

THE WEATHER  
Rain: fresh to strong southerly winds.

SIXTY-NINTH YEAR

## GAME BOARD MAY QUIT RATHER THAN RESCIND ACTION, IS BELIEVED

### Resignation of All Members as Result of Governor's Letter Asking Reinstatement Would Cause No Surprise—Members Are Confronted by Three Very Unpleasant Alternatives—Olcott Holds Finley's Services Are Valuable

One prediction that has been stirred up by Governor Olcott's letter yesterday to the member of the state fish and game commission recommending that William L. Finley be reinstated in the position of state biologist from which he recently was ousted by the commission, is that the members of the commission will resign rather than comply with the governor's advice.

Citation is made to the fact that while the governor did not attend the meeting of the commission in Portland when Finley was cut adrift, he approved the action taken. Because the governor approved Finley's dismissal there is doubt whether the board will agree to undo what was done under those circumstances, and that rather than be placed in the position of surrendering to the friends of Finley each and every appointed member of the fish and game commission, will fall on his own sword. Such action doubtless would also cause the official demise of Carl D. Shoemaker, state game warden, and R. E. Clanton, master fish warden, both appointees of the commission.

Surrender, resignation or to brave the disapproving phalanx of sportsmen, club organizations and school children who picked up their war clubs as soon as the ousting of Finley was made known, are the alternatives from which the commission must choose.

### Service Valuable to State.

While expressing himself as believing the action of the state fish and game commission in dispensing of the services of Finley, was fully justified because of lack of harmony that existed between Mr. Finley and the commission, Governor Olcott yesterday sent a letter to each member of the commission requesting the opinion of each as to rescinding the action taken.

In connection with the letter the governor submitted a statement declaring his opinion that the action of the commission in ousting Mr. Finley should be rescinded. This the governor bases on the reputation of Mr. Finley as a naturalist. If the commission reinstates Finley the governor urges that he be given a free and independent hand in the management of the educational and biological department of the commission "to the end that his knowledge as a naturalist may not be lost to the state."

### The governor's statement follows:

#### Board Justified, Says Olcott.

"In reference to the fish and game commission's action dispensing with

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## BURN CANDLE TONIGHT WOMAN MAKES REQUEST OLD POEM IS PUBLISHED

A woman who refused to give her name telephoned to The Statesman yesterday, asking that the poem, "The Night Before Christmas" be published, and that all the people burn candles in the windows of their homes tonight.

The request is complied with. The poem is published elsewhere in this issue.

And the other request is hereby made in the name of the nameless woman.

The writer believes that the origin of the candle in the window on Christmas Eve comes from the Teutonic folk custom to light the way for the Christkindlein (the Christchild), who is supposed to visit the homes of good children at that time.

If the writer is mistaken, he will be glad to stand corrected.

## CHILDREN RIOT AT NEW YORK'S CHRISTMAS TREE

### Thousands of Youngsters Force Way Into Hall Where Feast Is Held

### POLICE RESERVE CALLED

### Women Faint, "Kids" Fight in Mad Scramble for Share of Gifts

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Thousands of uninvited children for whom no gifts were provided crowded their way into the Seventy-first regiment armory tonight and threw New York's largest children's Christmas festival into a riot. During the uproar 34,000 youngsters were in a mad riot for their share of peanuts, which were stacked upon tables for distribution to 7000 needy "kiddies" who had been invited.

Police reserves aided by the armory detail of soldiers were unable to check the wild rush. Several women fainted and scores of children were bowled over as the youngsters rushed about the floor.

No semblance of order was obtained until thousands of the youngsters had been rushed into the street. Less than 50 per cent of them managed to get a gift package.

Clowns Cause Trouble.

The trouble started when clowns appeared on the floor. Children assigned to places in the building rushed out in mass formation and crowded about the fun makers. A few took advantage of the disorder to help themselves from the gift tables and in a minute the rush was on.

The policemen present were swept off their feet and additional reserves were summoned. Children fought and scratched each other for the possession of dolls and other toys.

