

HUMAN LADDER OF FIREMEN SAVES 50 IN TENEMENT FIRE

Eight Are Caught in Their Rooms in East Side of New York and Smother but Heroic Work Saves Many.

STAIRWAYS BURN FIRST CUTTING OFF ESCAPE

Rescuers Stand on Red Hot Fire Escapes and Pass Down Children.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 31.—Eight persons perished early today in a fire which swept a five-story brick tenement on Monroe street, one of the most thickly populated sections of the east side. Six others were seriously burned and removed to the Gouverneur hospital. The lives of a score of other tenants were endangered, as the blaze had gained such headway that stairways were burned away and fire escapes blocked before firemen reached the scene. Only heroic work on the part of the fire fighters saved their lives. When firemen reached the scene, they found the tenement a roaring mass of flames. The stairways had been burned away and it was impossible for them to enter the building. The widest panic followed. Terror-stricken men and women choked the windows and fire escapes. The flames licked up the bundles of clothing and rags piled on the platforms at each floor, and but for the heroic work of the firemen many tenants would have lost their lives. Ladders were hastily put in place and the firemen passed men, women and children down from floor to floor, until they were safe on the street.

OWNERS OF PROPERTY IN PORTLAND TO PAY 27 MILL TAX IN 1914

Levy Made by County Commissioners Today Same as Forecasted by The Journal

The assessment of Portland property owners for the expenses of government for the year 1914 will be on a basis of 27 mills. This amount corresponds with the forecast made by The Journal some weeks ago. The levy was finally arrived at today when the county commissioners adopted without change the tentative budget submitted December 8. The levy for county purposes is 4.15 mills. This added to the state levy of 5.8 mills and the city, school and Port of Portland levies of 17.05 mills, makes total of 27 mills. Following is a detailed statement of the total levy: State 4.60, County 1.20, County high schools 1.75, Roads 1.80, Library 1.45, Port of Portland 1.85, City 7.70, School District No. 1 2.50. Total 27.00. For state and county purposes this levy will yield the following sums: State, \$1,571,235.87; state schools, \$409,887.62; county, \$597,752.78; county high schools, \$51,235.95; roads, \$614,831.43; library, \$158,707.86. The budget as adopted by the county commissioners carries with it an appropriation of \$25,000 for the installation of the Somers system of assessment. Whether the system shall be installed or not is left for future determination. For the purpose of considering the question a public hearing will be had by the commissioners at 10 a. m. next Saturday at which time arguments in behalf of and opposed to the system will be heard. A committee consisting of Robert H. Strong, William MacMaster, Carl S. Kelly, R. A. Hagood and Henry E. Reed, county assessor, appeared before the commissioners today and recommended the installation of the system. They set forth that it was an equitable system and that its installation would place assessment on a scientific basis. The mere valuation of buildings it was asserted would yield returns far in excess of the first cost. A protest to the inauguration of the system has been made by the Realty Board. In order to give an opportunity for full expression the commissioners decided to defer final action until Saturday.

PACIFIC COAST ON EVE OF GREAT REVIVAL

London Times Predicts Renaissance in Commerce, Arts and Industries.

(United Press Leased Wire.) London, Dec. 31.—With the object of presenting to Englishmen the probable effects on the west part of the United States of the opening of the Panama canal, the London Times today issued a 54 page supplement, devoted entirely to the Pacific coast. "So far as the general carrying trade of the world is concerned, it is tolerably certain that British ships will make more use of the canal than the American," the Times says editorially. "For America, its chief value will lie in the extension of its coastwise traffic. The American mercantile marine is infinitely larger than is generally realized by the people of this country." Referring to the Pacific coast states, the editorial says: "They stand on the eve of a great renaissance in commerce and in all the arts and industries of civilization, owing to the opening of the Panama canal." The supplement also devoted considerable space to Alaska.

THIRTEEN PLOTTERS IN FORMOSA PUT TO DEATH

Tokio, Dec. 31.—Charged with plotting to overthrow Japanese rule in Formosa, 13 men were publicly executed today at Taihoku.

\$5,560,000 FOR 1914 BUDGET OF O. W. R. & N. CO.

Estimates Which Will Be Sent to Judge Lovett Today Are for Betterments of General Character.

