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THE WEATHER—Tonight and Saturday, rain; increasing southerly winds.
Minimum temperatures Thursday:

Portland	45	New Orleans	50
Pocatello	32	New York	34
Los Angeles	50	St. Paul	36

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SENATORS TO PASS UP LURE OF CABINET

After Conference of Republican Leaders, "Gentleman's Agreement" Is Formed Not to Break Into Present Senatorial Group.

By George R. Holmes

Washington, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Out of a series of conferences which Harry M. Daugherty, political mentor to President-elect Harding, has had with Republican leaders in Washington, it developed today that a number of Republican senators have entered into what practically amounts to a "gentleman's agreement" not to enter the Harding cabinet after March 4.

This move has been taken not because cabinet portfolios were unattractive, but because nearly all the powerful and influential Republican members of the senate have at some time or other been reported as leaving the Hill for the other end of Pennsylvania avenue. This was particularly alarming to Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, the G. O. P. leader in the senate, and he, according to reports, gathered about him some of the most prominently mentioned and pointed out that the senate should receive their primary consideration.

Senator Lodge's statement expressing the "hope" that Senator Harry S. New of Indiana would continue in the senate, was the direct result of these conferences.

As a result of these conferences, there remained today only one Republican senator who could be considered of more than passing prominence for cabinet honors. This is Knox of Pennsylvania. Whether he will join his senatorial colleagues in voluntarily eliminating himself from consideration remains to be seen. Harry M. Daugherty has a conference scheduled with the Pennsylvania senator today.

Of all the names of cabinet possibilities that have been mentioned since November 2, there are only two which are considered in Washington virtually certain of appointment. These are ex-Senator George W. Sutherland of Utah and ex-Senator John W. Weeks of Massachusetts.

Daugherty will leave Washington tonight for Norfolk, where he will meet Senator Harding on his arrival from Panama. Edward B. McLean and Senator Davis Elkins of West Virginia also will go to the port to welcome the Harding party.

U. S. IS INVITED TO DISARMAMENT TALK

Washington, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—An invitation from the League of Nations for United States' participation in deliberations on disarmament was received at the state department today.

The message of Paul Hymans, president of the League of Nations assembly, replying to President Wilson's acceptance of the invitation to mediate between the Turkish Nationalists and Armenians, was received at the White House today.

Secretary Tumulty at once took the reply to President Wilson.

Pauline Frederick, Film Star, Called In Liquor Inquiry

Los Angeles, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—A report that Pauline Frederick, motion picture actress, was among witnesses summoned to appear before the federal grand jury in connection with its probe of the whiskey ring and sacramental wine scandals was a development today in connection with the federal government's impending indictments.

Miss Frederick was said to be one of a considerable number of prominent motion picture people who were likely to be questioned by the federal inquisitors.

Restaurants Are Cutting Prices; "Ham and" and Pies Are Down

Pre-war prices are actually beginning to show themselves in some lines of foodstuffs and there is still hope for the consumer. Those that are forced to eat away from home have especial cause for rejoicing. For the holiday season is presenting them with cheaper meals.

Five cent cuts of pie have actually replaced the former 10 cent price in some of the downtown places, and others report that they will soon follow.

One eating house at a downtown center announces a cut of 10 cents in egg orders with two big eggs in any style for the small sum of 15 cents. No, the world is not coming to an end. It is simply a confirmation of the fact that the pullets are laying, eggs are cheaper and some of the restaurants and cafeterias have decided that the public would eat more if prices responded to the changing conditions.

Just imagine an order of "ham and" for a quarter. It can scarcely be believed, but one cafeteria has started the movement—and it's a good one, so let it expand.

A dish of prunes has heretofore cost 10 cents in the popular priced eating places, but now it has been cut to a nickel.

The housewife is by no means forgotten. Could one imagine washing soap of 5 cents a bar again? And it's a full 7 ounce bar, too, of yellow stock. White soap is dropping, but it has not yet reached the nickel mark.

'NOT GUILTY,' SAYS SLAYER OF BRIDE

Thomas Lotisso, charged with the murder of his English war bride, Tessie Lotisso, on Alder street early Monday morning, pleaded not guilty before Presiding Judge Tazwell this afternoon. Albert B. Ferrera, his attorney, was granted five days in which to prepare for trial, date for which has not yet been set.

