SAYS SEUFERTS HAD TRIED TO PURCHASE STATE SCHOOL LAND

Records of Land Board Introduced in Celebrated Indian Fishing Case.

TO SHUT OUT RED MEN?

Government Contends That Cannerymen Tried to Buy Historic Point to Define Indians as Trespassers.

Efforts of the Seufert cannery interests to buy from the state that portion of the state domain adjoining their holdings at The Dalles, including lands submerged in period of high water, were explained in federal court this morning by B. G. Brown, secretary of the state land board. He submitted correspondence between the Seuferts and the board as evidence. The government contends that this offer to purchase the tide-land area was to enable them to declare the Indian fishermen as trespassers and thus strengthen their position.

Assistant United States Attorney Rankin called Judge Wolverton's judicial attention to the fact that the land described in section 36, one of the sections, which by legislative act, had been set aside in every township by the state legislature as school land.

Board Hears Application.

That the board had seriously considered the Seufert's application in 1912 was indicated by a letter from T. A. Rinehart, then state land agent, who said after an investigation that it appeared to him the application was made for no other purpose than to shut out the Indians who had fished there for generations. The Seuferts had set out in their application that they wanted control of the land so they could clean out unwelcome persons attracted by the government river operations, bootleggers and others. Rinehart had recommended that the application be rejected.

A. S. Bennett, counsel for the Seuferts, objected to the admission of this correspondence because it had no bearing on the case in point—whether or not Sam Williams and the Yakima Indians generally were guaranteed continuance of their fishing rights by the treaty of 1855. Judge Wolverton accepted the evidence over the protest.

Kuck-Up White Man's Friend.

Albert Kuck-Up, a Tenino elder, whose father was the first chief to sign the Warm Springs Indian treaty, was a prominent witness for the government today. He said the Indians of all tribes and localities had always fished at "Coomsooks" or "War Chucks" without distinction or enmity and no question had been raised over their right to do so.

"My father was a great friend of the white man," Kuck-Up said through the interpreter, Charley Pitt. "He welcomed the arrival of these people and pitied them when he saw them coming over the mountains, barefooted and starving. He gave orders to his young men to help them and give them succor on their journey."

Famous Scout on Stand.

Tullux Holiquilla, famous Indian scout in the employ of the United States army during the Modoc and Piute wars, now chief of the tribes on the Warm Springs reservation in Eastern Oregon, was a witness for the government yesterday.

He was present in 1855 when the Wasco Indians signed the treaty which led to establishment of the Warm Springs reservation. His picture in full war regalia appears in Professor Lyman's book, "The History of the Columbia River." He identified it yesterday when a copy of the book was handed him.

Chief by Right of Inheritance.

Holiquilla is now about 80 years of age. He is chief by right of inheritance, his father before him having occupied that position. Patrician in his bearing, dignified, tall and of fine figure, Holiquilla aroused considerable interest among spectators while on the witness stand. He testified with the aid of an interpreter, emphasizing his answers with graceful gestures. He told of having fished at the point in dispute and said that the Wishams from across the river had also used it.

On cross-examination, he said he knew of some Yakimas far back from the river having once been engaged in war with the whites and other Indians, but insisted that the Wishams were not embroiled in this strife.

Judge Asks Further Testimony.

Judge Wolverton told Assistant United States Attorney Rankin that he would consider further testimony as to the friendly relations between the tribes and as to locations of crossings from the Washington to the Oregon side of the Columbia near the point in dispute simply cumulative.

Smiscoon Pa-Na-Wuck, who succeeded Louis Simpson as chief of the Wishams, now on the Yakima reservation, was a witness along these lines.

Harriet Gulick explained the Indian legend which gave rise to the name Coom-Soocks, the Indian name for the fishing point in dispute.

Other Indians who testified were Jim Jackson, San-tan-a-washa and Wallalutum, the last named 103 years old.

Wallalutum declared that both during his life and in tradition the Indians on the north and south banks of the river always were friendly.

AMERICA MUST PREPARE, SAYS THE PRESIDENT

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influence to urge preparedness, so that the president shall go home with the people's backing in serving his convictions," said the president, in closing his main address. "Then out of what seemed to be limitless debates there will be forthcoming a plan for national defense—non-partisan—which will make us feel that there is a great spirit of unity for America."

The enthusiastic reception the president got seemed to warm him to his subject. His speech tingled with an appeal to patriotism for backing in his efforts to make America strong in defense.

"As your servant and representative, I should come here and report to you on public affairs," he declared after voicing his thanks for the demonstration accorded him and his wife. "It is the duty of every public man to hold frank counsel with the people he represents."

Must Pay for Peace.

At once he plunged into the problem of national preparedness.

