

6 U. S. DESTROYERS DUE DEC. 3, ESCORT TO NAVY TEAM

The twelfth division of destroyers, United States navy, including six destroyers manned by 6 officers and 370 enlisted men, accompanied by the Pacific fleet band of 100 pieces, under command of James D. Willson, commander destroyer division 12, U. S. N., will arrive in Portland before dark the evening of December 3 to attend the football game between the Pacific fleet team and the Multnomah Athletic club team on December 4. It will remain in Portland's harbor until the morning of December 6. A communication from Commander Willson to that effect was received by Mayor Baker this morning. The destroyers to visit Portland and their personnel follows:

- U. S. S. Lamington No. 119—Commander James D. Willson, U. S. N. (division commander); Lieutenant William J. Sunnary Jr., U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (T) T. E. Flaherty, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (Jr) Albert P. Burchell, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (Jr) L. E. Bray, U. S. Navy; Ensign P. J. Breen, (RF) U. S. Navy; Gunner (T) C. Kora, U. S. Navy.
- U. S. S. Bradford No. 120—Lieutenant Commander A. D. Bernhard, U. S. N. (commanding); Lieutenant L. M. Harvey, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (Jr) L. E. Abbott, U. S. Navy; Ensign H. J. Bellingham, U. S. Navy; Gunner (T) C. Kora, U. S. Navy.
- U. S. S. Montgomery No. 121—Lieutenant Commander F. T. Berry, U. S. Navy (commanding); Lieutenant (Jr) G. Heringer, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (Jr) H. S. Small, U. S. Navy; Ensign A. W. Gained, U. S. Navy; Gunner (T) C. Kora, U. S. Navy.
- U. S. S. Brees No. 122—Lieutenant Commander R. F. Frelson, U. S. N. (commanding); Lieutenant (Jr) L. J. Sutton, U. S. Navy; Ensign C. W. Wallace, U. S. Navy; Gunner (T) C. Kora, U. S. Navy.
- U. S. S. Gamble No. 123—Lieutenant Commander J. H. Johnson, U. S. N. (commanding); Lieutenant (Jr) J. B. Heffernan, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (Jr) S. H. Houghton, U. S. Navy; Ensign T. O. Brandon, U. S. Navy; Ensign W. W. Grier, U. S. Navy; Gunner (T) C. Kora, U. S. Navy.
- U. S. S. Ramsey No. 124—Commander E. Lando, U. S. N. (commanding); Lieutenant (Jr) P. Moran, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (Jr) P. D. Summers, U. S. Navy; Lieutenant (Jr) W. W. Summers, U. S. Navy; Ensign H. D. Parker, U. S. Navy.

City Engineer Will Reduce His Force 47 Men on Dec. 1

As a result of the reduction of funds for the city engineer's department in the city's budget, 47 men will be laid off in that department December 1. City Engineer Laugaard announced this morning, and many others will be laid off within two weeks, he said. "This reduction of men includes 7 draftsmen, 2 instrument men, 1 photographer and 23 inspectors, and represents a curtailment of expenses aggregating \$600," he said. "As our greatest demand for men will come next spring, when street paving and other work is in full swing, it will be necessary for this department to have more men in order to save the money from the reduced budget for that work, and we need those men, too; this reduction is a serious handicap to our department."

Stucco Apartments Of 3 Stories, With Fire Wall Allowed

Three-story apartment houses of stucco may be erected within the fire limits hereafter, provided a firewall of brick, hollow tile or similar material is constructed between the adjoining buildings. This decision was reached by Commissioners Barbur and Bigelow in conference with Fire Chief Young and Chief of Building Bureau Plummer this morning. Action on the matter came as the result of a petition to the city council from Rasmussen & Hoffmann, who were refused a permit to erect a three-story apartment house on Glisan and Flinders streets near Forty-second on the protest of the fire warden. The matter was referred to Barbur, Bigelow and Fire Chief Young for action.

