

# KLAMATH BANKS CLOSED BY ORDER OF STATE OFFICIAL

Klamath Falls, Jan. 12.—The doors of the First State and Savings bank of Klamath Falls were closed this morning by the directors of the institution under orders of State Bank Superintendent Bramwell. Control of the bank was turned over to Marshall Hooper, assistant state bank superintendent.

The action was taken, it is said, as a precaution against a probable run, due to persistent rumors, and for the purpose of liquidation. The bank transacted business as usual Tuesday but bank officials met constant threats of the prospect of a run.

The bank was organized 13 years ago as an adjunct of the First National bank, later becoming a separate institution. The officers are Captain J. W. Siemens, president; Ed Bloomingcamp, vice president, and John Siemens Jr., cashier.

That the closing would be temporary and that the bank would soon be reorganized and reopened, was stated. The bank examiner believes the losses will not exceed \$100,000 and, as the surplus is \$100,000, he is of the opinion that the \$100,000 capital of the bank will not be touched. A statement of the institution's condition shows \$1,250,000 in deposits and \$1,440,000 of loans.

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORTS BANK IS SOLVENT**  
According to Captain J. W. Siemens, president of the concern, who is in Portland, his bank has ample funds to meet all its obligations and will reopen again in 60 or 90 days.

Shrinkage of reserve, due to a general slump in business conditions in Klamath county, was the reason for suspension, Siemens said.

After an examination of the books of the bank, Assistant State Bank Superintendent Hooper reported today that the bank is solvent and able to meet all legitimate demands of its creditors.

The farmers and stockmen of Klamath county have an abundant crop on hand which they are unable to dispose of, said Siemens in explanation of the bank's difficulty. "We have taken their well secured paper and must either force payment of the farmers' notes or suspend business temporarily. The directors of the bank have chosen the latter course."

The situation at Klamath Falls was aggravated by the closing down of lumber camps and sawmills in the vicinity. Siemens said thousands of men were out of employment with a resulting shrinkage of bank deposits.

Captain Siemens, accompanied by Ed Bloomingcamp, vice president of the bank, is registered at the Imperial hotel. Before deciding to suspend operation of his bank, Siemens consulted with officials of the Portland Clearing House association as to the best course to pursue.

The bank was not a member of the Federal Reserve.

**DEPLETED RESERVE LED TO BANK CLOSING ORDER**  
State House, Salem, Jan. 12.—The First State & Savings bank of Klamath Falls was closed this morning by orders of Frank C. Bramwell, state superintendent of banks.

Bramwell explains that the action of the department was forced because of the depleted condition of the bank's reserve and expressed a hope that the institution will be able to reopen soon. Marshall Hooper, assistant superintendent, and W. M. Adair, state bank examiner, are in charge of the institution.

**Naval Deserter Alleged**  
Clarence Henness, 20, alleged automobile thief, was also branded as a deserter from the navy this morning by local department of justice agents. Henness was arrested December 23 at Jacksonville, Or., by Sheriff Terrell along with three other service men, and jointly charged with the theft of a new automobile from Tacoma. Prosecution has been started in the federal court.

# Insurance Measure Would Bring Much Additional Revenue

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—Thousands of dollars in additional revenues annually will be forthcoming to the state through the medium of the state insurance department, if a measure which is now reposing snugly in the inside pocket of some Oregon solon is given the light of day and finds favor in the eyes of lawmakers.

Based on recommendations contained in Governor Olcott's message, this measure would require that all non-resident property owners carry insurance placed on their property with some company authorized to transact business in the state of Oregon.

Under the present practice of placing this business with companies which have not been admitted to transact business in Oregon, the state, it is pointed out, is deprived of the tax accruing on this business, aggregating thousands of dollars every year. The practice is also characterized as unfair to admitted companies which are required to pay the state tax.

Under the proposed second bill, also as yet under cover, a companion bill to the first, surplus insurance over and above that which can be carried by the state is to be required of all bonded and licensed agents of outside companies. These agents, however, would be required to file reports of all business transacting with the insurance department and pay a state tax thereon on the same basis as is required of admitted companies.