"There have been many views expressed on national defense," he said. "Some proceed from sentiment, and I do not feel free to criticise any of these for this is a country of free expression.

"I love peace, but peace costs something, and the best way to maintain it is to gain the respect of other nations.

"I have tried to be neutral, not only in my acts, but in my feeling. It is hard to keep the judgment cool when the world is running red with blood, and it is hard to keep the passion of sympathy under control of the judgment. But it is not wise to be guided by the impulses of passion. And, while we admire the zeal of the professional enthusiast, I would not wish to be guided by him."

United States Seeks No Territory.

Thereupon he reiterated views, expressed in his New York speech Thursday, indicating that the nation must stand with its neighbors to the south against foreign aggressions aimed at this hemisphere. He declared, too, the United States seeks no territorial aggrandizement.

"What is it we have to defend?" he asked. "We want to defend the life of the nation against interference, and defend the unity of the western hemisphere. In defense of these things, our thoughts must go beyond our own border. America stands for sovereignty of free peoples; and she stands as an example of independence. America does not desire anything any other country can give it, aside from justice and friendship.

Spiritual Efficiency Needed.

"The thing we are in love with is efficiency, but not merely in business, which only underlies the bigger thing—America's spirit. I have a great enthusiasm for rendering America spiritually efficient and those involved in military endeavor, efficient.

"We want merely an army of sufficient size to preserve peace, and we want to back it with the spirit which shows that the people are back of the army.

"I am not going into the details of the military program, for details make no difference. I am convinced of one thing, however, not that there should be a great militant force in this country but instead a great reserve of citizens who will be glad to go to the service of their country. America is nothing if it consists of each of us; it must consist of us all.

Proposal Is Businesslike.

"What is really proposed? It is astonishing how many men of straw are set up only to be knocked down, and this nation will not be deceived by threats of danger only imagined. I believe that I am proposing a very businesslike thing, for along with industrial and vocational education, it is perfectly feasible to instruct young men of this country in the use of arms. It will not then be necessary for men, crude, green and raw, to come to the defense of the country. It would be a shame for this nation to do this when it does not need to wait for training a body of men in the use of arms and in efficiency in an armed camp.

Will See Country's Spirit.

"According to our plans, it will be up to young men and their employers. We will then see what is the true spirit of the country."

The president said he did not fear congressional debate on the preparedness program, and declared himself sure that it would bring out most satisfactory results.

"It is a pity that this is campaign year," he continued. "And I hope that no one will draw this subject into a partisan issue. Democrats do not differ from Republicans on the question of national safety. Men on the other side politically are just as enthusiastic for this as I am. I would feel ashamed of any friend of mine who views it differently."

The president's next stop is Cleveland, where he is slated to speak tonight and remain over Sunday. Milwaukee, Chicago, Des Moines, Topeka, Kansas City, St. Louis, Waukeegan, Ill., Racine, Wis., Kenosha, Wis., Davenport, Iowa City, Grinnell, Iowa; Newton, Lawrence, Kans., and East St. Louis are slated to hear him also.

The president, looking ready for continuance of "fighting" utterances, first voiced Thursday at New York, arrived here at 9:30 o'clock, and went with his wife to a hotel, under escort of Chamber of Commerce representatives.

Wilsons Appear Happy.

Though the day was gray and gloomy, the Wilsons were not. The president doffed his tophat and smiled at the crowds, while Mrs. Wilson, attired in a handsome dark travelling suit, beamed at the throngs.

In the president's party were his secretary, his physician, three stenographers, a retinue of secret service operatives, a score of newspaper men and a pair of movie operators.

Wedding March Played.

Six thousand persons crushed into the hall before the president arrived, and the doors were thronged with others eager for admission. At 12:30, nearly a half hour before the president reached there, every seat was taken and there was only little standing room. The crowd sang and the band played; then as the president's party arrived the band burst forth into Lohengrin's wedding march, while the crowd screamed its approval, and the president and his wife smiled in confusion.

Cheering for five minutes greeted the president's appearance.

Mrs. Wilson was escorted by a delegation of women.

Mann Upholds Wilson.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—When Representative Dies of Texas, leader of the anti-preparedness Democrats, attacked President Wilson's speech on national defense Friday, Republican Leader Mann defended the president.

"With the possibility of danger which prevails," Mr. Mann declared, "we will meet the situation, we will rise to our responsibilities and put this nation in a position where it can protect itself against any foreign foe.

"I do not know whether I have changed my mind since a year ago but I would not be ashamed to. I do know that the situation has been changed.

"I do not believe in a large standing army, nor the permanent necessity of a great navy; but I do believe that a great country like ours that refuses to consider a situation today because of its beliefs in the past has not the real right to remain at peace, and will not be able to do so.