Charging that Barney Lotisso had been influenced by Miss Winnifred Springer, a teacher, to apply for an insanity hearing for his son, Thomas Lotisso, Italian Vice Consul A. B. Ferrera obtained from Presiding Judge Tazwell this morning an order postponing the mental examination proposed for the accused slayer.

Miss Springer won some publicity Thanksgiving day when she espoused the cause of a young man who was thrown out of a soft drink parlor, posted bail for him and acted as hostess for the youth's Thanksgiving dinner.

Ferrera declared that examination as to Lotisso's sanity would compromise his constitutional rights in defense.

The court held the same view and ordered abandonment of the lunacy hearing.

Bramwell Successor To Will H. Bennett

Salem, Dec. 3.—Frank C. Bramwell, for four years cashier of the Grants Pass Bank & Trust company, has been appointed state superintendent of banks, succeeding Will H. Bennett, who resigned, effective December 31, to become affiliated with a Pendleton bank. The appointment was tentatively made by the state banking board Monday and was approved Friday by telegram by Governor Olcott, who is in the East. Bramwell was formerly receiver of the United States land office at La Grande. He will take up his new duties January 1.

Severely Hurt When Struck by an Auto

Herbert R. Beckwith, 1120 East Broadway, suffered severe laceration to the head and concussion of the brain this morning when he was knocked down by an auto driven by H. C. Coffin, 384 East Forty-first street, at First and Burnside streets. Coffin was driving about 10 miles an hour, following a streetcar, he reported, when Beckwith darted out from the curb. Beckwith was taken to St. Vincents hospital.

'I Tried to Quit'—Clara Hamon Diary Reveals Tortured Soul

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Chicago, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Revealing the secrets of a tortured soul, long pursued and finally trapped by "the Colonel," who she alternately terms the "demon" and the "living devil," the diary of Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, alleged slayer of Jake L. Hamon, multi-millionaire politician and oil magnate, became public here today.

The diary was found in the trunks belonging to Mrs. Hamon which were shipped here from Ardmore, Okla., after the shooting of Hamon.

"In the form of a man there was a demon (often referred to as 'the colonel') who tried to —— terrorize me," says the diary, "and although my life hung by a slender thread —— I did not show the slightest weakness and —— should I be found stabbed or choked or beaten to death I want the world to know I made a clean fight for my rights and that I have never been a coward or a sneak —— or guilty of unfair play."

"I TRIED TO QUIT"

"Some years ago I tried to quit —— before all my dreams of life's golden treasure were shattered —— but he would not let me.

"I swear here before the All-Knowing God that I would never have become his sweetheart if he had not told —— again and again —— that he was going to get his divorce anyway and promised faithfully to marry me. He held out every possible alluring picture for a wonderful future until he had me in a net from which I could not extricate myself.

"The oil of his soul that fed the flame of desire for cruelty must exhaust itself and I was doomed to be the victim.

"I can hear the public say, 'Those who brutally murder are worse,' but I don't believe God thinks so, for he would have murdered me physically besides

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"SHORTS" ARE HIT HARD BY RISE IN WHEAT

Exporters Unable to Buy Grain to Fill Orders Sold on Old Price Basis; 2 Cargoes to Go to Germany; Farmers Stand Pat

By Hyman H. Cohen

Fully 5,000,000 bushels of wheat have been recently sold—most of it on short sales—by Portland firms, and perhaps 4,000,000 bushels are said to have been sold in the same manner for Puget Sound loading.

Bids for wheat were advanced approximately 10 cents a bushel on the Portland Merchants Exchange today for the leading varieties. This is a total rise of 20 cents a bushel over the low point reached November 26.

At least 12 steamers are to leave Portland for Europe with wheat within the next month or six weeks. But little of this grain has as yet been purchased by the sellers. Two of the cargoes reported sold by local interests are to go to Germany.

Efforts to secure exact figures on total short sales of wheat by Portland exporters have proved futile—the minute anyone refers to short sales the seller shuts up like a clam.

5,000,000 BUSHELS SOLD

It is known, however, that at least 5,000,000 bushels have been sold here for shipment within the time specified and export interests are besieging the country to sell supplies in order to fill these vessels with actual wheat instead of the "paper" grain they hold.