# Syndicalism Act to Be Broadened if Measure Is Passed

State House, Salem, Jan. 12.—The bill defining criminal syndicalism and sabotage, and carrying the emergency clause, introduced in the house today by Representative Kibbil of Multnomah county, is designed to widen the scope of the existing law so as to overcome difficulties in securing convictions which have been met under present interpretation of the law by the Multnomah county circuit court.

The bill defines criminal syndicalism and sabotage in terms of the existing law on that subject, declares persons practicing such to be guilty of felony, and makes the punishment imprisonment in the state penitentiary for not less than one year nor more than 10 years, or by fine of not more than \$1000 or by both such fine and imprisonment.

The particular widening of the scope of the law is by the addition of the words describing who shall be liable, to wit: "Whoever shall be a member of, or organizer, help to organize or solicit or accept any person to become a member of, such societies or organizations as introduced in the house today by the bill covers the same ground as the existing statute.

# Memorial Requests Immediate Action On Tariff Measure

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—By request Representative Martin of Salem today introduced house joint memorial No. 1, addressed to congress, asking for immediate action on a protective tariff. After the preamble, it says:

"Resolved by the house of representatives of the state of Oregon, the senate concurring, that the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon hereby urges and requests that the congress of the United States take action at once in revising and amending such duties and tariff on products and manufactured goods which are produced in the United States as will properly protect such markets from foreign competition.

"We, your memorialists, respectfully direct your especial attention to grain, flax, fruit, onions, oil of mint, dairy products, eggs and wool."

**Child's Guardian Sues**  
Neal V. Murray, guardian of his 9-year-old daughter, Eileen, has brought suit to recover from J. E. Bentley \$10,000 damages for injuries received in an automobile collision last October at Hawthorne and East Fortieth street.



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# LEGION TO HAVE REFERENCE TO SOLDIER BONUS

Announcement today that Portland post of the American Legion has been called for special session Thursday night at the Army may lead to more pyrotechnics over the soldier's bonus as a state legislative project.

At a meeting of ex-servicemen who are responsible for the staging of a bonus parade it was decided today to hold the affair next Saturday night instead of January 22 as previously announced. All persons who served in the army, navy, marines or allies corps during the World war, are called to meet at the Army at 7 o'clock Saturday night and the start will be made from there. This parade will not effect the mass meeting billed for Thursday night.

After having gone on record in favor of a state bonus, the legion today was faced with a letter calling for a referendum among all the posts of the state as to whether formal submission of the bonus request to the legislature. The letter was signed by a committee of 10 members of the post.

The state executive committee of the American Legion has sent telegrams to all posts in Oregon requesting a referendum be taken so the sentiment of the legion as a whole may be known.

State Adjutant E. J. Elvers declares that the report of the committee did not represent the Portland post as a whole, but was a minority report made by a few, as he said, "for grand stand play."

**THREE POSTS START MOVE**  
The movement for a state bonus was started simultaneously by the posts at Oregon City, Roseburg and Portland. The posts in the latter city have had for some time to reconsider their action. Portland post approved the bonus and appointed a committee to take the question up which later was dissolved to consider and abandon the request for the state bonus.

This committee consists of Dow V. Walker, Lester W. Humphrey, Cassius R. Ford, C. C. Johnson, Frank S. T. Moore, James R. Bain, John W. Kennedy, T. M. Moloney, W. M. Huntington and George D. Hoban and, according to Elvers, does not represent the "back private" and his wants. The committee's action will be discussed at the mass meeting when the wishes of the post will be ascertained.

Members of the committee were present when the bonus request was approved and did not take exception to the action at that time, Elvers said. On a poll held on national bonus the post voted 3000 to 2 in favor and that, according to Elvers, was the only indication of the opinion of the post toward the state bonus.

**MEN CALLED BY UNITED STATES**  
The committee making the request for reconsideration based its argument on the fact that the men were called into service by the federal government and not by the state, making the question a national rather than a state issue.

Plans for a bonus parade of all ex-servicemen in the city on the night of January 22 are being made by Over the Top post of Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States. Arrangements were discussed at the regular business meeting of the post Monday night in room 575 of the courthouse.

