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THE WEATHER—Tonight and Friday, rain; increasingly southerly winds. Minimum temperatures: Portland, 35; New Orleans, 50; Boise, 18; New York, 13; Los Angeles, 41; St. Paul, 4.

CREDITORS OF MORRIS BROS. DECISION

Judge Wolverton Allows Filing of Bill of Interpleader in State Court, Thereby Protecting the Interests of Certificate Holders

The rights of all unsecured creditors of Morris Brothers, Inc., were upheld this morning as against the city of Edmondton by Federal Judge Charles Wolverton when he allowed Robert Treat Platt, attorney for the United States National bank, permission to file a bill of interpleader in the state court.

Judge Wolverton stated that he was not disposed to act too quickly in the matter, which he declared had already become highly involved, as he desired to see the rights of everyone recognized. **BILL FILED**

He also said: "The court is not disposed to take the \$1,000,000 worth of bonds into custody and assume the responsibility for safekeeping." The judge thought the vaults of the bank a much safer place than the Federal building.

Suit could not be brought against Receiver Whitcomb in the federal court, as he is an officer of the court, Judge Wolverton explained when he allowed the bill to be filed in the state court. Immediately following the court order, Platt filed his bill of interpleader in the circuit court. This now makes the city of Edmondton, Treasurer Barnhouse, Receiver Whitcomb, Morris Bros., Inc., the trustees to be elected and all creditors, as co-defendants against the bank. All of these parties now have the right to present their claims in the circuit court.

DEPENDS ON DECISION
Mrs. Josephine Johnson, holder of a \$1000 interim certificate, has already filed her claim. It is anticipated that the other interim holders will agree to allow lawyers to present her case alone and let the judgment given in her case govern adjudication of the entire matter. If the circuit court finds Mrs. Johnson, entitled to a bond for her certificate, then every holder of a Morris Bros. interim certificate will be accorded the same privilege, the lawyers told Judge Wolverton.

Attorney Lillequist, appearing for Barnhouse, retracted from the position occupied Monday and agreed that all the bonds be brought into court. Lillequist objected strenuously to the filing of the bill of interpleader, but he did not want the city of Edmondton placed in the position of a creditor.

PROCEEDINGS STAYED
Lillequist contended that under the law it would require six weeks' publication of a notice in the press before action could be taken in the court, but Platt said it would not, as Mrs. Johnson's case could be taken up at once.

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BUTTER TO DROP ANOTHER 2 CENTS
By Hyman H. Cohen
Butter in Portland is 20 cents a pound cheaper than a year ago. Creamery interests today announce another word of cheer to the consumer. There will be a drop of 2 cents a pound again in the price of butter at wholesale and most of the retailers are expected to follow.

The new wholesale price on the best butter in parchment wrappers will be 47 cents a pound, which means not above 53 cents a pound to the consumer for similar packages and quality. Cartons cost the usual premium of 1 cent a pound above the parchment wrapping. A year ago the retail price throughout the Pacific Northwest. Butter production is unusually plentiful for this period of the season.

Employers to Fight For Open Shop Plan
Chicago, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Employers of 22 states were on record today to fight for the open shop until the finish of a meeting of the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers of America, called by the Illinois Manufacturers' association, committees were named to outline a comprehensive campaign to establish the open shop in all industries.

Journal Night Editions Serve Wide Territory
There are many parts of the Oregon country that are reached by the quickest from Portland by trains leaving Portland at night. In order that Journal readers resident in these localities can receive the latest news consistent with this train and mail service, The Journal publishes TWO night editions, to handle which an additional news force and two night leased wire news reports are employed.

Thus it is that whether you receive your Journal in Portland or in the most remote corner of the Oregon country, it is an edition containing the very latest news.

ETHERIDGE TELLING OF BOND DEALS

FORMER president of Morris Bros., Inc., photographed as he told thrilling story of operations of defunct bond house on witness stand before Master in Chancery Robert Maguire, Wednesday afternoon. Insert shows Maguire on bench listening to narrative of crooked dealing on part of financial head of institution.