Canadian farmers have stopped selling wheat, and efforts to get grain from there to fill short sales are unavailing.

Portland is not the only place where export sales are made short, for reports here during the day indicate that four or five steamer cargoes were sold at gulf ports.

FARMERS STAND PAT

With cash wheat higher in the face of recent attempts to bear the market by lowering options, farmers have taken heart and the result is they are going to make the short seller pay dearly for every bushel he secures hereafter.

Another effort was made to force prices artificially lower here by springing a story alleging that Europe is filled with wheat. The fact that cargoes are being purchased here practically every day contradicts that report.

On the Friday bulletin of the Portland Merchants' Exchange the following special information to wheat men is given:

"The German food commissioner says that the deficit of wheat in that country is 72,000,000 bushels."

HAMON INTERESTS BEING SETTLED

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Frank L. Ketch of Ardmore, administrator for the estate of Jake L. Hamon, late financier of Oklahoma, was to spend today in Ranger, Dallas and Breckenridge.

He told newspaper men here early today that he was settling the financier's large oil interests in this vicinity. He denied his presence here had anything to do with the search for Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon.

POLICE INVADE MEXICO ON TRAIL OF MRS. CLARA HAMON

Ardmore, Okla., Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, protegé and former lican national committeeman and millionaire oil man in connection with whose death she is being sought by police, has crossed the border into Juarez, Mexico, according to reports here today.

These reports, originating with police in Juarez, said immigration officers at El Paso, Texas, saw a person fitting the missing woman's description cross into Juarez.

Simultaneous with the report that Mrs. Hamon was in Juarez, several of Hamon's friends departed from Ardmore today. Sheriff Bob Garrett also had mysteriously disappeared.

County Prosecutor Russell Brown, who has pushed the hunt for the missing woman, made another mysterious trip out of town today. It was reported he had gone to Texas. Before his departure, Brown announced he would prefer a charge of murder against Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon as soon as she is apprehended. Brown claimed he had found additional evidence against Mrs. Hamon.

U. S. Gunboats Make Dash for Chinese City Held by Troops

Shanghai, Dec. 1.—(Delayed.)—(U. P.)—American and British gunboats were speeding today to the city of Ichang, on the Yangtsze river, which was captured Monday by mutinous Chinese troops.

The city is being burned and looted, according to advices reaching here. About 100 foreigners are numbered in the population of 40,000. It was believed here their lives were not in danger.

The property loss is reported heavy.

Pope Asks Fund for Destitute Children

Rome, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Pope Benedict XV is issuing a world-wide appeal for collection of funds, food and clothing on December 12 for the destitute children of Central Europe, it was learned at the Vatican today.

Total Taxable Value in State Passes Billion For First Time

Salem, Or., Dec. 3.—For the first time in the history of the state the total value of taxable property has passed the billion dollar mark.

A summary, prepared by F. K. Lovell, state tax commissioner, shows the total value of taxable property in the state, including that equalized by the county board of equalization and that equalized and apportioned by the state tax commission, to be $1,040,839,049.12.

This is an increase of $50,403,576.95 over the assessed value of the state for last year, when the total was $990,435,472.17.

Privately owned property, as assessed by the various counties, is valued at $917,011,248.83. The balance of the total, $123,827,800.29, is represented by assessments against public service corporations as fixed by the state tax commission.

DEAN URGES NEW STATE HOSPITAL

The imperative need of a general hospital supported by the state and operated in conjunction with the University of Oregon medical school, and in which the people of the state can have medical treatment at state expense if they be in need, with especial emphasis on the care of sick and crippled children, is voiced by Dr. Richard B. Dillehunt, dean of the University of Oregon medical school, who returned to Portland today after an extensive tour of Eastern medical centers.

Dr. Dillehunt went East in October in company with President P. L. Campbell and Dr. Harry B. Torrey of the University of Oregon. President Campbell returned some days ago and Dr. Torrey is still in the East.

Dr. Dillehunt was especially impressed with the state owned hospital which is conducted in connection with the University of Iowa medical school at Iowa City, one valuable feature of which is a psychopathic hospital for the treatment of mental ailments. Institutions at Boston and Baltimore that specialize in the care of children also were closely studied.

