

SHIPPER CHARGES RAILROADS WITH CRABBERG-FREIGHT

Consignments Billed for River
Steamers Gobbled by Rail-
roads, Freight Rate Raised.

KENNEWICK MAN ACCUSES

Chairman of Port Commission
Says Protests Have Been in
Vain, Claims Remain Unpaid.

The removal of competitive relations between rail and water transportation may eliminate on the Columbia river a condition described by M. H. Church of Kennewick, Wash., chairman of the Kennewick port commission and manager of the Church Manufacturing company.

Mr. Church charges the railroads with taking freight at Portland consigned to Kennewick via Portland and market for the river line and of having held it in storage at Kennewick until he paid not only the rail but the warehouse charges.

"For some reason, unaccountable to me," the railroads and boat lines both vary in rates and they frequently quote one rate and then charge us another," he writes. "During the past two years, we have shipped most of our goods to Kennewick to Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles. We were given rates down on the goods and back on the return trip and we have nearly as many rates as we have made shipments."

Claims Remain Unpaid

"A large number of the shipments of other goods which have been plainly billed care of the Columbia line," at Portland, have been taken up by either the O. V. R. or the S. P. & S. railway companies, they charging us their regular rate according to the class from Portland here. This was sometimes \$2.50 to \$3.00 according to the class and then straight to Portland. They have always insisted on our paying their rate. We now have in several claims on account of this, but none has been paid so far. On one of the recent shipments we demanded that they either accept the boat rate or that they return the goods to Portland and let them come by boat, but they held the goods here arbitrarily until it was necessary for us to take them on account of our need, then they charged us \$3 or \$4 storage.

"Our bottles and cased goods (the Church company manufactures fruit juices) take the short-class rate to Portland, or third class less than carloads. Now we get the special commodity rate of 35 cents on carloads, not only to Portland, but to Puget Sound points.

"Boats Consistent Rate
"If we had three or four properly constructed boats plying on the rivers under good business management, they would be a good investment for all territory tributary to the river. There are no boats on the river. We only get a reduction of 11 cents on carloads to Portland, we should have had at least 16 cents, if not 21 cents. Reduction in comparison with the haul from Portland south to San Francisco and Los Angeles, although the reduction of 11 cents, or the 75-cent rate through to Los Angeles, saved us between \$40 and \$45 on the last carload we shipped there."

"We were at one time given a rate of 25 cents by river boat to Portland and made our arrangements to ship by boat to Portland and re-ship by rail to Sound points, and would make shipments that way and save money by doing so, but we were not within making such a matter public, for when we were ready to make second shipment The Dalles-Columbia line informed us that it was necessary to raise the rate 10 cents to prevent our shipping more than way to the Sound, admitting that they had heard from the railroad companies."

ROLL OF HONOR

Washington, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—General Harding has reported the deaths of two members of the storeroom regiments of the expeditionary force. The war department is without further details, but it is presumed the deaths were the result of a minor accident in the unloading of ammunition ships. One of the men died January 1, and the other the next day. They were:

PRIVATE ALBERT HARVEY, storeroom regiment, William Harvey, father, Newark, N. J.

PRIVATE CEDRIC JONES, storeroom regiment, Sallie Williams, aunt, Helen, Ark.

Twenty-one other deaths are reported as follows:

CORPORAL FRED M. GRUBE, ambulance company, December 31, bronchopneumonia; emergency address, Pearl Grube, wife, Minneapolis.

PRIVATE WALTER HALPHILL, infantry, January 2, bronchopneumonia; emergency address, James Halphill, father, Alton, Ohio.

PRIVATE HOWARD FINCH, motor truck company, December 31, cerebro-spinal meningitis; emergency address, Burn Finch, father, Corvinton, Wyo.

PRIVATE MICHAEL MCNAMARA, ambulance company, cerebro-spinal meningitis; emergency address, M. J. McNamara Sr., father, Elm, Ind.

PRIVATE PHILEAS BISHOP, labor company, January 2, pneumonia; emergency address, Joseph Bishop, father, Cameron, La.

PRIVATE HERMAN A. ROOSE, infantry, December 31, pneumonia; emergency address, Mrs. Edward Rose, father, Odessa, Iowa.