### "Brick" Gets Eight

One freckled, red faced youth wearing an abbreviated army coat was seen to carry away eight packages.

### Bi-Lingual Publication Urged by Astoria Legion

ASTORIA, Or., Dec. 23.—Clatsop post, American legion, has decided to request the Oregon legislature at its coming special session to enact a law requiring all foreign language papers to be printed in bi-lingual style.

## "JOHNNIE" PERSHING HOME AGAIN "WAS A LOVELY DAY" SAYS SISTER LACLEDE FRIENDS GREET GENERAL

LACLEDE, Mo., Dec. 23.—General John J. Pershing came back to his boyhood home today, ate turkey dinner, was presented with a medal and a loving cup, visited relatives and friends of long ago, explored anew the old Pershing house and made several speeches.

In the words of Miss May Pershing, his sister, also a guest at the home coming celebration, it was "a lovely day, quite beyond description."

### Negro Greet General

And the general seemed to enjoy every minute, from the time he stepped from his private car to grasp the outstretched hands of Al Warfield,

## SIMS SPURNS MEDAL GIVEN BY DANIELS

### Rumblings of Dissatisfaction Come Out When Admiral Turns Down Award While Other Decorations Are Unchanged

### "STORMY PETREL" OF NAVY SPRINGS SURPRISE

### System of Awards Approved by Forces Revised by Secretary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Rumblings of dissatisfaction within the navy at the way Secretary Daniels has arranged the awards of decorations for war service, came to the surface today when it became known that Admiral Sims, former commander of American naval forces in European waters, had declined to accept his distinguished service medal while the awards remain as at present.

At the same time, the row which up to this time has been a smoldering one, gave indications of showing up in congress. Chairman Page of the senate naval committee asked for a report on the awarding of decorations and Secretary Daniels transmitted it to him tonight. Meanwhile Representative Lufkin of Massachusetts, a member of the house naval committee, announced that he would ask the house to call for a similar report.

### Sims' Action is Climax

Coming as a climax to published charges that Secretary Daniels had re-arranged the whole list of awards, raising some officers to higher distinction than recommended and "blue penning" others, publication of Admiral Sims' action created a new sensation in the navy department, and added a new chapter to the long contest in which naval officers have complained of the secretary's administration of affairs and others have defended him with equal vigor.

The whole thing has been brought to a head by the action of Admiral Sims, who, writing an official communication to Secretary Daniels, has set out that officers for whom he recommended the distinguished service medal—highest of all naval decorations except the congressional medal of honor—received the secretary's revision of decoration of lesser value, and that other officers whose duties and services Admiral Sims

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## BANDIT WOUNDS 2 MEN SHOPPERS HELD AT BAY CROWD HIDES ESCAPE

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Two men were seriously wounded and over 100 Christmas shoppers were held at bay here tonight, when a lone bandit, believed to have been the man who, at Olympia, Wash., last night, shot and killed E. H. Schultz, attempted to hold up a stationery store in the First avenue business district. After a short run, pursued by clerks and customers of the store the robber made good his escape by mingling with a crowd on Second avenue a block away.

The bandit entered the store a few minutes before 6 o'clock and walked up to the cash register, where E. L. Howe, a clerk, was recording a sale. Howe pushed the register shut at the command of "lift 'em up," and at that instant the robber fired, the bullet striking Howe in the leg. Ralph M. Hedges, a salesman, attempted to seize the robber's hand and was shot twice, in the hand and in the jaw.

Women screamed and there was a general rush of customers to the walls and behind counters. The store was crowded. The bandit attempted once more to open the drawer of the register, failed, and walked out the front door, disappearing into the crowd a few minutes later.