'Healer' Taken for Non-Support; False Divorce Is Alleged

On the charge of non-support, preferred by Mrs. Westwood, the Rev. Charles J. Westwood was arrested Thursday night at the home of the Rev. John G. Lake, leader of a miraculous healing cult, 92 East Sixty-ninth street. He remained in jail until Dr. Lake posted $500 cash bail for his release.

Mrs. Westwood alleged that her husband started divorce proceedings in Spokane in 1918, which she contested, the case being thrown out of court. Subsequently he disappeared, she alleged, and has since appeared with a fraudulent divorce decree obtained, she said, in Illinois.

Westwood is one of the healers attached to Dr. Lake's staff.

Sergeant Ellis Is Restored to Force With Old Standing

Mayor Baker ordered the reinstatement of Police Sergeant Ellis to his previous rating and assignment this morning following a supplementary hearing participated in by Ellis, Chief of Police Jenkins, Deputy City Attorney Myers and Deputy United States Attorney Flegel. The effect of this is that Ellis is completely exonerated from blame for the recent action of Patrolmen Huntington and Russell in allowing a "stool pigeon" to take for sale many quarts of whiskey seized in a liquor raid as compensation for his services in informing the police of prohibition law violations.

Ellis has just returned from his vacation, the original suspension order having been ordered effective upon his return.

Mayor Baker said both Huntington and Russell were hazy in statements that their superior officer knew of their negotiations with bootleggers and Ellis' unspotted record of 16 years in the department should be taken into consideration.

The sergeant thereby loses no prestige or salary as the result of his previous suspension.

New Postal Station Opens on West Side

An additional classified postoffice station was opened this morning at Twenty-seventh and Vaughn streets, located in the distributing center of Montgomery, Ward & Co. Robert E. Henkle will be the superintendent in charge. He will be assisted by one clerk and four carriers. Direct dispatches of parcel post mail will be made from this station to outgoing trains.

Rolling Rail Stock Is Held Sufficient

Washington, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—After more than a year of congestion and shortage of freight car equipment, the car service division of the American Railway association today reported that in practically every branch of the service the supply of rolling stock now meets the demand.

SHIPPERS IN READINESS TO USE NEW RATE

Order of Interstate Commerce Commission Expected to Be Placed in Effect Within 90 Days Without Rail Opposition.

Without opposition from the railroads, the order of the interstate commerce commission deciding the Columbia basin rate case favorably to Portland and Vancouver and the zone south of the Snake river, will go into effect within the 90 days directed by the commission.

Portland, thoroughly convinced of the advantage gained by this city in the commerce commission's order, is already making plans to gain for the grain movement, business generally, industry and shipping, all the benefits possible under the order.

That the railroads will obey the commission's order in letter and spirit was indicated by W. D. Skinner, traffic manager of the S., P. & S., and Arthur C. Spencer, general counsel of the Union Pacific, this morning.

SHIPPERS ARE PREPARED

On the other hand, George Lawrence Jr., president of the Portland Traffic and Transportation association; Charles B. Moores, chairman of the dock commission; Max H. Houser, former chairman of the Port of Portland and large grain shipper; L. A. Lewis, well-known wholesaler, and others, made statements revealing that the fight of years has placed the community in a position of unusual readiness to capitalize the advantage over Puget Sound which the order affords.

"My personal and unofficial opinion," said Traffic Manager Skinner of the S., P. & S., "is that there will be no serious opposition on the part of the railroads to the commission's order. Some mod-

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WAR FINANCING IS CALLED NEED

By J. Bart Campbell

Washington, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Democratic and Republican senators and representatives from agricultural states will join at the coming session of congress in voting for the reestablishment of the war finance corporation, it was announced today.

A bill making it mandatory on the secretary of the treasury to place in motion again the machinery of the corporation, suspended by him May 10 last, will be introduced by Senator Calder (R., N. Y.), chairman of the senate committee on reconstruction.

HOUSTON OPPOSES PLAN

Opposition to the reestablishment of the war finance corporation, to aid in financing foreign trade, was voiced by Secretary of the Treasury Houston before the house and senate joint agricultural committees.

While Secretary Houston is opposed to reestablishment of the corporation and has "declined to assume any responsibility for reviving it," it was understood he had informed senators and representatives he would accept the mandate of congress, provided it assumed full responsibility for making the corporation operative again.

SITUATION HELD BAD

Houston said in his opinion there was no way to finance agricultural exports because of the financial situation existing between Europe and the United States.

