It's All Here and It's All True THE WEATHER-Tonight and Saturday, rain; easterly winds.

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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 Seas maids singing the siren song of their native tropical setting, have just led a pair of American marines into an adventure that included a perilous sea voyage, marriage, then arrest for desertion. And it hasn't ended yet.

Naval authorities here today were considering the romantic case of Corporal William V. Dawson, 22, of Walnut, Ala., and Sergeant Everett E. Clifton, 22, of Winona, Minn., stationed in the marine corps on the Island of Guam.

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. And then they met the two native girls-Chamorros, they are called-with the luring complexion of cafe ay lalt and wearing grassy gowns that sway in the breeze. MOTORBOAT THEIR BARK

### A motorboat was commandeered, stocked with provisions and all was set

for the elopement. Off they sailed, the

its love-cargo tossed menacingly. The gasoline supply was running low. But finally the cry of "land." The party went ashore, strange tropical people crowding about them on the beach. The marines, with their dusky sweet-

hearts, were on the island of Yap. Their suspicions aroused, the Japanese authorities, who guard the Yaplanders these days, seized the marines (the women, too), and placed them under ob-The ebservation over, the Japanese sent Dawson and Clifton along with the two causes of the trouble to At that port they were turned over to the American consul,

1 SERTION IS CHATGED The consul told on the marines. It was a double wedding, two marines and two Chamorrors. Today, with the brides in their new thatched roofed apartment trial for desertion.

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

William V. Dawson is the son of Roy Dawson, a farmer residing hear 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.)possessions is as follows: Any "piecemeal" or emergency tariff revision to aid the farmers or any other class is impracticable at this American Sam a time, Senator Penrose, chairman of Hawaii the senate finance committee, has Panama Canal informed congressional leaders by Military and naval in service abroad. telephone from Atlantic City.

### Naval Base Report Postponed to Jan. 13

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

### 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. Other Sunday Journal Magazine features include a page of news photographs and a fashion page in color.

### 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. Dubb" gets all mixed up in holiday antics. It's all good fun and you will enjoy it.

The Sunday Journal 5 Cents the Copy

## FARMER'S AIN 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 be-

cause of the credit situation and lowering prices of their products, had before them today a plan to "clip" the claws of grain specula-

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."

The total population of the United bureau, is 105,708,771, an increase of 13,736,505, or 14.9 per cent in 10 years. It was previously announced Even the South seas are sometimes as 105,683,108. The 1910 popula- as against 8405 in 1919, and 1238 people restless and the little motor craft with tion was 91,972,266.

The fotal population of the United States, with its outlying possessions, in

1920 is 117.857,509.

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1	Alabama	2,848,174
ŧ	Arizona	333,903
١	Arkansas	1,752,204
ſ	California	3,426,861
ł	Colorado	939,629
1	Connecticut	1,380,631
ŧ	Delaware	223,003
ì	District of Columbia	437,571
1	Florida	968 470
ŧ	Georgia	2,895,832
1	Idaho	-431,866
Į	Illinois	6,485,280
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ą	Nebraska	1,296,372
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1	Oklahoma	2,028,288
1	Oregon	783,389
1	Pennsylvania	8,720,017
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ij	South Carolina	1.683,724
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The, 1920 population of the outlying

Captain Lewis further proposes that 22,858 117,238 The population of the Philippines in 1918, the latest census taken in that The Virgin islands had a population

fic bureau in enforcing the law.

## Ptomaine Poisoning Attacks Following Shriners' Banquet

ountry, was 10,350,640

in 1917 of 26,051.

San Francisco, Dec. 17. - 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 all of 12 Martin avenue, San Jose, and Mrs. Frances Pellier, 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 supporters in the Shrine Wednesday "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. ticket than the mere wish of these indi-The club has also created interest in the movement locally by offering prizes, to be paid in flour, for the best displays ever, to discuss the details of the dissenand also for the best sales argument. A "Buy a Barrel of Flour Now" parade is also being discussed.

