PORTLAND, OREGON, TUESDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14, 1920.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES

It's All Here and It's All True THE WEATHER—Tonight fair and warmer; Wednesday probably rain.

Minimum temperatures Monday:
Portland 31 Memphis 40
Pocatello 22 Buffalo 46
Los Angeles 52 St. Paul 21

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President-Elect's Veering Toward edge, were officially barricaded by

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so-called group of "irreconciliables" who oppose the entrance of the that President-Elect Harding is veering toward the present League of Nations and has about made up his on those streets were notified that they 1912 are valid. mind that the machinery of the must make the approaches to the water-

ing is showing a marked friendliness to responsible for injuries to men and ani-Herbert Hoover and has hinted that he mals due to the negligence of indifferent wanted him in the cabinet. When Presi- property owners." dent-elect Harding was in Washington, it was learned today that he amazed certain members of the irreconcilable group by his friendly references to Mr. Hoover. He got some frank expressions of criti-

It will not be forgotten that Senator Hiram Johnson, leader of the irreconcilables, fought Mr. Hoover in the California primaries and that the sores of that fight have not altogether healed Also when Mr. Harding comes along and says nice things about Mr. Hoover and hints that the latter may be cabinet timber-though, forsooth, he is careful (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)

Senator George E. Chamberlain the next chief justice of the supreme has started the legislative wheels court, in the opinion of Harding's closest turning at Washington which will advisers today. throw open to the nations of the cific Highway and Electrical expo-

. The senator this morning telegraphed F. E. Beach, one of the prime movers in day, with Will Hays and W. J. Bryan. the exposition project, that he had intro-duced in the senate a joint resolution pected December 24. authorizing the president to invite all foreign nations to take part.

The message was in answer to a message sent him Monday night by Beach and George W. Joseph, asking him to get this resolution before congress. The res olution has already been referred to the foreign relations committee of the senate, Chamberlain stated.

The request forwarded by Beach and Joseph asked that the resolution "authorize the president, whenever the exposition company shall show that adequate funds are available, to invite all foreign nations to take part in the exposition in celebration of the completion of transcontinental and Pacific coast highways and the centennial of the invention of the electro-magnet, establishment of peace and restoration of world

# Suit Against News Shifted to Tacoma

Tacoma, Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—Papers in the suit of Clement Scott of Vancouver, leged libel, were filed in the federal court here today. Scott charges that cables will be operated until such time duction of \$1.20 for an eight-hour day; the article complained of was published as a permanent arrangement can be carpenters to 70 cents an hour, a cut suit was transferred to Tacoma on peti- to be unanimous in supporting today's settlement.

# Waterfront Streets Until Repairs Made

Washington, Alder, Yamhill, Salmon and Taylor streets, leading from Front street down to the water's the city bureau of public works tothe League of Nations and His day and Commissioner Barbur will Apparent Friendship for Her- put a gang of men from his department at work at once sinking posts bert Hoover Being Resented, in the barricaded streets' entrances on Front street.

"No vehicle will be allowed to enter those driveways to the waterfront, to load or unload river steamer freight, undriveways," Commissioner Barbur an-

tion will the up river traffic unless the boats find new docking facilities, "Three weeks ago the property owners

ing America from obligations or en- city's order to comply with the law, gagements shall be the basis of but there will be no further dilly-daily-American cooperation with the other ing. Those streets remain barred to traffic until the approaches are improved to the point of meeting the city's And the other thing is that Mr. Hard- approval. The city is not going to be

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

some to view it as a step to counteract the Clackamas county case was decided the effect of the visits of Hughes, Hoov-Ex-President William H. Taft will be

Chief Justice White is understood to be planning to retire from the bench world Portland's invitation for uni- shortly after the new administration versal attendance at he Atlantic-Pa- comes in. The second vacancy under the Harding administration will be filled by

ex-Senator George Sutherland of Utah it is believed. Senator New is scheduled to arrive Fri-