"The president ought to know more about this situation than any member of this house. And, now that he is going about the country to state his case, it would be more becoming to members of his own party to await his statement, at least, before attacking him."

Reward for Clark Amounts to $250

Salem, Or., Jan. 29. — Governor Withycombe today issued a proclamation offering a reward of $200 for the arrest of George Clark, who sawed his way out of the Oregon penitentiary Monday night.

As there is a standing reward of $50 for the arrest of an escaped convict, this makes a total of $250.

BARTENDER IS SAID TO HAVE CONFESSED THAT HE WARNED MANAGER

Former Hotel Bar Receives Attention of Authorities; Stock Is Seized.

"HIGHBALLS" SUSPECTED

Place Raided Said to Have Been Operated as Soft Drink Emporium Under a Lease.

F. Bergona, bartender, arrested last night in connection with the raid on the former Hotel Perkins bar, is said to have made a confession today to Deputy District Attorney Robison, and said he had warned George Schultz, manager, who had leased the bar, against selling liquor.

George Schultz gave bond this morning in the sum of $500 and asked for a jury trial on the charge of conducting a blind pig. The date for the hearing of Schultz has not been fixed.

The place was raided last night by deputies from the offices of the sheriff, constable and district attorney. The bar has been conducted since January 1 as a soft drink place, but District Attorney Evans says he has information that the loganberry juice and ginger ale served contained a stout "kick." Mr. Evans also is in possession of a quart of whiskey alleged to have been purchased at the Schultz drink emporium.

Several bottles of beverages were carted to the courthouse last night and stored away. Even the water in the beer trays beneath the bar was bottled up and is held as evidence. Schultz is alleged to have smashed a bottle of liquor into the trays as the officers entered the bar.

Some costly bar fixtures and a big stock of drinks, soft and otherwise, will be destroyed in event of conviction of Schultz. I. Q. Swetland, owner of the Perkins hotel, was not arrested, nor was the hotel searched, as Schultz had the exclusive privilege of selling beverages at the hotel bar.

"NOT GUILTY" SAYS CAMPBELL

"Man of Mystery" Denies Robbing Multnomah Station Last Month.

Percy Campbell, known as John Doe, "The Man of Mystery," until his picture was published in The Journal last week, pleaded not guilty today to the charge of attempting to rob Multnomah station on December 21 last. He will have a further hearing before Judge Kavanaugh next Wednesday.

Since Campbell was identified as "James Watson," who served three years in McNeil's island prison in Washington, and as P. C. Campbell, who served 10 years in Montana state penitentiary at Deer Lodge, he has become diffident and surly, in direct contrast to his former pose of talkative innocence.

CECIL BAUER ADMINISTRATOR

Widower of Late Rose Bloch-Bauer Named — Estate $35,000.

Cecil H. Bauer today was appointed administrator of the estate of his wife, Rose Bloch-Bauer, who died June 13 of last year. The estate is valued at $35,000 and consists chiefly of real estate. I. L. White, M. Sichel and Thomas G. Greene were named as appraisers. Mrs. Bauer died intestate.

George W. Healy will administer the $5000 estate of Frank H. Powers. The beneficiaries are Rena R. Powers, the widow, and Marie Catherine Powers, four-year-old daughter.

MOVE TO QUASH WRIT MADE

School Board Alleges Mandamus Goes Outside of Issue.

A motion to quash the peremptory writ of mandamus, served on the school board in the reinstatement contest of Mrs. Maud L. Richards, has been filed in the circuit court. The motion to quash alleges that the writ was filed prior to judgment in the suit and that the writ makes demands outside the issue. Restoration of Mrs. Richards to the place from which she was ousted at the time of her marriage is demanded by the writ.

Boys Are Accused.

What should be done with a quartet of boys who will face trial this afternoon on a charge for which the maximum penalty is life sentence is the problem confronting Judge Kavanaugh and Deputy District Attorney Collier. The oldest of the four is Joseph Guerrera, not yet 20. Guerrera's companions are Frank Celestino and Glenn Stockdale, each 17 years old, and James Murphy, 18. They are under indictment on a charge of robbing the drug store of C. A. Churchill.

Albert Gable Says "Not Guilty."

Albert Gable, indicted on a charge of involuntary manslaughter, was arraigned before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh today and entered a plea of not guilty. The case will be heard next week. Minnie Lee was killed by a bullet from a .22 caliber rifle in the hands of Gable on January 9. It is the contention of the defense that the shooting was purely accidental. Gable was released on bonds of $2000.

Mollie Bowers and Brother Plead.

