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HARVEST OF DEATH IN CHICAGO PACKING DISTRICT

30 DIE IN CHICAGO FIRE AND 21 AT PHILADELPHIA

EXPLOSION LEVELS GREAT WAREHOUSE OF NELSON MORRIS

Ammonia Tank Is Responsible for Awful Loss of Life; Fire Once Under Control, but Explosion Revives It.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—After ten hours of fighting the fire that threatened to destroy the Nelson Morris Packing company's plant and endangered the entire Union stockyards, was brought under control this afternoon. At 1 o'clock ten bodies had been recovered from the ruins, in which it is believed more than thirty firemen lost their lives.

INCENDIARY BLAZE AT PHILADELPHIA; WALLS COLLAPSE

Sixteen Firemen, One Policeman Buried; Rescue Party Caught by Second Fall; Ice Holds Victims' Bodies.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Philadelphia, Dec. 22.—Eighteen firemen dead and six missing; two policemen known to have been killed and eight missing; 34 injured firemen and police in city hospitals, with the likelihood that several will die; half a dozen bodies in the half smoldering, half ice covered ruins of the D. Friedlander leather factory, with exhausted rescuers fighting ice and fire to reach them—this is the summary of Philadelphia's Tuesday tragedy. The known dead:

DEAD IN PRETORIA MINE 325; RESCUE PARTY DRIVEN OUT

Colliery Officials Admit There Is No Hope That Any May Survive; Gas Prevents the Search for Bodies.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Manchester, England, Dec. 22.—A total of 325 dead in the Pretoria mine as the result of yesterday's explosion, was the estimate given out today by officials of the mine. Rescuers searching the tunnels for any miners that may have survived the gases with which the workings are filled, were halted when within 50 feet of the mine's center 15-day and cannot proceed with the work until the gases have been driven out.

Challenge to Wilson



Senator James Smith, Jr. of New Jersey who recently announced his candidacy for the United States senatorship which will become vacant on the retirement of his present occupant, Senator John Kean, has acknowledged candidacy means that he challenges Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson to battle for the leadership of the Democratic party in New Jersey. Wilson has advocated James E. Martine and denounced Smith.

ENGLISH OFFICERS IN GERMANY SENT TO PRISON; SPIES

Captain Bernard Trench and Lieutenant Vivian Brandon Convicted of Spying on Fortifications at Bokrum.

ADMIT THEY FURNISHED SUPERIORS WITH NOTES

Outcome of Trial Will Make More Tense Relations Already Strained.

(State Press Leased Wire.) Leipzig, Germany, Dec. 22.—Captain Bernard Trench and Lieutenant Vivian Brandon, English army officers, convicted of spying on German fortifications at Bokrum, were sentenced to four years' imprisonment each by a German court here today. The Englishmen admitted having taken sketches of the Bokrum fortifications and then having given the sketches to the British officials. The outcome of their trial, it is expected, will bring about international complications between Germany and Great Britain.

SHELDON ELECTED TO HEAD OREGON STATE TEACHERS

Eugene Man Honored With High Office at Annual Convention of Western Division of Instructors.

SPEAKER EXPLAINS WORK AMONG EASTERN PUPILS

Lecture of H. H. Herdman on School Athletics Attracts Attention.

(State Press Leased Wire.) Eugene, Ore., Dec. 22.—The annual convention of the Oregon State Teachers' association, which opened here today, elected H. H. Sheldon of Eugene, first vice president, G. A. Rice of Portland, second vice president, J. H. Ackerman, retiring state superintendent of schools, and E. F. Carlton of Salem, secretary. L. A. Wiley of Montaville, member of executive committee, Fannie G. Porter of Portland, treasurer.

FRANCIS J. HENEY HAS LAND FRAUD CASES DISMISSED

Upon His Recommendation, U. S. Judge Wolverton Wipes Out Charge Against Binger Hermann and Williamson.

CASE WAS AGAINST SENATOR JOHN MITCHELL

Prosecutor Requests Court to Resentence W. N. Jones, Under Conviction.