PRIVATE MICHAEL J. GADZIS, field artillery, January 1, cerebro-spinal meningitis; emergency address, Michael Cadigan, father, Jersey Falls, Mo.

PRIVATE OSCAR MCODDLE, storeroom regiment, January 1, intestinal obstruction; emergency address, Cecil Mcodde, wife, Kennedy, Miss.

PRIVATE EVERETT H. KENNEY, field artillery, January 1, spinal meningitis; emergency address, Mrs. Mary Kenney, mother, Lawrence, Kan.

PRIVATE FRED C. BOGLE, infantry, January 2, pneumonia; emergency address, Joseph Bogle, Cincinnati, Ohio.

PRIVATE HENRY M. CHAPMAN, infantry, December 21, suddenly, cause to be determined; emergency address, Mrs. W. Chapman, mother, Dorchester, Mass.

PRIVATE EDWARD J. COLLIER, storeroom regiment, January 1, pneumonia; emergency address, Campbell, Ala.

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PRIVATE NOBERT WILSON, infantry, January 1, sudden fever; Chicago, Ill.

PRIVATE EDWARD J. MALKEY, infantry, December 31, pneumonia; Chicago, Ill.

PRIVATE CARL E. MERRILL, field artillery, December 29, pneumonia; South Minneapolis.

PRIVATE MARCOLOM BOYD, infantry, December 28, gunshot wounds; New York.

PRIVATE GEORGE H. LEAHY, infantry, January 1, pneumonia; Northfield, Minn.

PRIVATE F. FIRST-CLASS S. EARLES, quartermaster, January 1, pneumonia; Tulsa, Okla.

PRIVATE CHARLES JENKINS, infantry, January 1, accidentally killed by truck; Cranston, R. I.

Washington, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—The deaths of two members of the expeditionary force from pneumonia were announced today.

CAPTAIN WILLIAM E. HARWOOD, Medical Service corps, January 4, pneumonia, aunt, 1400 Western avenue, New York.

PRIVATE BENJAMIN POWELL, storeroom regiment, January 5, pneumonia, aunt, 1012 S. 3rd St., Troy, Ala.

Seattle System Is Studied By Barbur

A. L. Barbur, commissioner of public works, and A. G. Johnson, his assistant, returned Sunday from a three day visit to Seattle, where they investigated cost-keeping systems in the public works department there.

They also secured additional information on paving plant operations. Seattle's plan has been used for several years and the cost of paving is shown to have been cut materially.

Sentenced to Year For Stealing Car

Frank K. Baker, who was recently arrested on a charge of stealing an automobile from the Union Meat company, was sentenced to one year in the county jail upon pleading guilty to a charge of simple larceny. The charge was changed so that the municipal court could handle the case. Baker recently came from Pennsylvania. He was caught at Cottage Grove. He gave financial embarrassment as his reason for stealing the car.

Kerensky Reported Dying; Lung Trouble

London, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Former Premier Kerensky of Russia is near death, according to continued reports reaching here by way of Switzerland. The Russian leader, who has suffered from lung ailment for several years, is now said to be in the last stages of the disease.

Cookery Course Lectures Given

Second Series of Housekeepers' Courses Has Been Begun at Benson Polytechnic School; 10 Lessons in Each Course.

A second series of housekeepers' courses has been begun at the Girls' Polytechnic school, the purpose of which is to instruct the housekeeper in wartime economies. The series consists of three courses of ten lessons each and is given by Mrs. C. M. Batterson of the school faculty.

The Hoover course, which is scheduled for Monday afternoon from 2 to 2:30 o'clock, has to do with food substitutes and recipes, and demonstrations are given. The bakery course is given Tuesday afternoons at the same hour and includes instruction in the preparation of war breads, biscuits, muffins, cookies, gingerbread, cakes and the like.

The meat and vegetable course, which is given on Thursday afternoons, deals especially with the cuts of meat and their preparation, with special emphasis on the utilization of the cheaper cuts of meat. Fish and shellfish also are included in this course and the preparation of vegetables in the season.