## **Tumulty Decides to Enter Law Practice**

enter the general practice of law in the public service commission Friday morn-driving and released on \$50 bail. Gram-six-story reinforced concrete building, today by Representative Begg (R., ling by the Oregon City Commercial club. mond lives at 800 Eleventh street.

Reduction of 3 Per Cent Shown in Fatalities for Period Ending December 1, Though Num-

Deaths from automobile accidents have been reduced 33 per cent in Portland during the 12 months December 1, 1919. The record is all the more imposing in view of the of machines on Portland streets.

These facts are brought out in the CITE INSTANCES annual report of the traffic bureau, Although the number of accidents in-

reased by approximately 2000 over last

against 42 last year. Had the number of deaths increased proportionately States, according to revised figures with the increase in automobiles, as in Portland in 1920.

ACCIDENTS TOTAL 10,038

There were 10,038 accidents this year, farmers. were injured, in comparison with 1207 December, 1919, to December, 1920. Fines amounting to \$34,988 were if one of those private stall owners the old rate. Gray's testimony and to the heart of the former Democratic levied on 6632 traffic offenders arrested, had spoken as insolently to me as he cross-questioning by La Roche occupied The 1920 population of the several caused by carelessness in various forms, a producer, I would have bought a the public service commission today. states as revised was announced as fol- Collisions resulted 1896 times from fail- whip and administered a deserved Population. 437 smashups from skidding, 378 from formed the commissioner. signal. Speeding caused 277 accidents, tee's visit was to urge immediate ac-

> 116, and defective brakes 114. the marked lack of serious consequences would tend to show that driv
> "The middlemen, who were supposed and is about the same as similar losses." dent prevention," the report declares. ther reduction of accidents and deaths, alty," Captain Lewis declares in favor of a

ing main thoroughfares to come to a terfront plan were carried out and a complete s.op. He points out that municipal market built as formally a heavy majority of the collisions planned. The council will doubtes reautomobile darting into traffic laden meeting, Bigelow assured the housethoroughfa as from side streets. The wives, accidents are caused by speed and carethoroughfa lessness. Captain Lewis maintains, and to eliminate the evil he proposes that machines entering such streets as East

Broadway, Mississippi, Union, Milwaukie, Burnside, Division and Sandy boulevard be compelled to stop before entering. WOULD RESTRICT PARKING

To reduce smashups on the west side the traffic chief recommends that parking should be limited to two or three hours in the district just outside of the present 30 minute section. Double parking and congestion are responsible, he declares, for many of the collision downtown, many of which could be elima inated by restricting parking all over 194,402 the congested section and thereby doing away with the all day parkers.

> so-called "pimples" be placed in the center of various intersections to eliminate the practice of cutting corners traffic directions on bridges and sundry other means planned to open up Portland's narrow thoroughfares and keep drivers and pedestrians within the law. The excellent record established by Portland during the year in reducing fatal accidents, probably the best record in the country, is attributed by experts to the strenuous educational campaign carried on in this city during the last 13 months and to the efforts of the traf-

Shriners of Al Kader temple will be called upon Saturday night at ment. their annual meeting to decide TO CALL PORTLAND GIRL Frances James and Miss Olive Gertach, 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. Etheridge and A. L. Tetu, whose apparent effort is to defeat Hofmann and Staple-

ton for the honors. Etheridge tendered a banquet to his night and Tetu is said to be busy among his friends to swing support to his side. Proponents of the original ticket assert that more is behind the "insurgent" viduals to represent Al Kader at the coming ceremonial. They refused, howsions which for a time threatened a diplomatic breach in the fraternal camp.

## Oregon City's Depot Facilities Protested

## Public Market In Control of Clique, Women Tell Bigelow

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

Thus spoke Mrs. Irene E. Stuart, chairman, and Mrs. Tillie Jordan ber of Autos Greatly Increase, 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 pubic market here was to provide the ending December 1, 1920, in com- farmers and other producers with a trade directly with the producers, thus eliminating the middleman and his unentirely lost," Mrs. Stuart said.

the buildings adjoining the city's curb submitted to Chief of Police Jenkins market and have leased them to dealers, who resort to various means of tify. harassing the actual producers who thus deliberately taking advantage of by the gas company to cover the inear, the injury totals were held down the city's efforts to keep down prices creased cost of oil is \$3.29 for 2000 feet.