Mollie Bowers and her brother, Joe Stump, pleaded not guilty to the charge of kidnaping Marion Bowers, five-year-old daughter of Mollie, when arraigned before Circuit Judge Kavanaugh today. They were remanded to the county jail to await further hearing next Tuesday.

"Dope" Jury Disagrees.

A jury in federal court today brought in the report that it was unable to agree on the guilt or innocence of Frank Esparaza, charged with having heroin in his possession, contrary to law. The jury was discharged.

Young Man Sentenced.

The admitted robbery of six rooms in two hotels brought for Edward Hallett, 22 years old, a sentence of 10 months in jail today at the hands of Municipal Judge Stevenson.

Woman Not Guilty of Murder.

Los Angeles, Jan. 29.—(P. N. S.)—Mrs. Maybelle Smith, charged with the murder of Etario Uguchi, was found not guilty by a jury in Judge Craig's court.

Seven Lose Lives in Floods of Arkansas

Three Rivers Reach Highest Stages Recorded With Outlook Alarming; Watson Under 17 Feet of Water.

Arkansas City, Ark., Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Seven persons are known to be dead in floods along the Arkansas, White and St. Francis rivers, while hundreds are homeless. Conditions, already alarming, promise to be worse before night, with the rivers at the highest stages ever recorded.

The drowned are reported to have been a family of six who perished in the breaking of a levee at Watson, and a man, fording the Cadron river. An 18 foot wall of water carried houses before it and left Watson under at least 17 feet of water.

TO PREVENT LOSS OF LIFE IS PURPOSE OF PUBLIC SAFETY FORUM

Auxiliary to Chamber of Commerce Organized and Committee Named.

At a meeting of delegates representing public service corporations, manufacturing enterprises, commercial organizations, department stores and civic organizations, a "Safety Forum" was established last night as an auxiliary of the Chamber of Commerce. The idea is to promulgate education along the lines of the "Safety First" movement. Nearly 70 delegates were present.

The main addresses were delivered by Frank J. Lonergan, of the legal department of the Portland Railway, Light & Power company, who spoke on the subject, "The Value of Human Life;" Harvey Wells, state insurance commissioner, whose subject was, "The Price of Inefficiency," and William A. Marshall, chairman of the state industrial accident commission, the title of whose address was "Conserving Human Energy."

"Accidents cost Oregon $10,000 a day," declared Mr. Marshall. "The accidents in factories, mines and construction work of all kinds totaled 8610 last year and 110 of these were fatal," continued the commissioner.

"Nor do I include accident in agricultural or mercantile pursuits or professions.

"The loss of time due to accident amounted 2750 potential work years of a man. Accidents cause over 400 workmen to be continuously idle.

"The loss last year in actual and possible earnings was $2,800,000; the insurance cost was $1,000,000; it means over $3,000,000 loss to the state."

The executive committee follows: For the employers, A. G. Labbe, D. A. Pattullo, Aaron Frank and Dr. F. H. Dammasch, county coroner; for the employes, F. J. Connolly, Guy Phillips, J. C. Martin and a representative of a woman's industrial organization yet to be appointed; for the Chamber of Commerce, Jacob Kanzler, who will serve as secretary of the forum, and George D. Lee, to be succeeded after March 1 by George E. Hardy; University of Oregon, Professor C. V. Dyment; Oregon Agricultural college, G. R. Horner, and the schools will be represented by two appointes; public safety commission, H. P. Coffin, who will be chairman of the forum; B. F. Boynton and J. P. Jaeger.

Supposed Bad Check Cast Into Flames

When Patrolman Mallon arrested Edgar Beuton and H. H. Carter in front of the Lane grocery at Williams avenue and Eugene street Thursday evening, he took the two into the store for Mr. Lane to identify as the men who had attempted to pass a bad check a few minutes before.

With a quick movement Beuton broke away and made a dive for the stove. Before the policeman could stop him he had tossed the check into the flames. They are held for vagrancy.

Tillamook Veal Is Seized as Not Fit

Market Inspector Melton yesterday condemned 16 calf carcasses sent from Tillamook to a local meat firm and this morning reported the case to Dairy and Food Commissioner Mickle. The meat has been treated with kerosene to prevent it being used. The veal was held to be unfit for food according to Melton, who says the calves were about 10 days old when killed.

Revolutionists Blow Up Chinese Railroad

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—Chinese revolutionists have dynamited big strips of the Hankow and Peking railroad, preventing Yuan Shi Kai from transporting troops from north to south, a cable to the Chinese Republic Journal here said today.

The cable also reported fierce fighting in Sze Chuen province.

Child Dead When Its Mother Awoke

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 29.—Mrs. Fred Garber, a young mother of North Bend, awoke this morning to find her only child, a daughter aged 3 years, dead at her side in bed. It is believed the child died of heart trouble.

