

# CITY PLANS FOR IMPROVEMENT ERA IN COMING YEAR

### Department of Public Works to Start Needed Operations to Furnish Jobs for Soldiers.

TREASURY IN GOOD SHAPE  
Officials Believe City Is on Eve of Greatest Period of Prosperity Ever Experienced.

Conservation and economy to a greater degree than at any other similar period in its history marked the conduct of municipal affairs of Portland during the fiscal year which ended November 30.

At the outset of the year, with the war only eight months old and the entire nation bending every effort to win a victory in the shortest possible time, the appeal of Herbert Hoover to save and save and save, with those at the helm of the war administration asking for the conservation of human power, it was felt by the city commissioners that the municipality could not do otherwise than cut expenses to a minimum.

Improvements Are Postponed

To this end various departments of the city government sought ways and means whereby every available man in the employ of the city could be released to the fighting forces of the country.

It was due to this fact principally that public improvements came almost to a standstill. In the department of public works, for instance, employees were let out on a wholesale scale. This department has charge of all paving work done in the city. The total amount of new pavement laid in the city was 3.13 miles, the least that has been done here in almost a decade.

New sewer improvements showed a corresponding decrease. The total expenditures for all kinds of public street and sewer improvements for the year was less than \$300,000.

Now that the war is over, Commissioner Barbur of the public works department, in line with the policy adopted in leading cities all over the country, is favoring a program of new construction commensurate with the demand throughout the United States that returning soldiers, sailors and marines shall be given every opportunity for employment.

With this object in view he has already ordered improvements to cost at least \$2,000,000 and this aggregate will be increased largely before the close of the ensuing year.

New Work Promises Employment

On the same grounds of economy the expenditures for new water main construction have been reduced to the fullest extent ever since war was declared. Plans are being made already, however, to resume operations on a large scale. Much needed improvements will be started during the coming year in order that the largest possible number of men may be given employment.

Owing to the general policy of retrenchment and economy during the war period the general fund and other city funds are reported by the city treasurer as being in a healthy financial condition.

Statistics in the water bureau show that the population of Portland has reached the 311,000 mark. This figure is obtained by using a multiple of five in connection with the number of water services in use at the end of the present year.

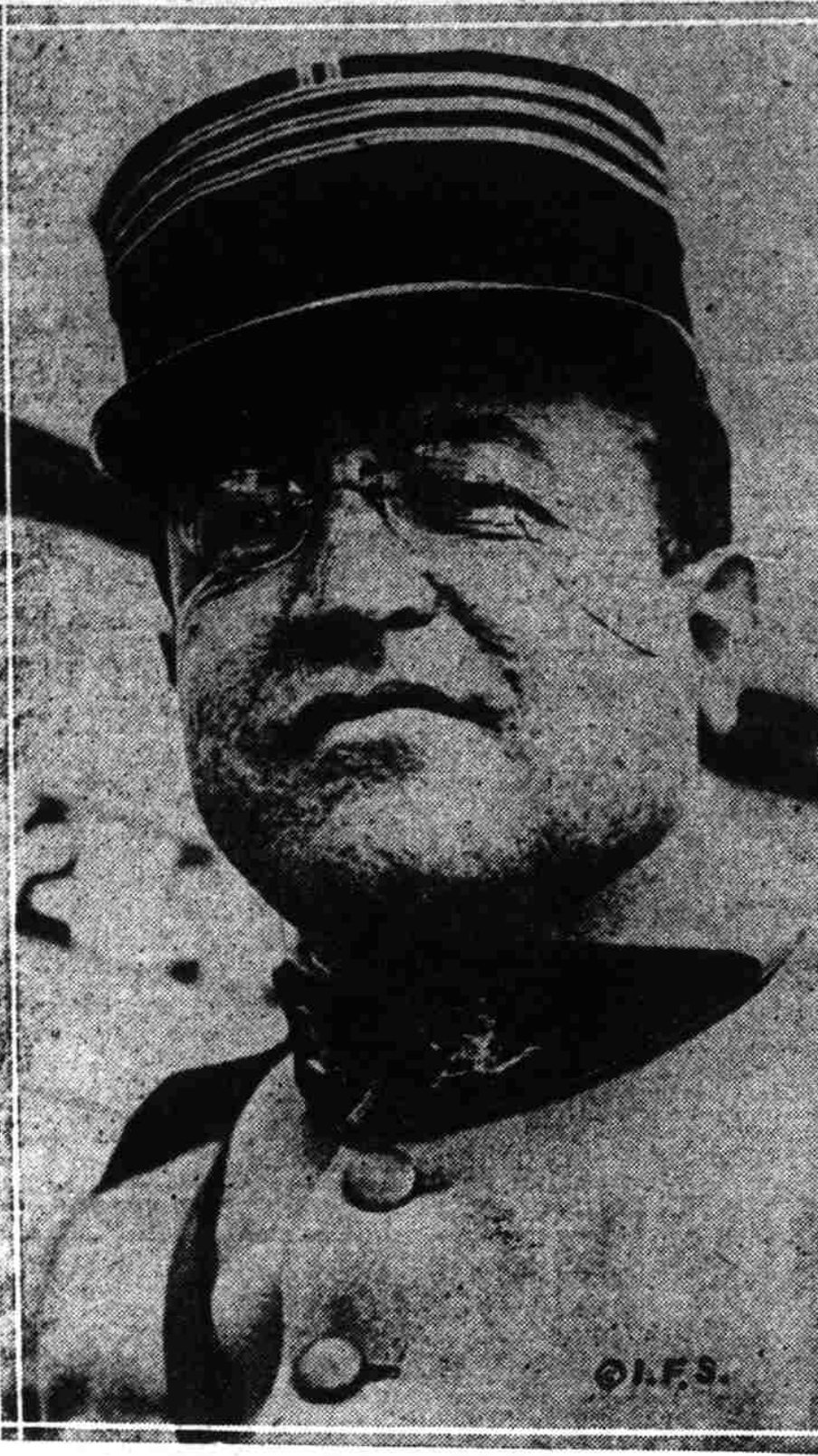
Reports compiled by the health office show that there were 783 more births in the year just ended than in the preceding year. The number of births reported this year was 4823. In the preceding year the number was 4046. The number of deaths reported also showed an increase. The number of deaths reported this year was 3523, or 1306 fewer than the births for the same period.