The first series of housekeepers' courses, which was concluded prior to the holiday recess, was a distinct success, and Miss Arnold, principal of the Girls' Polytechnic school, calls this second series to the attention of the housekeepers of Portland, all of whom are eligible to take it.

WEATHER BEATS WAR EMERGENCY, FORCING USE OF WATER GRADE

Mountain Storms Make Freight
Traigs From East to Seattle
Use Columbia Route.

An emergency created by weather has acted in advance of the nation's transportation emergency to divert freight from the northern mountain routes to the water grade route via the Columbia.

While Portland's graphic arguments for the routing of this harbor by the government await at Washington the attention of W. G. McAdoo, director general of railroads, storms stand with forbidding hand at the mountain passes of the Great Northern and Northern Pacific.

The assertion that the Columbia river road does not fear the violent disturbances of the winter storms and the movement of the freight to a point where vessels sent into the Columbia might readily take it aboard, it should still be considered necessary to send the cars to the river, where the congestion of expert business is so great that handling facilities are not equal to moving the freight promptly and thousands of freight cars have been used as warehouses while waiting to be unloaded.

North Bank officials deny, however, that freight cars have been held for long periods at Vancouver. They say that no cars consigned to Puget Sound have been sidetracked in Vancouver more than five or six hours.

It has been reported that 400 cars loaded with export merchandise and consigned to Puget Sound had been held in Vancouver the better part of a week.

Children Helping Food Conservation

"I don't have to save on foods because we have no food pledge card in our house," said the little daughter of one of Portland's residents.

The father lost no time in getting to the office of Food Administrator W. B. Ayer, where he was provided with a pledge card.

"I am as saving as I can be. I will waste nothing," writes a little girl from Union, Oregon.

According to Mr. Ayer this is the sample of the hearty cooperation which has been manifested in various ways by the children. The tots are following the advice of their parents and are doing much to help out on the conservation program.

Examples of self-sacrifice on the part of farmers and others residing many miles from their supply centers are frequent. One man reported to county chairman C. T. Bonney of The Dalles that he had cut down on his yearly supply of sugar and flour and had sent to Portland for a machine with which to grind corn products on his own place.

Senator's Daughter Elopes With Corporal

Washington, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Miss Emily Johnson, daughter of Senator Edwin S. Johnson of South Dakota, and Corporal Henry C. Gill eloped on New Year's eve, it became known here today.

Sensor and Mrs. Johnson objected to Corporal Gill, so the soldier and his sweetheart eloped. They were married at Englewood, N. J.

Mrs. Gill has returned to the home of her parents, but declared today that "everything's forgiven," and that soon she will visit her husband at Camp Merritt, Tenafly, N. J., where his regiment is stationed.

Napavine Merchant Is Slugged to Death

Centralia, Wash., Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Fred Swayne, a merchant of Napavine, Wash., is dead today as the result of a crushing blow on the head while in his store last night. The body was found lying on the floor. Blood about the room indicated Swayne had had a terrific struggle with his assailant before being struck down.

That the murder was not for robbery is apparent by the fact that \$80 was in plain view in the safe and Swayne's watch was not taken.

Notaries May Face Extortion Charges

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Acting on charges that notaries have practiced "extortion" in connection with the draft questionnaire, Governor Whitman this afternoon ordered a sweeping investigation by Attorney General Lewis. Scores of arrests are expected.

Oldest Rotarian Is Dead at Indianapolis

Indianapolis, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Uncle Charlie Woodward, 95, the world's oldest Rotarian and the oldest Master Mason in Indiana, is dead at his home here today. Mr. Woodward was a Civil War veteran. He was born at Fairfield, Ohio, and lived at various times in Boston, Detroit and San Francisco.

Woman's Throat Is Cut by a Negro

Des Moines, Iowa, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Mrs. Moline Jackson, 70, was attacked in the basement of her home here today by John Bennett, a negro janitor, who cut her throat and beat her into unconsciousness. The woman is expected to die. The negro escaped.

FUNERAL OF VETERAN SILVERTON MERCHANT, IS SET FOR TUESDAY

Remains of Adolph Wolf Will Be
Cremated in Portland—Masonic Lodge in Charge.