# Grants Pass Girl To Become Bride Of Philip Twohy

Grants Pass., Or., Dec. 14.-Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Wilson of this city an- had censured the lads for throwing so their daughter, Miss Alva, to Philip did damage to rooms below. This cen-

Twohy of Portland. Miss Wilson is prominent in the local versities of Oregon and Washington. Philip Twohy is a son of Judge John Twohy, railroad builder of Portland, and financier of the C. & O. C. R. R. of this Wages Reduced by Twohy, railroad builder of Portland, and

# Agreement Reached On German Cables

Washington, Dec. 14 .- (U. P.)-Delegates in the world commu Wash, against the Portland (Or.) News ference today reached a temporary Publishing company for \$190,000 for al- agreement, described as a "modus viv- fective January 1, 1921. Common laborleged libel, were filed in the federal endi," under which the former German "to hold me up to public hatred, con-drawn. This agreement, it was said, tempt and ridicule." He was at the time was satisfactory to the United States. candidate for mayor of Vancouver. The The five powers represented were said

# Harding Acts as Interlocutor Gas Hearing Called Press Taken Into Confidence

Washington, Dec. 14. - (WASH- | President Wilson received the corre-INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOUR- spondents, and there will be interest, no NAL) - In the days before war der somewhat similar circumstances. problems began to absorb the time Picture a large room, with a large ta-of the president, the weekly confer-ble down the middle, with Senator Hardences at the White House with the spondents seated all about so far as Washington correspondents made a chairs were available, but with many notable feature of news gathering at more standing than could be seated. the capital. The president is never down each side of the room, shaking quoted in interview, but by question hands with all as a preliminary. Some and answer the policies of the gov- he had never met before; others only ernment were discussed and the casually, but a considerable number newspaper men received valuable he has seen almost daily since he caminformation concerning affairs that to the senate. The greetings over, Hardwere under way.

When Senator Harding met the corre- HARDING INTERLOCUTOR spondents at a round table conference in the senate press gallery a few days ago, the old White House discussions were

CONFIDENCE PRESERVED

The injunctions of confidence were much the same, for a president-elect must be careful what he says. Much has been written about the way in which

doubt, in Senator Harding's behavior un-

were greeted as old acquaintances, whom ing made his way to the end of the table, seated himself and announced

"I will be the interlocutor. Go ahead."

Then began nearly an hour of question and answer, in which a great variety of things were discussed, the greater part of which have not found their way into print, even in the most indirect fashion. Now and then the senator would indicate things he was willing to be quoted (Concluded an Page Two, Column Three)

# ARE APPROVE

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 author-

dates road bonds aggregating millions of dollars issued by Union, Yamhill, ments. Coos, Crook, Lane and Jackson counties. BASED ON LADD SUIT

The opinion of Justice Bean is based on an original proceeding in mandamus was to make it possible for the school instituted by Ladd & Tilton, Portland authorities of Portland to weed out in pankers, in an effort to collect \$137.50 nterest due on a block of road bonds amendment on October 11, 1919. In his inion Justice Bean allows a perempory writ ordering John Frawley, reasurer for Union county, to pay the nterest in question.

Today's opinion in which Chief Jusice McBride and Justices Johns, Harris and Brown concur, reverses the position of the supreme court in the case of W. P. Hawley vs. Clackamas county in which it was held that additional legislation was necessary to make the amendment of 1919 operative and that bonds issued in excess of the 4 per cent limitation authorized under an act of 1912 were illegal.