SOLDIERS' LOAN IDEA POPULAR

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—The cash bonus idea for ex-service men seems to have faded to the vanishing point from the minds of the solid members of the legislature, while a long time loan proposition, originally suggested by Gordon of Multnomah, has taken its place.

Briefly stated the Gordon plan contemplates the lending of sums up to a maximum of \$2000 to an individual, from any fund in the hands of the state treasurer which that official is by law authorized to loan. These loans are to be made up to 75 per cent of the value of the property, either farm or urban, which the soldier desires to buy.

20 YEARS
The loans are to run for a period of 20 years and are to be repaid upon an amortized plan under which annual payments of 6 per cent of the face of the loan will be required, or which payments 4 per cent is to be applied upon interest and 2 per cent upon principal amount.

At a conference held in the Marion hotel, night attended by Speaker Bean, Gordon, Korrell, Hammond, Leonard and other solid members of the legislature as well as Adjutant General George A. White, the Gordon proposal was gone over in detail and it was tentatively agreed that his ideas should be incorporated in a bill which will be made the basis of further consideration, and out of which a definite and well considered measure will be shaped.

BONDS IS PROBLEM
Bonus legislation has threatened to be a thorn in the side of the present legislature and members have been afraid of it, not because they are opposed to legislation for the aid of service men, but because they saw nothing but an immense financial outlay involved in its settlement and that in the face of already mounting taxes, uncertain times, and unsettled business and industrial conditions.

The cash bonus plan which was suggested as the main offering at the beginning and which is, of course, not yet dead in the minds of many of the service men throughout the state, involved some financing plan which would raise a large sum of money, from \$10,000,000 upward. The legislature under the 5 per cent limit of the constitution would have been unable to have appropriated this money and it would have necessitated a special election or postponement of receipt until the next general election of 1924.

The Gordon scheme, it is pointed out, has the merit of not requiring an appropriation of money from the state treasury. It would be possible in financing it to draw upon the school fund, the industrial accident fund and other funds which are subject to loan by the state treasurer.

It is also shown that the administration of the plan could be put in the hands of the state land board, which already has the machinery for investigating the applications for loans making.

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Oil Gusher in Arkansas Makes Mecca of Town

Eldorado, Ark., Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—A spouting column of black fluid high enough in the air to be visible for several miles made a rainbow chasers' mecca out of Eldorado today.

Operators, investors, scouts and even farmers roundabout waged a battle of wits and cash for leases in the new field, following the bringing in of the Armstrong No. 1 gusher with a flow estimated at between 4000 and 8000 barrels of oil a day. Special trains, autos and airplanes continued to unload capitalists along with leather and dungaree clad hussies.

Although the well came in only a few days ago, Eldorado has already begun to mushroom beyond its limit. Eldorado used to talk in terms of dollars and cents. Today strange men in "city clothes" stand on the street corners or dodge down the middle of Main street among the automobiles that have been used so hard the last day or two that they already have a rickety oil field appearance, and dicker in thousands and hundreds of thousands.

Before being capped, dikes were thrown up around the well and a great lake of oil formed. Ten to fifteen thousand barrels of fluid has been coming from the well daily, but it is estimated a great percentage of this is mud and water.

J. N. Teal Is Member Of Joint Committee Under the Jones Act

Washington, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—W. H. Benson, chairman of the shipping board, announced today the appointment of a joint committee "to consider transportation questions under the Jones act." The shipping board members are J. N. Teal (chairman), F. I. Thompson and Guy D. Goff. The interstate commerce commission members of the committee are C. C. McChord (chairman), Henry Clay Hall and Mark W. Potter. The committee will consider rates as well as various provisions of the transportation act.

Ex-Kaiserin Dying; Husband at Bedside

Amsterdam, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—The ex-kaiserin was reported today to be lying at her home in Doorn. A telephone message from Doorn quoted the attending physician as saying he feared the former empress was in extremis. Her husband William is constantly at the bedside and the ex-crown prince has arrived at Doorn from Wieringen.

