

high cost of living, urges of the 1100 carloads expected made it when salaries are raised by or- their way through the drifts." ce the bill be so drafted that Even without further snowfall, it e salaries automatically revert to was said that a week would be reformer figures at the close of quired to restore the streets to nor-

e present year. . The mayor's message was brief follows in full:

Following a time honored cusof delivering a message on the st Monday of each year, I wish at time to briefly call to your atation a few points which I deem of nount Interest to the city of

Since the passage of the charter endments on the 9th day of July. 117, giving the common council adional powers for collecting street ments, citizens long in arrears ve paid into the city treasury the of \$15,030.47. There is yet. ever, much money of this charter outstanding. I believe that the ople of the city of Salem realize at we cannot operate city affairs a business basis, or at all, unless et assessments for improvets of streets with reasonable dis-Interest on improvement must be met semi-annually. If ney is not collected from the rs of benefited property, as provided by charter, then we are obliged

take such payments out of the ral fund, which makes taxes inbly high, and works a gross inon those who have paid their ents in accordance with the ,It is, therefore, necessary and that we use our best endeavor ect outstanding street improve-, and thus place the city's fiupon a business basis. Interted in order that we may meet

st upon bonds.

Economy Has Wide Scope. In preparing our budget for the uing year, we have reduced the trating expenses of the city over t year approximately \$15,000. This does not mean, however, that we should spend all the money thus riated because it is at our disal. I believe, after working under the budget with this decrease it will demonstrated next year that another material reduction can be made in taxes. I further believe that by careful obusiness methods and conservative committee work, a portion of the appropriations made for this year may be carried over and placed in the general fund for next year. In other words, we should igure the financial business of the the same as a profient business would figure his own, namely. 'a dollar saved is a dollar earned." .

e should not forget we are enfrom every angle are being to the graves of the first three solin a world's war, and that our inancially drained to meet the exis of unfortunate conditions. If force to fall on the French front, y in city affairs should be BAYN: d one year more than another, this, I would say, above all years, now will be known and well reis the time for conservation and elimsounded across the ocean. Visitors nation of waste. . Through the comwill come in throngs, even from over ar, let economy be the polar which shall guide us in our de- the seas, to contemplate the-hor-

Adopts Policy on Salaries.

Owing to the high cost of living and the shortage of labor, it has beie necessary to raise in some inces the salaries of city employes. Nevertheless, 1 am confident of the fact that it is easier to raise salaries than to lower them when once raised,

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nearly intact and some of the in-habitants are still sticking to their

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mal. Salem and Albany Schools Debate Here Friday Night

> The Salem high school debating team will meet the Albany debaters at the high school auditorium Fri-

day night. The subject deals with to a problem which may face the country at the close of the war. It is misrepresent 'Resolved that the United States Ward. Should Abandon the Monroe Doctrine.'

stant. The local debaters are putting of the finishing touches this week. aldermen." he said, "He gets up here and tries to tell you I have

Lientenant Bellinger

"Yes," and you are going to hear Not Expected To Live some more of the same' kind of stuff," retorted Ward. Ward then moved that the library Mrs. Ivan E. Bellinger has left for board be recorded as having \$500 Fort Riley, Kansas, in response to a available, the amount to be transmessage announcing that her husferred to the board in amounts as band, Lieutenant Ivan E. Bellinger

of the medical reserve corps of the army is not expected to recover from the severe illness which was announced a few days ago. Dr. Bellinger's brother, Allan Bellinger, accompanied Mrs. Bellinger, and Paul Hauser, a brother of Mrs. Bellinger, accompanied them as far as Portland.

needed. The sum of \$5600 was the budget appropriation for the library. The motion carried. The effect of Melson's motion is that for which he contended, namely that whatever part of the \$500 transferred to repair the roof is not used for that purpose must go back to the city.