The funeral of Adolph Wolf of Silverton will be held at the Portland crematorium Tuesday at 2 p. m., under the auspices of the Masons. Mr. Wolf was 80 years of age and had conducted a mercantile business in Silverton for over 40 years. He died Sunday from a sudden attack of heart disease. He had carried on an extensive hog farm and was well known in Portland and throughout the state. Mr. Wolf is survived by his widow and two sons, Lieutenant J. Wolf, U. S. A., formerly assistant city health officer of Portland, and Julius Wolf. Both Adolph Wolf and his son Julius have been mayor of Silverton. J. P. Finley & Son have charge of the arrangements.

Isadore Jacobs

The funeral of Isadore Jacobs, who died in Great Falls, Mont. Friday night, will be held from the residence of his sister, Mrs. S. Selling, 786 Johnson street, Tuesday at 2 p. m. Rabbi Jonah B. Wise officiating. Interment will be in Beth Israel cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of the Holman company.

Peter Eulberg

The funeral of Peter Eulberg will be held Tuesday morning at 10 a. m. at the parlors of the Chambers-Kenworthy company, 1111 Kerby street, and burial will be in Columbia cemetery. Mr. Eulberg was in his sixty-ninth year, and is survived by his wife, Eliza J. Eulberg, and one son. He died Saturday following a concussion suffered several days before while getting off a streetcar. The family resided at 80 Farragut street.

Mrs. Clara Elkins Welch

Mrs. Clara Elkins Welch died near Prineville, December 30, at the residence of E. T. Statton at the age of 75 years. Mrs. Welch came from the town of Newburg, Ohio, in 1852. The family settled in Linn county. Mrs. Welch was the widow of the late George B. Welch, and was well known in Hood River, where she had resided for many years.

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Another Contract Made for Spruce

Signal Corps Will Take All Material It Can Get in Oregon and Washington From All Producers.

A contract for from 5,000,000 to 100,000,000 feet of spruce for airplane material has been made with the United States signal corps by the Grant Smith-Porter Bros. company.

Representatives of the company are now in the field making arrangements to purchase all spruce available to run the contract to the top figures.

The spruce is to be either felled or turned out through the sawmill and will be delivered to the company at the government's standard rate.

"This is but one of many contracts the government has made with companies or individuals for spruce for airplane material," says Colonel Disque of the signal corps. "The government wants spruce as rapidly as it can be obtained and doesn't care whether it comes from Oregon or Washington or from the large or small producer."

Police Take in Minor Offenders

C. E. McLaughlin, 847 Cleveland avenue, suffered the loss of a revolver and necklace when burglars entered his home Sunday evening.

James L. Wood, 701 Prospect Drive, notified the police that he had rung her doorbell and tried to force his way into the house when she opened the door, whereupon she slammed the door in his face.

Patrolmen Higgins, Tully and Pratt arrested J. E. Baker, 409 Vulcan street last night on a charge of threatening to kill his wife, six children and brother-in-law, with a razor. Baker is a carpenter, 56 years old.

Montavilla Banker Is Nearly Arrested

Lee Arnett, president of the Montavilla Savings bank, came nearly getting arrested for working on Sunday. Someone called the police station and said the safe doors at the Montavilla bank were open. For a few minutes there was a great bustle at police headquarters, and only the high spots were touched by the officers. When the officers came to the bank Mr. Arnett calmly submitted to arrest and was taken to the station. He was merely doing a little extra work.

Ohio Asks for Relief From Car Shortage

Columbus, Ohio, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Declaring that hundreds of Ohio families face starvation because means are unable to operate on account of car shortage, Governor Cox telegraphed today to the federal government asking a man to Ohio at once to survey the car shortage situation and devise some plan for relief.

Boy's Pet Rabbits Killed

Little Joe Tridell, 1228 Bevon street, had some pet rabbits that he valued at \$25. Saturday morning when he went to give the bunnies their breakfast he found the doors of his pens torn open and his eight rabbits dead and mutilated. Patrolman McCulloch, who investigated, believes dogs were turned loose on the pets.

Recruiting Officers Win Commissions

Sergeant William A. Kinney and Sergeant Walter M. Freeman Go Up on Recommendation of Colonel Young.

