

The Oregon Statesman

THE WEATHER.

Rain in west, snow in east portion; strong southeasterly winds.

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 19, 1919.

The Statesman receives the leased wire report of the Associated Press, the greatest and most reliable press association in the world.

PRICE: FIVE CENTS.

FINAL VOTE ON RAILROAD ACT DELAYED

Doubt Expressed That Cummins Bill Will Be Passed Before Holiday Recess—Fifth Night Session Fruitless

SUBSTITUTE FOR STRIKE CLAUSE IS REJECTED

Anti-Walkout Provisions Most Bitterly Contested Portion of Measure

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The senate held its fifth night session on the railroad bill tonight with grave doubt in the minds of the leaders that the measure could be passed in time to permit beginning of the holiday recess Saturday.

The labor clauses, including the anti-strike provision of the Cummins measure, were under discussion during the day, culminating in the rejection by a vote of 25 to 46 of the proposal of Senator Stanley, Democrat, Kentucky, to eliminate the whole section. Efforts towards a compromise ensued.

No Recess Till Adoption. During the debate an agreement was reached by senate and house majority leaders not to permit a holiday recess until the measure is adopted by the senate and sent to conference.

Their conference, however, Senator Lodge and Representative Mondell agreed to suspend house business Saturday to permit members of the house to go home for the holidays, even if the senate is held by delay on the railroad bill. Beginning Monday, house sessions will be perfunctory under a "gentleman's agreement" to transmit no business until January 5, but to adjourn from day to day until the senate recess.

Anti-Strike Provision Stricken. The anti-strike provisions were in turn attacked and defended today while conferences were held looking to a compromise by modifying the clause imposing criminal penalties for strikes or lockouts.

After defeat of the Stanley motion to strike out the entire labor section, Senator McCormick, Republican, Illinois, offered a substitute plan, similar to the Canadian system, to prohibit strikes for 60 days after decision.

(Continued on Page 6.)

FOUR IN FAMILY GASED INFANT AMONG VICTIMS NEW YORK HOME SCENE

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Monoxide gas poisoning caused the death of four persons whose bodies were found today at the home of Regner Bergdoun, at Sheephead Bay, according to Edward Martin, medical examiner for Kings county who investigated the tragedy tonight. Mrs. Bergdoun, her two days' old baby, her daughter aged four, and a nurse, Alice Sheridan, were found dead.

JUNK PURCHASE TOTALS MILLIONS

Portland Firm Buys All Steel Scrap of Shipbuilding Throughout Country

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—M. Barde and Sons, Inc., Portland wholesale firm dealing in steel and machinery, today purchased at public auction at Philadelphia the entire supply of steel plates, anchors, bars, chains and other equipment left over from steel shipbuilding throughout the United States, according to a telegram received by J. N. Barde, president of the firm, tonight.

The transaction will aggregate between \$11,000,000 and \$21,000,000, it was stated, and is considered to be the largest purchase of "junked" iron and steel in the history of the world.

JAPAN TABOOS PICTURE BRIDES

No Passports to be Issued After February 25 to Women Married by Mail

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—On and after February 25 the Japanese government will accept no applications for passports for women who have been married to Japanese residents in continental United States through exchange of photographs, it was announced today by T. Ohta, Japanese consul general. According to advice received by Mr. Ohta applications for certificates necessary to obtain passports for such women will not be received by the Japanese authorities after January 25 because at least one month is required for the applications to reach the proper Japanese officials.

NEW'S TRIAL FOR MURDER COMMENCES

Mother of Freda Lesser Tells of Devotion of Defendant for Daughter—Witness is Hysterical on Stand

COURT DISMISSED FOR WOMEN TO REGAIN CALM

Police Detective Relates Surrender of Young Man After Alleged Slaying

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 18.—Twelve men, all but two past the meridian of life, were sworn late today to try Harry S. New on the charge that he murdered Freda Lesser, his sweet heart, last July. Neither state nor defense permitted women to pass the pre-emptory challenges, although several were passed for cause.

Formal proof of the alleged crime was introduced and then with set face and motionless body, New listened while Freda Lesser's mother, Mrs. Alice Lesser, told between intervals of hysteria of her daughter's love for New and his for her.

Mother of Girl Faints. Mrs. Lesser was taken to the court room from her home in an automobile by county detectives and as she was led to the court room door she fell in a faint. When she was revived, her piercing, hysterical screams penetrated the hall of justice in which the court room is situated and several women in the court room became hysterical. Superior Judge Gavin W. Craig ordered a short recess until quiet had been restored.

Mrs. Lesser entered the room on crutches, aided by detectives. She was helped into the witness stand. She sobbed for a short time before raising sufficient composure to testify.