## CONSPIRACY TO "GET DETZER" BARED BY AIDE

### Marlow Says Prisoners at Le Mans "Framed" Charges Against Captain

### ROBBERY STORY DENIED

### Testimony Comes Out in Trial of Former Overseas Police Officer

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Testimony supporting the allegation that Captain Karl W. Detzer, on trial on charges of brutality to A. E. F. prisoners at Le Mans, was "framed" by men whose enmity he had incurred, formed by Marlow that it was Detzer who had him put under arrest and in France, threatened to "get" Captain Detzer unless he tried to obtain his release from prison. When informed by Marlow that it was Detzer who had him put under arrest and in France, threatened to "get" Captain Detzer unless he tried to obtain his release from prison.

### Threat to "Get" is Told

Marlow testified that Sergeant Frank Hoyt, now said to be in France, threatened to "get" Captain Detzer unless he tried to obtain his release from prison. When informed by Marlow that it was Detzer who had him put under arrest and in France, threatened to "get" Captain Detzer unless he tried to obtain his release from prison.

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## IMPORTANT POSTS AT PRISON VACATED BY TALLEY AND PHILLIPS

### Warden Steiner Says Deputy Has Resigned, But Latter Says He Has Not—Phillips Leaves Position of Chief Keeper—Indications Are That Resignations Are Not Voluntary—William Esch of Salem May Be Awarded Penitentiary Place

Warden Steiner of the state penitentiary announced last night that John C. Talley, deputy warden, has resigned.

Deputy Warden Talley said he had not resigned.

Warden Steiner also announced that J. H. (Buck) Phillips, chief keeper, has resigned his place at the state prison.

Inquiry brought information that Phillips left the institution last Sunday, though this was not made known until yesterday.

The fact that Warden Steiner and Deputy Warden Talley disagree on the question whether Talley has resigned gives the appearance that between the two men there is an absence of mutuality in whatever change is taking place, and that the resignations were not voluntary. Also it lends credence to rumors that became current in Salem soon after sunrise yesterday morning that a series of changes were brewing relative to the personnel of officers at the state prison.

Mr. Talley, when questioned last night, was curt in his replies, most of which were in words of one syllable. His statement that he had not resigned he qualified by the word "yet." Asked if he were going to resign he said he would make no statement.

When Warden Steiner was asked why Talley had resigned he said Talley has mentioned that he probably would go into business.

### Governor Olcott when asked last night what he knew about Talley's resignation, said he did not know much about it, except that Warden Steiner had told him yesterday morning that Talley might resign.

"That is the warden's affair," said the governor. "The selection and disposal of the men under him are in his hands."

If differences have arisen between the warden and some of his men the situation is contrary to the smooth operation that has been claimed for the state prison under the present administration. Both Talley and Phillips have been rated as officers of the first class, and Warden Steiner has always spoken in highly commendatory terms, particularly of Mr. Talley.

Both Phillips and Talley were brought to Salem about a year ago by Warden R. L. Stevens, predecessor of Dr. Steiner. Both had served under Stevens when he was sheriff of Multnomah county. Phillips as jailor and Talley as a deputy sheriff. Stevens brought Phillips back to Oregon from Missouri to take the state prison position, and brought Talley from McNeil's Island where he was deputy warden of the federal prison.

The vacancy left by Talley gives rise to speculation as to who will succeed him. Warden Steiner said last night that the successors of both Talley and Phillips will be announced in a few days. It is understood they have been selected. William Esch, former sheriff of Marion county, is mentioned as a possibility as deputy warden.

## RECORD FLEET AT SAN DIEGO

### Warships in Harbor Number 78—Destroyers at Anchor Total 52

SAN DIEGO, Dec. 23.—Twelve warships arrived here today, bringing the total number of war craft in the harbor up to 78, which is said to be the greatest number of war vessels ever together in the Pacific under the American flag.

There are now 52 destroyers in port, double the number here when Admiral Rodman brought the new Pacific fleet from the Atlantic in August.

Salvation Army Baskets to be Distributed Today

Distribution of baskets to the needy families of Salem by the Salvation army will begin today at 2 o'clock and will take place at the Salvation army headquarters, 241 State street. From that hour on throughout the afternoon those for whom the baskets are intended may call and get them.