BEAN REVERSES HIMSELF Justice Bean, who writes today's opinion holding the road bond issue under the six per cent limit valid, stood The fact that the Harvey plan was on the opposite side of the question in sprung immediately after Elihu Root, a the previous opinion and Justice Brown, league friend, had talked to Harding, led who has succeeded Justice Bennett since

# Two Small Boys Put Fire Out; Save School Building

Prompt action by two school boys same reductions apply to egg orders. 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

For this service the fire department trongly commended Roy Longwell, 13, from chimney sparks,

Motorcycle Patrolman Ingle from the BIG INTERESTS SCARED east side police station went to the fire and reported that Principal Frey nounced Tuesday" the engagement of much water on the roof that the seepage sure was not indorsed by the firemen, however, who declared the boys had social set. She attended both the Uni- acted valiantly and prevented much serious harm.

# Master Builders In Atlanta, Ga. the hope of squeezing out of the consumer.

Atlanta, Ga., Dec. 14.-(I. N. S.)-Master builders of Atlanta have announced wage reductions to all employes from common laborers to skilled cement workers and bricklayers, ef- all parts of the country. of 80 cents per day; plasterers and cement finishers cut to 90 cents an hour, a reduction of \$1.80 per day, this reduction also applying to bricklayers. Painters receive the heaviest cut, theirs being from \$1 to 60 cents an hour, a reduction of \$3.20 per day.

# For Wednesday, at 2

n Portland's gas rates will begin at 2 offices of the public service commission in the courthouse, it was announced from Salem today. The commission sent word that previous announcement that it would begin at 10 a. m. was erroneous.

# Railroad Crafts to Combat Japanese

Spokane, Wash., Dec. 14.-The affilited railroad crafts of Spokane, representing 4200 people, passed a resolution o fight Japanese immigration and urge legislation to keep the Japanese from coming to América.

# Reorganization Bill Is Passed by House

Washington, Dec. 14 .- (L. N. S.)-The ouse late today passed the Reavis resoution providing for reorganization of the administrative branches of the govern-

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 Washington, Dec. 14.-Two things til the property owners have complied izing county indebtedness for road employment and discharge of teachare disturbing the members of the with the city's orders to repair those purposes up to 6 per cent of the as- ers are the two big bogies that have sessed value of the county is oper- reared themselves between the As the Alder and Taylor street docks ative without any additional legisla- amendments proposed to the teach-United States into any association or are the present landing places of the tion. County road bonds issued un- ers' tenure law by the school board league of nations whatever. One is river steamers, the commissioner's ac- der the provision of this amendment and their approval by the teachers. and in excess of the 4 per cent lim- This, at least, was the major conitation provided under an act of tention of Miss Leona Larrabee in her arguments against the amendamendments and reservations freeing America from obligations or en-

On the other hand School Directors Newill and Shull contended that the sole purpose of the board's proposals was to make it possible for the school efficiency in the teaching staff in the best interests not only of the efficient issued by Union county under this teachers themselves but of the public welfare as well.

> The meeting was largely attended and full of interest, but the warring parties seemingly adjourned as far apart as the big battles of the coming session of the legislature. Director A. C. Newill opened the dis-

ADJOURN FAR APART

cussion at last night's meeting by presenting and explaining the proposed amendments which have been drafted and indorsed by all members of the (Concluded on Page Two, Column Four)

By Hyman H. Cohen

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

In the meantime there is a general movement to liquidate present stocks. Hog prices are dropping in virtually every part of the country and in many places they have reached pre-war levels. Chicago hogs were down 40 to 50c per nundred pounds for the day; Indianapolis was off 25 to 50c and St. Louis was down 40 to 50c, with Kansas City 30 to and Clayton Black, 10. The fire started | 40c lower. At Portland, live hogs are 75c lower for the day.

Local packers announce further reduc tions of 1 to 2 cents a pound in hams, but competition for the limited business made 5 to 8 cents a pound under the prices listed.

The strike of the buyers has scared the big interests and they no longer are dictating prices. The public is today almost making its own prices.

