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PREPARING FOR 1916!

New British Battleship Centur- Roosevelt Indicates That All ion Collides With Unknown Steamer While Cruising Off Devonport, England.

INJURED VESSEL DROPS FROM SIGHT AT ONCE

Rescue Boats Can Find No It Would Be That if Perkins Trace of Wreckage or Crew After Accident.

(United Press Lessed Wirs.)
Plymouth, Eng., Dec. 10.—The new British dreadnaught Centurion, on her trial cruise off Devonport this after- leaders in attendance, the Progressive noon collided with and sank an unidentified steamer.

Immediately after the collision the that her bows were damaged. Several craft were at once sent to the W. Perkins of New York and Dan R. scene of the collision but there was no trace of the lost vessel or its crew. Later the Centurion returned here with her anchors driven through her bows. No rescued seamen were aboard the warship, and it is believed that all on board the sunken vessel perished,

MAIL CARRIER STEALS FROM LETTERS; SAYS

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

Charged with the embezzlement of 1stof the main postoffice, residing at 631 East Fifty-first street north, in Rose City Park, was arrested this morning by Postoffice Inspector Harry G. Durand Oscar Straus and Senator Dixon wer

When Rigdon returned to the office cago entered. Colonel Roosevelt shook after making the first delivery of the her hand, day, the officers were awaiting for him and an hour later he had made a full confession. He said that he had been taking the letters for about a month 98 days from the foundation of the Proand in that time had secured four or Not more than \$30 was taken and he said that he had intended discontinuing the practice the first of the year would feel the letters that looked like they had money in them, and satisfying himself on that point, after removing it, would destroy the mutilated

He took the letters, he said, because he was hard up. He had been buying a home and recently his wife had a severe illness and underwent an operation. He had a good record as a carrier and was what is known as a maximum salary man, getting \$1200 a year. He has been a carrier over five years,

POPE'S BROTHER GETS RAISE OF 50C A DAY

Rome, Dec. 10.—Through his appeal to the ministers of posts and telegraphs, ngelo Sarto, postmaster in the village of Corazie 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. Sarto is 76 years old and in the fulfillment of his duties, is obliged to walk 10 miles a day.

TRAIN ROBBER SHOT, THREE ARE CAPTURED

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

Road Gives Conductor \$2000. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 10.-Conductor M. E. Smith of the Union Pacific railroad, is \$2000 richer today, the company having mailed him a check for that amount capturing William Louisberry of Medford, Or., after the latter had robbed mail car between Kansas City and Lawrence, Kan.

WATCH FOR "THE NET" By Rex Beach

The newest, most daring and thrilling of all the stories by this

IN THE SUNDAY JOURNAL Magazine, beginning

NEXT SUNDAY

but "Four or Five Hundred Republicans" Will Be Allowed in Bull Moose Fold.

WANT NO CHRISTMAS WITHOUT SANTA CLAUS"

Were Ousted, Says One Delegate.

Chicago, Dec. 10 .- With Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and other Bull Moose conference was called to order here today by Senator Joseph M. Dixon of Montana. Although there has been conerion sent a wireless message say- siderable sentiment among some of the party leaders that financiers like George 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.

When one of the eastern leaders was asked if anyone were likely to start a movement against Perkins and Hanna at the conference, he said:
"I should say not. Such a move

would be as sensible as saying 'We will celebrate Christmas, but do not want any Santa Claus."

Senator Dixon predicted complete harmony and that the party's organia-

tion would not be changed. Who Got the Plank? 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 first 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 pre-paration of platform copies. He said the clause ultimately was 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.

Cheer Jane Addams. Colonel Roosevelt, James R. Garfield, Secret Service Officer Steve Con- greeted with cheers. The delegates arose when Miss Jane Addams of ChCi-

> Senator Dixon called the meeting to order at 11:05 a. m. Senator Dixon commented on the fact that there were only gressive party until the last national election. He introduced Colonel Roose

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WOULD INJECT GINGER IN PROHIBITION PARTY; WANT NAME CHANGED

Declares.

Changing of the name of the Prohl-bition 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 Behnke-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 com-

ng 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 re-named 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 occupies a broad field and would be benefited by a change of name, as some people are prejudiced against the old name.