**BOND BROKER QUIZZED AS TO RECENT CRASH**  
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John L. Etheridge and Mrs. Etheridge were seated for lack of room within the audience listened attentively to the evidence of evidence presented in seeking, among other things, to determine Morris' responsibility for the bankruptcy condition.

Judge Martin L. Pipes, making his first appearance in chief of the court, spent a full 45 minutes at the opening of the resumed hearing in presenting legal precedents for Morris' refusal to deliver to the master in chancery a statement of the property of Henrietta Morris.

Such a statement, it was expected by attorneys for the receiver, would shed some light on the business affairs of Morris Bros.

**MORRIS EXCUSED**  
After much debate the master in chancery admitted to the record the objection of Morris' attorneys but ruled that the statement shall be prepared and submitted.

Counsel for Morris demanded the request in writing as it appears in the court reporter's transcript, and Morris was excused as a witness pending the preparation of the request and the statement requested.

**STATEMENT DEMANDED**  
The hearing opened when Cassius Peck, representing the receiver, demanded that Morris deliver the statement of his sister's property—a statement Morris was ordered by the master to present at the resumption of the hearing postponed a week ago.

Morris responded to Peck's demand by declaring he was unable to provide the promised statement. Before he had time to offer reasons, if such he had, Judge Pipes injected his exposition based upon an action in the district court of New Jersey as reported in 106 federal.

A deluge of contradictory precedents was offered by the receiver's attorneys immediately after Judge Pipes had finished his presentation. In this deluge Edward Harrison, agent, and Morris, the chancery hearing as a "fishing expedition," designed to place the receiver "in the shoes of the bankrupt," that an orderly settlement of the bankrupt's business might be effected. Thus, he declared, the statement demanded of Morris was justified.

brood, because you may not have much to smile about later."  
After Attorney Wirt Minor, appearing for the bankrupt, told the court that the witness is willing to tell all he knows about the business affairs of the bankrupt, but he cannot be compelled to tell about his sister's property," the court ruled that the question asked by attorneys for the receiver, if such permission had ever been granted, if preferred stock was sold by the firm without the permit Fred S. Morris and his associates were liable to indictment and prosecution.

**Linnton, Scappoose Banks Reelect All Officers, Directors**  
The stockholders of the First National Bank of Linnton, at their annual meeting to be held this evening, will reelect their directors and officers for the ensuing year. They are as follows: Directors, Sinclair A. Wilson, David McKay Johnson, Albert D. Ridgeway, Everett A. Johnson and E. E. Wist. Officers, Sinclair A. Wilson, president, David McKay Johnson, vice president, and Harry McLean Dewart, cashier.

Ray M. Forster, a former director and vice president of the bank, retired from the institution last May. His position of vice president has been left vacant. E. E. Wist was at that time added to the board of directors. The First National Bank of Scappoose, at a meeting of its stockholders Tuesday evening, reelected the following directors: J. G. Wats, D. W. Pritch, David McKay Wilson and Sinclair A. Wilson. Officers, Sinclair A. Wilson, president, David McKay Johnson, vice president, and E. E. Wist, cashier.

The directors of the federal reserve bank of San Francisco will meet January 18, at which time the directors and officers of the Portland branch bank will be named.

State banks and trust companies will hold their annual stockholders' meetings tomorrow. Very few changes are anticipated in these institutions under state charter.

**First National of Clatskanie Elects Officers, Directors**  
Clatskanie, Or., Jan. 12.—The annual meeting of shareholders of the First National Bank of Clatskanie was held today. Henry Kratz, president, Peter B. Banzer, H. McKiel, Norman Merrill and J. B. Birkenfeld were elected to the board of directors for the year. The late past year's directors, E. G. Gruwell of Portland, who recently disposed of his stock in the bank.

The newly elected board held a meeting immediately following the meeting of shareholders. Henry Kratz was elected president to succeed Norman Merrill, who has been in poor health for some time past. Peter B. Banzer of Mt was elected to the vice presidency to succeed Kratz. H. E. Hager was re-elected cashier.

**Joint Anniversaries Are Celebrated by Unitarian Society**  
The fifty-fifth anniversary of the formation of the First Unitarian society of Portland and the fifteenth anniversary of the pastor of the Rev. William G. Eliot Jr. were jointly celebrated at the Church of Our Father on Tuesday night.