The army has a large list of the families who are to receive the baskets. Most will call for them, but in some cases the baskets are to be delivered. Each basket contains a dinner sufficient for a family of five persons.

Baskets also are to be delivered to the prisoners at the state penitentiary.

Friday night a Christmas tree will be given at the Salvation army hall for the poor children of the city.

## INFERNAL MACHINE SENT MUSICIAN EXPLOSION IS NARROWLY AVERTED

### BOX BEARS PORTLAND FIRM LABEL

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Fred Fink, musician, Mrs. Fink, their three children and E. L. Muller, a roomer, escaped death or serious injury late today when they decided to open a Christmas box, received through the mail, by breaking open the slide top rather than by pulling it out in the usual manner. The box contained an infernal machine, set to explode when the lid was pulled back.

### Box Bears Portland Label

A label, believed to be a blind, necessary in order to comply with postal regulations, purported to show

## OPERATORS WANT PROBE OF COAL

### Association Committee Replies to Statement by Attorney General

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Investigation of the coal industry is "courted" by the operators, it is asserted tonight. The executive committee of the bituminous coal operators' association issued a statement replying to the declaration last night of attorney General Palmer that the government "would assume that the operators will break faith."

The executive committee's statement announced that a general meeting of mine owners from all parts of the United States has been summoned to consider the situation arising from settlement of the strike.

**Barnes Cash Store**  
Not Open Evenings

**"I Am Here" — Santa**

Choose Quickly These Useful Gifts

WOMEN'S LACE COLLARS COLLAR AND CUFF SETS VESTES FANCY RIBBONS HANDKERCHIEFS SILK HOSE SILK GLOVES SILK CAMISOLES JERSEY SILK BRASSIERS SWEATERS INFANTS CASHMERE BOOTEES WOOL DRESSES SILK WAIST PATTERNS	MEN'S SHIRTS PAJAMAS BATH ROBES WOOLEN SOCKS BATH TOWELS SWEATERS CAPS AUTO ROBES BELTS ARM BANDS NECKTIES SILK COLLARS WORK GLOVES UMBRELLAS RAIN COATS SUIT CASES WOOL FLANNEL OVERSHIRTS
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Every Gift Purchased Here Represents Supreme Value For Every Cent Paid

## STATESMAN INDUSTRIAL EDITION MAKE APPEARANCE NEXT MONTH

Issue, Now Under Preparation, to Have Unique and Valuable Circulation—Local Concerns Will Be Heralded Far and Wide

The second big feature of The Statesman's campaign of support to the present industrial and community advancement passed from the stage of planning to actual construction yesterday. This effort is a large advertisement of present needs in the Willamette valley and offerings put up in the form of a special edition which will be printed in January.

It is to be known as the "Industrial Number" and will be the first of its kind published in Marion or Polk counties since before the war.

Industries Need Support.

It has never been The Statesman's policy to publish an edition or a paper that could be confused or compared to typical newspaper "booster" literature.

This edition has a definite place in the campaign which The Statesman alone has been carrying on in this locality for some time past.

The industries which have helped to raise Salem's position to the first banking center in the state outside of Portland, will need support to be able to keep pace with the demands that enlarging markets for Willamette products will command.

There is need of more people to raise fruits and produce for the packing companies. There is need of people to man the industries and the farms now operating.

### Inquiries Come Daily

Through advertisements now running in the east, many inquiries are directed to The Statesman's information department, from people who are interested enough to answer The Statesman advertisements. Through solicitors, employed by The Statesman, Salem people are being asked to give the names of people who they believe might be interested in Oregon. The Statesman itself will take care of the mailing and addressing so that the people of the community will be asked to furnish the names only.

Business houses and civic organizations will be asked to supplement these lists so that The Statesman will be able to put the message of present day opportunity in the valley into the hands of many thousands of people who in one way or another have already shown an interest in the community, and who would be more apt to come here than the people reached through the ordinary means of distributing such a special.

Pictorial Work Unique.

The edition itself will deal intimately and in interesting fashion with the community, plentifully illustrated with matter pertinent to

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