U. S. PROTESTS TO JAPAN ON KILLING

Washington, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—The United States will make formal protest to Japan concerning the shooting of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, U. S. N., by a Japanese sentry at Vladivostok, the state department announced today.

The diplomatic question involved is whether the Japanese troops have the right to challenge an American citizen in Vladivostok.

The protest will be made through the American diplomatic representative in Japan.

The latest reports from Japan indicate that the shooting was done by an excited sentry and was the act of an individual, state department officials said.

ADMIRAL IS DISPATCHED TO INVESTIGATE SHOOTING

Shanghai, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Admiral Gleaves, commanding the American Asiatic squadron, is scheduled to arrive here tomorrow aboard the destroyer Hust from Manila, en route to Vladivostok to investigate the killing of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon.

Langdon was killed Sunday while returning to his ship from a visit ashore. He was said to have been shot in the back by a Japanese soldier.

Reports reaching here indicate high feeling among the members of the cruiser Albany, of which Langdon was chief engineer, and fears of trouble were expressed.

The cruiser New Orleans is waiting for Admiral Gleaves and he will transfer to it immediately for the trip to Vladivostok.

Washington, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Secretary of the Navy Daniels today announced that he has turned over to the state department all the reports he has on the shooting of Lieutenant W. H. Langdon, U. S. N., in Vladivostok, by a Japanese sentry, and has asked the state department to pursue the matter diplomatically.

Bridgeport, Conn., Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Blowdown W. Wade, young milk dealer, who was convicted of the brutal murder of George B. Nott, was today sentenced to "be hanged by the neck until dead," on May 20, in the state prison at Wethersfield, Conn., by Judge Hinman.

Paris, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Raoul Peret, president of the French chamber of deputies, was called to conference with President Millerand today, presumably to receive a request to form a new cabinet.

BILL PROVIDES PROTECTION OF INVESTORS CAPITAL AND LABOR FIGHT FOR CABINET

Representatives of Local Bond Houses Frame Measure for Action by the Legislature; Would Prevent Other Failures.

Protection of the investing public is the purpose of a bill framed and indorsed by representatives of various Portland bond houses for presentation to the state legislature during the current session. The bill requires that in all cases where receipts or interim certificates are given for money paid for bonds or other securities the company giving the receipt shall keep on hand, in the nature of a trust fund or segregated amount, the full value of such outstanding memorandum either in cash, bonds or securities acceptable to the state corporation commissioner.

The purpose of the bill is to prevent a repetition of the financial disaster incident to the collapse of Morris Bros., Inc. Provision is made for the examination of the books of firms handling bonds and other securities by the state corporation commissioner or his deputies.

The proposed law also requires that dealers shall secure permits from the state corporation commissioner before selling any stock, bonds or other securities. Before granting the permit the corporation commissioner would be required to investigate the moral character and business repute of the applicant.

The bill proposes to attain protection to investors through certain amendments to the Oregon blue sky law and the bond dealers back of the movement urge that the section of this law which has been interpreted as exempting municipal bond dealers from the entire act be amended so that these dealers shall be subject to all the regulations of the law.

Bond houses represented on the committee which framed the bill are: Freeman, Smith & Camp company; Clark, Kendall & Co., Inc.; Carstens & Ewing; E. L. Devereaux & Co.; National City company; Blyth, Witter & Co.; Robertson & Ewing.

Streetcar Company Must Do Repairs on Which Rise Is Based

"When the Portland Railway, Light & Power company asked for an increase in streetcar fares from 6 to 8 cents, a partisan thought the former food administrator's attitude toward the labor question was sound and that he enjoyed the confidence of both sides.

The American Federation of Labor itself recently invited Hoover to appear before it and give advice and it is expected that labor would accept the Hoover ACCEPTABLE TO LABOR.

The fortunes of Herbert Hoover are to some extent bound up in the controversy. If Hoover is rejected by Mr. Harding for the secretaryship of labor, because liberal employers who wanted a fair man rather than a partisan thought the former food administrator's attitude toward the labor question was sound and that he enjoyed the confidence of both sides.

