

### THREE LOOM FOR FIRST PRESIDENT

Scheidemann, Haase and Liebknecht Appear Leaders for Honors in Germany.

**By Frank J. Taylor**  
Berlin, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—(Delayed)—Candidates for the first president of the German republic appeared today to be limited to three men—PHILIP Scheidemann, Hugh Haase and Karl Liebknecht.

According to general opinion, these men will represent the three dominant political parties at the polls. Scheidemann seems to be the choice of the majority Socialists; Haase of the independent Socialists, and Liebknecht of the Spartacists. It is regarded as barely possible that Chancellor Ebert may replace Scheidemann but this does not seem likely.

The German delegates to the peace conference probably will be Count Brockdorff-Rantzau, Count Bernstorff and Dr. W. S. Solf. The former is expected to act as chairman at the initial meeting, after which one of the other two would head the delegation. It is impossible at this time to make any authoritative predictions regarding the peace representatives, owing to the chaotic political situation. But the above is the consensus of well posted persons.

**Italian Troops Concentrate**  
Copenhagen, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Italian troops are concentrating in the neighborhood of Innsbruck, presumably for occupation of southern Germany, in case there are Bolshevik disturbances.

**Naval Commissioner Captured**  
Helsingfors, Finland, Dec. 31.—(U. P.)—British naval forces raiding the Gulf of Bothnia, captured the Russian naval commissioner, it was reported.

**Bucharest Has Riots**  
London, Jan. 1.—(U. P.)—Six persons were killed and 15 wounded when troops fired upon Bolshevik demonstrators in Bucharest, according to a dispatch from that city today.

**Child of Two Is Badly Burned as Dress Is Ignited**

Her dress catching on fire while she was playing with her brother, Dorothy, 3-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Tharp, 999 East Morrison street, was so badly burned this morning that it is feared she may die. Her mother had gone to a store and the brother, Norman, 8 years old, was going to light some candles. He lighted a piece of paper and reached toward the candles which Dorothy was holding, and she pulled back. He reached farther toward her and her dress caught fire.

They ran about the house in search of their mother, and finally out on the front porch where the little girl was seen by Paul Thompson of 226 Chamber of Commerce building who was passing by. He wrapped her in his overcoat and put out the flames. Neighbors called out the fire department but it was not needed.

Mr. Tharp is a teamster for the River-view dairy.

**Lottery Merchants Fined**  
Municipal Judge Rossman imposed two large fines Tuesday on Chinese lottery merchants whom he found guilty of violating the law. Ah Chin was fined \$125 and H. A. Chin \$100. Five visitors at the latter game were fined \$5 each.

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**WALLY REID IN "TOO MANY MILLIONS"**  
And a Parsons Comedy "THE JELLY FISH"  
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### Neighbors Complain; Alleged Religious Fanatics Arrested

Claiming to be the only persons on earth who are right in the sight of the Lord, six men and one woman were arrested New Year's eve by the police on complaint of neighbors. On the persons of two were found sums totalling more than \$800. The seven who were taken to the city jail were living in a small two room flat at Union avenue and Pine street with another woman and three small children who were allowed to remain in the house.

Officers Burkhardt and Mills made the arrests. The husbands of the two women are serving sentences in the county jail for failure to register for the draft, being conscientious objectors. The men arrested Tuesday evening gave their occupations as "working for Jesus." They belong to no church but have a creed of their own. The names and ages of those arrested are: Elmer Bernhart, 32, Swede; Alex Lieko, 29, Austrian; Oliff Carlson, 32, Swede; William Frelino, 50, American; John Pappas, 28, Greek; Ole Wick, 27, Norwegian; and Tessie Nelson, 27, American.

### THREE LIVES LOST IN FIRE ON FARM

Mrs. Roy Herrick and Two Children Are Dead Near Silverton.

Silverton, Jan. 1.—Mrs. Roy Herrick, 44, her three-year-old son and her 18-month-old baby girl are dead as the result of a fire that destroyed their farm home, six miles south of Silverton, Tuesday afternoon.

