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THE WEATHER-Tonight and Tuesday, colder tonight; westerly winds Maximum temperatures Sunday:

New Orleans... 76 New York...... 30 Los Angeles. St. Paul.

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Governor Olcott Names Former Federal Attorney for Vacancy on Multnomah County Bench.

McCourt Was U. S. Attorney in Portland From 1908 to 1913 and Native of Marion County.

Salem, Nov. 24.-John McCourt of the law firm of Veazle, McCourt & United States attorney for this dis-1913, under appointment by President Roosevelt, has been selected by Governor Olcott as his appointee for circuit judge in Multinomah county, to succeed Judge U. Gantenbein. whose death occurred last week.

Although selection of Mr. McCourt for this position was made by the governor soon after the death of Judge Gantenbein, announcement of it was held in abeyance over Sunday out of consideration for the memory of the deceased. McCourt has agreed to accept the appointment, it was stated this

M'COURT WAS ROOMMATE

"I have known John McCourt for nany years." said Governor Olcott today in announcing his selection. fact, many years ago and soon after my coming to Oregon in 1891 we were roommates for over a year, while he was a struggling young lawyer and I a cub bank clerk, and our associations and friendships have been close ever since As a result, I am in a position to know that he will make a strong, virile and admirable addition to the personnel of the bench of the state.

"Mr. McCourt made an exceptionally excellent record as United States attorney, is a highly successful practicing lawyer, well balanced and level headed and of high integrity and standunder appointment by the war department on the Fosdick commission, which had to do with the social hygiene of morning. In this capacity he sailors' commission and was the per- assessed values. office at the funeral of Governor Ernest Lister of Washington.

M'COURT NOT APPLICANT "Mr. McCourt was not an applicant for the judgeship and knew nothing of my intention to appoint him until I apprised him of it. In his acceptance, Multnomah county and the state at large. I believe, may have reason for congratulation, securing the services of

a man of his ability for the position. "I wish to express my deep regreat the passing of Judge Gantenbein. He was a jurist of ability, a patriot in the highest sense of the term and in his death the state has lost a citizen of Jefferson the type which it can ill afford to lose."

BENCH AND BAR OF COUNTY

News of the appointment of John Mc Court as circuit judge of Multnomah county to succeed Judge Gantenbein who died last week, was received with much satisfaction by members of the bar today. McCourt is a native Oregonian. Born

in Marion county, McCourt worked his way through Willamette university and a successful practice in Pendleton, After vision streets, at 1 a. m. Sunday. resigning from the federal office, Mc-Court took up private practice in Port-

· Judge Robert S. Bean of the federal wine, court, when informed of McCourt's elevation to the bench, commended the exfederal prosecutor in warmest terms and said that a better selection could not have been made by the governor. McCourt went to Salem this morning to receive the oath of office.

On Reckless Trail

AUTO ACCIDENTS REPORTED **NOVEMBER 23, 1919**

Harry R. Gross drove his machine into curb at Thirty-first and Oregon streets. Gross arrested for reckless driving and violation of prohibition law. Car driven by Byron J. Stansfield hit

Considerable damage to car when

teenth and Taylor. Stansfield car struck one curb, then the other. Some ment, Unidentified pedestrian struck by ma-

Broadway and Alder. No apparent in- the United States represented on the she had been at a party near the place

E. H. Fisher car struck by machine driven by C. R. Welch at Tenth and Washington. Some damage.

Some damage to L. H. Gates machine when struck by car driven by A. D. Morris at East Seventh and Stark. Slight damage when machine driven by J. L. Michael struck by auto driven by a Mr. Reddaway at East Seventy-

seventh and Foster road. Margaret Keller slightly injured when car driven by Charles W. Keller struck bank and turned over at East Seventh

and Fremont. Car driven by Ethel W. Grubbs slightly damaged when struck by ma-

hine driven by A. N. Cox at Union and Mason. Cox charged with speed of 30 miles an hour. Auto driven by F. W. Quinn slightly damaged when three muchines collided at East Seventh and Stark. One other

machine driven by man named Mathews. Unidentified woman slightly injured. Slight damage when car driven by

I. A. Bushne collided with unidentified nachine on East Seventh street, Slight damage when auto driven by W. C. York collided with car driven Concluded on Page Serenteen, Column Seren) rate," he said,

MADE JUDGE

TOHN McCOURT, former United States attorney and long a practicing law-yer in Portland, appointed by Governor Olcott today as successor to the late Calvin U. Gantenbein.