Students' Special Trains

Oregon Electric Railway to **Corvallis and Eugene** Sunday, November 28th

For Corvallis	For Eugene
Leave North Bank Station..... 4:38 P. M.	4:39 P. M.
Leave Jefferson St. Station..... 4:55 P. M.	5:10 P. M.
Arrive Corvallis..... 7:40 P. M.
Arrive Eugene.....	8:45 P. M.

These are separate trains running directly to Corvallis and Eugene, and accepting passengers for these points only. Students will note that the leaving time is slightly earlier than heretofore stated. Stops to receive passengers will be made at Tenth and Stark Sts., Seward Hotel, Salmon and Fifth Sts., Salmon and Second Sts., in addition to North Bank and Jefferson St. Stations. Tickets may be obtained at North Bank Station, Tenth and Stark Sts., Seward Hotel, Tenth and Morrison Sts., and Jefferson St. Station.

OREGON ELECTRIC RAILWAY

HUSBANDS ARE KIDNAPED BY PARISIENNES

By Edwin Hullinger
United News Staff Correspondent
Paris, Nov. 27.—Hundreds of dainty Paris midnights, wearing the short skirts of the season and the lace capital of Sainte Catherine, swarmed the boulevards and the Rue de la Paix on their day of days—Sainte Catherine's day—kidnaping married men, single men, Frenchmen and foreigners in the name of the old maid saint. It was the leap year day of the French calendar of fetes, the day on which the unmarried woman has the privilege to assert her love, and the Paris midnights turned it into a festive occasion for all concerned, except, perhaps, the flustered wives of Middle Western Americans, who found their husbands torn from them in broad daylight, some apparently quite willingly, and carried away by troupes of laughing, chattering spinster girls.

PRICE OF CEMENT FOR PAVING TO FALL, IS REPORT

Concrete construction contractors are evidently assured of a lower price for cement for the new year in Oregon, in the opinion of Assistant Commissioner of Public Works Johnson and City Engineer Laugaard, as evidenced by the recent bid on the East Thirty-first street pavement from Hancock to Tillamook streets. The bids of Cochran Bros., Archer Bros., Bahn & Reisman and Peter Hill for concrete pavement specifying concrete No. 3 in the roadway ranged from \$2.30 to \$2.60 per square foot, with the total cost ranging from \$1902.10 to \$2262 for completing the stretch. The Warren Construction company, the only bitulithic bidder, bid \$2.35 per square yard on a basis of asphaltic concrete pavement No. 2, two inches thick, and crushed rock base four inches thick. C. T. W. Hollister, Portland sales representative for the cement manufacturers, has assured the board of public works the price would be lower during the new year, though he insisted, when questioned Saturday morning, that the assurance had not been intended for publication and declined to say definitely whether or not cement would be lower during the new year. Hans Humm Jr., Portland representative of the Portland Cement Manufacturers' association, said that he knew nothing of a definite plan of the cement manufacturers to encourage concrete contractors throughout Oregon by reducing the price of cement, but insisted that would be a matter for the individual members and not the association to determine.

Vancouver Woman Accidentally Shot, Hospital Reports

Vancouver, Wash., Nov. 27.—Despite efforts of the family to keep secret all details, hospital authorities Saturday said Mrs. G. W. Loudon, wife of a farmer, accidentally shot herself in the head Friday. She is at St. Joseph's hospital, where attendants say she has a chance of recovery. Loudon and his daughter denied that Mrs. Loudon was shot, saying that heart trouble had caused her to fall and injure herself while they were absent from the farm home, east of Vancouver. Hospital attendants assert, however, that Mrs. Loudon was shot and that both husband and daughter were present. Mrs. Loudon gained fame during the war when she and her daughter carried on the farm work and drove garbage trucks about Vancouver while Loudon and their six sons were serving in the army. The women put all money they could into Liberty bonds during this period. Mrs. Loudon is about 60 years old. English experimenters have found that crude vanilla can be obtained from the leaves of the wild pimento tree common in Jamaica.