"Europe now owes the United States about $14,000,000,000," said Houston. "Our exports are increasing annually, so that this year they will total about $8,100,000,000. How Europe can pay for the exports it is now receiving or can take more from the United States, I don't know."

Houston said he had grave doubts that revival of the war finance corporation would be effective in relieving the farmers' troubles by increasing foreign trade.

Stolen Automobiles Valued at $336,606 Recovered by Police

During the year up to December 1, the automobile theft department of the police recovered stolen automobiles and accessories valued at $336,606.35, according to an annual report filed with Chief of Police Leo V. Jenkins by Lieutenant Harvey Thatcher.

Fines levied in cases handled by this department total $14,926. There were 2146 automobiles investigated and 1152 arrests made. A total of 317 cars were recovered since April 1, the date that the auto theft department was organized.

Nunn, Kiddle, Bean Off for Road Meet

Salem, Or., Dec. 3.—Herbert S. Nunn, state highway engineer, will leave Friday night for Washington, where he will attend a meeting of public land states on December 11 and 12, called for the purpose of furthering the Chamberlain bill for a continuation of federal aid to states in highway construction on post roads and forest projects. Nunn will be accompanied by E. E. Kiddle of La Grande, Eastern Oregon representative on the state highway commission, and L. E. Bean of Eugene, state representative from Lane county.

DESTROYERS ANCHORED IN WILLAMETTE

Committee Welcomes 12th Division of Pacific Fleet; Rear-Admiral Josiah McKean Aboard; Big Football Game Tomorrow.

Flying the two-star flag of Rear Admiral Josiah McKean, commander of the Sixth battleship division of the Pacific fleet, the destroyer Lamberton, leading the ships of the Twelfth destroyer division, composed of the Radford, Breese, Montgomery, Gamble and Ramsay, arrived in the Willamette this afternoon and berthed below the Broadway bridge. The ships are bringing the band and rooters for the football game with Multnomah club Saturday afternoon.

Plans for the arrival of the ships included accommodations alongside the North Bank dock at the foot of Fourteenth street.

The original plan to fuel the ships at the Standard Oil dock at Linnton as they came up the river has been changed. They will come directly to Portland and fuel later. The ships will take 250,000 gallons of oil before they sail.

WILSON IN COMMAND

The Twelfth division is commanded by Commander James D. Wilson. The home port of the division is at San Diego.

The reception committee, headed by Mayor Baker, left the Stark street dock at 12:30 to meet and welcome the ships. The members of the committee are F. W. Mulkey, C. H. Labbe, J. F. Reisch, Harry Dorman, F. L. Carlton and officers of the Multnomah club. Lieutenant Commander Frederick Elder of the recruiting station, Lieutenant Commander John A. Beckwith of the naval reserves and Lieutenant Harold C. Jones accompanied the committee.

Admiral McKean will occupy a suite of rooms at the Benson hotel during his stay in Portland.

McKEAN HERE IN 1919

Admiral McKean visited Portland in 1919 as a member of the board that inspected the proposed naval base site at Astoria.

The revised program for the entertainment of the men and officers of the fleet follows:

Saturday—1 p. m., parade through the downtown district, led by Rear Admiral McKean, Mayor George L. Baker, officers of fleet and general committee. The navy band of 120 pieces will participate in the parade; 2:30, football game at Multnomah field; 6:30, informal banquet to officers of the fleet at the Benson hotel; banquet to members of team at the Multnomah hotel; 8:30, dance for all members of the fleet at the Multnomah club.

Sunday—10 a. m., automobile trip up Columbia highway for men of the fleet, luncheon to be served at Multnomah falls; 11:30, automobile trip up Columbia River highway for officers of the fleet, luncheon to be served at Chanticleer inn.

CITY'S BALANCE IS $1,742,335

The city's total receipts for the fiscal year ending November 30 were $17,851,276.05, while the disbursements were $16,108,940.27, leaving a balance in the city treasury of $1,742,335.79, according to City Treasurer William Adams' annual report filed with the city auditor today. The treasurer's report follows:

	Receipts	Disbursements
City of Portland	$13,350,831.39	$13,112,362.66
Commission of public docks	4,392,006.63	2,864,826.65
Firemen's relief and pension fund	57,466.90	80,079.27
Policemen's relief and pension fund	50,971.13	51,671.69
Total	$17,851,276.05	$16,108,940.27

The commission of public docks, as shown in the treasurer's report, paid into the city treasury $1,527,179.98 in excess of the disbursements for that department, while the firemen's relief and pension fund disbursements were $22,612.37 in excess of receipts. The policemen's relief and pension fund expenses were only $500.56 below the receipts for the year.