Bigelow of numerous instances of the vance in the price of oil, a differential ssued this afternoon by the census they have in previous years, 56 people private stall owners acting insolently of 55 cents, or 271/2 cents a thousand would have been run down and killed toward both housewives and farmers, and charged the middlemen with delib- SMALL USER HIT erately attempting to discourage the use of the public market by the producing

RELIEF PROMISED

Of the 10,038 accidents, 5961 were did to one woman who was buying of the greater part of the hearing before Senator Harding counted on him to out-

cut corners and 307 from failure to The principal object of the commitreckless driving 184, jaywalking 119, op-tion of the council in restoring the erating on the left side of the street maximum price-fixing at the public market and to report cases of deliberate "The total number of accidents with price-flixng by both producers and mid-

ers are learning the principles of acci- to be eliminated by the public market, actually dominate the situation there Enclosing recommendations for fur- today, and the housewives pay the pen- HITS SMALL USERS the committee told Bigelow. They were assured those conditions would be changed, once the city wa-He points out that municipal market built as formally the stand, all Thursday afternoon and east side are caused by store the maximum price at its next

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

When court opened, Spagnolf, reprecontinuance, 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 1920, to Arthur Mathias, and took the name of Miss Montgomery after she at Santa Rosa, Cal.

mind could comprehend. She told it with her face hidden from the gaze of seemed nearly overcome with amaze-

The cross examination of Miss Montcomery was completed at 1:10 this afternoon and court recessed until 2:30, at which time the prosecution planned to

n the stand, The jury, which was completed yesterlay afternoon, includes two women, both unmarried, who must listen to the sordid details of the testimony. They are Miss Olive Burnett, a stenographer, and Miss Hazel P. Stevenson The defense will attempt to prove an

The torn clothing worn on the night of their attack by the two girls was placed in evidence by the prosecution.

## 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 11 o'clock Thursday evening, an automobile driven by A. R. Mindhan suddenly rounded the car, struck and dragged him several feet. Grammond

# PORTLAND, OREGON, FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 17, 1920.—TWENTY-FOUR PAGES

Company Engineer Makes Statement Indicating Employer Asking 271-2 Cents More Per 1000 Feet Than Cost Justifies.

Under cross examination today before the public service commission, which is holding a hearing on the -"I find I am pretty much one parison with the same period ending convenient place to display their prod- company for higher rates, City At- tics and religion," William Jennings uets and to enable the housewives to torney La Roche developed admis- Bryan said late today in his address sions from W. L. Gray, engineer in to the laymen's meeting of the Ma-35 per cent increase in the number justifiable profits, the purpose has been the employ of the Portland Gas & rion Presbytery. The statement was Coke company, tending to show that made after he had conferred at the company is asking 27 1/2 cents length with the president-elect on "Property-owners have built stalls in more a thousand feet than the in- the international situation. creased cost of fuel oil would jus-

The present rate charged for 2000 feet The women informed Commissioner 2000 feet would take care of the ad- LEAGUE POSITION UNCHANGED feet of gas.

La Roche objected to the proposed an unequal distribution of the cost of

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 that 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, This loss amounted to 16.2 per cent of the amount of gas produced, Gray said, reported by gas manufacturers in other cities.

Portland gas bills are lower than those of other cities of the country, acysis of the proposed rate. Gray was on resumed his testimony this morning.

