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DREADNAUGHT ON TRIAL TRIP SINKS SHIP; ALL DROWN

New British Battleship Centurion Collides With Unknown Steamer While Cruising Off Devonport, England.

INJURED VESSEL DROPS FROM SIGHT AT ONCE

Rescue Boats Can Find No Trace of Wreckage or Crew After Accident.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 10.—The new British dreadnaught Centurion, on her trial cruises off Devonport this afternoon collided with and sank an unidentified steamer.

MAIL CARRIER STEALS FROM LETTERS; SAYS HE "WAS HARD UP"

Charles E. Rigdon Arrested; Employe Makes Full Confession; About \$30 Taken.

Charged with the embezzlement of letters, Charles E. Rigdon, a mail carrier of the main postoffice, residing at 531 East Fifty-first street north, in Rose City Park, was arrested this morning by Postoffice Inspector Harry G. Durand and Secret Service Officer Steve Connell.

POPE'S BROTHER GETS RAISE OF 50C A DAY

(United Press Leased Wire.) Rome, Dec. 10.—Through his appeal to the ministers of posts and telegraphs, Angelo Sarto, postmaster in the villa of Corsico and brother of Pope Pius, was notified today that hereafter his salary of 50 cents a day would be doubled, and that he will have an assistant.

TRAIN ROBBER SHOT, THREE ARE CAPTURED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 10.—Following a battle with four train robbers, whom they surrounded in a hut on the outskirts of Memphis today, detectives arrested three of them after killing their leader, Kinney Bergman. The bandits have been robbing postoffices and banks of the southwest for the past two years.

WATCH FOR "THE NET" By Rex Beach. The newest, most daring and thrilling of all the stories by this author.

PROGRESSIVES IN CONFERENCE HEAR LEADERS EXPLAIN

Roosevelt Indicates That All but "Four or Five Hundred Republicans" Will Be Allowed in Bull Moose Fold.

"WANT NO CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SANTA CLAUS"

It Would Be That if Perkins Were Ousted, Says One Delegate.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Chicago, Dec. 10.—With Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and other Bull Moose leaders in attendance, the Progressive conference was called to order here today by Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana. Although there has been considerable sentiment among some of the party leaders that financiers like George W. Perkins of New York and Dan R. Hanna of Cleveland should be ousted from the organization, Roosevelt is said to oppose this movement, asserting that he does not want to see the party wrecked.

An explanation of the eleventh hour disappearance of the trust legislation clause from the trust plank of the progressive national platform was given this afternoon by Oscar King Davis. He said it was not contained in the final copies of the platform issued, not because George W. Perkins did not favor it, but because it was inadvertently left out in the hurry incidental to the preparation of platform copies. He said the clause ultimately contained in the platform as adopted.

Hundreds of delegates were waiting when the doors to the conference room in the La Salle hotel were opened. Charles Jane Addams. Colonel Roosevelt, James R. Garfield, Oscar Straus and Senator Dixon were greeted with cheers. The delegates arose when Miss Jane Addams of Chicago entered. Colonel Roosevelt spoke her hand.

WOULD INJECT GINGER IN PROHIBITION PARTY; WANT NAME CHANGED

Time to Quit Putting Up "Sticks" for Office, Leader Declares.

Changing of the name of the Prohibition party, consideration of plans for two years' work, and the question of inaugurating or joining in a campaign to make Oregon dry in 1914, are leading questions for the conference of prohibition workers, which met this morning in state headquarters in the Behrke-Walker building.

Little was accomplished this morning beyond hearing an address by J. P. Newell, the state chairman, who presided and the discussion of plans for maintaining a state paper and advertising Prohibition party work, the latter discussion being led by T. W. Tasker. This afternoon the state secretary, E. E. Taylor, will present a comprehensive plan for the work of the party the coming two years.

The proposal for change of name is to come up for debate tomorrow morning. This will take the form of a proposal to recommend to the national party conference that the party be renamed as the National Reform party, or given some similar name, of broader significance than Prohibition. Oregon Prohibitionists are divided on this, some believing the old name is best, others arguing that the party needs a broad field and would be benefited by a change of name, as some people are prejudiced against the old name.

PREPARING FOR 1916!



