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THE WEATHER—Tonight fair and warm; Wednesday probably rain. Minimum temperatures Monday: Portland 21, Memphis 40, Seattle 25, St. Paul 41, Los Angeles 53.

HARDING'S GROUP WROTH WITH HARDING

President-Elect's Veering Toward the League of Nations and His Apparent Friendship for Herbert Hoover Being Resented.

By David Lawrence (Copyright, 1920, by The Journal) Washington, Dec. 14.—Two things are disturbing the members of the so-called group of "irreconcilables" who oppose the entrance of the United States into any association or league of nations whatever.

1925 FAIR SCHEME BEFORE CONGRESS

Senator George E. Chamberlain has started the legislative wheels turning at Washington which will throw open to the nations of the world Portland's invitation for universal attendance at the Atlantic-Pacific Highway and Electrical Exposition in 1925.

Suit Against News Shifted to Tacoma

Tacoma, Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—Papers in the suit of Clement Scott of Vancouver, Wash., against the Portland (Or.) News Publishing company for \$100,000 for alleged libel, were filed in the federal court here today.

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City Closes Waterfront Streets Until Repairs Made

Washington, Alder, Yamhill, Salmon and Taylor streets, leading from Front street down to the water's edge, were officially barricaded by the city bureau of public works today and Commissioner Barbur will put a gang of men from his department at work at once sinking posts in the barricaded streets' entrances on Front street.

HARDING CONSIDERS HARVEY PROPOSAL

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 14.—President-Elect Harding was today considering seriously the proposal of Colonel George Harvey for an association of nations in which members would be pledged to abstain from offensive warfare without a referendum of their peoples.

Grants Pass Girl To Become Bride Of Philip Twoby

Grants Pass, Or., Dec. 14.—Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson of this city announced Tuesday the engagement of their daughter, Miss Alva, to Philip Twoby of Portland.

Suit Against News Agreement Reached On German Cables

Washington, Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—Delegates in the world communication conference today reached a temporary agreement, described as a "modus vivendi," under which the former German cables will be operated until such time as a permanent arrangement can be drawn.

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ROAD BONDS ARE APPROVED BY DECISION

Supreme Court Reverses Former Ruling Regarding County Indebtedness for Road Purposes; Bonds in Six Counties Upheld.

Salem, Or., Dec. 14.—The constitutional amendment of 1919 authorizing county indebtedness for road purposes up to 6 per cent of the assessed value of the county is operative without any additional legislation. County road bonds issued under the provision of this amendment and in excess of the 4 per cent limitation provided under an act of 1912 are valid.

Two Small Boys Put Fire Out; Save School Building

Prompt action by two school boys probably saved the Sunnyside school from serious damage by fire this afternoon, when they dragged two lines of hose through the attic, out upon the shingle roof, and had the blaze well under control before the fire department arrived.

Wages Reduced by Master Builders In Atlanta, Ga.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.—(L. N. S.)—Master builders of Atlanta have announced wage reductions to all employees from common laborers to skilled cement workers and bricklayers, effective January 1, 1921.

Gas Hearing Called For Wednesday, at 2

Hearing of the application for increase in Portland's gas rates will begin at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon in the offices of the public service commission in the courthouse, it was announced here today.

Railroad Crafts to Combat Japanese

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 14.—The affiliated railroad crafts of Spokane, representing 4200 people, passed a resolution today to fight Japanese immigration and urge legislation to keep the Japanese from coming to America.

TEACHERS' BILL BODES DOWN IN LEGISLATURE

Warm Discussion Before Multnomah Delegation Over Proposed Amendments to Teachers' Law Indicates Warmer Fight Later.

Denial of the right of appeal and a return to the spoils system in the employment and discharge of teachers are the two big bogies that have reared themselves between the amendments proposed to the teachers' tenure law by the school board and their approval by the teachers.

CITY INSISTS ON NEW UNION DEPOT

Portland has served notice on the railroads that they owe this city an adequate union terminal. Steps were taken by the mayor's commission Monday evening to carry the terminal controversy to the interstate commerce commission through the aid of the Oregon public service commission.

PRICES OF FOOD STILL DROPPING

Foodstuff prices continue to drop and in the restaurants and cafeterias further price reductions are shown. Meat orders are being reduced 5 to 10 cents in many places and the same reductions apply to egg orders.

Only Preparation Will Halt Japanese, Is Kahn's Opinion

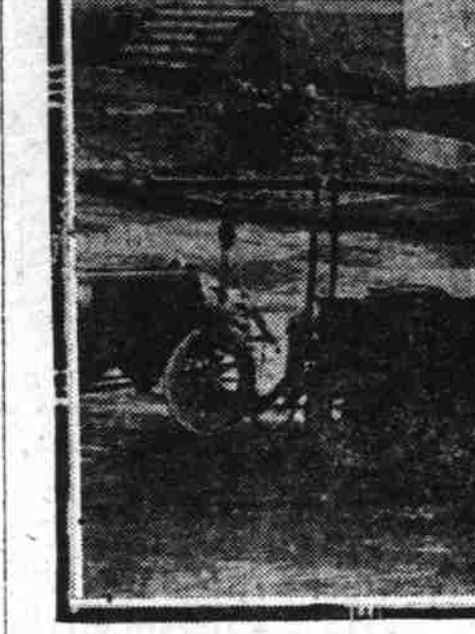
Chicago, Dec. 14.—(L. N. S.)—Declaring that the United States will not make war on Japan but that the only way it can avoid war with Japan is a reduction of arms prepared for one, Representative Julius Kahn, California member of the house military affairs committee, said today in an interview.

Bellingham Mills Cut Lumber Prices

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 14.—(L. N. S.)—The Bloedel-Donovan Lumber mills, largest lumber operators in Northwest, today announced a reduction of more than 10 per cent in the retail prices of lumber, effective December 15.

ICY TERWILLIGER PROVES GRIEF SPOT

BAD slant at Hamilton avenue which "got" more than a dozen automobiles this morning before the sun had melted ice accumulation. Photographs, taken after many cars had been towed away, shows grotesque positions taken by machines after skids on slippery pavement.



MILLING IN TRANSIT RATES FOR THE S. P.

Milling in transit rates, effective on all Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, will be established for the benefit of the lumber industry, effective as soon as the tariffs can be published, announced H. A. Hinshaw, general freight agent of the system, this morning.

RECLAMATION FUND OF \$400,000 SEEMS CERTAIN AS STARTER

Washington, Dec. 14.—(WASHINGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)—An estimate of \$400,000 for next year for beginning reclamation work depends on the president and if approved by him, as it doubtless will be, it seems certain to become part of the reclamation program, the coming year.

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AUTOS ARE WRECKED ON ICY STREETS

Car Wreckage in Many Parts of City Is Evidence of 'Skiddiest' Day in Recent History; 53 Accidents Reported; No One Hurt

With pavements lined with automobile wreckage, Portland experienced this morning one of the "skiddiest" days of recent history. Monday night's rain having frozen during the night and made of the streets veritable skating rinks which even the most widely advertised tire chains could negotiate with difficulty.

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