

**THE WEATHER**  
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## HEARINGS ON WAGES BEGIN JANUARY 12

**Commission of Three to Commence Actual Work on Coal Situation After Adjournment of Miners' Meeting**

**DATA TO BE SECURED IN INTERVENING TIME**

**Personnel of Staff to be Made Public Friday or Saturday Is Announcement**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Hearings relating to wages and prices in the bituminous coal industry will be started January 12 in Washington by the commission of three, representative of the miners, operators and public appointed by President Wilson under the recent coal strike settlement.

The commission said that telegrams had been sent to Thomas T. Brewster of St. Louis, chairman of the scale committee of the central competitive field operators, representing Indiana, Ohio and Western Pennsylvania and to John L. Lewis, acting president of the United Mine Workers of America, advising them that the first hearing was "for the purpose of having the miners and operators' scale committees of the central competitive field present their respective positions."

Conference Delays Hearings. Openings of the hearings, the commission said, was delayed in order to permit the miners to conclude the work of the special convention in Columbus, O., beginning January 5.

Prior to the hearing of the operators and miners, the commission will devote itself to obtaining all available data from the various governmental departments which have inquired into coal prices and production and wages and living conditions among the miners.

The commission announced that it expected to make public the personnel of its staff of assistants Friday or Saturday.

Work of the commission, which held its first session yesterday, centered today about the mapping out of its program and in arranging details of its work.

## PRISONER ASKS RIDE SHERIFF SAYS "SURE" DICK IS "HOME" AGAIN

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 30.—Dick Jester, one of three prisoners who made a daring escape from the county chain gang today, hailed a passing automobile tonight on a country road near here and asked for a ride. The men in the car stopped and the convict got in.

"Sure, glad to have you, Dick," said Deputy Sheriff Gordon Hardy as he twisted his hand in the collar of Jester's sweater.

## LOSS \$500,000 IN TAMPA FIRE

**Two Blocks of Wholesale District of Florida City Is Destroyed**

TAMPA, Fla., Dec. 30.—Fire late today destroyed two blocks in the wholesale district on Tampa's water front entailing a loss estimated at from \$350,000 to \$500,000. A stiff breeze spread the flames so rapidly that firemen were forced to abandon hose lines and flee for their lives.

Several were burned. The fire cut off electric light and power lines and early tonight the business section was in darkness. Special precautions were taken against depredations of thieves after offices in a bank building had been rifled. The Tampa Tribune in the absence of power, prepared to tonight to issue by multigraph.

## Boston Americans to Train at Hot Springs Says Graver

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 30.—Secretary Garver of the Boston American league team announced tonight he had concluded arrangements for the team to do its spring training here. Training will begin March 1 and continue to March 20.

## Cummins Bill Is Rapped by 30 Shippers Organizations

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Many of the important sections of the Cummins railroad bill now in conference committee in congress were opposed in resolutions adopted today by about 200 representatives of thirty shippers' organizations.

## RURAL DANCE HALLS ARE PROBED BY GRAND JURY NOW IN SESSION

Investigation of rural dance halls located near Salem is expected will be taken up by the Marion county grand jury. Because of numerous complaints received by the authorities three dance halls are to undergo the scrutiny of the jury. These are the Auburn hall, Query's hall near Livesley station and a dance hall near Chenawah.

It is said that no such objection is found to the manner in which the halls are conducted as to the conduct of young persons in going to and returning from the places of amusement. According to District Attorney Gehlhar this is a source of many cases receiving the attention of the juvenile court. No direct charges have been made, the jury making the investigation upon instruction from the court. There is no law against operation of the dance halls and it is not probable that indictments will follow the investigation.

The jury's attention yesterday was directed to testimony furnished by J. A. Anderson, former gardner at

## INDUSTRIAL OUTLOOK FOR YEAR BRIGHT

**National Chamber of Commerce in Annual Review Predicts Continued Activity for American Business**

**FARMERS PROSPEROUS TO UNUSUAL DEGREE**

**Belief Expressed That Day of High Priced Wheat Is Passed**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Continued industrial activity is predicted by the committee on statistics of the chamber of commerce of the United States in its annual end-of-the-year review of business and crop conditions. Manufacturers, the report said, have orders in excess of their capacity and in the retail trade there is a feeling of confidence of the continuation until another harvest at least, of the demand for all classes of commodities.