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"Alderman Melson is trying to

things,"

Melson was on his feet in an in-

"I resent this insinuation of the



Graves Frequently Visited by French Officers-Later Visitors Will Come In Throngs To Breathe Atmosphere of Sacrifice, Writes French Novelist; Village Church Clock Near Marks Hour But Rings No More

PARIS, Dec. 14.-(Correspond- firesides there. The church clock nee of The Associated Press)- marks the bour though the church ence of The Associated Press)-Henry Bordeaux, the French novelbell rings no more.

ist, giving in the Revue Hebdome-"A shell bursts in the neighbor daire an account of his recent visit hood from time to time and the peasants pause to listen to the explosion diers of the American expeditionary than go on with their work. There are sows in the shels and poultry "Later on a monument will scratching abotu the barnyard with rise there; later on the hame of that assurance. obscure village that I cannot reveal

"The church is built on a hillside near a clustor of farm buildings that to have been built upon the of an ancient stronghold. site Stretching away from the buildings there is a high stone wall alongside which is a line of graves marked izon and breathe the air impregnated with the atmosphere of sacrifice and glory that makes people strong with wooden crosses from which fly the French tricolor. They are the tombs of French soldiers killed, most and individuals audacious and perso-Those graves are situated along of them, at the end of August, 1914 stone wall of a little Lorraine village," he says, "in a tiny village right up next to the front. It "is,

when the Germans after the battle of Morhange tried to invade this part of Lorraine but were repulsed. (Continued on Page 6)

months, he said, and had visited the notice in which attention is called to up the question of the comfort sta-American flotilla base and various the fact that the police "have again tion Roperts replied tartly and bored teen notified to seek out and bring cities in England and on the French into him with some sarcastic prode. Question of Funds Starts It.

to ruthless gunishment originators of untrue military, political financial, front and never had seen a drunken American soldier or sailor and no The library argument started and economic reports." case of drunkenness in the navy had when Ward moved that \$500 be In another potice similar, warning been called to his attention.

transferred from the library fund is given that the police will "pro-ceed energetically" against those who "The Americans did not come to the library board, explaining that Europe to get drunk," Admiral Sims the roof fleeds repairing. The morepeated untrue reports. tion carried and Melson moved that continued, "this war is a serious Interesting light is thrown upon

the \$500 be used for nother purpose business them?. As far as the navy the Berlin view of the preparations for war in the United States by a than repairing the roof. This also is concerned, the young men who are hunting for submarines realize carried. - Melson argued that all of that they must hall all their wits about them. Besides, there is a fine paragraph of an order dated June the amount wasn't needed to repair last. It says: the roof and that the board simply wanted the remainder of the amount

had been baptized by him years ago.

: "I have seen Americans drunk in

the streets," Dr. Newton continued.

"I am as proud of my-country as the

army and pavy officials are, but I am thinking of these boys."

UPHOLDS DRAFT

contention raised against the select-

ive draft act was swept aside by the

supreme court today in an unani-

too frivolous for further notice."

take up and definitely dispose

The opinion then proceeded

army

fore the court.

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American Strength Admitted. feeling of honor among them. They "While the news about America's

know the navy's orders. They are war preparations, such as the organhere to aid the country; they here to make a record." General Slocum also declared that he had never seen a drunken Ameriization and outfitting of an army one million strong to reinforce the French-English front, is looked upon, in that form, as 'bluff.' the spreadcan fighting man on this side of the ing of which may unfavorably affect water. Walter Hines Page, the the opinion of the German people; American ambassador, and the see yet, the fact must not be over retaries of the embassy, the Amerion the other hand, that the United an consul general and the officials States with the support of its capacof the consulate, all made similar as-sertions that they had never obity for material and industrial managment, is arming itself for war with served an intoxicated American solgreat energy and tenacity. The war dier or sailor on the streets of Lonpreparations in America are theredon or anywhere else in this counore, as was intimated in the reich-

The Rev. Dr. Newton in a state ment today said he was called recently to Eagle Hut, the Y. M. C. A. headquarters and that there were

three American soldiers there who Comment Is Urged. "Petit Parisien, informs that five were so intoxicated that they could hot take off their clothes "to ge to bed. One of these men; he added. American divisions numbering 125,-

000 men may be expected in France (Continued on page 5)

COLISEUM WILL BE

Five Thousand is Decided Upon by Board-Racing Not

Droped From Program-Lea Reelected

a definite reply to the question wether the present British intentions will bring us nearer to peace." says the Berliner Tageblatt, commenting, on Premier Lloyd George's London speech. "We are unable to find a single word in this long statement of very calm tone, and, for the speaker, very moderate and pertihent char-

est interest.