Lard prices, bacon and cooking com-Great losses are being taken by specu lators who stored butter last June in the hope of squeezing some extra profits

EGGS KEEP UP Eggs are the one product that show dvances, this being due to the colder weather and the fact that cold storage supplies are practically exhausted in

Sugar prices are down 50 cents per hundred pounds in the wholesale market. This change was made by Pacific coast refineries during the day, but local wholesalers put the lower price in effect at once and took their losses. In

Potatoes and onions have not been so cheap for many years, but in these lines prices are so low that the public has seemingly lost interest in the market. BREAD MAY DROP

Apples are selling so low for ordinary quality that the prices scarcely pay for the freight and boxes, let alone the cost Hearing of the application for increase smaller sizes, for large sized apples are action. You don't hear of any Japanscarce. These are used for baking and 'clock Wednesday afternoon in the the demand for them is keeping the British in Hongkong or Middle China." price high. Despite the low price of about 15c wholesale for fancy apples, fruit stands are asking 30 to 50c a Because of the very low prices now

> for another decline. Competition in the bread market has forced one or two of the automatic bakers to cut their prices, but, generally speaking, the bakers are still holding

# Constantine Favors Trade Concessions To United States

Paris, Dec. 14.-(U. S.)-Valuable trade concessions and privileges to be granted America will be one of the first moves of King Constantine when he

# ICY TERWILLIGER PROVES GRIEF SPOT

B AD 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. Lower picture shows crew trying to remove truck from sidewalk.



Portland has served notice on the railroads that they owe this city an adequate union terminal. Steps ever, leaving little doubt but that the were taken by the mayor's commistenure law is to be the center of one of sion Monday evening to carry the terminal controversy to the interstate commerce commission through the aid of the Oregon public service Telegrams were sent as another result

of the meeting to Robert S. Lovett, chairman of the directors of the Union Pacific, and Julius Kruttschnitt, who oc-cupies a similar position with the Southern Pacific, saying:

"Committee of presidents of all civic clubs appointed by Mayor Baker met to night and asks that action be rescinded barring the Great Northern and S., P. & S. roads from use of the roll and terminals pending an adjustment and terminals pending an adjustment and POLICIES OUTLINED

The declaration of policy adopted by the committee was: That the railroads owe Portland as

That plans and preliminary arrange looking to a Union terminal should now be formulated. adequate terminal present joint use of

be continued. Acting Mayor Bigelow assured the its committee in every aggressive step origin to the milling point. no matter how far the contest may be carried.

The Union Pacific and the Southern Pacific are the owner lines of the Northern Pacific Terminal company, which, over the protest of the Northern Pacific, the third owner line, voted to oust the Great Northern and S., P. & S. from use of the Union depot which was granted be figured out on the basis of actual the latter carriers during government adis so keen that sales are actually being the latter carriers during government administration of the railroads.

> Chairman H. B. Van Duzer of the com mittee expressed hope that the roads might comply with the will of Portland without litigation. City Attorney Walter P. La Roche, secretary of the committee, said that if litigation is necessary appeal to the interstate commerce commission under the 1920 transportaion act is the only course open. The federal commission has authority to compel the railroads to establish a union

# Only Preparation Will Halt Japanese, Is Kahn's Opinion

Chicago Dec. 14.-(I. N. S.)-Declaring that the United States will not make many downtown retail shops sugar is war on Japan but that the only way it virtually as low as wholesale quotations. can avoid war with Japan "is to be always prepared for one," Representative Julius Kahn, California member of the house military affairs committee, said today in an interview that there is in Japan "a constant and bitter agitation against America, growing more bitter all the time." "Only Sunday," said Congressman

Kahn, "there was a great massmeeting of production. This applies to the in Japan to protest against American ese massmeetings to protest against the

## Bellingham Mills Cut Lumber Prices ruling for feedstuffs, milk prices are due

Bellingham, Wash., Dec. 14 .- (I. N L)-The Bloedel-Donovan Lumber mills, largest lumber operators in Northwestof more than 10 per cent in the retail prices of lumber, effective December 15, The new list is from 40 to 47 per cent under quotations of May, 1920.