Assessment of Holdings by All Counties Is Shown 2 Per Cent Less Than in 1918.

cent lower than for 1918, according ing. During the war period he served to the final ratios as announced by

The ratios which are figured by the served without salary, his jurisdiction state tax commission as a basis for the extending over the states of Oregon assessment of public utilities in the variand Washington. He was appointed ous counties show the percentage of the by me a member of the soldiers' and true cash value represented by the

The table of final ratios given out by Commissioner Lovell this morning fol-

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PLEASED WITH APPOINTMENT Gun Play Really Melodramatic in Its Stage Setting tions.

"Motion picture thrills' came to a party of officers when they raided the home of after being admitted to the bar started John Dagosteno. Twenty-second and Di-

Suspecting that Dagosteno was a bootegger, Deputy Sheriff Tichenor, Deputy land, but has been associated with United States Marshal F. B. Tichenor ment of Americanization and approprianumerous activities of a public nature and internal revenue officers followed a tions of several billions of dollars to run when he appeared in court today. man who agreed to buy them a bottle of the government through the fiscal year

Seventy gallons of red wine were found Dagosteno's basement, the officers dethe coveted liquid, Mrs. Dagosteno flourished an ax and her husband brandished a butcher knife. The officers drew revolvers and subdued the Dagostenes.

Germans Would Now Like to Have U. S. Plan Peace Terms

Berlin, Nov. 24 .- (U. P.)-The Vorwaerts intimated Germany should refuse Water and Montgomery streets, when machine owned by J. O. Stoops at Four- to abide by the terms of the treaty un- an unknown bandit grabbed her purse less America is a party to their enforce-

"Germany could take the standpoint we are ready to fulfill the terms, but chine driven by H. J. McKinley at only as established by the treaty (with enforcement commission)," the newspaper asserted.

'Germany signed the treaty under the assumption America would be a party and relying upon America's sense party. of fair play and unblased judgment."

Marine Recruiting Increases on Coast, Asserts Commander

Lieutenant Colonel D. P. Hall, comnander of the Pacific coast corps reruiting district, left Sunday for San Francisco after a two-day inspection

Hall was attached to the Fifth regiment of marines overseas as observer. When he came to Portland Friday he renewed acquaintanceship with Cantain LeRoy P. Hunt, company of the Fifth regiment in the

"Marine corps recruiting is picking up on the Pacific coast at a gratifying Twelve stands thus far as the 1919

Morrison Bridge A To Be Repaired; Temporary Work Will Be Rushed

County Commissioners Decide to Lose No Time; Permanent Work Planned.

At the meeting of the county commissoners this morning a report was read from W. A. Eatchel, superin tendent of properties, stating that the Morrison street bridge could be made safe for all traffic for the next 10 years by the expenditure of the \$51,000 appropriated in the budget

Samples of the decking of the bridge were submitted to the commissioners, clearly showing that the planks were worn out and badly decayed. It was stated it would take some time to figare out the strains and stresses, in order to plan for a rearrangement of the floor system, but that before much money was expended the floor system should be rearranged to suit present traffic conditions. The opinion was that money would be thrown away if spent on the bridge proper before the oridge was reinforced. Eatchel said that if the commission-

ers decided to reconstruct the Burnside bridge, it would be three years before the bridge could be opened to traffic, the burden of the traffic falling on the Morrison bridge in the meantime. A speeding up of the inspection of the Morrison bridge was ordered and immediate repairs planned by the commis-

rison bridge might have to be closed to traffic before the end of the year. C. B. McCullough, bridge engineer for the state highway commission, suggested a communication immediate repairs of the bridge be undertaken without waiting for the final report of his investigation, owing to the time it would take to inspect the bridge thoroughly. Commissioner Muck said that mmissioners were going to have the Morrison bridge repaired at once from the bottom up, and that the money

would be raised somehow. Muck emphasized that the Burnside bridge was as good as any of the Willamette bridges, but had not been intended for the heavy traffic that now

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National Legislative Bodies Faced With Big Docket at Coming Regular Session.