Courtship Told Of. Mrs. Lesser testified that her daughter was in her twentieth year at the time of her death and that she had been courted for some months by New. They had been fellow employees in a Los Angeles business house. New and Miss Lesser frequently went on long automobile trips and sometimes Mrs. Lesser and a neighbor woman accompanied them.

Two days before the alleged murder, Mrs. Lesser said, New told her he wished to marry her daughter on the day which afterward proved the last of her life. She urged him to wait, she said, but he insisted that he desired to marry as quickly as possible.

On the day after this conversation, according to the witness, she, her daughter, a neighbor woman and New went on an automobile ride returning to the Lesser home in the afternoon. New and Miss Lesser then left again and that was the last Mrs. Lesser saw of her daughter, she said.

New's Love Apparent. "He seemed to love her and I know she loved him," said Mrs. Lesser. "He said he would bring her back to me but he never did."

Asa Keyes, deputy district attorney, at this point asked Mrs. Lesser to identify a picture of her daughter. "Oh, I can't look at it, I can't look at it!" cried Mrs. Lesser, again breaking down and covering her face with a handkerchief.

Under cross examination Mrs. Lesser said New had always been kind to her daughter and also had been very considerate of the witness. "I never saw a nicer young man," she said. "I had every confidence in him."

Detective Relates Surrender. Mrs. Lesser was preceded on the stand by E. A. Davidson, a police detective. The witness said he was on duty, acting as desk sergeant at central police station here on the morning of July 5 when the defendant entered and handed him a revolver. No effort was made to introduce confessions New is alleged to have made to Davidson and others.

Davidson said he and another police officer and two newspapermen went outside and saw within a closed automobile in which New had driven to the station, the body of a young woman he afterwards learned was Freda Lesser. It is the theory of the prosecution New killed his sweetheart in Topanga Canyon a few miles from here in a burst of anger because of her refusal to marry him and then drove with the body beside him to the police station to surrender.

Borden to Retain Post as Prime Minister of Canada. OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—It is officially announced that Sir Robert Borden is to retain the post of prime minister and that he will take a long rest to recover his health.

WILLIAMS PARTY SAFE CASCADES ARE CROSSED HARDSHIPS SUFFERED

EUGENE, Or., Dec. 18.—L. J. Williams and family, who were believed to be lost in the deep snow at the summit of the Cascade mountains while attempting to cross into eastern Oregon with a four horse team, were successful in getting over the summit according to a telegram received today by Sheriff Stickle from the telephone operator at Lapine, a few miles east of the summit, who said the party had passed Fort Rock, not far from there, suffering great hardships on the way.

BIG BULL ELK WILL DIE TODAY

"Wild Bill" at Fair Grounds Must Answer for Crimes Against His Kind

"Wild Bill" the big bull elk at the state fair grounds, will die by the bullet of the executioner early today because of numerous crimes against his kind and attacks he has made on persons entering his pen. A. H. Lea, secretary of the fair board, will fire the gun that ends Bill's life.

Bill's latest escapade was Wednesday night when he attacked and killed a baby elk at the fair grounds and lacerated its mother with his antlers. Later he attacked George Schonk, his keeper. Several weeks ago he attacked Mr. Lea who was able to get out of his way barely in time to escape with his life.

But Bill's most spectacular offense was a number of months ago when he attacked a full grown deer, killed the animal by running his horns entirely through its body and then threw the body twice high into the branches of a tree.

It was necessary for Mr. Lea to obtain permission from Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, to kill the elk. The meat will be placed on sale at the Steusloff meat market if permission for this is received from Mr. Shoemaker, and the funds will be turned over to the Red Cross.

HOUSE PASSES DEFICIT BILL

Measure Carries a Proportion for War Risk Insurance Patients

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The first appropriation bill for the regular session of congress which is an urgency deficiency measure carrying \$3,119,000 to meet requirements of the employee's compensation commission and for the care of war risk insurance patients was passed by the house today with a record vote. The compensation commission asked for \$1,250,000, which was pared to \$1,100,000, while the public health service asked \$6,000,000 of which \$2,000,000 was granted.

61 ARE ADDED TO RED COLONY

Ellis Island Population Waiting Deportation Is Increased

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Ellis Island's "soviet colony" was increased today by 61 anarchists, I. W. W., communists and Federation of Russian Workers brought from the western states on a special train for deportation. The total now in the colony, which includes Emma Goldman and Alexander Berkman, is said to be 145. Department of justice agents termed the train the "anarchists' special." The members came from Seattle, San Francisco, St. Louis, Chicago and Pittsburgh.