About 250 members attended the banquet, which was served at 6.30 p. m. in the women's hall of the church. The program consisted of a reading of the constitution, followed by a recitation of the Unitarian Creed. The Rev. Mr. Eliot presided.

**RECEIVER OF MORRIS BROS. TO OPEN CREDITORS' BUREAU**  
That confusion in the minds of creditors of Morris Bros., Inc., bankrupt, may be settled in a businesslike manner and claims against the firm made possible their prompt settlement at the proper time, Receiver W. D. Whitcomb will open, Thursday morning, an advisory bureau for the creditors of the bankrupt. The receiver will direct the creditors to file their claims with him.

**MAKES SUGGESTIONS**  
"Confusion seems to exist in the minds of some of the creditors as to the procedure which they should follow. For such assistance as I may be able to give, I offer the following suggestions: Creditors have one year in which to file their claim, but it would be to their advantage to file same at or before the first meeting of the creditors in order that they may be represented either in person or by proxy at that meeting. The receiver has prepared and mailed to each creditor his own interim certificates, so far as known, blanks which can be used for filing their claims and also letters of information.

"It is suggested that creditors secure the assistance of their attorney and banker in making out proofs of claims. The receiver has provided a staff which will be available at the office of the bankrupt, Morris Bros., Inc., 309-11 Stark street, which staff will consult with creditors and advise them whether their claims have been included in the list furnished to the court and render any other assistance possible.

"The receiver begs to advise that all claims must eventually be filed with the receiver in bankruptcy, Title & Trust building."

**NO PERMIT ISSUED TO MORRIS TO SELL STOCK IN COMPANY**  
State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 12.—A permit was refused by the Oregon corporation department giving to Morris Bros. authority to sell stock in its own corporation, according to T. B. Handley, state corporation commissioner. Handley said sales have been made, as reported, such sales constitute a direct violation of the Oregon blue sky law according to Commissioner Handley.

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There are some splendid piano bargains in Baby Grands, Players and Uprights on sale this month on our seventh floor.

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**POOLING OF WHEAT FOR MARKET URGED**  
Pooling of all Oregon wheat for marketing is looked upon with favor by cooperative organizations and bureaus of the state and thorough consideration is to be given to the working out of some plan for affecting this method of marketing by the Oregon State Farm Bureau Federation.

Wheat growers in Oregon have been dissatisfied with the disorderly method of dumping their product on the market as practiced in the past, and have been advocating a pooling of crops for marketing for some time. To investigate cooperative selling and the possibility of adapting it to Oregon, the Farm Bureau federation has been meeting Tuesday and today in the banquet room of the Imperial hotel.

Following addresses this morning by George Jewett, manager of the Western Idaho Wheat Growers' association, J. F. Langner, Frederick Greenwood of the federal reserve branch at Portland, A. R. Shumway, president of the Farmers' union, and C. E. Sines, state master of the grange, a motion was unanimously adopted to appoint a committee to investigate plans for furthering the cooperative marketing system in the state.

This committee will confer with representatives of the state farmers' union, state grange, growers, bankers and business men and will hold a special bureau of markets, on the feasibility of cooperative marketing. The federation is composed of the following: E. M. Hulden, V. H. Smith and Frank McKinnon.

**MONTENEGRINS AND SERBIANS IN FIGHT**  
London, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—One hundred and twenty persons have been killed in fighting between Montenegrins and Serbians, which has broken out all along the old Montenegrin frontier, said an Exchange Telegraph dispatch from Rome today.

According to this dispatch the Montenegrins attacked the Serbians, but were repulsed.

Montenegro was absorbed by Jugoslavia when that state was created by Serbia. A strong nationalist feeling developed in Montenegro and there have been frequent clashes between adherents of former King Nicholas and the Serbs.

**Woman Answers Bell To Face Burglar's Big Pistol; Slams the Door**  
Answering a knock at her back door early Tuesday night, Mrs. N. Theilmann, 698 Gilsan street, encountered an armed burglar, who pointed a gun at her face and ordered her to be silent. Mrs. Theilmann slammed the door and rushed to the front of the house calling for help. The burglar was frightened away by her cries, which brought neighbors just in time to see him retreating across the rear lawn.