The boy was burned to death in the house. The mother and baby died during the night at the hospital from the effects of burns, after they had been taken from the burning house by neighbors. The two children victims and a six-year-old sister were alone in the house when fire was started in a manner not yet explained. The girl ran to the field nearby and got her mother and they returned to the house to get the children. They found the baby but could not locate the boy. When the mother and baby were overcome, the girl ran to a neighbor for help. The mother and baby were taken from the building and rushed to the hospital as quickly as possible, though the Herrick place was rather hard to reach, being four miles off the macadam road. The charred body of the boy was found later in the ruins of the house.

**Coos Bay Cities Modify 'Flu' Ban**

Marshfield, Jan. 1.—The influenza ban in the Coos Bay cities has been partially lifted. Schools in Marshfield have not yet been opened, but the theatres and pool halls have been allowed to run. The plan of placing a quarantine on houses where cases exist has proved much more effective in combating the disease than the old plan of closing the business of the city. The epidemic is not as bad as it was. While there are still some very serious cases the number of cases show a decrease.

**SUIT MENTIONS OTHER WOMAN**

That A. G. Allen represented himself to be single in a suit after she had been married to him a week informed her that he had lived with another woman for six years at Bend, is charged by Ethel Allen in a divorce suit filed Monday.

Ruth Spores asks for a divorce from Melvin Spores, alleging among other acts of cruelty that she was obliged to spend her honeymoon cooking for a farm crew of seven men.

**Polk County Drops Agricultural Agent**

Dallas, Jan. 1.—Polk county will worry along next year without an agricultural agent, the appropriation for that official being stricken from the budget at the annual taxpayers' meeting here Saturday afternoon. The \$2000 which originally had been intended for the expense of an agent was transferred to the general fund instead. The budget as adopted by the meeting provides for the raising of \$111,225 for the general fund and \$62,000 for the road funds, and requires a tax levy of 17.9 mills.

**Election Prevented By Furious Storms**

London, Jan. 1.—A strange election story is told by J. H. Whitley, the new speaker of the house of commons. It appears that owing to tempestuous weather, the little Scottish island of Rona was isolated from the mainland from December 10 to 16. It was thus impossible to record the votes on polling day, December 14. The islanders are highly indignant at being deprived of their franchise after having contributed 30 per cent of its eligible men to army or navy service.

**Colds Cause Headaches and Pains**  
Feverish headaches and body pain caused by a cold are soon relieved by taking LAXATIVE BROWN QUININE Tablets. They are sold by "Brown Quinine," E. W. GROVE'S signature on the box. 30c.

### NO COMPETITION FOR LIGHTING BUSINESS OF PORTLAND DEVELOPS

Portland Railway, Light & Power Co. Would Cut Price Only for Five-Year Contract.

There is still no competition for Portland's \$200,000-a-year public lighting business. The Portland Railway, Light & Power company apparently bore this little detail in mind when submitting a lone bid to illuminate city streets and public buildings, for if the city should duplicate its present contract with the company it will have to pay just as much as it is now being forced to contribute. On a basis of a two-year contract, the company offers to furnish electricity for arc lamps fed by overhead wires for \$51 a year per lamp; for lamps fed by underground wires, \$62.60. If the city should decide to let a three-year contract there would still be no reduction from the present high price, according to the tender of the company.

The only opportunity to get even a slight reduction is for the city to tie itself up to a five-year contract. In that event the company offers to shade its prices to this extent:

For year ending: Overhead Underground		
Dec. 31, 1920	\$51.00	\$61.25
Dec. 31, 1921	49.08	59.28
Dec. 31, 1922	48.08	58.28

Thus it will be seen that if the city should enter into a contract for the period of five years it would be getting a reduction of \$3 for the first year on each lamp fed by overhead wires and \$4.28 for the fifth year on each lamp fed by underground wires.

The bid for incandescent lighting service for the public buildings of the city is exactly the same as that submitted when the present contract was signed, 2 cents a kilowatt hour. There is no difference made in the price whether the city signs up for one year or for five.

The lighting bid will be considered by the city council Thursday morning.

**INDICTMENT CHARGES DAVIS WITH TAKING \$127,845 FROM BANK**

Grand Jury Finds East Side Bank Recovered All but \$4277 of Funds; Other Indictments.

