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It's All Here and It's All True! THE WEATHER—Tonight and Saturday...

DUSKY MAIDS LURE MARINES TO DESERTION

Siren Songs of Tropical Girls Lure Oregon Boy From Dull Duties at Guam; Elopement Followed by Arrest on Yap Isle.

By Ralph H. Turner Washington, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Two South Sea maids singing the siren song of their native tropical setting...

Naval authorities here today were considering the romantic case of Corporal William V. Dawson...

Official records of the case, which came to light here today, showed that life in sleepy Guam had begun to pall on Dawson and Clifton...

MOTORBOAT THEIR BARK

A motorboat was commandeered, stocked with provisions and all was set for the elopement. Off they sailed, the four of them.

Even the South seas are sometimes restless and the little motor craft with its love cargo tossed menacingly. The gasoline supply was running low...

Their suspicious aroused, the Japanese authorities, who guard the Yaplanders these days, seized the marines (the women, too) and placed them under observation. The observation over the Japanese sent Dawson and Clifton along with the two causes of the trouble to Tokohama...

1 SECTION IS CHANGED

The consul told on the marines. It was a double wedding, two marines and two Chamorroes. Today, with the brides in their new thatched apartment back in Guam, the marines are awaiting trial for desertion.

Marine officials admit the case is without precedent. Dawson enlisted at Portland, Or., in 1916; Clifton joined at Seattle the same year.

William V. Dawson is the son of Roy F. Dawson, a farmer residing near Echo, Or. The young man gave his occupation as a laborer when enlisting in Portland. He was born October 26, 1892.

WARNS AGAINST 'PIECEMEAL' TARIFF

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Any "piecemeal" or emergency tariff revision to aid the farmers or any other class is impracticable at this time, Senator Penrose, chairman of the senate finance committee, has informed congressional leaders by telephone from Atlantic City.

Naval Base Report Postponed to Jan. 13

Washington, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—The senate today adopted a resolution postponing until January 13, 1921, the date of the joint congressional committee, which investigated sites for naval bases on the Pacific coast, must make its report to congress.

A New Story About Old Gold

The romance of California's days of '49 is a familiar story but the fact that to Charles Bennett of Oregon goes a share in the great gold discovery is of recent establishment. The parts played by Bennett and James W. Marshall, also an Oregon pioneer, in the California gold discovery make a fascinating page in the next Sunday Journal Magazine.

Jiggs and Maggie In Paris

The Sunday Journal incomparable comic next Sunday reveals the spirit of Christmas. The inimitable "Jiggs" gets involved in it in Paris; the "Katzenjammer Kids" induce the "Captain" to play Santa Claus, and "Mr. Dobb" gets all mixed up in holiday antics. It's all good fun and you will enjoy it.

The Sunday Journal 5 Cents the Copy

FARMERS AIM KNOCKOUT AT MIDDLE MEN

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—Representatives of farmers' organizations all over the nation, meeting here under the auspices of the national board of farm organizations, to seek remedies for the critical situation said to confront agriculturists because of the credit situation and lowering prices of their products...

The committee appointed to seek methods to overcome losses of farmers due to falling grain prices submitted a resolution providing for the establishment of terminal elevators to dispose of grain to the consumer from the farmers direct, on a cooperative plan, thus eliminating the "middleman."

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The 1920 population of the following states as follows: Alaska, 54,899; American Samoa, 8,056; Guam, 14,800; Hawaii, 255,912; Puerto Rico, 2,288,829; Porto Rico, 2,289,809; Military and naval in service abroad, 117,238.

The population of the Philippines in 1918, the latest census taken in that country, was 10,359,640. The Virgin Islands had a population in 1917 of 26,051.

Ptomaine Poisoning Attacks Following Shriners' Banquet

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—Four persons were suffering from ptomaine poisoning at hospitals here today following the Shriners' banquet at the Exposition auditorium last night, given in honor of Ellis Lewis Garretson of Tacoma, imperial potentate of the Mystic Shrine.

They were Mrs. Joseph James, Miss Frances James and Miss Olive Gerlach, all of 12 Martin avenue, San Jose, and Mrs. Frances Peller, 183 West James street, San Jose.

All will recover, physicians said. Mayor and Mrs. George L. Baker of Portland, who are accompanying Mr. and Mrs. Garretson on a tour of the coast, were among the guests.

Drive for Purchase Of Flour Is Widened

Walla Walla, Wash., Dec. 17.—Joe Scott, chairman of the Commercial club's "Buy a Barrel of Flour Now" committee, has called a conference of flour mills of the inland empire here for Saturday noon, at which time the campaign for the entire Northwest will be completed. The club has also created interest in the movement locally by offering prizes to be paid in flour, for the best display and also for the best sales argument. A "Buy a Barrel of Flour Now" parade is also being discussed.

Tumulty Decides to Enter Law Practice

Washington, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, announced late today that he will enter the general practice of law in the District of Columbia after March 4.

