

PORTLAND MAN IS BELIEVED TO BE DEPUTY TO HOFF

Joseph G. Richardson Visits New State Treasurer to Aid in Organization of Office.

DALZELL TO FOLLOW HOFF

Fight Over Office of Deputy Sealer of Weights and Measures Becomes Acrimonious.

Halem, Dec. 13.—Joseph G. Richardson of Portland was here Thursday conferring with Labor Commissioner O. P. Hoff, who has been elected state treasurer to succeed T. B. Kay, relative to the organization of the state treasurer's office force when Mr. Hoff steps into his new position.

It is a foregone conclusion that Mr. Richardson will be deputy state treasurer, succeeding T. G. Ryan, although he probably will not assume the duties of that position until after the close of the next legislative session as he will be a member of the Multnomah county delegation in the house of representatives. Mr. Richardson was examiner in the office of the corporation commissioner for two or three years and has practiced law in Portland for a number of years. Last summer he spent two terms in military training at the University of Oregon.

It is reported that H. M. Hoskins, assistant cashier of the United States National bank of Newberg, will be given the position of chief bookkeeper under Mr. Richardson. In that connection, however, the name of Cecil J. Hoskins of Redmond, a brother of H. M. Hoskins, has also been mentioned.

This position is now held by Scott Paige, who will be let out. Miss Lodge, who has been chief stenographer in the office of labor commissioner for a number of years, will hold a corresponding position with Mr. Hoff when he becomes state treasurer, it is understood.

Stanley Culver, who has charge of the inheritance tax department of the state treasurer's office, also will be retained in that position, if state house gossip is correct.

That W. A. Dalzell, deputy labor commissioner, will be given the position of deputy sealer of weights and measures, is another foregone conclusion.

A merry fight over the office of deputy sealer of weights and measures, which pays a salary of \$2400 a year, is now looming up as a legislative prospect. Spence Wortman, who now holds the position, and some of his friends are said to be preparing to make an effort to have the office transferred to the public service commission. It is said that Public Service Commissioner Fred G. Buchtel, who was deputy sealer prior to his election to his present office, is behind this movement, and if the change can be made it will insure Wortman of retaining the job.

John Sutherland, an employee of the state land board, has charge of the school fund notes in the state treasurer's office and also serves as cashier for the state treasurer. Whether he will be disturbed or not is not known, as Hoff would have to have the support of one other member of the board before a change could be made.

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PNEUMONIA CAUSES DEATH OF SOLDIER



Fred J. Berglund

Word has been received in Portland by Mrs. A. Green, 512 Twenty-fourth street, notifying her of the death of her brother, Private Fred J. Berglund, who had been serving in France with the 363d infantry in the Ninety-first division. After being stationed at the front in active service for eight days, Private Berglund was sent back of the lines suffering from a severe gunshot wound, which, with later developments of influenza and pneumonia, caused his death in a British hospital.

Letters were received from a nurse and later from the sergeant in charge notifying his sister of his arrival at the hospital and assuring her that he would receive every care, the second letter stating the time of his death. The sergeant said in part:

"We hoped against hope that he might pull through, although he was suffering from a severe form of influenza and pneumonia. It is a sore disappointment to us, as we tried everything possible to overcome the disease, but it was too severe, and we offer our deepest sympathy in your great sorrow."

Private Berglund was a native of Sweden and had lived for some time in Portland. He is survived by his parents, three brothers and three sisters, two of whom live in Oregon, Mrs. A. Green of this city and Mrs. G. W. Wells of Beaverton.

Seattle Isolating All Influenza Cases

Seattle, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Ten thousand yellow influenza signs have been printed by the health department today to isolate "flu" cases, under the new city ordinance. A corps of 25 men is kept busy tacking them on quarantined residences, of which an average of 250 a day is recorded. Fourteen deaths and 225 new cases were reported Thursday.

More Hospitals at Aberdeen
Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 13.—With the local hospitals filled with cases mostly caused by influenza, it has been decided to transform several of the buildings which were erected for soldiers' barracks into emergency buildings, since the soldiers, or most of them, have returned to Vancouver. The mill owners are turning over the buildings free for the use of the Red Cross. A good many of the patients are soldiers.

"Zaza" is coming.—Adv.

PRESIDENT WOULD FINISH PRESENT HARBOR PROJECTS

Letter to Chairman Small of House Committee Outlines Policy Regarding Improvements.

ENGINEERS TO MAKE STUDY

Executive Urges That Only Projects of Merit and Public Interests Be Taken Up Later.

Washington, Dec. 12.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Through the letter of President Wilson to Chairman Small of the house committee on rivers and harbors and the statement of Mr. Small, the situation is becoming clearer as to what may be expected in river and harbor legislation at the present session of congress.

The president suggests, in brief, that completed projects should be adequately maintained, that uncompleted projects be completed, and that further improvements, not in excess of sums recommended by the army engineers, be carefully scrutinized to make sure that they really will promote the interests of commerce. With these safeguards, the president favors a go-ahead policy.

Chairman Small indicates that his committee will favor only a few new projects of "unqualified merit and public interest," and that, for the most part, appropriations in the next bill will be confined to projects under way and controlled by the recommendations of the engineers.

These expressions are taken to mean that new projects, while recommended by the engineers, will not be welcomed in the new bill unless specifically favored by the engineers for advancement out of the large number which have been reported upon, but not formally adopted by congress.