HUMANE SOCIETY MANAGER TARGET OF CHARGES FILED

The special committee appointed by the directors of the Oregon Humane society to investigate charges made against Mrs. F. W. Swanton, superintendent, by former employees, took testimony Friday night. This will be referred to the board of directors at its next meeting December 2 for further consideration. It was charged against Mrs. Swanton that she is "temperamentally unfit" for her position, had in some cases been cruel to animals and had misappropriated funds. Mrs. Swanton entered a general denial and asserted that the charges were made by former employees who had been inefficient and had been discharged. **CHARGE CONTROVERTED.** "There is not one word of truth in the accusations," she said. L. S. Ellerman testified that a collection of \$7 taken up for the benefit of a little girl, Edna Romanski, who had been mistreated by a woman in whose care she was had never been applied. This charge was controverted by the chairman of the investigating committee, who explained that the money had been deposited in a savings bank to the child's account as the board had not determined how it was to be used. Mrs. Swanton said the girl was being well cared for at present. It was asserted by Ellerman that a monthly contribution of \$10 to the society from a certain woman was diverted. Mrs. Swanton explained that this check is made payable to the society and before being deposited is endorsed by her as an officer of the society in the natural course of business. **FRICION IS ALLEGED.** The books of the society, she said, will show its disposition. Mrs. E. T. Howard, formerly employed by the society as bookkeeper, sponsored the charge that Mrs. Swanton was temperamentally unfit and that there was always friction and distrust in the office. When asked by Mrs. Swanton why she wanted to get her job back Mrs. Howard replied, "Because I felt I could do some good."

Mrs. Swanton admitted that she has some temperament but contended that a person who had no temperament was unfit for the office. Frank Walling was the chief witness to support the charge of cruelty to animals. He said the electric chamber did not always work and that cats supposed to be electrocuted sometimes came to life again. Testimony was introduced in behalf of Mrs. Swanton to show that failure of electrocution was generally due to the neglect of the executioner to keep his machinery clean.

Insurance Act Broadened

Olympia, Wash., Nov. 27.—Cookhouse employees of concerns engaged in hazardous industries will hereafter come under the provisions of the industrial insurance act, according to a decision of the commission.

W. M. Chambers' Multnomah Estate Valued at \$4500

W. M. Chambers, aged 72 years, who died in Portland November 13, left an estate consisting of property in Multnomah county valued at \$4500 and real estate in Grant county, Oregon, and in the state of Washington, the exact value of which is not known to petitioners for the probate of the will. This will, which was dated November 8, 1920, names L. E. Shirley as the executor. The widow, Minnie E. Chambers, is the sole heir. All the property is placed in trust with the executor, the income to be used by the widow during her lifetime, and at her death the property is to be distributed to the four brothers and two sisters of Chambers, with the exception of a \$1000 bequest to Hazel Maynard Burnett of Portland. It is believed the property has a valuation of from \$20,000 to \$25,000.

Jackson Club Calls Democrats of State To Meet January 8

Preliminary plans for a conference of the Democrats of Oregon, to be held in Portland January 8, were adopted by the Jackson Club of Oregon at its meeting Friday at the public library. The purpose of the conference is "to consider matters of importance to the people." The Jackson club also adopted resolutions opposing the hearing on applications for increased rates for gas and telephone service until prices and conditions are more stabilized than at present, and a full investigation can be made by the proper city and state officials on which an adequate and proper defense can be based. The club at this meeting elected officers for the coming year as follows: President, A. F. Fiegel Sr.; first vice president, Mrs. F. W. Vogler; second vice president, Mrs. Bertha Cook; third vice president, Mrs. Carrie S. Hoover; secretary, William D. Bennett; treasurer, F. C. Whitten; executive council, Mrs. R. P. Marshall, John D. Mann, Mrs. Edith Tozier Weathered, Mrs. Sarah Moore, G. Y. Harry Sr., Oglesby Young.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

William Ryan was a "trusty." He had only seven days more to serve, but Friday he saw his chance while placed at work cleaning up the police garage. To William, seven days was a week, and he thought he had enough of jail for a while. Now the police are looking for William.