DEATHS ROIL AUTO MISHAPS INCREASE

Reduction of 3 Per Cent Shown in Fatalities for Period Ending December 1, Though Number of Autos Greatly Increase.

Deaths from automobile accidents have been reduced 33 per cent in Portland during the 12 months ending December 1, 1920, in comparison with the same period ending December 1, 1919. The record is all the more imposing in view of the 35 per cent increase in the number of machines on Portland streets.

These facts are brought out in the annual report of the traffic bureau, submitted to Chief of Police Jenkins by Captain Lewis this morning.

Although the number of accidents increased by approximately 2000 over last year, the injury totals were held down to the 1919 figures.

Twenty-eight people were killed in collisions during the fiscal year, as against 42 last year. Had the number of deaths increased proportionately with the increase in automobiles, as they have in previous years, 56 people would have been run down and killed in Portland in 1920.

ACCIDENTS TOTAL 10,088 There were 10,088 accidents this year, as against 8405 in 1919, and 1238 people were injured, in comparison with 1207 from December, 1919, to December, 1920. Fines amounting to \$34,988 were levied on 6632 traffic offenders arrested.

Of the 10,088 accidents, 5961 were caused by carelessness in various forms. Collisions resulted 1896 times from failure to give right of way, 1000 from 437 smashups from skidding, 378 from cut corners and 307 from failure to signal. Speeding caused 277 accidents.

The total number of accidents with the marked lack of speed and consequences would tend to show that drivers are learning the principles of accident prevention, the report declares.

Enclosing recommendations for further reduction of accidents and deaths, Captain Lewis declares in favor of a regulation forcing automobiles approaching main thoroughfares to come to a complete stop. He points out that a heavy majority of the collisions on the east side are caused by automobiles darting into traffic from the side streets.

The excellent record established by Portland during the year, reducing fatal accidents to the best record in the country, is attributed by experts to the strenuous educational campaign carried on in this city during the last year, and to the efforts of the traffic bureau in enforcing the law.

SHRINER CONTEST BECOMES SPIRITED

Shriners of Al Kader temple will be called upon Saturday night at their annual meeting to decide which four nobles shall attend the coming ceremonial in Georgia as accredited delegates from Portland. Six candidates are in the field, including two who were put up after the originally designated four had been selected subject to ratification by the temple.

Considerable internal politics is said to be mixed up in the coming selection. The four formal candidates are W. J. Hofmann, Mayor George L. Baker, Judge George Stapleton and Frank S. Grant. The other two are John L. Ehrbridge and A. L. Tetu, whose apparent effort is to defeat Hofmann and Stapleton for the honors.

Oregon City's Depot Facilities Protested

Salem, Or., Dec. 17.—Formal complaint against the inadequacy of present depot facilities of the Southern Pacific railroad in Oregon City was filed with the public service commission Friday morning by the Oregon City Commercial club.

Public Market In Control of Clique, Women Tell Bigelow

Portland has no public market, but has provided an excellent trading center for Greeks, Italians and others at the city's expense, and to the detriment of the American producers of essential foods.

Thus spoke Mrs. Irene E. Stuart, chairman, and Mrs. Tillie Jordan and Mrs. J. B. Rhodes, constituting the market committee of the Housewives' council, in City Commissioner Bigelow's office today.

"While the prime object of the public market here was to provide the farmers and other producers with a convenient place to display their products and to enable the housewives to trade directly with the producers, thus eliminating the middleman and his unjustifiable profits, the purpose has been entirely lost," Mrs. Stuart said.

"Property-owners have built stalls in the buildings adjoining the city's curb market and have leased them to dealers, who resort to various means of harassing the actual producers who offer their wares from the curbstone, thus deliberately taking advantage of the city's efforts to keep down prices by feathering their own nests and making it embarrassing for housewives who buy from the producers."

The women informed Commissioner Bigelow of numerous instances of the private stall owners acting insolently toward both housewives and farmers, and charged the middlemen with deliberately attempting to discourage the use of the public market by the producing farmers.

RELIEF PROMISED "While I do not believe in fighting, if one of those private stall owners had spoken as insolently to me as he did to one woman who was buying of a producer, I would have bought a whip and administered a deserved thrashing to him," Mrs. Stuart informed the commissioner.

The principal object of the committee's visit was to urge immediate action of the council in restoring the maximum price-fixing at the public market and to report cases of deliberate price-fixing by both producers and middlemen.

The middlemen, who were supposed to be eliminated by the public market, actually dominate the situation there today, and the housewives pay the penalty of the price-fixing at Bigelow.

They were assured those conditions would be changed, once the city waterfront plan were carried out and a municipal market built as formally planned. The council will doubtless restore the maximum price at its next meeting, Bigelow assured the housewives.

PORTLAND GIRL AT GANGSTER'S TRIAL

San Francisco, Dec. 17.—(U. P.)—With Miss Jessie Montgomery undergoing a relentless cross examination at the hands of Attorney Ernest Spagnoli, the trial of Ed (Spud) Murphy for alleged felonious assault was resumed before Superior Judge Ward today.