On Eve of Great Prosperity

The excellent health conditions that prevail here are largely attributable, say health officials, to the pure water supply and to the pure milk ordinances that were passed several years ago, following a long and arduous campaign conducted by The Journal.

City officials believe that Portland is on the eve of the greatest period of prosperity that has ever been known here. They believe that the money saved by a wise policy of Hoovering on public expenditures during the war will now go far towards furnishing the means of employing every man who returns from the ranks of the fighting forces. They favor carrying out every possible public improvement project, with due regard to the ability of taxpayers to provide the wherewithal.

## CZECH LEADER FROM SIBERIA



Captain F. Pisecky, who is in the United States en route to Prague to discuss with Dr. T. G. Masaryk, provisional president of the newly formed nation of Czechoslovakia, his experiences with the Czechoslovak expeditionary forces in Siberia.

## POSTAL RECEIPTS IN 1918 SHOW INCREASE OF \$300,000 OVER '17

### Incoming Parcels Post Gains 100 Per Cent and Postal Savings Show Increase.

Receipts of the Portland postoffice for 1918 show a tremendous increase, according to figures announced Saturday by Postmaster Myers.

The estimated receipts are \$1,630,000, a gain of \$300,000 over the year of 1917. This figure shows an increase of nearly 300 per cent since 1900, when the total receipts were \$215,000. The receipts of the local office will exceed by \$100,000 the receipts of the postoffice of the entire country in 1917.

Incoming parcel post showed an increase of 100 per cent during the last year. At the present time fruit, nuts, cheese, chickens, geese, turkeys, eggs and farm produce are being shipped in from every county in the state. Fresh cream is received in Portland via parcel post from places 50 miles east of the Cascades.

Mr. Myers declared that in a few years if the postmaster general is able to carry out his program, the entire country will be gridironed with parcel post delivery routes by large auto trucks. This, it was pointed out, will greatly reduce the cartage between the producers and the consumers, and will eliminate the middleman.

Postal savings bank shows an increase of over \$200,000 in deposits. There are 6500 depositors, who have a total of \$1,800,000 to their credit.

Money order business showed a phenomenal growth during the year. The total number of domestic and foreign orders issued to date is 321,000, involving an amount exceeding three and one-

## TWO BROTHERS IN SERVICE



Thomas H. Grier and William Grier. Though he has been in France for 15 months, Private William M. Grier, E Company 18th Railway Engineers, of Portland, has not yet seen his brother, Private Thomas H. Grier of the British Automobile Transport service, who has been in France for three years.

William, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Grier of 288 Fourteenth street, enlisted soon after war was declared and left Camp Lewis for France in August, 1917. He has been many places in France, as has his brother, but the two have not managed to see each other. Neither has been wounded.

The brother in the British army has not been in the United States, but Private William Grier has lived here with his family for about five years. He was with Kerr, Gifford & Co., and was a member of the East Side Baptist church group.