\$30,000 Alimony Is Paid Wife in Cash In Chicago Court

Chicago, Nov. 27.—(I. N. S.)—Judge Sabath's courtroom looked like an annex to the United States treasury today. Ordered to pay \$30,000 alimony to his wife, Mrs. Cora M. Neff, attorneys for Dr. James M. Neff brought the amount in cash, 1500 \$20 bills. Mrs. Neff had demanded a cash settlement, and those who stared wide-eyed at the money brought into court will tell the world she got it.

FIVE INDICTMENTS ARE RETURNED BY MULTNOMAH JURY

The Multnomah county grand jury Saturday returned five true bills, five not true bills and six secret indictments.

William Herder is indicted on the charge of larceny of \$220 September 15 from Kennard & Adams. He is also indicted on the charge of larceny of a dwelling October 13 and taking property owned by Frank W. Wachter. Leslie Case is indicted on the charge of the larceny of an automobile owned by John Cummins, October 5, and also indicted on the charge of taking and using an automobile without authority. James Williams is indicted on the charge of forgery of indorsements January 24 on checks totaling \$1341.46, to which were signed the name of "Herbert Clayton."

DIVORCE SEEKER ALLEGES CONSPIRACY AGAINST HIM

David Roach, who is suing Gertrude Roach for divorce, claims he has been persecuted by a man posing as a federal officer, whose name to him is unknown and that he has reported the situation to the federal authorities who are now seeking to locate the man. Roach says his wife filed suit for divorce from him June 24 of this year, and then, after stating her charges were untrue, went to Montana, where she took up with another man; that later she returned to Portland with her goods addressed in the name of the other man, and learning that her husband had filed a divorce suit she sent to him a man purporting to be a federal officer, who threatened to throw Roach in jail unless he changed the charges he made in his divorce suit complaint. He says, in an affidavit filed Saturday, that this man posing as a federal officer said he had evidence that Roach had burned his blacksmith shop and collected the insurance and charged him with various other crimes, but would not give his name.

YOUTH ADMITS FORGERY; HE WAS "SHORT OF FUNDS"

"I was short of funds." This was the sole explanation made by Clarence Walter, 19 years old, when he stood before Presiding Judge Tazwell, and pleaded guilty to forgery and waived time for sentence. The grand jury had recommended leniency. Young Walter had been placed by his parents in the

Alaska Company Files

The Alaska Peninsula Transportation company, which names Portland as its principal place of business and \$100,000 as its capitalization, filed its articles of incorporation Saturday with the Multnomah county clerk. It proposes to operate fishing boats, freight and passenger boats, canneries, docks and plants and carry on general merchandising and real estate operations. The incorporators are E. E. Haney, C. H. Greer and E. V. Littlefield.

BRITISH PREPARING REPLY ON MANDATE

London, Nov. 27.—British official opinion regarding the American note on the Mesopotamian question is a great deal more optimistic than press reports from Washington would warrant. While these reports agree that the tone of the note is "firm" the foreign office has been unofficially advised that the note is "courteous and argumentative" even to the point of being susceptible to the term "academic." Officials regard the whole matter as one for the most friendly discussion. It is now under discussion, and an early reply, countering the points of issue advanced by the United States may be expected. The British government, it is said, will point out that the League of Nations is the ideal agent for the settlement of the Mesopotamian affair, and will declare that allied action in that country is merely preliminary to eventual action by the league. It will, therefore, insist that the interests of the United States are not prejudiced in any way.

Forest Supervisor Going to Pendleton

Walla Walla, Wash., Nov. 27.—The office of the supervisor of the Wenaha National forest will be changed from Walla Walla to Pendleton just as soon as necessary arrangements can be completed. Supervisor John C. Kuhns announced. When the change is made, Walla Walla will become a ranger station, with Ranger C. L. Keithley in charge.

BAPTIST PASTOR IS OUSTED ON WIFE'S CHARGES

A committee of the Portland Baptist Ministers' association, recently appointed to investigate the conduct of the Rev. Ferdinand C. Laslette, formerly pastor of Glencoe Baptist church, East Forty-fifth and Main streets, recommended Friday evening in a public report that the "ministers withdraw with the hand of fellowship; drop his name from the roll; and publish this action in our denominational paper." This action closely follows that taken by Mrs. Lena Laslette, his wife, in filing a divorce suit. A week ago today Mrs. Laslette filed her suit in the circuit court charging cruelty and infidelity. Local Baptists say they have been informed that Laslette has had two other divorce suits, but as the former preacher has left the city and not revealed his whereabouts the committee has experienced difficulty in carrying out the investigation. They are also endeavoring to learn whether Laslette was ever ordained a minister.