SAN FRANCISCO TRIES TO CUT PHONE RATES BY USE OF INITIATIVE

Association Organized to Capitalize New Law and Reduce Cost of Service 20 Per Cent

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 10.—Capitalizing the initiative for the first time since the direct legislation movement began in America, the San Francisco Telephone Users' association today started out 150 solicitors to secure the requisite number of signatures to petitions calling for a special election on an ordinance to cut telephone rates in the city 20 per cent.

The association was organized for profit and is regularly incorporated. It already has the signatures of more than 3000 leading merchants and professional men of the city to an agreement to pay the organization one-half of the amount saved to them by the reduced telephone bills for one year after the "cut" ordinance plan becomes effective.

"TOO OLD," MINISTER WALKS FROM CHURCH

(United Press Leased Wire.) Santa Barbara, Cal., Dec. 10.—Despite his sensational resignation and departure from his pulpit while his congregation was assembled, the Rev. W. C. Merrill, pastor of the fashionable First Congregational church, has been officially retained by his parishioners.

TEN THOUSAND STRIKE; CAUSED BY ONE DRUNK

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 10.—All railroad employes at Sunderland, York and Leeds struck today in sympathy with the Northeastern railway strikers. Ten thousand men are now out.

GOLDEN SPIKE OF HOME BUILT LINE POUNDED INTO THE

Construction of Clackamas Southern Formally Begun Before Crowd of Farmers and Oregon City Citizens.

(Special to The Journal.) Oregon City, Or., Dec. 10.—This is Golden Spike day in Oregon City. George A. Harding, T. W. Sullivan, Charles Howard, pioneer citizens, and Oliver Robbins of Molalla were the principal characters in the main event of the day—the driving of the shining spike against the first rail of the Clackamas Southern track. These four ardent boosters of the local railroad company, before a fair-sized crowd of Clackamas county people, each took his turn at the sledge hammer and with a few swift, short blows, formal construction of the Clackamas Southern was begun.

The feature of Oregon City's gala day occurred about 2:30 this afternoon, and preceded by a lengthy parade, the line of march culminating at the corner of Fifteenth and Main streets, where the sturdy plumeers tried out their muscles, assisted by other prominent members of the Live Wires.

MRS. MAXFIELD SAVED HER DIAMOND RINGS FROM MASKED BANDIT

When Portland Woman Saw Robber She Slipped Them Off in Her Muff.

(Special to The Journal.) Victoria, B. C., Dec. 10.—The presence of mind of Mrs. J. C. Maxfield, 725 Patton Road, Portland, Or., who was a passenger on the Imperial Limited Canadian Pacific train, held near Vancouver, B. C., last Saturday evening, saved her diamond rings, valued at \$600. When the masked bandit, who carried a long revolver, entered the car, he commanded all the passengers to throw up their hands. Before complying, Mrs. Maxfield slipped the rings from her fingers and left them in a muff she was carrying in her lap. Her husband, however, was relieved of a wallet containing more than \$100. The couple were on their way from Portland to Calgary.

BOWS OF BLUE RIBBON AT CHICKEN SHOW ARE CAUSING BIG SMILES

Judges Are Making Awards Now and Winners Are Jubilant; Attendance Large.

Two emotions—joy and disappointment—predominate at the poultry show today, for the progress of the show is now marked by the appearance from time to time of various colored ribbons indicative of places won by the various chickens competing for the prizes. It is easy to pick the winners—they wear smug smiles of satisfaction, and can usually be found near the coops containing their prize winning fowl—but the losers are much harder to find.

The judges, H. H. Collier and Purvis Miller, began work this morning as soon as the doors were opened. Collier completed scoring the White Wyandotte hens and pullets shortly after noon and began passing on Banded Plymouth Rocks immediately thereafter. Judge Miller completed scoring the White Leghorns about the same time and this afternoon will start judging the White Plymouth Rocks and possibly will finish with the Rhode Island Reds before nightfall in addition.

ONIONS WILL BE SENT TO POOR OF CHICAGO

(United Press Leased Wire.) Stockton, Cal., Dec. 10.—Ten carloads of San Joaquin onions will be shipped by the Stockton Chamber of Commerce to Chicago, as Stockton's Christmas gift to the poor. The statement that 50,000 sacks of onions were to be dumped into the river on account of the stagnation in the market, inspired the thought. The Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Western Pacific railroads have been asked to transport the shipment free.

Secretary Edwards of the Merced Chamber of Commerce, has promised to add five carloads of sweet potatoes to the shipment. Jane Addams of Hull House, will be asked to distribute the shipment to the poor of Chicago.

