

in temperature and although we did everything to prevent it, the fire On December 31 the temperature had risen to 138 degrees and for fear of an explosion we decided to abandon her. The weather was bad and a heavy sea was running. We attempted to



This Is Belief of Police and Astoria when the Panama canal is opened to traffic. Is Based on Letter Written required to build the wharf and make by Woman. the necessary harbor improvements 0 1 and \$400,000 will go a long ways to-ward carrying out this plan.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Los Angeles, Jan. 8 .- A letter mailed to San Francisco the day of the tragedy is believed today by police to contain the motive for the triple shooting here Tuesday night that resulted in the death of William M. Melton, an attorney; Mrs. Mary Graves Cox of San Francisco, and her daughter, Florence, 16.

This letter, they declare, will substantiate their theory that Mrs. Cox killed Melton and her daughter and then committed suicide after she had learned that he already had a wife and could not fulfill a promise to marry They believe that the woman her. calmly planned the crime and wrote her intentions, probably to her mother, ah hour before she put them into effect.

Mrs. F. L. Wilson, proprietor of the Hotel Viadamar, where the shooting occurred, told the police that shortly before Melton's arrival at the death room, Mrs. Cox had telephoned him to delay his visit that she might write an important letter. The letter had (Concluded on Page Six, Column One)



Meeting Staged for Boston; Secretary Houston to Be in Attendance.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New York, Jan. 8 .- Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and Secretary of Agriculture Houston left for Boston this afternoon. They will hold currency hearings there tomorrow.

"Neither I nor Secretary Houston." said Secretary McAdoo before leaving New York, "has expressed either di-rectly or indirectly an opinion, or formed, any conclusions on banking questions we now are investigating under the federal reserve act. Nor shall we do so until all facts are submitted. To avoid the slightest possibility of misunderstanding we desire to say that all inferences or statements to the contrary may be accepted as unauthorprovements to Start. Ammunition Runs Short,

Astoria, Or., Jan. 8 .- The Port of Astoria commission yesterday disposed of its first series of bonds amounting to \$400,000 to Chapman, Mills & Co., of Chicago. The bonds were sold at 96 cents with accrued interest at 5 per cent, and will be issued in denomina-

It is estimated that \$800,000 will be

There is nothing to retard the im-

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.) Washington, D. C., Jan. 8 .-- Reprc-

WASHINGTON HEARS

Lafferty's secretary de-

provement, and the docks will

LAFFERTY OFF TO WED.

pushed to completion.

would bring back a bride.

sentative

With the slackening in rebel activity, tions of \$1000. the Oilnaga garrison at once became The bonds were sold in serial form more aggressive. About 1000 of them and \$75,000 worth will be redeemable under General Orozco sallied out in in 10 years. Another series amountthe direction of La Mula pass. Their as women as they worked, for two objective was unknown, but they had blue dresses were found at the hole ing to \$75.000 will be taken up in 1929. \$75,000 in 1934, \$75,000 in 1939, and with them a wagon train and supplies \$100,000 in 1944.

enough for a long campaign. By this plan the commission is al-Uneasiness was felt at the rebei owed 30 years in which to take up junta here concerning a force of 1800 rebels under General Villa, which the entire amount of indebtedness. The sale of the bonds is the principal step should have arrived at La Mula pass left the hotel through the lobby. No in the developing scheme outlined by Sunday night. It was thought possithe commission for the constructing of municipal docks to care for the ble that on the way Villa and his

be

(Concluded on Page Three, Column One) big ocean vessels that will call a!

(United Press Leased Wire.)

Presidio, Tex., Jan. 8 .- Fighting at

Ojinaga had ceased again today. It

was said this was because the rebels

had run nearly out of ammunition.

ANTI-TRUST PROGRAM READY FOR CONGRESS and Democratic, including in the list BRYAN IN DEFENSE OF THAT GRAPE JUICE Washington, Jan. 8 .- So far as the house sub-committee on judiciary is (United rress Leased Wire.) Chicago, Jan. 8.—Secretary of State ryan, here today, replied tartly to risted today. From was com-of Baker county, the responses reconcerned, the administration's anti-

Bryan, here today, replied tartly to pleted today. Every phase of the trust Congressman Bartholdt's assertion question had been covered in bills prethat grape juice contains twice as pared and will be ready for submisnuch alcohol as beer.