By Raymond Clapper

Washington, Nov. 24 .- (U. P.)the League of Nations, the Lodge resolution declaring the war ended, out of the war, the Mexican situa- Good Samaritan's

Domestic matters pressing for attention include return of the railroads, de velopment of the merchant marine, legislation to stamp out Bolshevism, reorganization of the army on a peace basis, establishment of the naval policy tariff legislation, development of public lands and natural resources, encourage-

beginning July 1, 1920 In addition to this program, congress-men must participate in the political Girl Is Killed When clare. As they were about to remove campaign which will get under way soon after the Christmas holldays. One third of the senate and the entire house of representatives must stand for re-

Woman Is Struck In the Mouth and Robbed of Purse

May Stephens was held up at 12:10 this morning at the intersection of from behind and struck her on the mouth, running away before she could

Immediately after the holdup she telephoned the police. She stated that of the holdup, and it is believed by Motorcycle Policemen Stiles and Keegan, who investigated, that she was robbed by someone who attended the

Police Report 12 Persons Murdered Since January

Twelve persons have been murdered rithin the city limits of Portland since January 1, Portland police department records show. Three of the fatalities are the slaying of J. N. Burgess, state highway commissioner, and G. E. Perringer, Pendleton rancher, on Friday night, and Guy Nelson on Sunday night. The same records show a total of 44 murders committed within the jurisdiction of Portland since January 1, 1916. In 1916 there were nine murders in Portland. The total for 1917 increased to 14 and in 1918 dropped back to nine. record.

Agree Number Can Be Greatly Diminished by Campaign of Education and by Drivers' Care

Radical Changes in Laws Sugspection of Brakes.

that would result from such a movealthough the pedestrian, as well, accident prevention

convicted of reckless driving be prosloners, it being believed that if repairs ers be raised.

were not made without delay the Mor- LAW MUST BE CHANGED

"Attempts to lessen traffic accidents under the present system of regulation has proven ineffective and I believe that we shall see radical changes in laws governing the use and operation of motor vehicles," says Wright.

"While pedestrians are often at fault we must admit that a greater number of the accidents are the result of actions and conditions for which the motor car driver is to blame. "In England traffic violators are not

punishable by fines, but the motor car

or truck is taken from the driver or owner and held for a considerable time. This is very effective, and while I am not an advocate of going outside of our own country for examples of government, I often believe that such a law would be worthy of trial here. INSPECTION SUGGESTED "Compulsory brake inspection and ef-

ficiency is one step toward a solution that should be adopted at once. Every driver should be able to stop his car within a certain distance when traveling at a certain speed, but with Concluded on Page Seventeen, Column Six)

Esteb Arrest May Clear Up Robberies

As a result of the arrest of Benny Esteb Saturday by the Burns Detective following check forgeries: Oregon shoe store, \$88; State Exchange grocery store, \$78: Olds. Wortman & King store, \$62, and the J. K. Gill store \$42. Esteb was cluded are the German treaty and arrested in the Lipman & Wolfe store. ducting a further investigation.

Act Brings Fine And Jail Sentence

Good fellowship last October prompted Indian a quart of liquid refreshment, Federal Judge Wolverton turned a cold neart to the pleas of the good Samaritan

Ione, Nov. 24 .- Alma Mobley. 16 years ld, daughter of Mrs. John Mobley, was thrown from a horse and killed Sunday evening while on her way from Eight Mile to Ione. She was found lying unconscious beside the road and brought o town, but died before the doctor

Election Result PUPILS Involving Lady Astor Must Wait STRIKE ONE 20 Days by Law Delay Is Made for Purpose of

Receiving Soldier and Sailor Vote Sent by Mail.