Kansas City Men Plan New Sawmill At Kelso, Wash.

The Long Bell Lumber company of Kansas City is negotiating for the purchase of several hundred acres of land at Kelso, Wash., as a site for a sawmill. The company recently bought several thousand acres of timber land in Lewis county, Washington, and plans starting logging operations in the spring. The Kelso mill will be one of the largest on the Pacific coast and will receive its supply of logs from the Long Bell company's holdings in that vicinity.

Milk Drops Cent In San Francisco

San Francisco, Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—Retail milk dealers today announced that the retail price of milk in San Francisco will be reduced from 17 to 16 cents per quart, effective December 16.

NEWLY BORN BABE DELAYS TRAIN 1 HOUR

FOR 40 minutes the Continental limited, crack train of the Union Pacific, awaited the arrival of a passenger at Arlington Wednesday evening, which was the reason for the train being one hour late arriving in Portland Thursday morning, according to train reports.

That a limited passenger train should be delayed such a long time for one passenger would indicate that a railroad president was responsible. But the train report says that the delay was necessary that medical attention might be obtained for a new-born baby.

An Arlington doctor boarded the train and accompanied the mother and baby to Portland. No trace of them could be found shortly after the car had discharged its passengers.

BANKS OFFER CITY NEW SURETY PLAN

Banks and other financial institutions of Portland have solicited the support of City Treasurer William Adams in urging the city council to depart from its present method of demanding negotiable securities to guarantee the city's deposits in the various banks, and to amend the charter to enable the banks to give surety bonds from bonding companies as well as negotiable securities as guaranty for the city's deposits.

While the banks are willing to give negotiable securities as collateral when they have them to offer, there are frequent occasions when a bank cannot produce the necessary securities, and in that event, under the present law, the city treasurer is compelled to withdraw city funds from that institution, the bankers claim.

City Treasurer Adams has been communicating with various Eastern and Pacific Coast cities, and with United States government departments at Washington, for some time, seeking their advice as to the advisability of Portland so changing its charter as to allow the city to accept either securities or dependable surety bonds. The result of that correspondence, included in his report to Commissioner of Finance Pier, is that Adams fully indorses the request of the Portland banks.

"The corporation commissioner's indorsement of the bonding companies operating within the state is to me sufficient guarantee of their responsibility," Adams said, "but, of course, I would only recommend the acceptance of surety bonds from legally authorized companies."

"The city has about $3,500,000 on deposit in Portland banks and that is a heavy drain on the banks to take from their business negotiable securities for that amount. Accredited bonding companies can just as well guarantee the city's deposits."

Adams said he had taken the matter up at the solicitation of A. M. Wright, vice president of the United States National bank; Maynerd Redmond, cashier of the State bank of Portland; officials of the First National and other city banks, and that the plan was indorsed by Ladd & Tilton, Harvey Wells & Co. and many other financial concerns.

Commissioners Bigelow and Barbur, to whom Commissioner Pier presented the proposal for their opinion, stated that they were opposed to changing the present law, preferring to demand negotiable securities to safeguard the city's funds.

Commissioner Pier said he had not thoroughly gone into the matter, but was inclined to oppose it. Commissioner Mann and Mayor Baker were of the same tentative opinion.

City Attorney La Roche has advised Pier that it would be legal to change the present charter but did not want to be understood as advising its expediency.

Authorities Locate Terrorist Arsenal In Heart of London

London, Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—A "terrorist arsenal" has been discovered by secret service agents in the heart of London, the Daily Graphic stated today. Revolvers and other weapons and a great quantity of munitions were found. So large was the bulk of war supplies that it required several hours to remove them to a Scotland Yard warehouse.

Two alleged Sinn Feiners have been arrested at Glasgow on the charge of trying to persuade soldiers to sell their firearms.