"It's false on its face," he said. "Anybody who knows Congressman Bartholdt knows he would prefer grape Representative Clayton of sion to the full committee when con-Representative Clayton of Alabama juice to beer if grape juice contained chairman of the committee, issued this

Los

rented at the Hollenbeck hotel, burg-

lars entered the Sun Drug company's

store, stole 25 cameras, worth \$500,

and sawed through a wall to an ad-

joining haberdashery and robbed it of

The police believe the burglars had

women accomplices or were disguised

The locks on the store doors were

untouched, and it is believed the rob-

bers, probably carrying their loot in

suitcases, returned to their room and

suits and overcoats worth \$400.

which connected the two stores.

trace of them has been found.

afternoon the following statement: the most alcohol. "I do not know whether he uses "Bills touching every phase of the liquor or not personally," amended subject have been prepared. Just as clined to deny or confirm a rumor the secretary, "but next to his interest soon as the full committee returns to

that Lafferty had gone to Europe and in international peace seems to be his Washington they will be taken up for interest in compulsory drinking." consideration."

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PRESIDENT WILSON ON HIS WAY TO CRUISER CHESTER

Special Envoy Lind came from Vera Cruz several days ago in the scout cruiser to confer with the president. The interview was to have been secret hut news of it leaked out

Most Candidates Give Approval (United Press Leased Wire.) Angeles, Jan. 8.—Cutting through the floor of a room they had

> Men of Both Republican and Democratic Parties Mentioned as Gubernatorial Timber Say Laws Must Be Enforced; Dr. C. J. Smith Hearty in Indorsement of Executive's Intervention, as Are W. S. U'Ren, Grant B. Dimick, Tom Word and W. A. Carter; Gus Moser Vigorously Disapproves; John Manning Would Let Courts Act

"What do you think of Governor | lines. It was first to teach direct elec- | man at this time can reckon its good West's policy of law enforcement and tion of United States senators and the It will bear fruit for years to come. use of the initiative and referendum, "My mind has long been made up or and it would be a pity if it lagged in this matter of law enforcement, and morality. The truth is, interest wait should I ever occupy an executive pub-

so very great in these political prob- lic office I feel that I would be im lems that the equally important moral pelled to take what some might con side of our life was being neglected sider advanced ground. until Governor West, by his vigorous "I feel it is the duty of such officers

administration, called attention to con- to enforce criminal laws as they find several who have not yet announced ditions that should not exist. As a re- them, and particularly do I feel such their candidacy but who are regarded sult of his activity a tremendous in- to be the high and one of the most imas likely to enter the race. Because erest in moral questions has been portant duties of the governor. It is aroused throughout the state, and no for the people, through the legislature here was generally considered to give

or by initiative, to repeal criminal statutes, not executive officers by lax enforcement of them."

cublican nomination for governor, said: "I am very much pleased with the May Boler, salesgirl in a Providence, results obtained at Copperfield by the R. L. store, eloped and were married governor. Although I did not like the in March, 1910. Knox Sr. was so angry spectacular way he went about it, that he declared for a time he would still I believe his action was based on not forgive his son, whereupon the latight principles. I believe it is a good | ter went to work as an automobile hing. It teaches some would-be law salesman and was doing reasonably

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Commission to Use Money to Finish One Project and Buy Another Site.

The dock commission is in receipt of an opinion from the firm of Storey, Palmer & Dodge of Boston that the

dock bond issue, series C, to the amount of \$900,000, is a valid one. Siletz country near here. The road The bonds will be delivered to the city January 10. Out of this issue it is expected to

complete dock No. 1 and to purchase a site for dock No. 2, to be located on the east side of the river and erect dock No. 2. At the meeting of the dock commis-

sion today Ben Selling, who was recently reappointed a member of the commission by Mayor Albee, appeared and was sworn in for a term of five ears. The accounts of the commission for

December were audited. During the month the contractors of dock No. 1 earned the amount of \$45,000.

The application of the Northwest Steamship company for a renewal of its lease of Martin dock was turned igation Co., has offices in the Lum-bermens building in Portland. He work on Dock No. 1. The steamship company's Jease expires February 14 The commission authorized the purchase of improvement bonds to the amount of \$37,000 to be transferred to the sinking fund of outstanding bonds. It was also ordered that space be set aside at the motor boat landing statement pending the return of Mr. at the foot of Stark street for a per manent office for the harbor master.

New York, whence he and his mother sailed yesterday for Bermuda. Since it was certain the young woman was not with Knox and his mother. her abandonment of her apartments added weight to reports, of trouble between the ex-secretary of state's son and his wife. Henry Scott, Mrs. W. S. U'Ren of Oregon City, who is Knox's lawyer, said, however, that talk expected to be a candidate for the Re- of an estrangement was premature.

for Bermuda.