PAVING PETITIONS ON FILE MAY GIVE 1913 NEW RECORD

Six Huge Documents Calling for Expenditure of \$1,500,000 Early in Year Have Been Placed With Auditor.

LOW COST OF MATERIAL ONE CAUSE OF INCREASE

More Than 50 Miles of Streets Will Be Paved if Present Plans Carry.

Six enormous petitions for hard surface improvements in a district comprising more than 100 blocks in Rosemont, Rose City Park and Elmhurst and calling for the paving of nearly 50 miles of streets, have just been filed in the city auditor's office. Besides this one huge district a number of other petitions for the hard surfacing of single streets, in some instances a mile in length, will mean an outlay of \$1,500,000 for street improvements immediately after the first of the year if the city council orders the work to proceed in accordance with the wishes of the property owners. At this rate the year 1913 will be a record one in paving development and the tremendous total of \$1,000,000 piled up for pavements in 1911 will be far surpassed.

In the opinion of City Engineer Hurlbert this activity on the part of homeowners to obtain such an amount of street improvements is an undisputed indication of prosperity, and one that expresses the utmost confidence in the future of the country under the impending national regime of Woodrow Wilson and the Democratic party.

"I attribute this state of affairs at this time," said the city engineer today, "not only to the general feeling of confidence on the part of the whole people, but particularly to two other things. One of these is the recent announcements by the Hill and Harriman railroad systems of the intention of these big corporations to spend several millions of dollars in and around Portland in development projects and the near approach to the fulfillment of these promises by reason of the fact that the council is soon to take final action on important franchises sought by the railroads."

The other influence is the comparatively cheap cost of paving. I have tabulated the cost of hard surface improvements made during the past five years.

LEWISTON PROVES GOD HOST TO 100 OREGON VISITORS

Judging of Stock at Northwest Show Witnessed by Excursionists, Who Start Homeward Tonight.

U. OF I. STUDENT JUDGES BEAT W. S. C. BY 202

Camas and Nez Perce Plains Swell Attendance by One Thousand.

(Special to The Journal.) Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 10.—Seventy-five representatives of the Portland Commercial club, accompanied by 25 business men of Pendleton, arrived in Lewiston this morning over the O-W. R. & N. Co., at 10 o'clock. The excursionists were met by a large delegation of the Lewiston Commercial club and escorted to the Masonic temple in Lewiston, where they were entertained at breakfast. This afternoon they were taken to the grounds of the Northwest Livestock association to witness the stock judging.

Tonight they will be banqueted at a monster smoker planned by the Idaho Washington Development league and the Lewiston Commercial club, and will return tonight to Portland. Returns Lewiston's Compliment. The visit of the Portlanders is a return for the big excursion which the Lewiston people made to the Rose City last March, to attend the Pacific International Stock Show.

With fair weather the second day of the Northwest Stock Show entertained big crowds, who have arrived from all the tributary country. From the Camas and Nez Perce plains, one of the big stock countries of this state, over 1000 visitors came to Lewiston this morning. The University of Idaho was awarded first place over the Washington State college judging team by a margin of 202 points.

Last night the stockmen filled the Commercial club rooms to listen to addresses by Professor W. L. Carlyle of the University of Idaho; R. W. Thatcher of the Washington state experiment station; Fullman; C. C. Coit, president of the Union Meat company of Portland, and Paul Clagston, president of the Northwest Livestock association.

STOCK EXCHANGE HAS ITS TURN WITH 'MONEY TRUST' INVESTIGATORS

New York Clearing House Under Fire; Chairman Denies It Has Autocratic Power.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Dec. 10.—The New York stock exchange was the subject of today's session of the house "money trust" investigation committee. When today's hearing began, bankers representing many millions of dollars were ready to testify.

HODSON TO BE NAMED TO SUCCEED COFFEY ON EXECUTIVE BOARD

Report Authoritative, It Is Said, Though Mayor Has Not Yet Made Announcement.



C. W. Hodson, formerly president of the Portland Commercial club, and at present engaged in the realty business, will be appointed by Mayor Rushlight to replace Police Commissioner John B. Coffey on the city executive board, when Coffey resigns the first of the year to take up his new duties as county clerk, the office to which he was elected by the people at the recent general election. No official announcement of this effect has been made from the mayor's office today, but the information comes from a thoroughly reliable source, and one that may be regarded as absolutely authentic.

C. W. Hodson.