LINE TO OLYMPIA IS INCLUDED IN FIGURES

General Scheme of Development Hitherto Followed to Be Continued.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Budgets of estimated expenses for the needs of the O. W. R. & N. company, finally drawn this morning and to be submitted to Attorney Judge R. S. Lovett, chairman of the board of directors of the Union Pacific system, provide for \$5,560,000 which the executive committee will be asked to approve. This money, if authorized, will be expended for rock ballasting the system, revision of the lines between Black and Wallula, new passing tracks, new station buildings, enlargement of terminals, additions to round house and shop equipment and new locomotives and freight and passenger cars. Only one bit of new construction work will be submitted for the approval of the directorate. This will be the connection of the main line between Portland and Seattle with Olympia. Terminal grounds have been acquired at Olympia and surveys are now being made for the line, which probably will be completed by next spring. The money, if authorized, will be expended for rock ballasting the system, revision of the lines between Black and Wallula, new passing tracks, new station buildings, enlargement of terminals, additions to round house and shop equipment and new locomotives and freight and passenger cars. Only one bit of new construction work will be submitted for the approval of the directorate. This will be the connection of the main line between Portland and Seattle with Olympia. Terminal grounds have been acquired at Olympia and surveys are now being made for the line, which probably will be completed by next spring.

LIND COMES TO MEET WILSON IN MISSISSIPPI AND DISCUSS MEXICO

He Left Vera Cruz Last Night and Is Said to Have Offer From Huerta.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 31.—That Special Envoy John Lind, now steaming northward on the scout cruiser Chester, brings with him at least a tentative proposal from President Huerta was considered certain in the light of developments at the "winter capital" today. It was understood that in the last six hours the provisional president had renewed his offer to retire, but with only a few of the strings placed on the original offer withdrawn. All information regarding the Lind visit was refused to the president's cottage today. The president himself was apologetic. It was the belief here that the president doubts Huerta's good faith in the latest proposal, and wants Lind's personal views on the matter. But it is known that the hope of Huerta's elimination as a result of these developments is only faint.

Year's End Number, Part Five Today

Included in today's JOURNAL is Part Five of THE JOURNAL'S YEAR'S END NUMBER. This concludes the special sections that constitute this big annual review. The price of today's JOURNAL, including the special section, is TWO CENTS. Pay no more. These five parts that comprise THE YEAR'S END NUMBER, replete with statistics, text and illustrations, form a comprehensive resume of the year's activities in Portland and Oregon. You undoubtedly are desirous of securing extra copies to forward to out-of-town friends. In fulfillment of this want, all five special sections, with the news sections with which they appeared, may be purchased at THE JOURNAL office, wrapped and ready for mailing for 10 cents. OR THE JOURNAL will mail all five sections to any address, postage prepaid, for 15 cents. REMEMBER, THIS BIG ANNUAL REVIEW IS COMPLETE IN FIVE SECTIONS.

STORM AND FLOOD CAUSE DAMAGE TO CALIFORNIA CITIES

Southern Pacific Blocked by Slides at Cantara, 2000 Feet of Track Buried, Trains Delayed Indefinitely.

SACRAMENTO RIVER IS REACHING FLOOD STAGE

Coast Lashed by Storm, Vessels Disabled, While Interior Is Flooded.

(United Press Leased Wire.) San Francisco, Dec. 31.—A terrific storm prevailed today along the California coast, and the interior was lashed by a furious wind and rain storm. Heavy damage resulted both on land and sea. A rapid rise in the tributaries of the Sacramento river caused that stream to swell rapidly, and at noon it was still rising 12 inches an hour. Unless the rain ceases Sacramento and other towns along the river banks will face a serious flood situation before tomorrow night. The entire eastern section of the town of Napa was flooded by a sudden rise in the Napa river. Scores of families in the low-lying district are marooned. James Clark, a truckman, was drowned while attempting to rescue women and children in the flooded section. The lower section of San Rafael is under water. Larkspur, Kentfield and Ross are isolated, the water in this section being over the railroad tracks. Reports from Redding told of a terrific storm there last night, which continued today. Five inches of rain fell in the 24 hours ending at 5 o'clock this morning, and the downpour continues. The Shasta Route of the Southern

UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM IS WORRYING OFFICIALS; IDEAS ARE AT VARIANCE

Chief Clark, Sheriff Word and Judge Stevenson Express Views on Question.

The problem of vagrancy is giving the city concern. Driven from other cities, brought from the country by winter, hundreds of men have flocked into Portland, it is said. Some of them, according to report, consider work wrong. Others have no creed forbidding labor, but have physical and mental antipathy to it. Solution of the problem is sought. There is desire that sympathy for men involuntarily out of work shall not be misdirected to the benefit of the voluntarily idle, especially when such sympathy is expressed in the form of food, clothing and shelter needed not only by men resident here, but by their families, including little children, that are dependent on them. Three officials discussed the "vag" problem for The Journal this morning. These were Chief of Police Clark, Municipal Judge Stevenson and Sheriff Tom Word. Chief Clark declared that every man without visible means of support should be at once sent to the work pile. He said that news that idle men were put at had labor would keep others, now attracted toward this city, away and result in getting out of the city the vagrants now here as soon as they had served their sentences. He said the municipal court is failing to cooperate in such a policy. Judge Stevenson answered that there is no lack of cooperation, but that he is not going to send men to jail simply because they are idle.