"In times past the party has inated 'sticks' for office," said State Chairman Newell in his opening address. "Hereafter we should take care that the party names not only good men, but capable men, men who can fill the of-fice with credit if elected. Nominations should be made for every office, not merely to fill the ticket, but to present to the people candidates who are worthy

Praise for Paget, Mr. Newell took occasion to praise the campaign for United States senator made this year by B. Lee Paget. He said this had been a clean, splendid road is paralyzed, passenger traffic is fight and that Mr. Paget had made a greatly hampered and all other industrial traffic are affected by the

not to become discouraged by failure to Discussion of plans for a dry state is for intoxication. His comrades allege The highwayman escaped in the fog. the has a perfect right to get drunk so two miles east of Hastings, and car-

service. He urged the party workers



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 planned becomes effective,

"San Francisco is paying at least \$500,000 a year more for telephone serv-Time to Quit Putting Up ice than any other city of similar size in America," said C. E. Ward, secreting for Ofice, Leader tary of the Telephone Users' association for the telephone server in the telephone server in the telephone users' association for the telephone users' association and the telephone users' as a second and the telephone users' as a second and the telephone users' as a second as a second as a second and the telephone users' as a second tion, today. "The present rates could be reduced 25 per cent more than we propose and still leave a fair profit to the company."

The action of the association moving for a cut in rates by means of the initiative came only after the San Francisco board of supervisors had repeatedly refused to order the company to reduce its charges.

"TOO OLD," MINISTER

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

"I have been informed that this congregation wants a younger pastor and I resign," Rev. Mr. Merrill declared from his pulpit Sunday evening. and, placing his Bible under his arm passed down the alsle and out of the church, leaving his parishioners gasping in amazement,

A business meeting of the church was immediately called, and the resignation was refused. Mr. Merrill has occupied his pastorate 10 years.

TEN THOUSAND STRIKE: CAUSED BY ONE DRUNK

(United Press Lessed Wire,) London, Dec. 10.—All railroad thousand men are now out, Freight traffic on the Northeastern

tries along the line are affected by the land to Calgary, atrike. All collieries and iron foundries Instead of \$300, as was first reported good impression with men of all parties are along the line are affected by the and done the Prohibition cause a great along the line are preparing to shut along the line are preparing to shut to have been stolen by the bandit, it has down indefinitely unless a settlement is elect candidates and the small results effected. The strike was precipitated \$1900, as one man sustained the loss by Engineer Knox being reduced in rank of \$70

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

(Special to The Journal.) George A. Harding, T. W. Sullivan, Charles Howard, pioneer citizens, and 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 struction 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 pioneers tried out their muscle, assisted by other prominent members of the Live Wires.

Like Circus Day in Town. A crowd from all sections of Clackamas county, and especially from points tributary to the Clackamas Southern right of way, poured into Oregon City at an early hour this morning in true circus day fashion. Every business house in Oregon City was fittingly decorated and to lend additional effectiveness, streamers of pennants in all colors were hung aeross Main street at (Continued on Page Five.)

WALKS FROM CHURCH MRS. MAXFIELD SAVED HER DIAMOND RINGS FROM MASKED BANDI

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

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 up near Vancouver, B. C., last Saturday evening saved her diamond rings, valued at When the masked bandit, who carried a long revolver, entered the car he commanded all the passengers to loyes at Sunderland, York and Leeds throw up their hands. Before complystruck today in sympathy with the ing, Mrs. Maxfield slipped the rings Northeastern railway strikers. Ten from her fingers and left them in a muff she was carrying in her lap. Her Freight traffic on the Northeastern husband, however, was relieved of a road is paralyzed, passenger traffic is wallet containing more than \$100. The couple were on their way from Port- to the poor. The statement that 50,000 be caused by the resignation of Mr.

been found that he secured more than

scheduled for this afternoon. Some of the party leaders want to start out on the fight at once, urging that the conferring of the ballot on the women or \$500 for the man's capture.

AT CHICKEN SHOW ARE

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 Oregon City, Or., Dec. 10.—This is time to time of varous colored ribbons Golden Spike day in Oregon City. indicative of places won by the various chickens competing for the prizes. It is Oliver Robbins of Molalla were the easy to pick the winners-they wear principal characters in the main event smug smiles of satisfaction, and can of the day-the driving of the shining usually be found near the coops containspike against the first rail of the ing their prize winning fowl-but the losers are much harder to find,

Yesterday and last night approximately \$000 persons attended the show, which is being held at the Land Show few swift, short blows, formal con- building, East First and East Morrison streets, and today there was a much larger attendance over that which obtained during the same period yester

The judges, H. H. Collier and Purvis Miller, began work this morning as soon as the doors were opened. Collier com-pleted scoring the White Wyandotte hens and rullets shortly after noon and began passing on Barred 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,

Must Be Good.

Under the rules governing the competitions, no bird can be given a first place unless it scores 90 points or more or take second unless it scores 89. No award can be given where a bird scores under 85. For this reason, firsts and seconds were not awarded in some classes. If the judges continue scoring at the

present rate they will complete their work in the poultry division either tomorrow or some time Thursday. They will then judge the pen and collection birds that are competing for a number of special prizes, cups and Included among the cups is the \$50 Northwest Poultry Journal cup, for the best exhibit of 25 cockerels of

one variety bred by the exhibitor. Awards Made Yesterday. The following awards were made yes

S. C. White Leghorns, Cocks—First, W. B. Brown, Portland; second, Square Deal Poultry Farm, Hillsboro; third, R. H. Greer, Hillsboro; fourth, J. P. Hall, (Continued on Page Twenty).