The detective who accosted their brother officer, but before they had time to make a move the uniformed officer whipped out two revolvers and covered the entire party, ordering them to make no movement. Then he recognized the men and revealed his own identity.

"You don't want me, I'm Patrolman Reno," he said, as he put away his two revolvers, while the "five" heaved a sigh of relief.

Suppose Reno had been "Shadow," and as "Shadow" had in the same way gotten the drop on the "five." Just suppose.

Liners 'Must Sell' Liquor, or Tie Up

Washington, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—American passenger carrying steamship lines will either go back to business or transfer their passenger ships to foreign flags unless permitted to sell liquors outside the American three mile coast limit, the house judiciary committee was told today by representatives of American steamship lines.

Progress of Legislature

HOUSE
Ten bills introduced.
Contest started by Wesley W. Murray to unseat Herbert Gordon in Multnomah county; carried over to Monday's session.
Clergy of Salem asked to take turns in opening house sessions with prayer.
Joint memorial passed, asking congress to adopt Fordney tariff bill.
Members vote to convene in joint session with senate at 2:30 Monday afternoon to receive special message from the governor.
Adjourned at noon to 11 o'clock Monday forenoon.
SENATE
Seven bills introduced.
Adjourned at noon until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

Olcott to Give New Message; Text Withheld; Solons Guess

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—The senate adjourned until 11 o'clock Monday morning.

State House, Salem, Or., Jan. 13.—Governor Olcott's office put a bur under the saddle of the senate and house this morning just before adjournment by having the information conveyed to them that the governor desired to appear in person before the joint assembly for the presentation of a special message.

A concurrent resolution was put into the house, passed, until suspension of the rules, while the senate sat at ease waiting for it to be transmitted to the upper chamber for action.

Receiving the news, he went through the same suspension route to adoption, fixing 2:30 o'clock Monday afternoon as the date for the joint session.

No information has come out of the governor's office regarding the contents of the message, it being stated there, that for various reasons, it was

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CREW IS SAVED AS FREIGHTER SINKS

New York, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—The captain and crew of 24 men of the Norwegian freighter Ontaneda, en route from New York to Norway, were rescued just as their ship was sinking 1000 miles east of Boston, by the freighter Fanad Head, according to a wireless message received here today. The message was relayed by the Cunard liner Imperator.

Captain Eriksen and the crew of the distressed vessel, which was on her beams' end when the Fanad Head reached her, had taken to the life boats, although a storm was raging, the radiogram said.

The rescuing ship was 100 miles distant when it received the Ontaneda's call for help. The rescued captain and crew will be taken to Dublin, the next port of call of the Fanad Head.

Olmstead Accepts as Director in Drive for Community Chest

Mayor Baker announced this morning that Emory Olmstead, chairman of the former Liberty loan organization, had accepted appointment as director of the Community Chest drive which will be held in Portland March 7 to 12.

Telegrams from Guy W. Talbot and Julius L. Meier, who are in the East, assured the mayor of their support. J. A. Cranston has placed his services at the disposal of the drive. Olmstead, Talbot, Meier and Cranston constituted the active directorate of the war financing drives in Portland.

The acceptance of appointment means that the old Liberty loan organization at the call of the mayor will go into action again with probably 5000 workers for the sake of financing with "one campaign, one appeal and once a year." Portland's institutions which are devoted to philanthropy, charity and other forms of service that call for support through public subscriptions.

Storm Raging at Sea Headed This Way, Says Report

Scheduled to swoop down on the mouth of the Columbia river this afternoon, a storm was reported today to be moving in off the Pacific ocean, bringing rain and increasing southerly winds for Portland. Southern storm warnings were ordered for all Oregon and Washington coast points by the local weather office this morning.

E. L. Wells, weather forecaster, said that he did not think this southwest storm will be as severe as the last one, although this was hard to determine this morning with the center of the storm far out at sea.

One Way to Halt Depression Buy and Use Oregon Goods

By Marshall N. Dana
"There is absolutely no doubt of our ability to keep business conditions comparatively good in Portland and Oregon if we establish one big idea," said J. C. Ainsworth, president of the United States National bank, today.