## FORCES RALLYING TO SECURE LEGISLATION FOR CHILD WELFARE

### Council of Defense Committee Is Backing State Board of Health's Efforts.

The child welfare committee of the State Council of Defense is rallying its forces to secure much needed legislation along the line of health, recreation and education, according to Mrs. Fred G. Schilke, chairman, who was down from La Grande Saturday.

This committee, having for its personnel representatives from all child welfare organizations of Oregon, working in conjunction with county committees made up of county chairmen of the former woman's committee, in addition to county superintendent and county health officer, is planning to back to the limit the efforts of the state board of health to secure an appropriation for a child welfare department of the board of health.

Members of the child welfare committee are: Mrs. Fred G. Schilke, chairman; Dr. A. C. Seely, state health officer; Alva B. Milam, dietitian at Oregon Agricultural college; J. A. Churchill, state school superintendent; Millie R. Trumbull, child labor commission; Dr. B. W. DeBusk of the child welfare commission of the University of Oregon.

Multnomah county is represented by Mrs. A. F. Plegal, chairman; W. C. Alderson, county school superintendent, and Dr. H. H. Cliff, county health officer.

A "back-to-school" drive will be started immediately after the holidays to round the children up who have quit school for various reasons. The committee will be aided in this work by the county superintendents and teachers throughout the state.



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- Bleached Muslin In 36-inch width.
  - 32-in. Cotton Suitings In plain and stripe styles.
  - White Jap Crepe In 28-inch crepe.
  - Outing Flannels In pink stripes.
  - 32-in. Stripe Waistings In medium dark colors.
  - Plain Blue Chambray In 36-inch width.
  - Percalés and Gingham Of standard quality—36-inch width.
  - Checks—Stripes—Plaid and Figure Styles; Also Plain Blue

## Annual Pre-Inventory Embroidery Sale

In this sale are both domestic and imported Embroideries in patterns, widths and qualities suitable for all purposes. It is an annual event that thousands of prudent women never fail to profit by.

### Here Are Five of the Many Underpriced Lots

- LOT ONE—10c at, yard
- LOT TWO—25c at, yard
- LOT THREE—49c at, yard
- LOT FOUR—89c at, yard

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Store Closes at 5:30 P. M. Saturdays at 6 P. M.

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## HABEAS CORPUS WRIT IS DENIED ALLEGED EMBEZZLER OF FUNDS

### J. B. Hayden, Charged With Misappropriating \$4000, to Remain in Custody of Sheriff.

Acting upon telegraphic advices from the sheriff of Rupert, Idaho, Joseph B. Hayden, a business man well known in Portland and Rupert, was arrested by Inspectors Maloney and LaSalle Thursday night. He was held for investigation, pending the arrival of officers from Rupert with papers; but when counsel for Hayden filed a writ of habeas corpus the officers filed a charge of being a fugitive from justice.

Hayden is wanted on an embezzlement charge of a cartload of hides, said to be valued at \$4000.

Hayden is the son-in-law of I. Perkel, second hand clothing dealer, at First and Columbia streets. Mrs. Hayden is in the city. An officer from Rupert is expected here this morning.

The writ of habeas corpus in the circuit court was denied by Presiding Judge Tucker Saturday.

Hayden was turned over to the custody of Sheriff Hurlbut and confined in the county jail, whence he was released a short time after on bail by order of District Judge Dayton.

### WILL UPHELD BY COURT

Sisters of Timothy Mahoney Contest Estate of \$6300.

The will of Timothy Mahoney, contested on the ground of alleged undue influence exerted by the sole devisee, was upheld and ordered admitted to probate by County Judge Tarwell Saturday. Mahoney died in this city leaving an estate appraised at \$6300 and bequeathing it to Mrs. William Shawell, a sister now living in Elizabeth, N. J. Mrs. Julia Desmond, another sister, contested the will, alleging that Mahoney was not of sound and disposing mind and memory, stating that he executed the will under the influence of sickness and excessive use of intoxicants.

### WIFE ASKS FOR DIVORCE

Claims Husband's Affections Went to Woman in Georgia.

That after their marriage Lester E. Butler placed all his affections with a woman in Georgia, was the basis of the divorce suit begun by Jane E. Butler in the circuit court Saturday. They were married in this city February 2, 1916.

Habitual drunkenness is charged by Mrs. E. Donohoe against Charles E. Donohoe, to whom she was married at Kalama, Wash., in May, 1910.

Margaret Robbins alleges that Lawrence E. Robbins, whom she married at Vancouver in July, 1917, deserted her in December of the same year.