acter, which justified an affirmative reply. Lloyd George admitted that the ideals and aims which have been placed in the foreground up to the policy present are not for the entente the main thing, but territorial ques-

ip Snowden, give unqualified support

to the premier's utterances. It is felt that the central powers

of a reply to this detailed and spe-cifle program more straigtforward and definite than any statement of their war aims they have get uttered. Their reply is awaited with the great-

AMSTERDAM. Jan. 7 .- "Every-

body will have expected in the speech

cannot refuse to put forth some form | tempted raid against

cept no help from "In brief, he says clearly that all if they are fore alterations of the map by the war in the Russians are flu stag at the time, not at all to be made little of, bust riust be taken striously without on that account be-ing made a source of worry." Another dated June 9 says: iki, like the German wo added M. Radek, stand for cratic peace and if the eroment attacks the R will display itself to its own

The Morgen Post says: "The 'sense of Lloyd George's statement may be summarized in short formula that Great Britain in its true light."

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party has come out strongly the German plans of annexat set forth at the Brest-Litous ference, and in a resolution h chared that a lasting peace sible only if the democratic pr of self-determination is honest ried out. The resolution added that **NEW FAIR BUILDING**

arty is resolved resolutely bat the misuse of the right etermination for the purpo uising annexations.

Meantime, the Social

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trians and Germans declaring that the

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The situation arising

Russia still remains el

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are taking or whether th tirely ceased. An unc

patch from Petrograd

cerning the trend the r

only activity by

machine guns.

Another American steamshi Harry Luckenbach, has h an enemy submarine som the war zone. Eight membe crew of the steamer are missing.

Earl Reading has been British high commi United States. In addition to an able jurist, he is one of Britain's best known financiers

EXTENDS ROA

mous opinion delivered by Chief Justice White, upholding the law as constitutional. Authority to enact the By decision of the Oregon state of them will be decreased. Race statute and to send forces to fight fair board at its session last night a will be held on Monday, which was the enemy wherever he may be large colliseum, having a seating not done at the 1217 fair. found, the court held, lies in the capacity of 5000 and costing \$22,000 In the children's department the will be built, at the state fair pig clubs will be retained and calf clauses of the constitution giving congress the power to declare war grounds in time for use at the and sheep clubs added with specia and to raise and support armies. state fair for 1918. The building prizes awarded for all of the clubs "As the mind cannot conceive an will be paid for, out of proceeds of In response to petitions of livestock y without the men to compose said the chief justice, "on the the fair, an appropriation for the purpose not being necessary. . An ar face of the constitution the objection that it does not give power to pro-vide for such men would seem to be

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.-Every Structure To Cost \$22,000 and Having Seating Capacity of

to draw up plans for the structure. that temporary seats will be installed to serve for a time and better seateach of the many questions raised by ing facilities arranged later. the counsel for the convicted persons

Racing is Retained. board decided not to drop The

whose appeals brought the law be-No action was taken by the court in the several pending cases involving charges of conspiracy to prevent to arrangements will be arranged at earrying out of the purposes of the law. It predicted that these association which will be held at New Salem. Cases, which include the appeals of Alexander Berkman, Emma Gold-19. Secretary A. H. Lea and W. H. that of W. H. Savage, outgoing pi

men and other, interested person premiums offered for livestock, agchitect has already been instructed ricultural and cereal exhibits will be increased over last year which at The building will be under way that time were larger than had been during the summer. It is probable offered previously. offered previously, Marsters Is President, Another building to be added will be a rest room for men.

A. H. Lea was reelected secretary of the state fair board with no men racing from the list of attractions tion made-of an increase in salary, as had been suggested for all of the Other officers elected were: Presinorthwest fairs. Details pertaining dent A. C. Marsters, Roseburg; vice president, J. E. Reynolds, the meeting-of the North Pacific Faif Grande;; treasurer, A. N.; Bush, ing the logging ro.

al to The Statesman.)-Falls Timber company of tallroad construct the logging camps Ja

Alexander Berkman, Emma tions, man, Louis Kramer and Morris Beck-er, convicted in New York, later may be made the subject of a separate opinion.

Six Miles of Line To Be This Winter-Mill S n February SILVERTON, Or., Jan. 7.

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