When court opened, Spagnoli, representing Murphy, made another plea for a continuance, declaring he was not ready to cross-examine Miss Montgomery, but his plea was denied.

Murphy was in court, dressed in a natty gray suit, but appeared worn and tired. His wife sat beside him.

TELLS REPULSIVE STORY The first few questions asked Miss Montgomery brought out answers from her to the effect that she had been married at San Rafael, February 2, 1920, to Arthur Mathias, and took the latter to live at 1119 1/2 street, left her husband at Petaluma and went to Reno, Nev., to reside. She said her husband is now suing her for a divorce at Santa Rosa, Cal.

Miss Montgomery told a story, which probably was as repulsive as the human mind could comprehend. She told it with her face hidden from the gaze of spectators while Murphy sat sullenly at the defense table beside his wife, who seemed nearly overcome with amazement.

Motorman Run Down By Motorist While Turning His Trolley

While Arthur H. Grammond, motorman on a North and South Portland streetcar, was turning the trolley on his car at Slavin road and Corbett street about 1 o'clock Thursday evening, an automobile driven by A. E. Mindhan suddenly rounded the car, struck and dragged him several feet. Grammond was taken to St. Vincent's hospital where he is receiving treatment for an injured back and numerous cuts and bruises. Mindhan was arrested by Patrolman Tyler on a charge of reckless driving and released on \$50 bail. Grammond lives at 809 Eleventh street.

BRITAIN TO COME WITH HARDING HE DECLARES

Company Engineer Makes Statement Indicating Employer Asking 27 1/2 Cents More Per 1000 Feet Than Cost Justifies.

Under cross examination today before the public service commission, which is holding a hearing on the request of the Portland Gas & Coke company for higher rates, City Attorney La Roche developed admissions from W. L. Gray, engineer in the employ of the Portland Gas & Coke company, tending to show that the company is asking 27 1/2 cents more a thousand feet than the increased cost of fuel oil would justify.

The present rate charged for 2000 feet of gas is \$1.90, and the rate proposed by the gas company to cover the increased cost of oil is \$2.29 for 2000 feet. The gas estimate of production costs given by the company records, La Roche showed that a rate of \$2.74 for 2000 feet would take care of the advance in the price of oil, a differential of 100 cents, or 2 1/2 cents a thousand feet of gas.

SMALL USER HIT La Roche objected to the proposed rate on the ground that it provides for an unequal distribution of the cost of production to the consumer, placing a heavier burden on the small user than the old rate. Gray's testimony and cross-questioning by La Roche occupied the greater part of the hearing before the public service commission today.

Gray's figures showed that a total of 2,087,000,000 feet of gas was manufactured by the company for the year ending September 30, and the 2,545,029,000 feet was sold to consumers. The balance of the gas produced, with the exception of that used by the company for manufacturing purposes, was cited as a loss.

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HITS SMALL USERS Portland gas bills are lower than those of other cities of the country, according to Gray, who presented an analysis of the proposed rate. Gray was on the stand all Thursday afternoon and today.

City Attorney La Roche and his assistants, G. L. Rauch and J. A. Bailey, attempted to show that the proposed rate would be a benefit to small users of gas than does the present rate.

The gas company's records show an increase of 118 per cent in the number of gas furnaces used in the city during the past year and the heating bill for the average household using the heater would be increased about 128 per cent by the new rate.

LELAND SMITH IS NAMED AS CONSUL

Washington, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—The president has sent to the senate the nomination of Leland Smith, Portland, Or., and Gerhard H. Kroh, Fargo, N. D., to be consuls of the seventh class.

Leland L. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter V. Smith of 704 Hoyt street, recently returned after both active and post-war service as captain in the United States army abroad. Before returning to Portland he took the competitive examination for consular appointment.

Early during the war Captain Smith was made a military attaché, in which capacity he served in several parts of Europe. In Roumania he handled the consular work of Roumania, Russia and Galicia and several other adjacent countries. On his arrival in France in January, 1918, he served for a time at general headquarters, later being attached to the staff of Quartermaster General Vial, French army. Following active participation in the battle of the Marne, service on the Champagne front and at the Argonne, he was sent to the French embassy at Bucharest. After a period of active service in Roumania, where he was American observer with the Polish and Roumanian troops, he was returned to the French army, with which he went into Germany. He has received the insignia of the French Legion of Honor and a decoration from Roumania.

Eight S., P. & S. Cars Wrecked at Cooks

Eight cars of an eastbound freight train on the S., P. & S. railway were derailed and wrecked about 4 o'clock today when a journal on one of the cars broke at the west switch at Cooks, Wash. The cars wrecked were mostly loaded with lumber. Train No. 3 from Spokane was derailed at Portland on the O.-W. R. N. tracks and the life was reopened for operation at 11 o'clock this morning. No one was injured.

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