SAYS HUSBAND STRUCK HER

Mrs. Laslette charges in her divorce complaint that prior to 1920 her husband became infatuated with another woman and confessed adultery. In April, 1920, he is charged with telling his wife he would no longer live with her and that she could only live under his roof in the capacity of housekeeper. Mrs. Laslette claims she suggested that they be reconciled and renew their marriage vows, but he is said to have become violently angry and to have struck her in the face and threatened her life, "and with oaths and violent abusive language drove plaintiff from his home." Mrs. Laslette asks for a decree of divorce and \$250 alimony. The complaint states that they were married in Chelsea, Mass., December 21, 1904, and that they have no children. Their assets are said to be \$3000 in industrial bonds and \$2000 in property in Manitoba. **PASTOR RESIGNS.** The trouble is said to have started several months ago when Mrs. Laslette returned to Portland from Chicago, where she had been studying at the Moody Bible Institute so that she might prepare herself to better perform the duties of a minister's wife.

Mrs. Laslette had been in the city but a short time before Laslette mysteriously resigned his pulpit. When Laslette refused reconciliation, Mrs. Laslette is said to have given all her information to the Baptist Ministerial association. Mrs. Laslette is characterized as a "splendid Christian woman." When Laslette came to Portland from the church at Prineville, Or., he is said to have been quite active in church work, raising considerable money to pay off the church indebtedness. He is said to have failed to produce proper credentials, but was accepted upon good faith. He is thought to have held pastorates in Arkansas and Michigan in Presbyterian and Free Baptist churches, but the exact location has not been learned by the committee.

COMMITTEE MAKES REPORT

While Mrs. Laslette was at the Bible institute Laslette is said to have urged her not to return to Portland, but to take a trip to Ireland and endeavor to convert her parents. The committee's report reads: "We have examined all available witnesses and have sought in every way to secure the personal statement of Mr. Laslette. We are convinced that he has purposely avoided the committee. The evidence and his action convinces us that his conduct is unbecoming a Christian minister and on his own confession (in so far as to surrender his ministerial card) is unworthy of our Christian fellowship. We therefore recommend that the Baptist ministers' association withdraw the hand of fellowship from Mr. Laslette, drop his name from the roll and publish this action in our denominational paper." Signed: E. A. Smith, pastor Lents Baptist church, chairman; Owen T. Day, pastor Arleta Baptist church, secretary; R. E. Ogden, pastor Third Baptist church; W. L. Kiley, pastor Highland Baptist church, and W. Norton Ferris, pastor Sellwood Baptist church.

Infant of One Year Falls; Breaks Neck

White Salmon, Wash., Nov. 27.—While playing on the floor on Tanksgiving day, the year-old daughter of Mrs. C. S. Mead, postmistress of Bingen, Wash., fell against a box in such a way as to break her neck, dying instantly.

Search for Woman

The police were asked this morning to aid in a search for Mrs. Tille Shafter, 38, who was recently paroled from the state hospital in Salem and placed under the care of Mrs. H. A. Nagl, 455 Farragut street west. Friday she climbed out of a rear window and has not been seen since. She was dressed in a blue coat, a dark skirt, black hat and black shoes. She is 5 feet, 3 inches, and weighs 110 pounds.

The Coming War Between the "Closed" and "Open" Shop

In the belief that the "open-shop" crusade is intended to undo everything union labor has accomplished and to "feudalize America," the heads of the American Federation of Labor are making war plans. These labor leaders agree, "that a united front must be presented to these attacks, and that every unwarranted attempt to reduce wages and working conditions to prewar levels must be resisted with every legitimate weapon." Thus, as the Baltimore Sun notes, labor and capital are lining up for a finish fight. The leading business interests "will bargain collectively with labor only when forced to do so" and "a concentrated campaign of the employers' interests already has been launched against organized labor on the reaffirmation of the 'open shop' principle and on the stand that wages must be reduced as part of the process of deflation."