Results of the bye-election in Plymouth division. England, through which Lady Astor hopes to gain a seat in the house of commons, will Boys and Girls Refuse to Attend not be announced until November gested by Some, Including In- 28. A law passed by the British parliament in 1918 requires that 20 days elapse between the date of an election and the counting of the vote Portland automobile dealers are This delay is made for the purpose against accidents. They agree that of receiving the soldier and sailor

Another reason for the delayed antions, according to John T. Trant, act-

ing to Trant, and Lady Astor expects to over. win by a majority of over 3000. Women over 21 years of age who pass the required literacy tests are allowed to vote instatement, one signed by 10 or 12 pucompany, suggests that brake inspec- in English elections, and this vote is ex- pils of the B grade, threatening t pected to have a marked effect on the strike if she is not returned, and or result of the Plymouth bye-election. The signed by 590. The last petition has no law granting women the franchise be- been authenticated. hibited from piloting a car for several came effective in 1918, and this is the months, and that the age limit for driv- first election held in Plymouth since that children in their demands for the retur

> tion of Lady Astor-one representing the came back. Principal William Parker Labor party and one nominated by the believed the remainder would return by Liberal party. W. T. Gay, the Labor noon. candidate, is considered the strongest opponent. An interesting sidelight on the to the home of Mrs. Frazer and that election is the changed attitude of Pre- she would send them back to school. mier Lloyd George toward the Liberal PUPILS SHOW SYMPATHY candidate.

> of Lloyd George to the premiership, he prised on hearing of their strike. One went into the Plymouth division and supported the present Liberal candidate in kittens Saturday and upon her accepta contest for a seat in the house of com- ance of the pets, told her they had a mons against the present Lord Astor. The premier is now supporting Lady thing that would surprise her and Prin-Astor, the coalition candidate, against cipal Parker. his former Liberal party friend.

All Three Men Admit Parts in Holdup and Murder and Are Taken Before Grand Jury.

Possibility of connecting the Claremont tavern murderers with the reagency, the police report clearing up the cent spectacular attempt to rob the shots from a concealed clerk, will be Inspectors Coleman and Morak are con- determined at police headquarters

to identify the confessed bandits held

police headquarters today.

Herman, Smith and Ogle, all charged Thrown From Horse with murder, were taken before the Multnomah county grand jury at 2 o'clock today.

David Smith, accused of the actual shooting, amplified a verbal confession by a dictated statement this afternoon in which he admitted his full part in the robbery, but stolidly denied having fired the shots.

Herman had verbally given the offi-

Inspectors Think Murphy Was Head Of Bandit Gangs

Police inspectors, in summing up | hidden. The possibility of Murphy's their findings in the capture of the Connection was expressed not only by Tackaberry, but by others of the debandits who figured in Friday night's partment who worked with him and Claremont tavern murders and rob- Bob Phillips in the capture. bery, today expressed the conviction MURPHY DENIES GUILT that Vincent D. Murphy, owner of operations at the house he owns and in the house at 163 West Emerson which he lived with Mrs. Murphy and street, where the raid was made late their 7-year-old son. Saturday, is the "master mind" of

Portland's colony of crooks. Murphy is in the county jail, where investigation is now beng made by Inthe Murphey house. Tackaberry's therecting them and participating in the

that Vincent D. Murphy, owner of Murphey has denied knowledge of the Inspector Tackaberry, reviewing the

history of the tavern murders and other station. They were all marked "Pullcrimes, declared outspokenly that if e is being held for investigation. This Murphey is not the actual head of the organization of crooks that has made spectors Tackaberry and Phillips and his house its headquarters, he is, at their associates of Saturday's raid on least, the numan sheld been hidden. least, the human shield behind which ory of the case is that Murphy was the Murphey's guilt. Tackaberry points out As indicative of the man behind the actual participants in the Claremonth and other crimes, diand Clay streets on April 7 when he was

caught in the act of attempting to commit burglary, was a resident of the If Murphy was not the brains of the band other inspectors are convinced that home of Murphey, who did not live then he was at least the human shield be- at the Emerson street address. This, hind which outlawry and murder were (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column Two) | vention.