A telegram from Washington Monday morning from the war department to Colonel George S. Young announces that Sergeant William A. Kinney of the local army recruiting station has been tendered a commission as first lieutenant and Sergeant Walter M. Freeman as second lieutenant.

The commissions were granted upon the recommendation of Colonel Young, who says that their service at the local office has been most satisfactory.

The men have been assigned to active duty and are ordered to report to the Presidio at San Francisco. Following a request from Colonel Young, they will not leave the office for 10 days.

Both men have served at the recruiting station many months, and their untiring work during the rush of December, when more than 2000 men were enlisted in 15 days, was the deciding factor in Colonel Young's recommendation.

POLICE GUARDING SHOP AFTER RAID

Sailors in Seattle Tear Up All Copies of Daily Call Found on Newsstands.

Seattle, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—Special police details were on constant duty along Pike street, between First avenue and the waterfront, today, to protect the office of the Seattle Daily Call and the plant of the Piggett Printing company from further riotous destruction of valuable mechanical equipment of the Piggett plant by two civilians and a group of men in sailor uniforms Saturday night.

Reward of \$500 has been offered by the Piggett Printing company, which printed the Call and an I. W. W. publication, besides extensive work in the Red Cross forms, for arrest and conviction of the members of the mob which forced workers at the printing plant at the point of a gun to lie on the floor while the plant was wrecked.

The presses were not damaged and the Call editorial rooms were unharmed.

The Call published an extra edition, telling of the mob raid Sunday afternoon. Shortly afterward a trio of sailors and 40 or 50 civilians went from the waterfront to the Pike street, tearing up all copies of the extra.

Ralph Castater, first class musician from the naval training station at the University of Washington, was arrested and taken to police headquarters and booked for disorderly conduct. Arrest of the two other sailors was prevented by the crowd.

Joe Smith, secretary of the Piggett Printing company, announced today that he would ask a grand jury investigation of the attack.

MRS. FALING SHOWED SIGNS OF INSANITY, WITNESSES TESTIFY

Will Contest Has Continued for 8 Weeks—100 Witnesses Yet to Appear.

That Mrs. Xarifa J. Faling thought she saw a cow on the roof of a building across the street, that she saw a dog in the hall when no dog was visible to anyone else, and that she accused her nurse of smuggling opium into the room was the testimony in court today of Miss Emma Walker, a chamber maid at the Sargent hotel. She was one of the witnesses in the will contest case now being held before Judge Tazewell.

Under cross examination she said that while she had seen Mrs. Faling spitting frequently, she never heard her in all the two years she was attending Mrs. Faling's rooms say that she was spitting snakes. Other witnesses testified previously that when Mrs. Faling would spit she said, "there goes another snake."

J. B. Rhodes, chairman of the grievance committee of the local Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, was another witness. He testified that in the morning, he occupied rooms with his wife adjoining those of Mrs. Faling at the Imperial hotel. It was his opinion, as expressed on the stand, that Mrs. Faling was not in her right mind, and that she heard Mrs. Faling call out to him, "there goes another snake."

He admitted under cross examination that his opinion was based largely on the unusual physical appearance of Mrs. Faling, which he recently saw walking in the hall. He only talked to her once.

Mrs. Rhodes followed her husband on the stand and corroborated his testimony in many particulars. She said that she heard Mrs. Faling call out to Miss Chatten, her nurse, "whose dog is that?" when no dog was visible.

Attorney Coy Burnett, appearing for the contestant, said this morning that from now on he expected to call along witnesses who would testify that Mrs. Faling was sane and that she would put as many as eight witnesses on the stand each day. He has still over 100 witnesses yet to testify. The hearing of the case has been on now for more than two months.

GRAND JURY TOLD TO HURRY

Judge Morrow Advises "Speed Up" Program in Investigations.

"Speed up" was the essence of the instructions to the January grand jury delivered by Presiding Judge Morrow this morning. In his opinion the consideration of minor cases should not take more than an hour and at least five cases a day should be disposed of. He said that grand juries in New York city disposed of 100 cases a day.

He instructed the jury to obtain a list at once of all persons now in the county jail awaiting charges and to proceed with all possible speed to dispose of their cases. No person, he said, should be held in jail longer than 10 days, awaiting a formal charge.