An indictment charging Arthur C. Davis with the robbery of assets from the East Side bank totaling to \$127,845 was reported to Presiding Judge Tucker by the Multnomah grand jury Tuesday. Included in the amount were \$20,000 of Liberty bonds and \$10,985. Of these \$29,000 of the Liberty bonds and \$7887.50 cash were returned, according to Deputy District Attorney Sam Pierce, leaving the amount spent by Davis at \$4277.50. H. H. Newhall, president of the bank; Police Inspector W. H. Hyde and Rev. C. Howard Davis, the young man's father, appeared before the grand jury. A true bill was found against Harold Love, a young man who has been in trouble frequently. He was charged with larceny from the dwelling of A. J. Love, his uncle. A. W. Hickox was indicted on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses. A true bill against D. A. Hatfield, a real estate dealer, charging him with obtaining money under false pretenses, was among those returned. The grand jury has not yet completed its investigation of the death of Mrs. Miss Smith who was run down by an automobile and killed last Thursday night. The investigation of graft charges against the police is still going on. A lengthy report, it is said, will be made on the latter.

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### Suspected Robbers From Spokane Are Jailed in Aberdeen

Aberdeen, Wash., Jan. 1.—E. D. Allen and W. E. Campbell, hailing from Spokane, are under arrest here charged with having robbed the Aberdeen drug company's store of a quantity of valuable stock.

Allen has made several trips here in a fine new auto. He was carrying a suitcase when arrested, and on its being opened at the police station it was found to be filled with articles of value, considerable money and Liberty bonds. It is thought the men are the same who robbed a number of residences here in the past few weeks. In the clothing of Allen a large number of Liberty bonds of the denomination of \$100 were found. He also carried a good deal of money, valuable watch chains and other jewelry and wore a valuable diamond ring.

### MRS. SUSAN HILL WAS RESIDENT OF STATE FOR OVER 40 YEARS

Native of Maryland Dies at Home in Sixty-fourth Year; Lived in Astoria 35 Years.

Mrs. Susan A. Hill, wife of George Hill, died Tuesday at her home, 81 East Twenty-eighth street north, in her sixty-fourth year. Mrs. Hill was born in Baltimore, Md., and had resided in Oregon 45 years. Until 10 years ago she lived in Astoria. Two sons and four daughters survive her, as follows: Charles and Edward Hill, Mrs. Nora Doane, Mrs. Maud Simmons, Mrs. Rose

Sprague and Mrs. Daisy Peters, all of this city. There are also four grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at the Skovens parlors, Third and Columbia streets, Friday at 2 p. m., and final services will be in Riverview cemetery.

**Edwin C. Benson**  
The funeral of Edwin C. Benson will be held at the Finley chapel, Fifth and Montgomery streets, Friday at 1 p. m., under the auspices of the I. O. O. F. Mr. Benson was 36 years of age and died Monday in Olympia of influenza. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Louisa Benson, and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edwin R. Benson, all of this city. Mr. Benson formerly resided at Roseburg, where the family was well known.

**Mrs. Ida E. Babbidge**  
Mrs. Ida E. Babbidge, aged 39, a native of Astoria, and a resident there most of her life, died in this city on Tuesday from the after effects of influenza. Mrs. Babbidge was the wife of Captain E. L. Babbidge and the daughter of Victor Anderson, all of Astoria. The body will be forwarded to

Warrenton for burial Thursday by J. P. Finley & Son.

**Mrs. Agnes Coyle**  
Mrs. Agnes Coyle died Tuesday from the influenza at the age of 32. She was the wife of Lieutenant William E. Coyle, M. D., and was married in this city a few months ago. Mrs. Coyle was born in Wisconsin and had resided in this city for some years. She is survived by three brothers and two sisters, George, Herbert and Frank Naud, Ruby Naud and Mrs. W. Deuchar. Funeral services will be held from the Miller & Tracey parlors, Ella near Washington street, Thursday at 8:30 a. m., and from the pro-cathedral at Fifteenth and Davis streets, where requiem mass will be offered at 9 o'clock. Burial will be in Mount Calvary cemetery.

**Ambush Homeicide Committed**  
Baker, Jan. 1.—James Justus, who shot and killed Ira Langley on December 19, from ambush, and later attempted to kill Q. L. Cartwright and John Griffin by shooting at them from the brush, was Tuesday adjudged insane and committed to the state asylum at Pendle-

ton. Justus was examined by three physicians, all of whom pronounced him as being mentally unbalanced.

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