The labor situation is probably the biggest problem that confronts the great mass of the American people to-day, and as this article in the "DIGEST" this week—November 27th—presents opinions from all sides, it will be read closely.

Other news-features of great interest and value in this number of the "DIGEST" are:

- The Shipping Board Scandal**
- The New Bulgaria (With a Full-Page Colored Map)**
- How Europe Views Wrangel's Collapse**
- Trouble Brewing for Home Brewers**
- A Fiume Settlement With D'Annunzio Left Out**
- War Bonuses in Twelve States**
- Legalizing Land Seizures in Italy**
- New York Shocks Constantinople**
- A New Search for the Oldest Man**
- What We Pay for Tons of Water in Food**
- The Dish-Washing Machine as a Germ Killer**
- Henry Ford's Plan to Help Idle Boys Learn and Earn**
- The Rejected and the Elected in the Hall of Fame**
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- The Need of an Abridged Bible**
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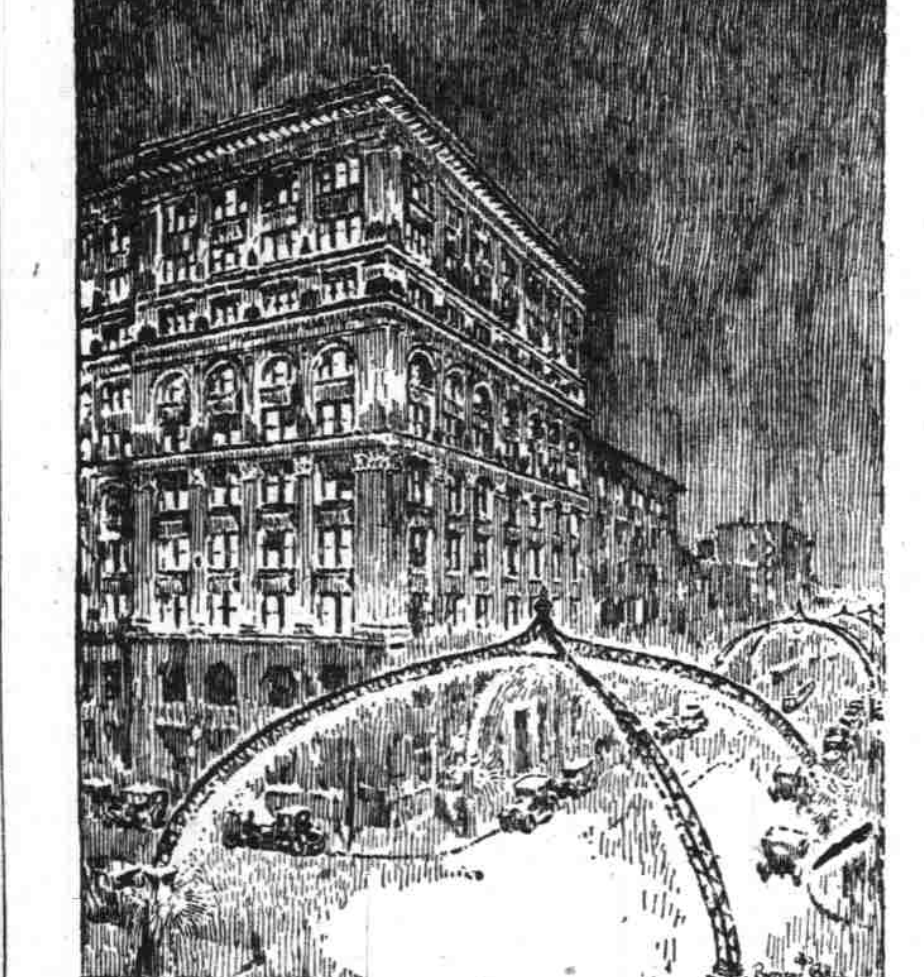
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