with the knowledge of his deed, chopped the body to pieces with a hatchet and put the parts in the stoves in an absurd attempt to hide the crime.

The victim's blood was splattered over the pews and the pulpit and the whole church showed such signs of disorder that it would have been instantly apparent to anyone that a violent struggle had taken place.

Many are inclined to believe that the murder must have been the work of a fiend, who chopped the body to pieces while insane, as the effort to hide the crime was so inadequate that it seemed hard to believe that it was an effort at all.

This whole countryside is aroused to a high pitch of excitement as the Rev. Carmichael was a well known and popular man, woman and child throughout his circuit and he was greatly admired and respected.

No Motive for Crime.

Deepest mystery surrounds the motive for the crime, as so far, no one has suggested a possible clue leading to the

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WRIGHT'S LIFE IS THREATENED

Detectives Guard Home of the Judge Who Sentenced Gompers.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—Detectives will be assigned to guard the residence of Justice Daniel T. Wright, as the result of a great number of threatening letters he has received since he handed down the decision sentencing Gompers, Mitchell and others to jail for violating the injunction in the Buck Stove and Range case. Justice Wright says he is not afraid of being attacked, but his friends and family have been greatly worried by threats against his life.

T. CADER POWELL FIXED BY HENRY

Fulton Has About Given Up Hope of his Friend's Reappointment.

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Washington, Jan. 7.—Senator Fulton has almost abandoned hope of the reappointment of United States Marshal T. Cader Powell at Nome, Francis J. Henry of San Francisco, when here recently, told President Roosevelt that Powell was too intimate with Fulton in regard to certain sections in Oregon four years ago. Representative Gardner is urging the appointment of Dan Sutherland, formerly of Massachusetts, now a lawyer at Nome.

DOUBLE DEADLOCK IN ILLINOIS LEGISLATURE

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Springfield, Ill., Jan. 7.—The inauguration of Governor Deneen, set for next Monday, was postponed indefinitely when the lower house of the legislature became deadlocked on the bill providing for a recount of the ballots in the gubernatorial election.

The senate agreed at noon to go into joint session to convene the vote on the postponement. This lower matter at a standstill, as no legislation is possible until the vote is counted.