Peterson's Photo studio, 214 Pittcock building, was entered by a prowler Tuesday afternoon and \$8 in silver and currency and a bank book and check folder stolen.

**Fire Damages Garage**  
Damage estimated at \$350 was done to the combination garage-barn owned by W. E. Chase, 11 East Sixtieth street north, about 6 o'clock Tuesday evening when flames broke out in the loft of the structure. Four machines stored in the place were saved from the flames but the building was badly damaged.

**John M. Scott Returns**  
John M. Scott, general passenger agent of the Southern Pacific, returned this morning from a business trip to San Francisco and an inspection of Oregon lines of the company. Scott spent two weeks on the trip.

**Seek State Licenses**  
The 22 graduates of the Pacific Chiropractic college are taking a three-day examination for state licenses to close Thursday. Each student is examined in 14 subjects.

**Children in French Recitations**  
Twenty-five children of the French department of the Irvington school will stage two plays and several recitations and songs in French in library hall at 8 o'clock Thursday night. The younger children will appear in "Red Riding Hood" and the older ones will give the life of Joan of Arc. Madame A. Breighnavy, French teacher, will direct the entertainment. There will be no admission charge.

**Nitrate Bill Amendment Passes**  
Washington, Jan. 12.—(I. N. S.)—The senate today passed the Widwath amendment to the nitrate bill providing for the financing of the operation of the fixed nitrate plant at Muske Shoales, by a vote of 34 to 32.

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# Portland Society To Add Splendor Auto Show Tonight

Society will swell the attendance at the automobile show tonight, and salesmen attendant at the myriad automobile displays will probably come forth arrayed in their finest attire, if the plan outlined by M. O. Wilkins, manager of the show, is carried out. Portland's "400" will find The Auditorium in gala dress to celebrate the biggest night of the week.

A detachment from the automotive vocational training school at Vancouver barracks is expected to visit the show late this afternoon, in command of Chief Instructor Blakeley. About 45 uniformed men will make a tour of the exhibits.

A special musical program has been arranged for tonight. The attendance is expected to be in excess of Monday and Tuesday nights, when over 5000 people passed through the gates. The total attendance so far has totaled well over 11,000, the greatest ever pooled on two first nights at a Portland automobile show.

**NOTED WAR WRITER STOPS IN PORTLAND**  
William Philip Simms, one of the most famous of the correspondents of the world war, arrived in Portland today on his way to Japan. He purposes an intimate study of the political and trade conditions which affect the international relations of Japan and the United States.

He regards the pro and anti-Japanese situation on the Pacific coast as sufficiently serious to warrant a personal inquiry into the facts and before he sails he will visit Seattle, Vancouver, B. C. in the north, and Sacramento, San Francisco and other California cities.

He left this morning for Salem in response to an invitation to meet Governor Olcott at Luncheon for a discussion of the Japanese problem in this state. He also conferred with William D. Wheelwright, one of the best informed of Oregon's citizens on matters Japanese.

Some of the very best world war stories appeared in The Journal under the Simms "by-line" while he was manager of the Paris office of the United Press. He was the first American war correspondent permitted to visit the French front by the French government. Other honors were heaped upon him by the French government in recognition of the exceptional grasp, accuracy and balance of his work.

"I am not looking for a war nor for the information that would point only in the direction of strife," said Simms, "but I am looking for all the facts and I believe they will prove to be most interesting and significant."

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Courter, who has a wife and five children, says his income is only \$75 a month and that the needs of his family require an expenditure each month of \$212. A report made to the board shows that Courter makes \$9 a month exclusive of gratuities from the sales of newspapers.

**EXTRA CLERKS MAY GET \$115 IN TAXPAYING SEASON**  
After adopting a resolution to employ extra clerks to take care of the rush in the sheriff's office during the tax collecting season at the rate of \$110 a month, the board of county commissioners Wednesday reconsidered action and took the matter under further advisement. The number of clerks was to be limited to 10 and the compensation was the same as paid last year. Sheriff Hurbutt has requested that the pay be fixed at \$115 for six hours night work, claiming that this figure would be in fair proportion to the salary of the regular force, who are paid \$145 for an eight hour day.

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