# Dingley Wool Tariff Will Be Requested Washington, Dec. 14 .- (I. N. S.)-Im-

mediate reenactment of the Dingley tariff on wool, 10 cents a pound on first grade wool and 12 cents a pound on ascends the throne of Greece. These concessions are to be a retaliation for the Angio-French economic blockade of congress, Representative Fordney, chair-Greece, according to dispatches from man of the house ways and means com-Athens today. mittee, announced this afternoon. miltee, announced this afternoon.

Milling in transit rates, effect-Oregon, will be established for the benefit of the lumber industry, ef- the end of every year, was the subshaw, general freight agent of the County Judges and Commissioners system, this morning.

Mills on Southern Pacific lines have of Multnomah county. never hitherto enjoyed this privilege. Reed did not enter into a discussion Such an arrangement is effective on the of the merits or demerits of the law, but That pending the construction of an O-W. R. & N. and other northern lines, but the valley mills and industries on, the various counties of the state as exexisting facilities by all the roads should the branch lines have long felt a handi- pressed by county courts and municipal cap in not being able to compete with authorities. The opinion was much dimills more favorably located, without vided. Some contended that the law is mmittee that the city council will back absorbing the local rate from point of

The new arrangement, Hinshaw an- progress. nounced, eliminates this disadvantage RESOLUTION ADOPTED

against the branch line mill. The milling in transit rate applies on through shipments. It does not affect shall N. Dana, who outlined the waste either the local rate or the through rate and duplication and pauperization reexcept that an arbitrary milling charge is fixed against shipments on the basis of the through rate. This charge will mental bodies and private organizations.

Rough lumber from the point rigin can thus, at trifling cost, stopped at the milling point and treated to further processes of manufacture, so that when it starts again on its inter- ommending to the governor and legislarupted journey it will be ready for the arpenter's 'hand.

Experts are now figuring out the new tariffs and these will be published immediately on completion of the task. Application was made for this milling privilege about a year and a half ago while the roads were under federal control. The railroad administration at that aficiency in the administration of need, time did not see fit to grant the privi-

Hinshaw said the Southern Pacific is notion, in the hope of building up the lumber industry along its Oregon lines.

# Reclamation Fund Of \$400,000 Seems Certain as Starter

Washington, Dec. 14. — (WASHING-TON 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. This means construction of either the Crane Prairie or Benham Falls reservoir, as may be later decided. The most desirable announcement came today when Director Davis of the reclamation service took the witness stand before the appropriations committee to explain estimates for irrigation. Chairman Good at once called atten-

tion to statement made yesterday by Congressman Sinnott concerning Oregon on. Davis stated he had already acted He expects additional recommendation for the Deschutes project to be incorporated. This indicates success for the drive which the Oregon delegation has been making the last few days to correct discrimination against Oregon reclamation allotments.

# London-Dublin Wires Have Been Restored

London, Dec. 14 .- (I. N. S.) - Telephone communication with Dublin, which was broken during the night, was restored this morning. No official explanation was given of the interruption.

The "Six Per Cent Tax Limita-Milling in transit rates, effect. The "Six Per Cent Tax Limita-ive on all Southern Pacific lines in tion," which rises like Banquo's Many automobilists decided discretion fective as soon as the tariffs can ject of an address before the conbe published, announced H. A. Hin-vention of the State Association of Tuesday by Henry E. Reed, assessor

presented a symposium of opinion from good and curbs extravagance, while others maintained it is bad and retards

"Ideal Charities on a Business Basis' sulting from the usual administration of funds devoted to charity by govern-He reviewed the "Community Chest" or ganization of Portland, whose object is to coordinate all charitable effort and put business into it.

his suggestions by the convention rec- geois. ture that the present investigation of the subject by a commission appointed by the governor be continued during the next blennium under the direction of the University of Oregon or other competent agency with the view of formulating a state-wide plan which will promote economy, end abuses and bring about ef-ROAD MEASURE FAVORED