Much Siberian Land Goes to Americans

Washington, Dec. 3.—The concession of 400,000 square miles of Siberian territory to an American syndicate represented by Washington Vanderlip will bring the friction now existing between the United States and Japan to a climax, in the belief of Nicolai Lenin.

"It is our purpose to use the friction for our benefit," the Russian premier is quoted as having said.

Opinion in Brief

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MAIL CLERKS TIED, GAGGED; MILLION GONE

Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Train From Mobridge, S. D., to Minneapolis Robbed by 3 Men; Currency and Bonds Are Taken

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 3.—(I. N. S.)—Three young masked bandits this morning held up and robbed the mail car of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul train No. 6, Mobridge, S. D., to Minneapolis, on the Hastings & Dakota division, and after binding with wire and gagging the three mail clerks, escaped with a pouch of registered mail and other packages, estimated to contain currency and papers worth between $500,000 and $1,000,000.

The bandits climbed aboard the tank of the engine at Hopkins, Minn., forced an entrance to the mail car while the train was speeding toward Minneapolis and left the train within the city limits of this city. One of the mail clerks, who had worked partially free of his bonds, saw the three men leave the train to join a fourth confederate who was waiting in an automobile.

CASE FOUND BAFFLING

Police and federal officials are baffled by the case, and it is believed that the bandits will not attempt to leave the Twin Cities, but will remain in hiding here.

In the express car next to the mail car was a pouch containing $500,000 in currency. The bandits did not make an attempt to enter the express car, and the express messenger and guard did not know of the robbery of the mail car until the train had reached the Milwaukee depot here.

When Ray M. Ensch, mail clerk, went to fasten the chain on the front door of the mail car as the train was leaving Hopkins, he was confronted by the three men. Each of the men carried two revolvers.

DOOR LOCK DEFECTIVE

They forced him to step back to the center of the mail car and ordered the two other mail clerks, F. C. Tousley and A. E. Ostman, to hold up their hands. Later investigation showed that there was a defective lock on the front door of the mail car.

The bandits ordered the three mail clerks to turn their faces to the side of the car, and while one of the bandits stood guard, the other two bound the clerks with wire. Then the clerks were gagged and thrown to the floor of the car.

After throwing the registered mail pouch to the center of the car, the bandits slit open five other pouches of mail, taking out various packages, which they evidently believed contained valuables.

When the train slowed down for a stop at a railroad crossing, the three bandits jumped from the train. Tousley, who had partially freed himself, staggered to his feet and succeeded in opening the heavy door a few inches. He said he saw the three men running in the direction of a waiting automobile.

RELEASES COMPANIONS

Tousley worked himself free, but by the time he had released the two other clerks, the train had reached the depot in downtown Minneapolis.

The alarm was sounded there and police and federal officials immediately began search, but no trace of the bandits was found.

It is estimated that the registered mail pouch, which contained more than 100 packages, had in it currency and valuables amounting to between $500,000 and $1,000,000. It was pointed out that banks in the Dakotas and Minnesota are sending large sums of money and valuable papers and bonds to the larger banks in the Twin Cities.

It would be impossible to determine exactly how much was in the mail pouch for at least a month, it is believed, when a check of registered mail receipts will be completed.

The only estimate of the loot made public came from a mail clerk, F. C. Tousley. Tousley declared that the amount taken was between $500,000 and $1,000,000. Postal authorities refused to give an estimate, stating that it is impossible at this time to tell.

HARDING DELAYED AT SEA BY WIND

By Raymond Clapper

Aboard Steamship Pastores, Dec. 3.—(By Wireless.)—(U. P.)—Heavy head winds so delayed the progress today of the Pastores, on which President-elect Harding is voyaging to Norfolk, that it was believed the ship could not reach its destination before Saturday afternoon.

The president-elect's vacation days ended while the Pastores was still 300 miles out. At that time he retired to his cabin and set to work on the speech he expects to make at Norfolk.

As the Pastores moved northward, sharp winds were encountered and the temperature dropped rapidly.

Harry M. Daugherty and Edward B. McLean, friends of Harding, are expected to greet him at Norfolk. They will stay two or possibly more days with Harding at Washington. Daugherty was his pre-convention manager.

Express Co. Reports Theft of $100,000

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 3.—(U. P.)—The American Express company today made public the theft of between $60,000 and $100,000 in bonds consigned by Washington, D. C., banks to their representatives here.