Snow Stops Operations.

Marshfield, Or., Jan. 29.—A. H. Powers of the Smith-Powers Logging company says that it may be three weeks before logging can be resumed in the woods, on account of the snow.

Lumber Products to Be Exhibited Here

The West Coast Lumbermen's association will accept the invitation of the Chamber of Commerce to make an exhibit in the Chamber's building at Fifth and Oak of Oregon products in dressed lumber.

Ice in Air

Portland's quota of icy weather is way above the average, and the only way to combat it is fuel sold by dealers advertising in today's classified.

JEWISH RELIEF FUND SWELLED TODAY BY NEW CONTRIBUTIONS

Treasurer Ben Selling Announces That at Noon Today Total Was $12,500.

ACKNOWLEDGE DONATIONS

More Than 700 Individuals Have Thus Far Been Heard From and Other Donations Are Expected.

Jewish Relief Fund.

Following were the subscriptions of $50 or over received by Treasurer Ben Selling of the Jewish Relief Fund in this morning's mail:

United States National bank	$250
The Misses Failing	150
Bank of California, N. A.	100
Balfour, Guthrie & Co.	100
Dr. and Mrs. Sanford Loeb	100
Dr. T. L. Eliot	100
E. C. Jorgensen	100
W. D. Wheelwright	100
Caroline A. Kamm	75
Canadian Bank of Commerce	50
August Berg	60
Ion Lewis	50
T. D. Honeyman	50
A. M. E. Mann	50
Miss Mary Frances Isom	50
Mrs. Emma L. Corbett	50
Drs. S. A. and E. C. Brown	50
Willamette Iron and Steel Works	50
Edward Cookingham	50
Franklin T. Griffith	50
Labbe Bros.	50
Roberts Bros.	50
Misses Jamieson	60
Total	$1795

Responses from sympathetic Portland to the distress of the starving Jews of eastern Europe kept coming in today in ever increasing volume. Ben Selling, treasurer of the Portland relief committee, announced at noon that the total received so far had aggregated $12,500. Among the checks were 23 calling for $50 or more, totaling $1795.

The first two days of the canvass netted approximately $10,000 and this morning's mail was the heaviest since the movement was inaugurated to help the suffering millions of Jewish people in the war zone.

More than 700 individual contributors have been heard from and Mr. Selling put two clerks to work this morning checking up the flood of letters, checks and sacks of coin so that the complete results of the canvass for funds may be announced in the Sunday papers.

Employes Are Aiding.

One of the very effective factors in the campaign is the widespread movement among the business houses and concerns which have large numbers of employes. Dozens and dozens of these groups of salaried people—men, women, boys and girls alike—are voluntarily "passing the hat" among their fellow workers and are gathering in goodly piles of coin, small in denomination, but mounting up to considerable figures in the aggregate.

With one of the larger subscriptions that came in this morning was the following expression of sympathy with the movement:

"My Dear Mr. Selling: I enclose herewith check for the Jewish relief fund. It has been the history of the Jews in Portland that they have always cared for the needs of their own people without asking favors from anyone. We have in the past found you and your friends always ready and willing to help others in need. And because this is the first opportunity that has ever been given us to show our appreciation and cooperation, and also because we appreciate the destitution among the Jews abroad, we are at this time doubly glad to make this subscription."

Pisgah Home Represented.

From the members of the Pisgah home colony came a donation of $10 with the accompanying note:

"In remembrance of a Jew who today leads our ministry, in great love and sympathy for our Jewish brethren in Poland, in honor of our administration, we enclose you this little offering. Wish we were able to multiply it. Yours in the 'Inasmuch.'

"A. J. LAWRENCE,
"HATTIE B. LAWRENCE,
"Pisgah Mother."

Reports have been received by the relief committee to the effect that a large percentage of the ministers of the various Christian churches of the city, irrespective of denominations, will urge their congregations to make generous free will offerings to the worthy cause during their services tomorrow.

In order to give the entire citizenship of Portland and Oregon an opportunity to show its fullest cooperation in the relief movement, the committee will keep the subscription books open until next Saturday night.

Checks should be made out to the Jewish relief fund and all donations, whether checks or cash, should be sent to Ben Selling, treasurer, Fourth and Morrison streets.

Owner of Liquor in Basement Is Freed

Charge Was That Joseph Viale Had Stored Wet Goods in Vacant Premises for Unlawful Purposes.

Joseph Viale, accused of having liquor in his possession for unlawful purposes, was acquitted by a jury in District Judge Arthur Dayton's court today.

The wet goods had been stored in the basement of a vacant house at 143 Beech street.

Evidence failed to show that the defendant had sold any of the liquors. The goods seized by the authorities consisted of a large quantity of wine, beer and whiskey.