SHADE OF KING SOLOMON DESCENDS ON COURT

"LOVE O' MIKE", FOUNDLING, IS EXHIBIT A TWO WOMEN CLAIM BABY—REAL MOTHER WINS

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The shade of King Solomon sat on the children's court bench today when Judge Levy tried to decide who was the mother of little "Love O'Mike" claimed by two women—Mrs. August Wentz as her kidnapped son, and by Mrs. Lena Liza as the baby she had planned to abandon to the mercies of Mrs. Elizabeth Seaman (Nettie Bly) for his own happiness, and because she could not support her little family of three herself, the baby and three-year old William, on the \$12 a week she earned. The infant was found in the Grand Central terminal with this note pinned to its clothing:

HUGE WASTE IN BUILDING IS ALLEGED

Senate Sub-Committee Charges Housing Corporation With Inefficiency and Mismanagement of Affairs

EXCESSIVE PAYMENTS ON CONTRACTS CITED

Civil Suits to Recover Part of Funds Expended Are Recommended

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Inefficiency, carelessness and a disregard of the provisions of the act under which it operated were charged against the United States housing corporation by the senate public buildings and grounds investigating sub-committee today in a report recommending that steps be taken to recover many thousands of dollars alleged by the sub-committee to have been expended improperly by the corporation.

Mismanagement by the corporation the report as submitted to the senate charged, resulted in its failure to have ready for occupancy a single building until almost two months after the armistice was signed, or eight months after the passage of the appropriation act.

Although citing specific expenditures sufficiently grave to warrant the government in entering civil suits for restitution, the report expresses the opinion that in most of these cases the persons who profited will restore voluntarily unearned portion.

"Overhead" Excessive. Other recommendations made by the sub-committee provide that architects who, it is charged, were paid excessively for "overhead" expenses be called upon to give the committee an exact statement of the amount of their overhead expenditures. These employees of the corporation, the committee believes, were not parties to intentional violation of the law. The amount the sub-committee considers recoverable from this source is placed at \$50,000.

Civil suits to recover \$30,000 spent for "extras" and \$16,000 charged to sub-letting of labor by a contracting firm also were recommended by the committee in the event of a failure to return the money voluntarily.

The "extras" were charged as incident to the construction of the dormitories in Washington for women war workers.

Regularity of a loan for a half million dollars made to the Springfield Water company of Philadelphia also questioned in the committee's report, together with "other loans to railroads, street railways and utility companies."

Bad Management Emphasized. Charges of inefficiency and bad management were more prominent in the report than references to over payments.

Practically all buildings erected by the corporation were of a permanent character, the committee reported, notwithstanding the provision that they be of a temporary character.

Resignation of Foster of Reed Announced at School

PORTLAND, Dec. 18.—Formal announcement of the resignation of Dr. William T. Foster, president of Reed college, Portland, was made tonight by the board of trustees in a statement saying that the resignation had been accepted and will become effective at the end of the present month. It is understood that President Foster, who is now in Los Angeles, will be elected to the superintendency of the public schools of that city.

PHYSICIAN IS ARRESTED ROBBERY IS ALLEGED AGED JANITOR WITNESS

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 8.—John Mears, an aged janitor, today caused a warrant to be issued here for the arrest of Dr. W. L. Cameron of Astoria on a charge of robbery. Mears told the police that Cameron had prevailed upon him to take a drug, and that the next he knew was when he awoke and found he had been robbed of \$365 in cash and securities.

7 PERISH WHEN SHIP CAPSIZES

Sunbeam Turns Turtle Off Virginia Capes—Survivors Are Landed

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 8.—Two members of the crew and five Chinese perished Wednesday when the Cuban steamer Sunbeam turned turtle at sea, 135 miles off the Virginia capes. The coast guard cutter Manning landed seven survivors of the ship, including Captain Riveron, four members of the crew, two Chinese and the body of another Chinese, here today.

According to the survivors, the Sunbeam lost her sails in a violent storm Monday night.

DOCTORS PEDDLE DRUG IS CHARGE

Two Physicians Indicted, One on 82 Counts, Other on 66 Counts

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Dr. James R. Harvey and Dr. David M. Angus, Tacoma physicians, were indicted by a federal grand jury here today, following an extended investigation of charges brought by the government some weeks ago alleging that the physicians had been dispensing drugs in violation of the Harrison anti-drug act.

There were 82 counts returned against Dr. Harvey and 66 against Dr. Angus.

27 I. W. W. ARE GIVEN SENTENCE

Terms Range From Three to Nine Years on Conviction of Conspiracy

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 18.—Federal Judge J. C. Pollock late today passed sentences on 27 members of the I. W. W. found guilty today by a jury in the federal district court of Kansas City, Kas., of conspiracy against the government. The sentences ranged from 3 to 9 years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas.