Ray R. Clavick, 606 Union building, was appointed foreman. The other grand jurors are: Edwin T. Tallmage, 575 East Seventeenth street north; Walter M. McAdoo, 590 E. Third; Elmer E. Corbett, 590 E. Third; R. P. Rasmussen, Corbett station; Peter Van der Kelen, 505 Lyon street; Coleman G. Bucy, 202 South Jersey street; Gottlieb Geist, 327 Union avenue north.

BILLINGS WINS DAMAGES

Port Must Pay for Injury to Schooner but Is Awarded Salvage Rates.

Decisions in two libel suits, one for and one against the Port of Portland, were handed down this morning by United States Judge Bean. In a suit brought by George Billings for damages done his lumber schooner, the "H. E. Billings," when it was towed into the port by the commission's tug Oneonta, the court awarded the plaintiff \$2740.

The court decreed that the commission must also pay a demurrage of \$1600 to the owner for 15 days at the rate of \$100 a day.

The other case, a suit against George E. Billings by the commission, was for the payment of salvage rates for towing the same vessel into port at another time. The commission alleged that, as the schooner had been disabled, salvage rates, instead of regular towage fees, should be paid. A total of \$322 was found for the commission, \$100 of which is to be paid to the crew of the commission's tug.

HOMER FORD IS ARRESTED

Man Wanted Here for Forgery Charge Held at Socorro, N. M.

Homer F. Ford, wanted here on a charge of forgery, has been apprehended at Socorro, N. M., by the company pending the arrival of extradition papers. He was located through the efforts of the Burns International Detective Agency. Ford left Portland for Socorro, N. M., after having secured several thousand dollars worth of checks while in the employ of the Peninsula Lumber company in February of last year. According to Alaska, Ford left Portland for Socorro, N. M., after having secured several thousand dollars worth of checks while in the employ of the Peninsula Lumber company in February of last year. According to Alaska, Ford left Portland for Socorro, N. M., after having secured several thousand dollars worth of checks while in the employ of the Peninsula Lumber company in February of last year.

Brown Estate Worth \$20,000

George Willard Brown, a son, was appointed executor in the estate of Fannie E. Brown, who died December 15, by County Judge Tazewell this morning.

Mrs. Brown left an estate estimated at \$20,000 value, \$20,000 in Multnomah county realty, and \$9000 personal property.

By the will the estate was divided equally between George Brown, Fanny Bertha Brown, daughter of Tacoma, and Melville W. Brown, another son at Los Angeles.

Merchants to List Jurors

Presiding Judge Jones of the district court appointed Be. Sauter and Louis G. Clarke to select the jurors for the district court for the ensuing year. Three hundred names, as is customary, will be selected from the city directory.

Saloon Held Up: \$3400 Taken

Chicago, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Two men, hearing revolvers, forced the bartender and several customers in the saloon of George Fabel, this afternoon to hold up their hands, \$3400 in Multnomah county realty, and \$9000 personal property, was divided equally between George Brown, Fanny Bertha Brown, daughter of Tacoma, and Melville W. Brown, another son at Los Angeles.

Seattle Will Have Seven-Cent Salmon

Sound City Arranges to Go Into Fish Business; Will Get Supply From Fish Hatcheries After Spawns in Utilized.

Seattle, Jan. 7.—(U. P.)—The city of Seattle will go into the fish business within the next 10 days and retail salmon at 7 cents a pound.

Salmon is retailing in Seattle today at from 22 to 30 cents a pound.

Health Commissioner McBride was detailed by Mayor Gill today to select a site for the city's stall in the Pike Place public market. "This was accomplished before noon."

The city's supply of fish will be obtained from the state hatcheries and will be offered to Seattle and other cities throughout the state by Fish Commissioner L. H. Darwin. They will be shipped to Seattle after being killed and the spawns utilized at the hatcheries.

STATEMENT ISSUED TODAY SHOWS BANKS IN HEALTHY CONDITION

Sixteen Banks Report Deposits December 31 of \$75,533,209.63.