Viale testified that he made daily visits to the house with a suitcase containing food for his dog. The liquor which he took away in the suitcase was for use on his table at the hotel where he made his home, he declared.

The only furnishings the tenant had put in the residence was a pair of lace curtains.

Lausanne Has Martial Law.

Lausanne, Switzerland, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Martial law was invoked here today to prevent further anti-German outbreaks.

Woman Is Arrested To Prevent Suicide

Miss Giren Was About to Leap Into Willamette When Taken Into Custody by Patrolman.

Patrolman Towell took Miss Margaret Giren in custody this afternoon just as she was about to leap into the icy waters of the Willamette with the intention of putting an end to her worries.

The middle aged woman was living at a boarding house, 327 Larrabee street, and this morning told the landlord, C. C. Wood, of her plans to leap into the river.

Wood followed her when she left the house, and walked down Cherry street towards the river, and he also hailed Patrolman Towell.

Miss Giren was taken to the county jail to be held for examination as to her sanity.

U. S. INSISTS THAT THE GERMANS GIVE DISAVOWAL AT ONCE

Lusitania Negotiations Have Reached Grave Stage, but Not Ultimatum.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—That the Lusitania negotiations with Germany are again assuming grave proportions was admitted by officials today.

The administration has caused Germany to understand that prompt compliance with the American demand for disavowal of the torpedoing is necessary if the Teutons desire to avoid a break in friendly relations with the United States. Further, Germany has been informed that if her next reply shows a continued desire for delay in granting satisfaction, grave consequences may ensue.

Delays Tax Patience.

The administration, too, has let Berlin know that its patience is taxed over the German dillydallying evidenced in Lusitania conversations Ambassador von Bernstorff has had with Secretary of State Lansing.

Secretary Lansing, however, made it clear today that the situation had not reached the ultimatum stage, no matter how plainly Berlin has been given to understand America's position. Concerning the report that Germany had until February to disavow the torpedoing, he declared that "there is nothing in it."

Meanwhile the administration anticipates favorable responses to the identical note sent to all belligerents seeking new and universal principles of international law affecting submarine warfare. More difficulty, however, is anticipated in getting pledges, as desired, that the belligerents will not arm merchantmen. However, if this provision is rejected, the United States will insist that no armed merchant ships visit American ports.

What the administration seeks to establish is a definite submarine warfare code to which all nations shall subscribe. It would repeal the ancient war maritime code which has permitted arming of merchantmen, and would place the allies on the same footing with the central powers.

Italy Has Armed Ships.

Some of the allies, particularly Italy, have been arming all sorts of ships, though England has not armed liners touching at American ports.

Negotiations over the joint note are expected to require considerable time.

The state department is also awaiting a final answer from Austria as to whether submarine commanders have any knowledge of the torpedoing of the liner Persia.

Liner to Carry Guns.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(U. P.)—The Italian liner Verona will be allowed to leave New York, carrying two small mounted guns, as the Rome government has assured the state department that these will be used only for defensive purposes.

Time Limit Not Set.

Washington, Jan. 29.—(I. N. S.)—Denial of published reports that the United States had given Germany until February to definitely announce whether it intends to disavow responsibility for the sinking of the liner Lusitania was made here today by Secretary of State Lansing.

Cereal Firm to Open Branch at Oakland

Albers Brothers Milling Company Take 25 Year Lease on Property on Waterfront—Will Improve.

Oakland, Cal., Jan. 29.—(P. N. S.)—The city council has approved an ordinance granting to the Albers Brothers Milling company a lease for 25 years to a site 1000 by 150 feet on the new Oakland waterfront between the Key Route and the Southern Pacific piers. This is the first lease of property in this new "fill."

The rental will be but $100 annually, as the city seeks to develop the property. The lessees agree to construct a dock and build warehouses for commercial purposes, and operate the same. About 150 employes will be put to work and the construction will cost the company about $325,000. The new works will handle about 100,000 tons of cereal products annually.

When questioned relative to the above William Albers of Albers Brothers Milling company of this city, states that although all business transactions had not as yet been completed, it is their intention to open a branch at Oakland. "About the first of the week I will be able to make more definite statements," said Mr. Albers.

Schooner Raymond Reported in Danger

Hour After Boat Leaves San Francisco Bay It Is Seen Drifting; Tug Is at Once Sent to Assistance.

San Francisco, Jan. 29.—(P. N. S.)—An hour after sailing for Willapa Harbor, Wash., the wooden steam schooner Raymond, Captain Stousland, was sighted by the United States coast guard service this afternoon drifting in the ebb tide off Point Bonita in a dangerous position.