FRUIT HEARINGS ARE COMMENCED

Apple Growers Seek Cancellation of 25 Per Cent Increase in Rates

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 18.—Hearing was begun here today before Examiner F. A. Eddy of the Interstate Commerce commission, on the application of apple growers of Oregon and Washington for a cancellation of the 25 per cent increase in the freight rate on green fruits provided under the schedules promulgated last year.

LOGS CARRIED AWAY BY FLOOD

Two Million Feet Go Down Cowlitz River When Ice Goes Out

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 18.—Two million feet of logs were swept down the Cowlitz river and into the Columbia today when an ice jam near Rocky Point, two miles above Kelso, Wash., went out, a special dispatch to the Ledger tonight says. The water was raised 12 feet at Ostrander, Wash. The dispatch says and when the jam went out at 1 o'clock today, it carried everything before it.

The Silver Lake Railway and Timber company, the Ostrander Mill company and Robert Barr of Kelso are reported as the heaviest losers.

BIG PACKERS COMPROMISE IN LAWSUIT

Five Meat Firms Agree to Cut Out Side Lines—Holdings in Other Business to be Sold in Next Two Years

PALMER SAYS ACTION IS COMPLETE SURRENDER

Officials of Companies Claim Action Was Taken For Patriotic Reason

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—The government's anti-trust suit against the great meat packers, begun at President Wilson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living, has been compromised under an agreement by which the packers will confine themselves hereafter to the meat and provision business.

An injunction decree to which the packers have acceded, will be entered in the federal courts to make the agreement binding. Under its terms the big five—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—have agreed to divorce their meat packing industries from their other commercial activities and to sell their holdings in public stockyard railroads, terminals, market newspapers and similar "sidelines."

Two Years Given. Two years are given to comply with the decree which affects eighty-seven corporations and forty-nine individuals.

"In general," said Attorney General Palmer's official announcement tonight, "this decree prevents the defendants from exercising any further control over the marketing of livestock. It forever prevents them from any control over the retailing of meat products. It eliminates them from the field of meat substitutes, with the exception of eggs, butter, poultry and cheese, which are left for future consideration and action; and, therefore, the price of meat is within the control of the people themselves. It places the conduct of these great aggregations of capital immediately under the eye of a federal court with reference to their business practices.

Principle is Established. "But, greater than all, it establishes the principle that no group of men, no matter how powerful, can ever attempt to control the food table of the American people or any one of the necessities or component parts of it.

"The department of justice having in mind the necessities and interests of the whole American people in this critical re-construction period, feels that by insisting upon this surrender on the part of packing interests it has accomplished more for the American people than could have been hoped for as the result of a long drawn-out legal battle."

"Surrender" is Denied. While Mr. Palmer views the packers' submission to the government's contentions as a "surrender," Henry Veeder, counsel for Swift and company, announced that the step was taken at the suggestion of the department of justice to avoid any appearance of antagonizing the government and to remove causes of friction with livestock producers and food distributors. Emphatically, Mr. Veeder stated that the decree was not to be construed as an admission that Swift and company had violated any law.

"The company feels that the same spirit which caused the business men of the country to submit to personal sacrifices to win the war," he said, "is just as essential during this period of re-construction as then, and therefore it meets the requirements of the government for the sacrifice of its own interests. The company has consented to the entry of a decree for injunction that it should do in so many words, recite that the decree does not adjudicate that the company has violated any law of the United States."

Packers Gave In Says Palmer. Attorney General Palmer said the overtures for a compromise came first from the packers, after the department of justice had placed its evidence before a grand jury in Chicago.

Alcock, Trans-Atlantic Flier, Hurt in Crash in Normandy

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Captain Sir John Alcock, who made the first non-stop airplane flight across the Atlantic ocean, has been seriously injured, according to a Lloyd's dispatch from Rouen. His plane crashed near Cotteverard, in the department of Seine-Inférieure, Normandy.

Barnes Cash Store
L. E. BARNES PROPRIETOR



"Niagara Maid" Silk Gloves In A Very Special Sale

If you were here to see and feel the quality of these Long Silk Gloves you wouldn't stop with one pair—you would buy in ample numbers for future use. Think of genuine "Niagara Maid" Silk Gloves of pre-war quality at much less than pre-war prices.

At Pr. 45c

Black and White only, 12 button length in sizes 5½ to 9. The pre-war price was 75c a pair, think of it!

At Pr. 65c

Black, white, navy, assorted browns, pongee and pink, 16 button, 5½ to 8½, pre-war price was \$1. now .65c

At Pr. 95c

A very high grade black and white only, 16 button, sizes 5½ to 8½. See them, feel them, it's the old time quality.