Young Knox and his wife, then Miss well when his firm hit on the idea of sending him to Waspington, thinking he probably could dispose of many cars to his father's friends. Whether it was because he way beginning to soften toward his son by this time or objected to having his position capital-

TROUBLE IS HINTED AT

IN THE KNOX FAMILY

Mrs. Philander Knox Jr. Drops

From Sight; Husband Sails

(United Press Lessed Wire.) Philadelphia, Jan. 8.—Mrs. Philander Knox Jr., had disappeared today from

the apartments she has becupied since

her husband's recent departure for

ized by an automobile concern, the secretary of state made overtures toward the young couple at this point and in a short time the family was

About six weeks ago the young Knoxs gave up their home at Wayne, knox going, it was said, to join his father and mother, and his wife taking apartments here.

> By cutting off distance Journal Want Ads have given business more room. Instead of being limited to a neighborhood market you have a market coversing all Oregon by merely following and using these Want Ads.

The owner of land in The Dailes, a lot on the Mount Scott line, 80 acres near Toledo, Or., and other acreage w-ll trade all or part for a rooming house and furniture. A new four room cottage, nicely finished and within one block of a carline is on sale for \$1500 with only \$50 cash required. A restaurant in Portland which did a business of \$140,000 in 1913 is on sale. Three men are wanted to grub by the day, east of Portland. Some woman with references and very much in need of work offers to go out and sew for \$1.60 a day; her specialty is family sewing. Forty head of cattle, eyeglasses, a patent kerosene can, a lawn mower and hundreds of other things are for sale. Profit by the market which you actually hold in your hand now-

Goethals and other canal constructors Attaches of the office would make no Haak himself.

valley improvement organiza-It urged the president to make sippi tions railroads along the Mississippi river and view the rayages caused by floods.

ther flood damage

of the state-wide interest which has been aroused by Governor West's cam-PORTLAND-NEWPORT ceived are of unusual interest. The views expressed range all the way from hearty endorsement to strong condemnation of the governor's course FOUR HOURS IF A few of the candidates side stepped, professing that they are not sufficiently acquainted with the facts to express an opinion. Commendation of West's policy came from both Republi-ROAD GOES THROUGH can and Democratic candidates. Dr. C. J. Smith, who has not yet innounced himself a candidate but is regarded as likely to enter the race for

West Coast Co. Asks Fran-chise and Promises Connections in Four Years.

(Special to The Journal.)

"I think a governor who knew that violations of the criminal laws were being winked at would be derelict in Newport, Or., Jan. 8 .- The Portlandhis sworn duty if he did not exert West Coat Railroad & Navigation comevery effort to compel observance of the the law, going even, if necessary to the extent of using new methods. "This state has ceased to be a fron tler state. It has stepped out as

do you approve of his course in deal-

ing with violators of the law in Baker

This question was propounded yes

terday by The Journal to all candi-

dates for governor, both Republican

the Democratic nomination, was out-

spoken in his declaration that "no man

at this time can reckon the good" that will result from Governor West's ef-

forts to enforce the laws .. Dr. Smith

Dr. Smith Approves.

expressed himself as follows:

county?"



Mississippians Had Asked Wilson to Visit Scene of Recent Flood,

(United Press Leased Wire.) Pass Christian, Miss., Jan. 8 .- President Wilson was asked by a delegation of Mississippians today to delay

his departure from Pass Christian until January 18, He declined.

The delegation also asked the president to aid in the fight to have Colunel prepare some scheme to prevent fur-

pany made application for a franchise. through the streets of this city at last night's meeting of the council The company offered a liberal fran chise for the consideration of the council and promises to put up a bond f \$8000 that it will commence operations within 18 months and finish the road to Portland within four years. The company is a Portland concern The president is John .H. Haak, who owns extensive timber interests in the

TO DELAY DEPARTURE will be the most direct route possible to Portland, with a grade not greater than 1 per cent. The distance is F17 miles, making it about a four-hour ride from Portland. Under present con-

The delegation represented Missig-

ditions it takes all day to make the trip. Newport offers 500 feet of water front to the first railroad entercompany asks for this.

coast route, striking the coast at Sal mon river. The company also proposes putting a line of steamers on

stimated at 40,000,000,000 feet.

part of his journey to Washington on is an extensive timber operator in the

northwest. It was said at his offices today that the railway project is not thoroughly worked out, though in general the plan is to tap the rich tim-

bered region of the Siletz country,

ing the city from the north, and the The proposed road will come by the

The road will tap stands of timber

President Haak Away. John H. Haak, president of the Portland West Coast Railroad & Nav- down for the reason that the commit

read today's Journal Want Ads.

Giving Room Many street corners are being cut off to give traffic more room