Following an address by George Quayle, secretary of the State Chambernow announcing the new rate on its own of Commerce, the convention passed a resolution to be forwarded to the Oregon delegation in congress indorsing the Chamberlain federal aid road bill. This quate. bill provides for an annual appropria-tion of \$100,000,000 for four years for post roads and \$10,000,000 annually for a period of 10 years for forest roads. John McArthur of the Lane county road department read a paper showing the good results achieved through an effec-

tive road organization and the use of improved machinery. A few of the problems of county ad ministration were outlined by District Attorney Evans of Multnomah county

# Prosecution Goes On in Cement Case

Prosecution of the Oregon-Portland Cement company was continued today n Federal Judge Bean's court. The morning session was used in reading correspondence between the company and its patrons. The government is at-tempting to show that the cement companies on the coast formed a combine in estraint of trade and that the territory n the coast states was divided between them. The trial will probably last over the Christmas holidays.

# Check of Farmers' Credits Is Ordered

Washington, Dec. 14.-(L N. S.)-In an effort to determine how much farmers "paper" is outstanding, the senate agriculture committee passed a resolution today calling upon the federal replete report of credits extended to sep arate industries as distinct from avail able reports showing the outstanding credits by federal reserve districts.

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 diffi-

Sandy boulevard was littered with automobiles with broken wheels. Terwilliger boulevard at Hamilton avenue looked like a junk heap. The Columbia river highway was not without its quota of derelicts. The west approach to the steel bridge "got 'em all." NO ONE INJURED

And yet through all the slips and skids and collisions, not one person was reported injured. The ice disappeared soon after the sun came out, but the garage men and

towing companies had accumulated work enough for many a day, The glittering ice covered streets and sidewalks made motorists and pedestrians chart their courses with care as they skidded to work, and made the police department hustle to record the minor accident reports which came in

from all over the city. For the first time this season Portland experienced a temperature below the reezing point-31 degrees. But the one degree below the freezing level congealed the rain which fell on the streets late

Monday afternoon. 33 ACCIDENTS REPORTED Frost drew the remainder of the moisture out of cement, wood and steel and made of the city one great skating rink. Police marveled as the night and then the early morning passed without a seri-ous street accident being reported. A otal of 53 accidents were reported to the police Monday evening until mid-

night, but not in a single instance was did not bring their automobiles out. The ones who did proceeded cautiously and (Concluded on Page Two, Column Seven)

# DISARMING PLAN

By Newton C. Parke

World disarmament struck more snags today. Leon Bourgeois, representing France, notified the League of Nations that France could not comply with the disarmament committee's recommendations that nations should not exceed their pres-

ent armament budgets. "It would be impractical for France to A resolution was adopted in line with of the Versailles treaty," said M. Bour-

# Fatal Explosion Caused by Match

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 14 .- (I. N. S.)-Mystery surrounding the explosion of coal gas aboard the steamship Victoria here late yesterday was solved today when Andrew Hansen, chief officer, who lies in a hospital severely burned, declared Bertrand E. Prince, head stevedore, lighted a match while the two men were inspecting the hold for cargo space. finding the flash light he carried inade-Prince was blown to pieces, as was William Lawrence, station man foreman carpenter, and E. W. Raymond, chief port engineer, were severely burned.

# The Journal's News Resources Abundant

The Journal receives the daily reports of four telegraphic news associations, all of which operate leased wires into The Journal building. Each of these services is a complete news gathering agency with established connections in news centers all over the world.

These services are: United Press. International News Service. Universal Service.

United News. In addition to carrying thorough news report each of them employs talented news writers whose signed articles on news events are of exception-

al merit The Journal maintains its own bureau in Washington that is devoted exclusively to news events affecting The Journal's field. The Journal's service on national affairs is further supplemented by the David Lawrence daily dispatch.