A Red Stack tug was immediately rushed to the Raymond's assistance. Apparently the vessel's steering gear is damaged. The Raymond, owned by Sudden & Christensen, left port at noon.

NINTH B CLASS IN THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF CITY IS ELIMINATED

System Being Changed From Nine-Year to an Eight-Year System.

HIGH SCHOOLS ARE SAME

Number of Changes and Transfers of Teachers Will Be Made—Some Changes Already Approved.

No more will there be a ninth B class in the Portland elementary public schools. The public school system is being changed from a nine year system to an eight year system, and half a year has been cut off. It will require two more years to eliminate the other half year.

For that reason, for the next two years ninth A classes will be graduated at the end of each semester. And in June, 1918, the eighth B class will be graduated at the same time as the ninth A. That will be the end of the ninth grade in the elementary schools.

This change will not affect the high schools, as the courses will cover four years as heretofore.

1300 Pupils Graduate.

Approximately 1300 pupils were graduated this week from the elementary schools and it is estimated that at least 850 of them will enter high school.

For the next semester a number of changes and transfers of teachers will be made, and the number of teachers in the grade schools will be reduced. All the changes have not been definitely decided upon. Those changes that have been approved include the following:

Eloise Clouse will be transferred from the Arleta school to Montavilla where she will teach the third grade, thus saving a teacher at Arleta.

Grace Reeves of Holman ninth grade to Stephens, where she will teach English in the place of Rose B. Fouts, who was promoted to Washington High school teaching force.

Caroline Redding from Vernon to Holman, taking Miss Reeves' place.

Genevieve Kirkpatrick, who has been on leave of absence, to Sunnyside, taking the place of Elsie Schmeer, who has been granted leave of absence.

Katherine Padden from Mount Tabor to Vernon, second grade.

Margaret Petterson from Highland second grade to Mount Tabor second grade, thus eliminating a teacher at Highland.

Lena Ayers from Failing eighth grade to Willbridge primary.

Hallie O. Bell from Woodlawn eighth to Failing eighth, thus eliminating a teacher at Woodlawn.

Additional Graduates Named.

Following pupils graduated in addition to those announced yesterday:

Failing.

Celia M. Attanasio, Becky Bernstein, Mary S. Brugger, Roland Burton, Arvid Carlson, Anna Cohen, Meyer Dubinsky, Samuel Dubinsky, Ida C. Fendel, Paul Flack, Freda Fragmeier, Ida Gang, Janet H. Gallock, Jacob Greenstein, Aeleen Hart, Ruth M. Johnson, Ora Kirshner, Harriett G. Kraig, Edwin Kratt, Jack Lakefish, Henrietta Lippman, Edith J. Neal, Samuel Perlmen, Rose Rubenstein, Rose M. Schoalnick, Barney Schnitzer, Samuel S. Sable, James H. Spaulding, Jr., Dora D. Steinberg, August F. Stoneburg, Hulda M. Stoneburg, Joseph Tartarini, Marcus Wesley Tietzen, Bert I. Treiger, Jacob Weinstein, Abraham Weider, Isadore Weider, Herbert Zenger, Rachel A. Anchelis, Rose M. Attanasie, Helen S. Chehak, Henry P. Elfers, Jennie Faveluke, Edward W. Findley, Luigi N. Gallo, Ben Kulchinsky, Thayne J. Logan, Vivian Minsky, Israel Philan, Mildred G. Silverman, Bessie Schwartz, Julius T. Steinberg, Ruby Van Zandt, Elsa L. Von Goerres, Berrita A. Young.

Highland.

Loree Andrews, Jorgen Anderson, Helen Barlow, Stanley Benson, Eva Burchard, Evelyn Burns, Marion Carson, Marjorie Clark, Helen Drake, Mildred Drake, Vernetta Drugg, Gerald Edwards, Gerald Garner, Katherine Hutch, Dorothy Leach, Ruth Marcy, Lorin Martin, Irene McGrath, Lloyd Miller, Oliver Moore, Lewis Ness, Mildred O'Neill, Verne Robb, Claude Roland, Robert Roland, Hueston Rosebrook, Carrie Ross, Herbert Schwieve, Josephine Spencer, Minah Ward, Virginia West, Genevieve Young.

Chapman.

Victor Campbell, Charles Cooke, Robert Duncan, Frieda Farschman, William Helber, Henry Helber, Harold King, Greta Muncey, Clarence Murton, Edith Olson, Leah Rich, John Riehl, Pearl Sagar, Allen Schlater, Allen Smith, Violet Quick.

Clinton Kelly.