NEW YORK PREPARES FOR NEW YEAR'S EVE

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Dec. 31.—Clearing skies and moderating temperature gave promise today of an atmospherically ideal New Year's eve for New York. Advance preparations indicated 1914 will be ushered into the greater city with a lavish expenditure, perhaps, never equaled. At midnight, when the glasses of champagne are raised, the starry sky will be turned on for those unfortunate on the Madison Square benches. The tango will be allowed in exclusive cafes for the first time. Negligence Blamed for Death of Miners Newcastle, Colo., Dec. 31.—Negligence on the part of Coryell Leasing company, a subsidiary of the Rocky Mountain Fuel company, caused the recent explosion in the Vulcan mine here which resulted in the death of 38 miners, according to the verdict of the coroner's jury returned today. The jurors state that the operators did not spring the mine properly, permitted the use of open lights, did not forbid smoking by the miners at work and frequently fired shots while miners were working in the shaft.

REBELS CLOSING IN ON OJINAGA; CASUALTIES HEAVY ON BOTH SIDES

(United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 31.—Although the fate of Ojinaga was still in doubt today, dispatches from there indicated that the town was expected to fall into rebel hands before nightfall. Their ammunition running low, the federal garrison was still offering desperate resistance against overwhelming odds, but that resistance was rapidly weakening. All advices show the casualties have been very heavy, especially on the federal side. The defenders, realizing that to be captured would mean execution, have fought fiercely. All day yesterday and last night, however, the rebel forces, numbering 5000 men, under Generals Ortega, Rodriguez and Sebastian Carranza, advanced steadily from the direction of La Mula and Mulata, gradually capturing all the outposts erected by the federal army. The federal garrison was a cordon tightly around three sides of the town. As the federal retreated during the night they took up positions in the little buildings of the town and fired at the enemy through the windows, retreating only when each building became untenable. The federalists have no artillery but a few rapid fire guns. The rebels have ten machine guns and five or six cannon. DR. GLADDEN, TAINTED MONEY HATER, RESIGNS Columbus, Dec. 31.—Rev. Dr. Washington Gladden, nationally prominent for his books on sociology and who received a donation from John D. Rockefeller, "because it was tainted money," today served his last day, as active pastor of the First Congregational church, where he has preached for 31 years. Advanced age caused the withdrawal. Rev. Dr. Carl S. Patten, associate pastor, will succeed him.



YEAR CLOSURES WITH A NEW MARK GAINED IN LINES OF COMMERCE

December Surpasses Same Month of Last Year, and Outlook Is Bright.

With today passes another year in which Portland has witnessed the completion as well as the inauguration of many important undertakings. The year 1913 will long be remembered in this city as one of general prosperity, solid growth and widespread legitimate expansion. In many respects the closing month of 1913 made a remarkable showing in that the unusual records of December, 1912, were surpassed. This steady growth indicates that prosperity is not confined alone to the boundaries of Portland but that the whole territory tributary to the Oregon metropolis is growing, developing as it has never done before. Truly it can be said that prosperity reigns over the entire district that contributes to Portland's greatness. With such substantial progress to its credit, the Chamber of Commerce today unanimously decided to maintain the fight for the establishment of a regional bank in Portland. The trustees in their weekly meeting instructed their secretaries to collect all available facts and figures which will be submitted before a meeting of bankers to be called as soon as the statistics are gathered. All this will be in preparation for the visit of Secretary McAdoo and Secretary Houston of the departments of finance and agriculture respectively, who are expected here about February 5 on their tour of the country preliminary to designation of federal reserve cities under the new currency law. The trustees attending the meeting were President A. H. Averill, F. W. Mulkey, D. A. Pattullo, O. M. Clark, H. D. Ramsdell and E. C. Giltner. It was on the motion of Mr. Ramsdell that the action was taken to call a conference of bankers. Facts regarding the capital and surplus of every bank in the Portland territory will be gathered to provide a proper estimate of the financial strength of this city. These figures will cover the states of Oregon, Washington, Idaho and Montana. In the meantime efforts will be made to secure the cooperation of the financial interests of the adjacent states, realizing that Washington is the center of the financial world.