(United Press Leased Wire.) United States Judge Wolverton today dismissed the land fraud case of the United States against John R. Mitchell et al., as against former Congressman Binger Hermann and John N. Williamson. The action of the court was made upon the recommendation of United States Special Prosecutor Francis J. Heney, who, after asking the court to dismiss the cases, made a lengthy statement of the history of the land fraud prosecutions and the reasons which impelled him to make the recommendation for dismissal. Mr. Heney also asked the court to resentence W. N. Jones under what is known as the "Hatch" case. Jones had been found guilty in that case and had been sentenced to one year in the penitentiary and to pay a fine of \$500. Since sentence was passed congress had found guilty a misdemeanor instead of a felony, which prohibits a sentence in the penitentiary.

ENGINEERS MAY FORCE TO TERMS WITHOUT STRIKE

Railways' Attitude Changes, It Is Said, as Conviction That Engineers Are Not Bluffing Arises; Conference Today.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 22.—A lengthy conference between Labor Commissioner Charles P. Neill and representatives of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers today was regarded as foreshadowing a possible settlement of the threatened strike of 35,000 engineers on western railway lines. It is believed that the railroad officials have concluded that the engineers were not bluffing in their demand for an increase in wages under a threat of strike and that they have disclosed to Commissioner Neill the final terms of the railroad. Neill refused to state what concessions the companies were willing to make.

IRRIGATION OF ALL OF VALLEY IN TEN YEARS PREDICTED

Canal Official Sees Magnificent Future for the Willamette District, Increasing Its Products Tenfold.

(United Press Leased Wire.) "The entire Willamette valley will be under irrigation within the next 10 years and its products from the land will have been increased tenfold," said M. J. Lee of the Canby Canal company, who is in the city today from the town of Canby, in Clackamas county. "And," continued Mr. Lee, "that will mean that the Willamette valley will eventually be, I believe, the richest valley in the entire world. There are 4,000,000 acres of tillable land in the Willamette valley, about 3,000,000 acres level bottom land and about 5,000,000 within the range of the watershed, with about 2,000,000 acres of this in the foothills. It is not necessary to irrigate in the foothills because showers are frequent there in the summer and the red soil is deep and excellent adapted for fruit raising and dairying. "Extremely high freshets in the Willamette will be unknown, for the flood waters of the tributaries will be converted so that they will furnish a steady flow throughout the year. This will be another advantage to come from irrigation. It has been ascertained that but 6 per cent of water is lost in irrigation. With an even stage of water at all times of the year, the Willamette river will be better for steamboating, because it will be possible to make permanent improvements and more definitely define the channel. It will be possible to make Eugene the permanent head of navigation. Mr. Lee, who is still a young man, was born in Canby and until about eight years ago was considered one of the speediest bicycle riders in the country. At that time bicycle racing was at its zenith and Mr. Lee was one of the greatest enthusiasts. W. B. Moore of Walls, who is interested with him in the Canby Canal company, was also a bicycle racer, but not in the (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

LOWER HOUSE TO HAVE 400 MEMBERS, MAYBE

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 22.—The passage of a law fixing the basis of representation in the house of representatives is practically a certainty at the present session of congress, according to Chairman Crumpacker of the house committee on census. Crumpacker said today that his committee was preparing a bill based on the new census that would place the number of congressmen at about 400. Crumpacker has had a long conference with Champ Clark in regard to the proposed measure.

CONGRESS WILL BE ASKED FOR FUNDS TO COMBAT FIRES

Assistant Forester Goes Back to Capital to Report, Convinced Large Sums Needed to Save Forests.