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 the year, in addition to that which

Secretary Edwards of the Merced Chamber of Commerce, has promised in the state legislature as senator from to add five carloads of sweet potatoes to the shipment. Jane Addams of Hull to the shipment. Jane Addams of Hull to the shipment to the shipment of tary McKenna, asserting the charges of a diamond ring. The Canadian Pacific to the shipment. Jane Addams of Hull drunkenness preferred by the company Railway company has offered a reward. House, will be asked to distribute the

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 Camas and Nez Perce Plains Will Be Paved if Present Plans Carry.

Bix enormous petitions for hard surface improvements in a district compris ing more than 100 blocks in Rossmere 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 he a record one in paving development and the tremendous total of \$7,000,00% piled up for pavements in 1911 will be far eclipsed.

Peeling of Confidence.

In the opinion of City Engineer Hurlburt this activity on the part of homeowners to obtain such an amount of street improvements is an undisputable 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 lengineer toJay, "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 announce ments by the Hill and Harriman railroad systems of the intention of these big corporations to spend several millions of dollars in and around Portland Judges Are Making Awards promises by reason of the fact that the important franchises sought by the

Cheap Cost Penture.

"The other influence is the compara tively cheap cost of paving. I have tabulated the cost of hard surface improvements made during the past five (Continued on Page Five.)

ODSON TO BE NAMED SUCCEED COFFEY EXECUTIVE BOARD

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



C. W. Hodson.

C. W. Hodson, formerly president the Portland Commercial club, and at Coffey resigns the first of the year to take up his new duties as county clerk, power," but admitted his comm the office to which he was elected by the people at the recent general election. No official announcement to 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. There will be another vacancy on the

city executive board after the first of sacks of onions were to be dumped into the river on account of the stagnation of M. J. Murnane, nation in the market, inspired the thought. The Santa Fe, Southern Pacific and Western Pacific railroads have cife and Western Pacific railroads have mentioned for this position.

Besides having been head of the Com mercial club, C. W. Hodson also served (Continued on Page Five.)

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

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

Swell Attendance by One Thousand.

(Special to The Journal.) Lewiston, Idaho, Dec. 10. - Seventyfive 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. Beturns Lewiston's Compliment. The visit of the Portlanders is a re-

turn for the big excursion which the Lewiston people made to the Rose City last March, to attend the Pacific Inter-national 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 prairies, 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 adin development projects and the near dresses by Professor W. L. Carlyle of proach to the fulfillment of these the University of Idaho; R. W. Thatchcouncil is soon to take final action on station at Pullman; C. C. Colt, president of the Union Meat company of Portland, and Paul Clagstone, president

of the Northwest Livestock associa-Unusually Good Stock Present. In a young livestock district such as is the northwest, it is scarcely possible to appreciate the scope of a show like the second annual Northwest livestock show here. The livestock industry is in its infancy, but the foreign observers from the older districts express keen amazement in viewing the unusual collection of stock that has been assembled for this occasion. Although the larger livestock centers such as Kansas City, Chicago and Denver can boast of much larger shows stockmen who have witnessed these events are not slow tosay that the Northwest livestock show is a finely balanced exhibition,

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 tock exchange was the subject of today's cassion of the house "money trust" i vestigation committee. When today's hearing began bankers representing many millions of dollars were ready to

Attorney Untermyer, representing the committee, plans an inquiry to deter-mine to what extent the New York clearing house dominates country banks and what effect its refusal to clear for other banks has on these institutions. Because of the interest in the committee proceedings the hearings were transferred today to a larger room in the house office building.

Walter Frew, president of the Corn Exchange Bank of New York, and chairman of the executive committee of the New York clearing house, was the first He described the organiza tion of his bank and its absorption of other banks. The Corn Exchange bank, he said, has 29 branches in New York, The clearing house, Frew said, in considering eligibility for membership, present engaged in the realty business, considering eligibility for membership, will be appointed by Mayor Rushlight to did not consider a bank's surplus, but replace Police Commissioner John B. only its captal. He admitted, however, Coffey on the city executive board, when nied the clearing house "has autocratio empowered to establish rules for its

members. Frew admitted his committee could suspend members, and that "unless it was a good, strong bank with a large surplus, the suspended institution would be forced out of business, while the question of expulsion was under con-sideration."

The witness recounted the fallure of New York in 1907. Attorney Unterme inquired at great length regarding the with its deposits of \$170,000,000. The company, Frew said, was controlled by the members of Morgan's firm. Danier G. Reid, George W. Perkins and H. P.