Mother of Pupil of Vernon School Punishes Refractory Son in School Before Classmates.

Classes Because Teachers Were Transferred by Board.

Forty boys and girls of the Vernon school are on strike today because of the removal of Mrs. H. O. Frazer, departmental language teacher for nouncement of results in English elec- the sixth, seventh and eighth grades. ing British consul here, is to prevent the morning, accompanied by his mother, They think the driver is re- results in one division affecting elec- who administered a sound thrashing to sponsible for a majority of collisions, tions held in neighboring divisions at the boy in the school corridor, in the presence of the other pupils. Principal There are between 15,000 and 20,000 Parker is confident that the remaining must be compelled to do his part in voters in the Plymouth division, accord- strikers will be back before the day is

Three petitions are said to be out on l'arents are said to be back

of Mrs. Frazer. About 50 pupils failed Two candidates are opposed to the elec- to show up this morning, but 10 later Parker believed the children had gone

Mrs. Frazer said they had not beer Some years ago, prior to the elevation to her home, but that she was not surof her football boys brought her some big surprise planned for Monday-some-

Mrs. Frazer expressed her unwilfing ness to do anything to help Principal Parker in the solution of his problem this morning, saying that in all her 10 years of teaching experience she had never had charges made against her of the character Parker had made She claims the parents as well as the children are supporting her and that

says Mrs. Frazer had merely taught in a substitute ca- when their car rolled over a bank on cent to 2000 per cent. Earnings of from pacity, that the vacancy which she occupied had been filled by a regular teacher elected by the school board upon ecommendation of Superintendent Grout, and that it is purely an official fourth street, and W. B. Phillips, 855 but it is doubtless true that in many transfer to which the pupils most adjust themselves, regardless of the affection they bear Mrs. Frazer. C. A. Rice, assistant school superin-

tendent, in whose jurisdiction the Verwould probably be taken by the school administration until a full investigation Roberts Bros.' department store, masked men entered the bank, held is made. Rice was of the opinion that the children would return voluntarily before the day is over

TEACHER IS BLAMED

Rice and E. H. Whitney, assistant school superintendents, declared today This afternoon the president of that Mrs. Frazer has been arousing the the bank and its cashier will attempt pupils and parents in the district to "a state of Bolshevism" and antagonism to school government; that the matter of removing a substitute when Signed confessions of their parts in is a common occurrence and that three the robbery of Claremont tavern other substitutes were displaced at the time when the Vernon school change vas made, without any complaint. Ben Boviboraise to sell a Klamath Falls state highway commissioner, and G. written charge against Mrs. Frazer had E. Perringer, prominent Pendleton ever been presented by Parker, they said, although the principal had expressed a desire for a change in teach-The Oregon state laws prevent "Sixty days and \$100," was all he said. Walter Banaster, and from David the election of a married woman to a regular position, they pointed out, Mrs. Frazer has had 119 months teaching experience in 12 different schools, her application shows. Most with murder, were taken before the of her teaching was in Michigan, although she spent one year in Idaho.

> Miss Bertha Tyler, her successor, as sumed charge of the work last Friday. STRIKE BROKEN THIS AFTERNOON The Vernon school strike was broken this afternoon when all but 10 or 15 of the rebellious pupils returned to school, Principal William Parker said. The total nonattendance of the entire school of 250 members this afternoon

> was only 25, including those absent from illness. All the morning parents came bringing back reluctant children who found their unionistic tendencies nipped in the bud at home. Some of the pupils returned voluntarily, in other cases the parents took a hand.