Probably the new projects in Oregon which will have the best chance are "Yaguina and Umpqua, where considerable expenditures already have been made by local interests, who, under cooperative plans, have trusted to early action by congress to carry forward the work by appropriation of the government's share."

Housing Projects Halted by Senate

Washington, Dec. 13.—Cessation of work on all huge projects undertaken by the United States housing commission, except those which are 75 per cent completed, was ordered by the senate Thursday on a resolution by Senator Reed of Missouri. The resolution directs the commission to stop the expenditures of money on the projects and to return furniture which has been purchased for the buildings. Senator Kirby of Arkansas, Democrat, suggested that the government has been robbed on all of the housing projects.

Train Is Blown Up By Mexican Bandits

Washington, Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Mexican bandits Thursday blew up a passenger train running between Mexico City and Vera Cruz, said a consular dispatch to the state department today. No mention of casualties was made.

Vancouver Plant Is Burned
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 13.—(I. N. S.)—Fire, believed to have been of incendiary origin, destroyed the plant of the Morrison Steel & Wire company here Wednesday night entailing a loss of \$150,000. Several persons reported they saw someone run from the building a few minutes before the blaze was discovered.

Aberdeen's Savings Large
Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 13.—With deposits close to half a million dollars, Aberdeen's postal savings department ranks among the first of cities of its size in the United States. Add to this the deposits in the banks, and Aberdeen will surpass any city of like population for the size of its financial account. The total amount of postal savings is \$402,267, which represents 860 depositors.

Auto Hits Car, Six Are Killed
Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—Officials today were investigating an automobile accident here Thursday night which resulted in the death of six persons. Harry R. Anderson, United States sailor, registered at a hotel here from Chicago, and J. I. Bell, United States marine, Dallas, Texas, were among the dead. The six killed were in a large automobile which collided with a street-car.

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University Guards Against Influenza

Eugene, Dec. 13.—Everything possible to prevent a possible recurrence of the influenza epidemic among the students of the University of Oregon is being done by the health committee of the faculty, and Dr. John F. Bovard, chairman of the committee, states that it has the situation well in hand. Only three new cases have developed this week, and these are light. All cases are being quarantined as they appear, and the ban has been placed on university dances.

Marshfield to Have National Guard Unit

Marshfield, Dec. 13.—F. D. Fletcher, who was captain of one of the home guard companies here during the war time, and Charles Hall, president of the Marshfield Chamber of Commerce, have given assurance to the general staff of the state that a company of national guard would be formed here without delay. This action followed the assurance that work would be started at once in Marshfield on the promised armory.

Portland Youth on Damaged Warship

Millard A. McMeeken, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. McMeeken, 700 East Fifteenth street, is a sailor aboard the U. S. S. Brooklyn, on which an explosion occurred Monday. Although his name does not appear on the list

of dead and injured, local relatives are nevertheless concerned as to his welfare. McMeeken is 18 years old and has been in the service two years and four months to the day of the explosion aboard the Brooklyn. McMeeken has been on the Brooklyn since a year ago last March and has been stationed at Vladivostok much of the time.

Undertaker Indicted; Overcharges Alleged

Seattle, Dec. 13.—(U. P.)—George Butterworth, Seattle undertaker, today faces federal charges on 46 counts of an indictment returned Thursday. He is alleged to have overcharged relatives of dead sailors of the thirteenth naval district for caskets and funeral services already provided for by a contract made by him with the government. It takes 7000 years to settle it, Butterworth said today.

Buyer of Store Is Held Liquor Owner

Aberdeen, Wash., Dec. 13.—Judge Abel has decided that liquor seized while in shipment and received at Charles Balch McMeeken, a druggist, had transferred his store and business to his brother, is illegally held and gives title to the brother. Prosecuting Attorney Tucker has filed notice of appeal. This liquor, if immediately returned to the brother, could be disposed of by sending it out of the state. The mere possession of such an amount of liquor will be unlawful in a few days.

No Encouragement Seen by Builders Of Wooden Ships

Washington, Dec. 13.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL).—Wooden shipbuilders in Washington since the shipping board cancelled its contracts are looking about for possible openings to build on private account, but none of them report any encouragement in that direction. They see little prospect with the shipping board itself in the market to sell not only wooden ships but also small steel ships built on the Great Lakes.

The text of the cancellation resolution adopted by the board agrees substantially with the first announcement that contracts would be cancelled where the cost of cancellation does not exceed 50 per cent. The limit of cancellation to commitments of \$2,000,000 or hulls and \$300,000 on completed vessels is regarded as equivalent to 50 per cent of the cost, and this applies without regard to whether keels are laid or not.

Pedestrian Struck By an Automobile

J. W. Paxton, 69, a collector employed by the Northwestern Electric company, was struck by an automobile driven by W. M. Killingsworth at Williams avenue and Fargo street, Thursday morning, suffering cuts and bruises about the head. He was removed to the Good Samaritan hospital by the Ambulance Service company. His injuries are not serious.



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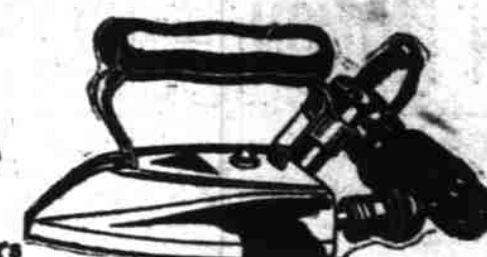
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