"That idea," the banker explained, "is the one which is being offered by The Journal—keep Portland prosperous by keeping local industries in operation. If we are able to keep our local industries going through support from local people, we will not have hard times."

"It is true that we have accumulated a reserve both of money and of man power in this city."

"If we can keep the dollars rolling round and round the circle of production, manufacture, distribution and consumption, the pocketbooks of this city and state will never know the depression has seriously restricted business elsewhere."

"But the difficulty is to induce individual men and women to realize that support of home industry is an individual matter. The responsibility cannot be passed to others."

The banker is measuring the cold facts of a situation that Portland and Oregon can transform into either an emergency or an opportunity.

"The banking industry gets to be an emergency; those who are careless and indifferent today will bear the loss and the hardship."

"If patronage of home industry maintains payrolls and output—and to do so is the opportunity—the spending power of the payroll dollar will keep city and state high above the slough of business depression."

Many suggestions from readers show growing desire to keep prosperity from escaping beyond city limits and state boundaries.

"I want to see lists of home industries and the brands of local manufacturers," said one reader. "I want to know where the goods are made and the stores I patronize. I'll do my share if the manufacturers and the merchants will show me how."

JENNING GETS 3 WARNINGS OF BLACKMAIL

Third Threat Found on Desk in His Store Written in Ink on His Own Stationery; Plotter Outwits Pursuers With Ease.

While Mayor-Chief of Police Baker and his cohorts were employing all their wits to find the mysterious "Shadow," blackmail fiend who had threatened death to six business men unless they yielded up sums ranging from \$25,000 down to \$10,000, the "Shadow" himself was calling on at least one of his prospective victims at his place of business.

This fact developed today when Henry Jennings Jr., head of the Jennings furniture store, told of finding a note written on Jennings stationery bearing the legend: "I have been here." It was signed "The Shadow."

The note was crudely printed in ink. It appeared—no one knew how—on one of the desks exhibited in the first-floor show room of the store during the lunch hour.

TAKEN TO MEAN DANGER
The sinister message was taken to mean that, inasmuch as Jennings had disregarded two former messages, he should know that danger was at his elbow. The second note redited that, though the first had been ignored, the threatened "annihilation" would be deferred, allowing the victim two more days to comply with the demand for money.

The mayor-chief and his aides, after a visit to the scene of Tuesday night's blunder when the "Shadow" was allowed to escape from under the noses of scores of police and deputy sheriffs, were busy explaining today why it was impossible for capture to be effected. The police trap had been set well, it appears from the mayor-chief's explanation, but when the jaws were sprung, the game was not there—through no fault of the trappers.

ANYONE HERE KNOW?
With guards constantly watching each one of the threatened men and the police alternately bustling around and looking foolish, the entire police bureau, from Baker down to the elevator man, is wondering how it happened.

Just how did the clever blackmailers get away? Just why did three machine loads of trained detectives and deputy sheriffs fail to catch one lone criminal?

The mayor-chief took out a pencil and a piece of scratch paper and set about to explain the whole matter.

BOW MAYOR EXPLAINS
A diagram was drawn. First there was the Base Line road, going straight out from Montavilla, circling south, and back across the Sandy river near the "Liberty Club." Then there was Sandy boulevard on the north side of Sandy river, coming on in the city to Grand avenue. A circuit of 30 miles, explained the chief-mayor, and on one point in that circuit the flash light signal might be given, judging from the letter received from the blackmailers.

The letter was to go only 10 miles an hour. It was to have two spot lights burning in addition to the headlights. One spot light was to be turned down.

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TREASURE WAGONS 'OUTWIT' BANDITS

Denver, Jan. 13.—(U. P.)—Eighty million dollars in gold and silver currency has been moved through the streets of Denver without mishap during the past few weeks, according to United States mint officials today.

Heavily armed guards were concealed in vehicles camouflaged as garbage carts, laundry wagons and rattling old buses that were used to transport the immense treasure from railroad terminals here, a distance of approximately one mile, to the mint. The money came from St. Louis and Chicago sub-treasuries.