City Attorney La Roche and his assistants. G. L. Rauch and J. A. Bailey, attempted to show that the proposed rate would bear more heavily on small users of gas than does the present rate, The gas company's records show an

increase of 118 per cent in the number DAUGHERTY AS CHEMIST of gas furnaces used in the city during the past year and the heating bill of the average household using the heater would be increased about 128 per cent by

Washington, Dec. 17 .- (I. N. S.)-The president has sent to the senate president elect tomorrow. senting Murphy, made another plea for 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 Montogmery brought out answers from United States army abroad. Before reher to the effect that she had been turning to Portland he took the commarried at San Rafael, February 2, petitive examination for consular ap-

Early during the war Captain Smith left her husband at Petaluma and went was made a military attache, in which an investigation of the riots of Wedto Reno, Nev., to reside. She said her capacity he served in several parts of nesday night at Manila in which four husband is now suing her for a divorce Europe. In Roumania he handled the consular work of Roumania. Russia and Miss Montgomery told a story, which Galicia and several other adjacent probably was as repulsive as the human countries. On his arrival in France in ing here from Manila today, January, 1918, he served for a time at general headquarters, later being at stabulary have admitted participation. spectators while Murphy sat sullenly at tached to the staff of Quartermaster The rioting was between police and the the defense table beside his wife, who General Vinel, French army. Following island constabulary. August Jacuman, active participation in the battle of the Marne, service on the Champagne front among those killed. and at the Argonne, he was sent to the American embassy at Bucharest. After a period of active service in Roumania, where he was American observer with the Polish and Roumanian troops, he place Miss Jean Stanley of Portland, Or., 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

# Eight S., P. & S. Cars

Eight cars of an eastbound freight train on the S., P. & S. railway were deratled and wrecked about 4 o'clock this morning 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 detoured to Portland via the O-W. R. & N. tracks and the line was reopened for operation at 11 o'clock this morning. No one was

# Palace Hotel Sold;

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Washington, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—Joseph P. Tumulty, secretary to the president, announced late today that he will dent, announced late today that he will service of law in the company for \$200,000. The hotel is a six-story reinforced concrete building, today by Representative Begg (R., and the southwest cormany for \$200,000. The hotel is a six-story reinforced concrete building, discuss."

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# WITH HARDING Is Edict Issued

Pretty Much Alike in Politics abruptly announced: and Religion," Commoner Tells Marion Presbytery in Address.

By Jack Royle

Marion, Ohio, Dec. 17 .- (I. N. S.) request of the Portland Gas & Coke with Senator Harding in both poli- Powers, veteran theatrical owner. Pow-

"I believe Senator Harding is not only an honest and conscientious man, but ing public one whose whole purpose it is to do what offer their wares from the curbstone, of gas is \$1.90, and the rate proposed is best for the American people," he said to newspapermen. "It is not to be expected that everyone will agree as Twenty-eight people were killed in collisions during the fiscal year, as against 42 last year. Had the number with regard to the League of Nations price," 'e said.

was unchanged. Bryan arrived here this morning from Columbus and was the guest of the PROSPERTY IS GENERAL rate on the ground that it provides for president-elect for the day. Peace and the most potent methods to assure it production to the consumer, placing a were the subjects of their consultations. "While I do not believe in fighting, heavier burden on the small user than These subjects have always been close standard bearer and secretary of state. line in detail the provisions of the arbitration treaties entered into by the United States before the great war and give his opinion as to how they should be effectively amended to meet present conditions.

BRYAN'S VIEWS KNOWN

Bryan, it is known, has been a consistent advocate of an association of nations banded together for peace. It is understood he expressed freely his views as to the so-called referendum on war outlined by Colonel George Harvey. He is also believed to have talked over the plan of Senator Root for the use of an international tribunal made operative through arbitration treaties.

Although the question of the make-up of the Harding cabinet was not a subject of discussion between the presidentelect and Bryan, it was by no means overlooked by Senator Harding curing the day. Harry M. Daugherty was expected to arrive from Washington to outline the views of party leaders in

the capital on cabinet appointments. Daugherty is the expert political chem-

ist of the Harding counsellors. To him has been delegated, it is said, the task of testing the reaction presentation to party leaders of each new combination of cabinet material. He is believed to carry from Washington accurate reflection of the comments brought out by the visits of Charles E. Hughes, Herbert Hoover, Elihu Root and A. B. Fall, all cabi-at possibilities.