FEDERALS HAVE NO ARTILLERY AND SUFFER FROM ATTACKERS' MACHINE GUNS.

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TERRAZAS AND COUSIN MURDERED BY REBELS

(United Press Leased Wire.) El Paso, Texas, Dec. 31.—Alberto Terrazas, son of Luis Terrazas, Mexican multi-millionaire, has been murdered, by Salazar's troops at Ojinaga, according to advices received here today by his father. Terrazas' cousin, Alexander Cully, also was reported killed. The message to the elder Terrazas said that his son and nephew were slain when they protested against the proposed execution of General Mercado at Ojinaga. Mercado and Castro then were shot, the dispatch said. At noon no confirmation of the reports had been received. Terrazas Sr. was reported today to have agreed with General Villa on \$250,000 as the ransom for his other son, Luis Jr., who has been a prisoner in Chihuahua City ever since its capture by the rebels.

LANE WILL RUSH WORK ON UMATILLA PROJECT

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, Dec. 31.—Secretary of the Interior Lane told Senator Chamberlain this morning he would do everything possible to rush work on the West Umatilla project to help the irrigation situation and relieve the labor problem.

BREAKING HOME TIES!



NEW YEAR TO BE USHERED IN WITH MIRTH AND SONG

Joy Will Reign as King When Another Leaf Is Turned in the Book of Time by Portland Citizens.

CELEBRATION KNOWN AS CHEMICALLY PURE

Unseemly Conduct Will Not Be Permitted by the Police. With the consistency of the human race tonight will be celebrated the coming of new year with pagan rites even though the Christian people of the world have barely finished singing Hosannas for the greatest of their feasts, Christmas. The celebration in Portland will be chemically pure. There will be a good time. Restaurateurs are unanimous in agreeing that the celebration of the birth of 1914 will be orderly and with only a pardonable loss of decorum. They have confidence in the Portland public and think the mayor in his recent announcements was referring to the San Francisco brand of "rough stuff," than which, it is said, there is none than which. New Year's will be celebrated with crash of music, darning of rooms for one brief instant while the clocks strike the hour of midnight, the strains of "Auld Lang Syne," showers of confetti and serpentina, rattle whirrigs, shriek of factory whistles, cry of tin, shouts of the populace, song and dance, eating of rich food—and many Katzenjammers in the morning. The meek will hold watch services in the churches and wait patiently for the coming of the new year; the stoic will lie to bed about 10 p. m., and let the new year shift for itself; the enthusiastic will celebrate in the Broadway manner, amid the bright lights and the lobster palaces. There will be all manner of celebrations in theatre, cafe, restaurant, hotel and dairy lunch. New Year comes but once a year, and the proverbial accompaniment to its arrival is the popping of corks and the clatter of dishes and silverware. Fear that the mayor, and the police would interfere with the customary (Concluded on Page Two, Column Three)

RADIUM TUBE WORTH \$4500 DISAPPEARS AS GIRL IS TREATED

(United Press Leased Wire.) Detroit, Mich., Dec. 31.—A tiny speck of radium, weighing 35 milligrams and worth \$4500, the whole supply of St. Luke's hospital, mysteriously disappeared from the body of a girl patient undergoing the radium treatment for cancer Monday, hospital officials admitted today. Detectives from an insurance company and from the police department have been unable to find it. The bit of mineral was placed in a tube one inch long by an eighth of an inch in diameter and bound to a wound on the body of the girl patient, said to be a member of a wealthy Des Moines, Iowa, family. When a physician examined the wound Monday night the radium was gone. "A thief would find it difficult to dispose of," said Superintendent Curtis today. "No one would purchase that amount of radium without finding where it came from. The location of all the radium in the world is definitely known."

A Chain of Chances

Here is a chance to rent a flat with a sleeping porch for \$16.50, and the location is within walking distance. If you do not yearn to wear put shoes going to work, you can buy a fine bicycle for \$30, a 1912 Indian motorcycle for \$125, or a good team of horses cheap. If your ambition leans towards style you can get an automobile for \$300. The flat can be furnished at small expense with used furniture of good quality. To cut down expenses you can get an accurate grocers' scale for a song, and can then check up your purchases, and for a small sum can have your wife taught to make her own clothes. If your wife and household do not agree, you can get a good housekeeper who will work for her husband's board. If this proposition doesn't appeal to you, here is another. A man has bought a ranch and is not an experienced farmer—he is looking for a man to run it for him. If this doesn't appeal to you, something else in today's Journal Wants Ads will