Davis Is Charged With Theft of 15 Pullman Blankets

Coming winter nights perhaps prompted Ollie Davis to seek warm coverlets. "But he carried his search too far. said Assistant United States Attorney John Veatch today, as he filed a complaint against Ollie on a charge of stealing property from the United States railway administration. Davis is said to have stolen 15 blan-

man" in big letters. Democratic National

Meet Settled Dec. 8 Washington, Nov. 24 .- (U. P.)-Homer

NATION-WIDE TOUR AGAINST REDS IS PLAN

CENTRALIA, Wash., Nov. 24.

_A nationwide speaking tour will be one of the first steps taken in Centralia's campaign to rid the nation of the I W. W. and all other anarchistic, revolutionary and un-American organizations and individuals.

The speakers named at a meeting of all of the committees actively engaged in shaping the campaign will be H. E. Veness, official of Loyal Legion of Loggers and Lumbermen and ardent advocate of pure Americanism. and Rev. H. W. Thompson, Civil war veteran and former mayor of Centralia. Both were in the city on Armistice day.

The tentative plan is to have this team of speakers visit as many of the large cities as possible between now and mid-December, directing their course so that they will reach Wash-There they will present at first hand to congress the demands of Centralia and the nation for adequate laws to meet the situa-

Some Drivers Hurt Themselves by Careless Control, Some Hurt Pedestrians.

Sunday auto accidents injured six persons, reports today to the police traffic bureau indicated. One man was so badly injured that 16 stitches grave doubts as to whether the mine were made in the back of his neck. Another was taken to the police emergency hospital. knocked down at Sixth and Hall

F. B. Coulter, 44 North Tenth street. was one of a party of three injured the capital stock ranging from 1

Wasco street, were slightly hurt. Oil and water on Terwilliger bouleard Sunday noon caused Hall Smith's EARNINGS ABNORMAL motorcar to skid into a cement post. A. Forbes, an occupant in the car. was slightly injured. Both men were

his neck. C. E. Smith, 407 East Twenty-

from Eugene. An unidentified woman pedestrian was slightly injured when an automobile struck her at Tenth and Jefferson streets Sunday, Martin Johnson, the driver, reported to police. He is a driver for Jones' market.

Skidding and turning completely around on Terwilliger boulevard at 6 . m. Sunday, an automobile driven by Mrs. W. Haskins, 500 East Fifty-fifth street, was struck twice before resuming its journey.

Mrs. Haskins was driving north, her report to the traffic bureau today de-As her car swung around and neaded south, another automobile struck her car in the rear. While she attempted to head her machine northward again, second motor car collided with her. She took the name of neither motorist

Business Men Name Committees to Deal With Unemployment

Approving the name of ex-service nen's employment commission and appointing permanent committees to take charge of the unemployment conditions in Portland were some of the results of the Chamber of Commerce central employment committee's session Saturday Plans are expected to b afternoon. completed this week for active work during the winter.

The following permanent committees were selected: Wholesale, Julius Meier. chairman: A. H. Averill and M. I. Kline, Retail, Adolph Wolfe, chairman; J. H. Plagemann and Fred Spoeri. Pube service, J. C. English, chairman; G. Pierce and F. I. Fuller. Manufacturing, N. E. Ayer, chairman; E. D. Kingsley and D. A. Pattullo. Bank, hotel building and miscellaneous, E. C. Sammons, chairman; J. F. O'Shea and J. O.

Indian Girls Must Return to Canada Without Education

Maimie Wilcox and Annie Dolan, both 15 years of age and full-blooded Indians son said over the telephone to Miller, from the reservation near White Rock, kets from a Pullman car at the Union B. C., must return to Canada without Miller say to Mrs. Daily, "You are not the education they coveted.

Finishing their work in the fourth grade in the Canadian Indian school, they worked in canneries to obtain money to go to the United States Indian training school at Chemawa, according to the story told Immigration Inspector R. P.