That congress will be asked to provide an unlimited fund for fighting forest fires in Oregon and Washington was the word brought to Portland this morning by Captain J. E. Adams, assistant forester of the United States, whose mission is to ascertain what damage was done in the past season. President Taft was also urged to secure an increase in the forest service appropriations sufficient to insure protection from fires, in resolutions adopted by conservation associations of Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and California. According to Captain Adams the plan (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

SEATTLE MAN IS OUT \$50,000; HAS SOME AFFECTIONS

J. C. Silverstone Must Pay for Alienating Affections of the Wife of a Kansas City Attorney.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Seattle, Dec. 22.—Alexander L. Sherman, an attorney of Kansas City, has been awarded a judgment of \$50,000 damages against J. C. Silverstone of (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

ITALIAN ARMY CORPS TO TRIPOLI, ACCOUNT TROUBLE WITH TURKEY

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 22.—The Pall Mall Gazette today prints an account of the embarkment of an Italian army corps for Tripoli as the result of strained relations between Italy and Turkey.

PLANS FOR THREE LARGE BUILDINGS ARE FILED TODAY

Believed Permits Representing Total Value of \$3,000,000 Will Be Issued Before the First of the Year.

Plans for an apartment house to cost \$150,000 were filed in the city building inspector's office this morning. The building is to be located at Washington and St. Clair streets. It will be 100 by 110 feet, and will be four stories high. Its construction will be of brick and concrete. E. J. Frohman is the owner. W. P. Henderson filed plans for a five story brick warehouse today. The building will be situated at Park and Davis streets. It will cost about \$50,000. A permit was issued by the building inspector for the construction of a four story brick and veneer apartment house on Hoyt street, between Twenty-second (Continued on Page Fourteen.)

COST OF CHRISTMAS IN THE UNITED STATES ESTIMATED \$90,000,000

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 22.—It was estimated today by Victor Olmstead, chief of the bureau of statistics, that the Christmas "giving germ" cost the American people \$90,000,000 this year. Not more than half the people are giving presents costing money, according to Olmstead. Of the 44,000,000 a few are opposed to Christmas giving, and a vast number do not give because they have no money. Of the gifts several million will be children whose expenditures range from 10c to \$1. Olmstead has calculated that the child's average expenditure will be 50 cents. The greatest givers are clerks, whose expenditures average between \$3 and \$5.

TACOMA EMBEZZLER PUT SPOILS INTO GOOD PROPERTIES; NO LOSS WILL BE SUSTAINED; DEFAUCATIONS TOTAL \$75,000.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 22.—Joseph F. Fuhman, former teller of the National Bank of Commerce of Tacoma, was arrested today by United States Deputy Marshal Davison. The warrant charged him with defalcation of \$75,000 of the bank's funds. President Chester Thorne admitted, however, that the total amount of the alleged embezzlement would reach \$75,000. Fuhman, who is 35 years of age, had been connected with the bank for the past 10 years and had worked up from the position of "runner" to that of paying teller. His salary recently had been \$3800 a year. "I feel sorry for Fuhman," said President Thorne today. "We had trusted him and had brought him along in the bank because of his ability. He simply lost his head. I feel no animosity toward him, especially because of his widowed mother. The bank is as far as the (Continued on Page Eighteen.)

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Noted Educators at Head of State Convention



Reading from left to right—President E. T. Moore, Secretary L. A. Wiley, Treasurer E. F. Carleton.

SPOKANE MAN THINKS HE HAS NEW EVIDENCE TO SAVE MRS. KERSH; ANOTHER TRIAL SOUGHT

A telegram was received this morning by Attorneys Seneca Fouts and John McCue from A. W. Patton of Spokane, in which he offers what he says is very material evidence in favor of Mrs. Carrie Kersh, who was convicted on a manslaughter charge in the circuit court. She was charged jointly with Jessie F. Webb of killing W. A. Johnson in the New Grand Central hotel last June. Attorneys Fouts and McCue will take an appeal in the case, basing their appeal on the grounds of error in the record, new evidence from Spokane, and that the verdict is not in accord with the charge and instructions of the court. The new evidence mentioned by Mr. Patton is thought to prove the engagement of Mrs. Kersh and Johnson. This evidence is also supposed to show that Mrs. Kersh forbade Webb to follow her and Johnson. Mrs. Kersh has recovered reputation from the collapse she suffered when the jury returned a verdict Tuesday evening, and held a long consultation this morning with her attorneys, who still maintain that she had nothing to do with and knew nothing of the killing of Johnson.