### Wife Wins Divorce

Mary A. Mosier was granted a decree of divorce on grounds of cruelty from J. N. Mosier, president of the Mosier Valley bank, by Presiding Judge Tucker Saturday. Divorce proceedings between the same parties were had in Wasco county three years ago. In that case the husband won the decree, whereupon Mrs. Mosier appealed to the supreme court, where the decree was set aside. The Mosiers were married in 1889 and have been separated three years.

Bateham Files Appeal

A notice of appeal to the supreme court on behalf of A. F. Bateham, convicted recently in the circuit court on a statutory charge, and sentenced to one to 10 years in the penitentiary, was filed Saturday. A motion for a stay of proceedings will be argued before Circuit Judge Morrow Monday morning at 9:30.

## GARIBALDI'S DREAM OF ITALY BEING UNITED KINGDOM REALIZED

### Efforts of Last Half Century Result in All Italian Territory Being Won Back.

London, Dec. 14.—(I. N. S.)—(By Mail.)—In the middle of the last century the idea of a united Italy appeared to most men as an idle dream. Italy was not a nation. It was only a peninsula, and the matter of fact Victorian decided that it could never be anything but a peninsula. Almost the only man of authority in England who had the smallest faith in a united Italy was Palmerston, that fascinating cynic with a soul, says a London daily paper.

The Austrians were the masters of Northern Italy. The pope was the temporal sovereign of Rome. A Bourbon king, perhaps the worst even of that unpleasant family, was king of Naples.

United by Victory in 1871

But Mazzini dreamed dreams, and Garibaldi engineered amazing and, as it seemed, opera bouffe revolutions, and the crafty Cavour plotted, playing first Napoleon III and then Bismarck against Austria. Outside was played into Cavour's hand, and in 1871 Victor Emmanuel, the patriotic king, marched into Rome and the united kingdom of Italy was a fact.

But there were thousands of Italians still outside the kingdom. They remained outside until last week. The Trentino, the southern portion of the Tyrol, has an Italian population of 375,000 out of a total population of 385,000. The minority is German-Austrian, almost entirely consisting of soldiers and their families. Most of them have probably gone home.

Trent Always Italian

The people of the Trentino have always been fanatically Italian in sentiment, and the capital, Trent, has nourished a patriotic and a nationalist, a fervent Dante cult. Garibaldi fought in the Trentino in 1866; Diaz (the Earl of Cavan with him) has redeemed it in 1918.

Trieste, now occupied by the Italians, is essentially an Italian city. Seventy-seven per cent of its people are Italians, 18 per cent are Slavs, and only 5 per cent Austrian-Germans. Yet Trieste was Austria's chief port (the Austrian cuckoo was always a nest stealer) and the principal port in the Adriatic.

For a while in the middle ages Trieste belonged to the republic of Venice, but it has been in Austrian occupation for 150 years, with a slight break during the Napoleonic period. Now it is assured a greater prosperity, united to the nation to which its people belong.

## 300 Paris Cafes Ordered to Close

Paris, Dec. 28.—The police today ordered the closing of 300 restaurants, including Maxim's, the Cafe de Paris, and many other famous establishments on Sunday and Monday because they violated the closing order Christmas eve, by keeping open later than 9:30 p. m.

The action of the police upsets a number of dinner parties that had been planned by Americans attached to the peace commission.

## General J. Pershing To Rest Up at Nice

Nice, France, Dec. 28.—General Pershing arrived here today. He will take a rest, remaining here over New Year's.

Toukani Trulson and his daughter, Maxine, were grounded to death Saturday when their automobile collided with a railway train near Los Gatos, Cal.

## INFLUENZA SERUM ARRIVES

Supply Prepared at Mayo Foundation to Be Given Out.

Although the rigid quarantine enforced against Spanish influenza in Portland for the past few weeks has, according to City Health Officer Parrish, almost eradicated the epidemic, there is still need for caution on the part of the public. One of the most satisfactory treatments against the disease, it is said, has been the use of inoculating serums.

Dr. Parrish announces that he has just received a supply of the serum prepared at the noted Mayo Foundation at Rochester, Minn. Local physicians may obtain supplies of this by applying at the health office. The serum has been used with great success in the West. Three inoculations of the serum are given for each case, a week apart. This treatment is expected to immunize or nearly immunize the person inoculated for a period of 9 or 10 months.

Today's reports at the health office show 140 more cases of influenza, with two deaths, a larger number than the average of the past week, but it is attributed to the probable fact that physicians have been holding back reports longer than necessary. In the cases may have been observed in a period extending over a week past.

## Masks Ordered on Near Flu Patients

Boston, Dec. 28.—Doctors, nurses, dentists and barbers are to be required to wear masks while at work in close proximity to influenza patients, it was announced today by Dr. William C. Woodward, health commissioner.

No general order is contemplated, he said, to compel the general public to wear masks while on the streets.