Matthew Anderson, Myrtle Anslow, Helen Cotty, Guendolyn Darbee, Donald Dunwoody, Evelyn Ebbert, Helen Freheit, Esther Hardy, Martha Hildebrandt, Laurence Jaques, Edna Laing, Rosina Lasselle, Lanora Little, Margaret Looney, Erna Kepsky, Ralph Rafinot, Michael Reuter, John Rush, Elsie Arnold, Roy Cox, Henrietta Eckstein, Frances Faust, Roy Floyd, Ada Gandolph, Theresa Greco, Mildred Hall, Marjorie Hutchinson, Hilda Hutteen, Mary Montecucco, Constance Morse, Adolph Mathiesen, Gerry Reynolds, Willamette Russell.

Creston.

Nola Berdine, Clifford Burroughs, Ingleborg Fostvedt, Esther Fries, Theodore Flook, Ernest Gillard, Helen Glover, Kurt Kessler, Louise Kreuder, Mary Klopfenstein, Hazel Klopfenstein, Jean McLean, Albert Praine, Curtis Powell, Charles Peat, Winnifred Peterson, Edith Stiles, Ada Stephens, Edwin Scott, Clifford Smith, Elden Smith, Buryl Wood, Herrvin Wolfer.

Capitol Hill.

Arthur Frederickson, Arland Rutherford, Leo Dennis Bell, Hugo Voigt, Otto Voigt, Charles McGuire, Albert Stober.

Central.

Rudy H. Anderson, Alice R. Catto, Gilmer Clark, Ruth Isabelle Cowles, Ello G. Donaldson, Edith E. Earl, James H. Fletcher, Alice M. Gee, Mable Eva Hartle, Loyal Lester Holmes, Ernest Johnson, Percy Johnson, Agnes Jones, Ethel Kimmel, Forst Klum, Hubert H. Martin, Marguerite McCarty, Nettie Laura Moody, Ione Phillips, Alma Rassi, Mabel Ross, Landroff Skaar, Rose Stearns, Harry Teeling, Zimmer C. Thompson, Vera Thurston, Anna E. Toole, John Ellsworth Vinson, Charles J. Wirth, Nora E. Worthington, Alice May Brown, Dorrance Clanton, Ionia M. Cooper, Juanita Crouch, Russel Drinker, Edith Ventain Ericsen, Clarence Ford, Verne M. Hall, Harlan C. Hiatt, Emma M. Jackson, Arthur B. Johnson, Bessie Idella Jones, Thelma O. Kirkpatrick, Alice Louise Lott, Raymond McCarthy, Hilda McQuarrie, Greta E. Pahl, Richard A. Praetsch, Ruth A. Reece, Lille Rude, Clarice Sneed, Donald Strickland, Eleanor Thomas, Raymond E. Thompson, Laura Elizabeth Titus, Clarence Toole, Idrys Weimer.

Woodmere.

Harold Brown, Vahan Cartozian, Effie Cod, Elsie Crawford, Marie Dewey, Rodana Dunn, Cecil Fletcher, Beatrice Frank, Alfreda Goodwin, Edith Haynes, Mabel Helberg, Evalyn Hyland, Francisc Johnson, Carroll Knuttson, Anna Larson, Zella Mattson, Gretchen Merritt, Florence Noblet, Bercia O'Neil, William Schellhaus, Eveleyn Smith, Marjorie Smith, Vera Thornley, Clifford Vaughn, Virginia Volts, Irene Wendell.

Brooklyn.

Stanley St. George, Ralph G. Auratal, Nina A. McDonald, Mabel Rydd, Frances Freckeme, Vesta G. Benson, Margaret M. Peterson, Mario A. Palmer, Herbert A. Stewart, Alla R. Cox, Mary C. Freckeme, Kenneth C. Urfer, William H. Brown, Philip M. Strowbridge, Mae V. De Ment, Helen Wilson, Fay McClure, Frederic W. Goldenberg, Dora Wood, Marjorie A. Pearson, Hazel Goldenberg, Willie B. Wilson, Anna Marie Kachold.

Buckman.

Irene Arata, Clara Benedict, Roy Bertrand, Carrilell Brimire, Mary Frances Cox, Lila Ginzkey, Henry Hammer, George Harvey, Lawrence Hodges, Regina Keil, Edna Knight, Anna McPherson, Anne Roberts, Herbert Stafford, Henry Wagner.

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Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 29.—(P. N. S.)—Police and federal agents today searched for two youthful bandits who last evening tried to hold up the postal savings department of Los Angeles main postoffice. So far no trace of the holdup men has been found.

According to the police report, the two robbers, unmasked and carrying small revolvers, approached the window of Clerk Grant U. Blair, and after asking for a savings blank, thrust their revolvers through the window and demanded all the money on the shelf.

Blair ducked and yelled for help. The bandits fled.

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