Bryan will address the layman's conference of the Marion Presbytery this afternoon. He will be accompanied by Senator Harding, and the latter will speak a few words of greeting to the Senator Harry New scheduled to be the chief visitor of the

# 1 SLAIN; INQUIRY **BEGUN IN MANILA**

Honolulu, Dec. 17 .- (U. P.) -The Philippine legislature today started killed, according to messages reach-

Eight members of the Philippine cona United States army field clerk, was

## Ferry Owners Defy Strike Ultimatum

San \*Francisco, Dec. 17 .- (I. N. S.) The strike ultimatum of San Francisco Bay ferry employes for an average \$30 month wage increase which expired at noon today was met by flat refusal from the operating companies in a for-Wrecked at Cooks all communication sent to the unions early this afternoon. The union heads will meet this afternoon.

## 'Red' Troops Gather To Attack Poland

Paris, Dec. 17 .- (U. P.)-Forty thousand Bolshevist troops are concentrated along the Lithuanian border, preparing for another drive on Poland, the French foreign office was advised today.

## Aldrich Tariff Bill BENOUNCES VOWS Price Is \$200,000 Substitutions Sought

# Theatre Prices FX Must Come Down, By Morris Gest

Chicago, Dec. 17 .- Chicago theatrical managers and ticket speculators received a jolt today when President-Elect and Myself Are Morris Gest, producer of shows extraordinary, blew into Chicago and

"Theatre ticket prices are too high; they've got to come down.

Gest is here to make advance arrangements for his new show, "Mecca," and he is going to declare his war on high theatre prices by cutting the cost of tickets to "Mecca" one dollar.

Every theatre in Chicago is enjoying full houses, according to Harry J. ers owns a controlling interest and is manager of five of Chicago's leading

BUSINESS NEVER GREATER

"We never had a greater volume of business," said Powers. "Our houses play to capacity every night and we are generally sold out the day before. Powers said business depression has not shown any effect on the theatre-go-

"It would be a tragedy if the people

didn't have the theatres to help them

forget their troubles," he said, "and perhaps that's the reason why we haven't been hit as hard as other industries." Powers predicted a reduction in theatre prices. "But it will be gradual and may be

Colonel Bryan said his former position years before it reaches the pre-war Top price for theatre seats here \$5. Before the war it was \$2.50.

Powers declared theatrical prosperity

is general. An instance he cited was the receipts of the Follies in Detroit last week, which he s-id totaled \$44,000. Movies are doing a tremendous business at all prices, according to motion picture men. Lou Houseman, who is aiding David

W. Griffith in staging a spectacular production at \$2 per seat, said the house is being filled at every performance.

Lesser priced movie owners also said they were enjoying a successful season. Long queues of regular patrons can be found every night at almost any movie.

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 17 .- (U. .)-Following a fist fight between Owner John Powers of the Los Angeles club, and Jack Cook, secretary of the Salt Lake Bees, a wide split in the Coast league was seen here today. The Coast league owners and directors are holding their annual

meeting in Sacramento, Powers and Cook fought in the room of William Klepper, at the Travelers' hotel. The magnates had returned from a banquet given by Lewis Moreing, and were conversing in Klepper's room, Powers, it is said, declared he didn't elieve Salt Lake would really sell the Bees. Cook replied no one had made an

offer worth while. Klepper, who is representing Bob Brown of Vancouver, whipped out his checkbook and Cook backed down. Powers then, it is said, called Cook a fourflusher and the two fought. Rod Murphy, Seattle player, was referee and

Powers got the decision. When the directors met today Powers, backed by Ed Maier of Vernon, William held to determine whether the territory Klepper of Seattle. Charles Graham and shall remain under the German flag or Dr. Strub of San Francisco insisted that be annexed by Poland. Bitter hostility Cook, who is not a magnate, had no has arisen between the Poles and the right to attend the meetings. It is ex- Germans and allied troops are on the pected a warm fight will take place in scene to preserve order. An allled misthe afternoon session.