The Chemawa school offered more adcummings, chairman of the Democratic vanced work, so they went there. But national committee, today issued a call because children under 16 years of age for the committee to meet in Washing- cannot enter the United States without ton, December 8, to name the time and their parents, and because the Chemawa place of the national nominating con- institution can train only American In-

Former Secretary of Treasury Declares Owners' Earnings Are Often Shocking and Abnormal.

Says Operators Should Not Be Permitted to Burden Public With Rise Asked by Miners.

New York, Nov. 24 -- (1. N. 8.)-In a telegram to Fuel Administrator Garfield today, former Secretary of clared that increased wages should be granted the striking coal miners. McAdoo expressed "grave doubt" as to the justification of the operators in raising the price of coal to the public. He said he had heard reports from Washington that the miners were willing to accept the wage increase recommended by Secretary of Labor Wilson. but that the operators were holding back until they could learn from the fuel administration how much of the increased wage cost could be saddled on the public through a rise in the price

McAdoo declared that for the last few years many mine owners have, in instances; made profits as high as 2000 per cent. PRIACE RISE UNNECESSARY

The text of the telegram follows: Reports from Washington indicate that the miners are willing to accept the wage increases suggested by Secretary of Labor Wilson, but the mine operators are holding back until they can learn from you how much of the wage inreases they can impose on the public brough increases in the price of bi-

tuminous coal. "I am convinced that the wage increases proposed for the nine workers are justified and reasonable, but I have operators are entitled to increase the price of coal to consumers because

PROFITS ARE SHOCKING

"In the year 1917 many mine owners made shocking and indefensible profits streets when he alighted from a street- on bituminous coal. I know this becar Sunday morning. Dora Samuels, examined, in May, 1918, their income driver of the automobile, came to a halt tax returns to the treasury.

150 feet away. Olds declares she was "Therefore, deducting excess profit

several indignation meetings have been going between 15 and 20 miles an hour, taxes (which were less in 1917 than now) these returns showed earnings on the Columbia river highway between 100 per cent to 300 per cent on capital the Auto club and Corbett station. Six- stock were not uncommon. The operateen stitches were taken in the back of tors claim that their 'invested capital' frequently exceeds their 'capital stock,'

cases their capital stock exceeds their Invested capital stock.

"However this may be, it is clear that ven on the basis of the operators' claims as to invested capital their net earnings in 1917 were abnormal. In a report made by the treasury in response o a senate resolution on profiteering in 1918, some striking facts were given as to the earnings of the various companies engaged in the production of the necessities of life, including fuel.

"Of course, I do not know what the profits of the bituminous coal operators in December, 1918, and these reports were not filed until March, 1919; but if they disclose any such profit as arned by the bituminous coal operators in 1917; it would be a grave wrong to permit the operators to take from the public additional profits in the form of increased prices for bituminous coal. Moreover, if profits were even measurably as great to 1918 as in 1917, the operators can well afford to pay the

INSTANTLY KILLED

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Thomas Miller Shoots Man Who. He Says, Would Enter House Without Permission.

Shot through the heart, Guy R. Nelson, 283 Lincoln street, was instantly killed Sunday night as he tried to rescue his sister-in-law from a rooming house at 420 First street. Thomas Miller, whom the police are holding as the murderer, has

confessed, it is said. "I killed him. He was breaking into my house. I would kill any man who tried to break into my house," Miller declared on the way to fail.

Mrs. May Daily. Nelson's sister-in-law, is held in jail as a witness. Mr. and Mrs. Nelson returned from a theatre shortly before 11 p. m. Sunday and Mrs. Nelson telephoned to her sister, who was acting as Miller's house-

keeper. "I want to speak to May." Mrs. Nelwho answered. She declares she heard going over there tonight." When Mrs. Daily answered the tele-

phone, she told her sister that she could not leave the house that night. "We'll go over there and bring May away from that place for the last time,' Nelson told his wife after Mrs. Daily's explanation. They approached the house quietly.

going around the back way to ascertain if Miller was mistreating Mrs. Daily. 'It is Ida," she said when Miller asked who was there.

diana, Maimie and Annie must go home. (Concluded on Page Twelve, Column Five)