The comptroller of the currency today issued a call for a statement of the condition of national banks of the country at the close of business December 31, 1917. Some state and private banks in Portland issued statements, but several did not. The total deposits of 16 Portland banks reporting was \$75,533,209.63. Total loans and discounts are given as \$48,085,443.53, a healthy increase in the business of banks since the statement of November 20, 1917.

The detailed statement shows a decrease in deposits in a number of banks and gains in other quarters, but these fluctuations are only such as occur in the normal run of business. Bankers state, and the statement is looked upon as showing a most favorable condition in the business growth of the city.

Condition of banks December 31, 1917:

Bank	Deposits	Loans-Discounts
First National	\$24,716,457.72	\$15,790,514.49
U. S. National	19,100,712.40	11,962,583.45
N.W. National	10,881,685.22	7,187,740.42
Canby's	1,454,657.02	1,121,795.91
Bank of C.	830,467.08	728,490.93
Bank of Cal.	9,054,028.87	5,518,104.85
Bank of N.	8,375,191.43	2,219,194.93
G.W. Bates Co.	778,646.78	467,221.16
State Bank Pt.	1,909,888.07	878,786.50
First Nat. Bank	427,870.80	274,884.01
East Side Bank	456,579.07	274,884.01
Adler-Rummler	854.10	747.13
Bank of Ken.	358,792.86	225,968.49
Mult. Sav.	135,519.51	65,811.10
First Nat. Bank	1,082,616.53	642,219.29
1st Nat. Lint	177,088.10	169,835.86
Total	\$75,533,209.63	\$48,085,443.53

Seattle Pastor Accepts Call

Seattle, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Rev. Carter Helm Jones, pastor of the First Baptist church here for the last five years, has accepted a call to the First Baptist church of Philadelphia. He will leave here Feb. 1.

Prisoner Needed To Deliver Milk

After E. J. Hoover, proprietor of a creamery at 475 Jefferson street, had caused the arrest of one of his employees, Walter Fryl, and charged him with taking an auto truck from a garage at Fourteenth and Jefferson streets without permission, he called at the police station and paid a cash bail of \$150 and had Fryl released because he needed him to deliver milk.

John Brog and John Zyback were in the truck with Fryl and were also arrested and held without a charge. Hoover did not have money enough to bail them out. Deputy District Attorney Ryan criticized Hoover this morning in municipal court for having the other men arrested without cause to hold the house. The victims were released.

Three Children Asphyxiated

Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Three children of Herbert Roth were asphyxiated Sunday morning by gas that had escaped from a radiator used to heat the house. The victims were Minnie, 8; David, 6; and John, 5.

STEAMER KILBURN IN TROUBLE ONCE MORE ON ITS WAY TO SOUTH

For Fourth Time in Last Two Weeks Vessel Sends Call for Assistance.

Again the steamer F. A. Kilburn of the Emerald line has become disabled at sea. This makes the fourth time in two weeks and on each occasion she was making an attempt to return to San Francisco after her last call at Portland.

News of the fourth mishap was received this morning from San Francisco in the following dispatch:

"A Red Stack tug has gone out to sea to assist the steamer F. A. Kilburn in port. The Kilburn has sent a call for assistance. It is understood she is having trouble with her engines. Kilburn was expected to make port about 4 o'clock this afternoon."

Feed Pipe Broke

The first mishap occurred to the Kilburn soon after leaving the mouth of the river when the main feed pipe of her pumps broke. She returned to Astoria and was repaired. She was put to sea Sunday a week ago and when off Yaquina bay similar trouble occurred, together with the finding of four feet of water in her hold. It was learned that this water entered through a seacock which had been left open. It was also discovered that most of the water in the hold had been drained from her tanks.

Her S. O. S. call was answered by the steamer Cello, which towed her to off the mouth of the river, from where she was towed to Astoria by the port tug Oneonta.

Naval Authorities Investigate

After an investigation by naval authorities and the steam vessel inspectors, repairs were again made and she was permitted to sail again on last Friday.

Local officials of the Emerald line had received no word of the mishap today and expressed surprise that she had broken down again.

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Philadelphia, Jan. 7.—(I. N. S.)—Three children of Herbert Roth were asphyxiated Sunday morning by gas that had escaped from a radiator used to heat the house. The victims were Minnie, 8; David, 6; and John, 5.

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