# Crater Lake Snow

Medford, Dec. 17.—There is 7½ feet New York, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—The of snow at Anna Springs camp, in Crater Temple Israel synagogue and a whole National park, four feet more than at block of business houses were dethis time last year, which means a depth stroyed by fire early today at Rockaof at least a foot more at Crater lake, way Beach. One hundred and fifty five miles higher, according to a report persons were driven from their homes received Friday by Alex Sparrow, super- into inclement weather. The loss is

F. Behnke, Owner of Dredge; E. Christensen and Adolph Jarve, Are Dead; Blanche Behnke Is Hurled Into River.

South Bend, Wash., Dec. 17 .-Thursday night a dredger which was at work diking the big McGowan ranch at the mouth of North River. blew up, killing three men and Blanche Behnke, 17-year-old daughter of the owner, and injuring the only survivor of the explosion. Fred Welch of Ilwaco, who is in the South Bend hospital.

The men killed were: FRANK BEHNKE, owner. EIGLE CHRISTENSEN of Astoria. ADOLPH JARVE of Astoria.

Flames from the burning dredger instantly lit up the sky and the reflection was seen at South Bend, six miles away, though it was not suspected how serious the fire was, as there is no telephone communication. CAUSE IS UNKNOWN The cause of the explosion may never

be known, but, as the dredger was

operated by a powerful gasoline engine and a large quantity of powder was aboard, it is presumed that the gasoline was somehow set off and the powder followed. The clothing of the men was literally blown off them, but their bodies were not torn much. The shricks of Blanche Behnke were heard as she was blown into the middle

picked up. The dredge burned to the water's edge. The dredge was brought here from Astoria about four months ago and had a year's work ahead of it in diking the (Concluded on Page Two, Column Two)

of the stream. She was dead when

Washington, Dec. 17 .- (U. P.) -President Wilson has purchased the Henry P. Fairbanks residence at 2340 S street northwest, Washington, it was announced today by Randall H. Hagner & Co., real estate dealers. The price of the house was given as \$150,000 and is near the junction of S street and Massachusetts avenue, one of the capital's fashionable streets. It

## British Officer Is Killed by Former German Army Man

London, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—A British officer has been killed by a former German army officer at Kattowitz, in Prussian Silesia, said a News Agency dispatch from Berlin today.

(Kattowitz lies in that section of Prussia where a plebiscite is soon to be sion also is on the scene.)

## Rockaway Synagogue Exceeds Year Ago Burns; Loss \$200,000

estimated at \$200,000.

# Love-sick Monk Goes Free Leaves Monastery for Bride

By Mildred Morris

in self-denial and prayer, James C. Biddle found life without romance as barren as the walls of the monastery which held him.

pist mnok, today described the yearning in men behind monastery walls for ness. freedom to live according to the dictates of the heart.

HIS FAMILY PROMINENT

"A man is never too old to follow the golden spell of romance," said the for- Judge William Gaines, a member of a mer monk. "The love that comes to a well known Virginia family. Biddle met Washington, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)—A beautiful of all love."

her shortly after leaving the monastery.

Biddle is the son of the late Thomas

"The love of God is the highest love, Washington, Dec. 17.—(I. N. S.)— but life is incomplete without the love After spending 20 years as a celibate between man and woman. Every man must have the right to follow the dictates of his heart. OTHERS UNHAPPY "I know that some of my fellow monks were as unhappy as I. To me it seemed

to religion without freedom," he said

As he sat with his bride of two days, a greater sin to remain in the monastery blissfully happy. Biddle, a former trap- yearning for freedom than to renounce my vows. Now I know complete happi-

church and may become a clergyman Biddle, a member of the prominent of that faith.

Philadelphia family of that name, is the bride will live at Paradise, 50 years old, and his bride, formerly the bride's old home near Warrenton, Va.

"And it will be real Paradise to us."

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The bride is a daughter of the late

unable to reconcile myself any longer discuss."