**Farmers Prosperous**  
Farmers are reported unusually prosperous because of the high prices of their products. The liberal spending of the farmers, the review asserted, is the backbone and sustaining power of the present volume of business throughout the country as they are paying mostly cash and are purchasing more improved farm machinery and pure-bred livestock than ever before.

**High Priced Wheat Passes**  
Of the general crop situation, the report stated that rain did much damage to unharvested crops in the south and in the southern portion of some of the central states, reducing the yield and impairing quality. Winter wheat acreage will be materially reduced this fall, the report said, as the farmers believed winter

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## AERIAL BOMB KILLS ONE FALL CAUSES EXPLOSION ONE MAN LOSES EARS

HAVRE DE GRACE, Maryland, Dec. 30.—One man was killed and two were hurt today when an aerial bomb exploded at the Aberdeen proving grounds. The dead man is Elbert Fallon. Henry Campbell had his ear drums ruptured but will recover. Fallon's leg and arm were blown off. The men, it is said, dropped the bomb while they were carrying it.

## WOOD ALCOHOL DEATH ROSTER IS AUGMENTED

**Three Women and Man Found Dead in Room in Philadelphia**

**EMBALMING FLUID SOLD**  
**New Jersey Victim Totally Blind—Four Others Dangerously Ill**

PAISSAIC, N. J., Dec. 30.—Wood alcohol's toll in Passaic today is six men dead, one totally blind who probably will die, and four others dangerously ill.

**FOUR FOUND DEAD IN ROOM IN PHILADELPHIA**  
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—Three women and a man were found in one room of a rooming house tonight dead from alcoholic poisoning. Two other deaths were reported.

**EMBALMING FLUID IS LATEST WHISKY SUBSTITUTE**  
SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—Embalming fluid, wood alcohol and deodorized alcohol have been sold as whisky here, according to Justus H. Wardell, collector of internal revenue, and already one death may have resulted from the drinking of the poisonous liquor.

**TWO HELD IN CHICOPEE UNDER \$10,000 BAIL EACH**  
CHICOPEE, Mass., Dec. 30.—Sam Darling and Max Saunders, Hartford truckmen, were arrested by Marshal Alfred T. Caron, of the Chicopee police tonight on charges of manslaughter, growing out of the large number of deaths in the Connecticut valley as a result of drinking whisky containing wood alcohol. They were held under \$10,000 bond each.

**SIX ARRESTED IN NEW HAVEN; DEATH LIST 16**  
NEW HAVEN, Dec. 30.—Six arrests in connection with the sale or manufacture of liquor were made today. No additional deaths were reported, the list remaining at 16 in the state.

**Klamath Falls Woman Is Brought to State Prison**  
Mrs. Minnie Nicholson of Klamath Falls was brought to the state penitentiary yesterday to serve a sentence of one year for assault with a dangerous weapon. She was convicted for shooting and wounding a veterinary surgeon. The sheriff who brought Mrs. Nicholson to the prison said he had known her all of his life that her conduct has always been exemplary and that he believes her to be mentally unbalanced.

**Pershing Made Member of Phi Alpha Delta Fraternity**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—General Pershing was elected an honorary member of the Phi Alpha Delta fraternity today. August A. Rendice of Cincinnati, was elected supreme justice.

## BARLEYCORN TO MAKE ONE NIGHT STAND

**New York Friends of Poor Old John to Pass Around Bottle and All Take Drink to Greet New Year Is Plan**

**SLEUTHS WATCH FOR HAIR TONIC VENDORS**

**White Way To Be Camouflaged All Pretty and Scarlet Is Outlook**

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Two score federal agents were dispatched tonight on a hunt through greater New York and the other sections of internal revenue district for poison liquor. Manufacturers of perfumes, hair tonics, flavoring extracts and furniture polish were investigated on a wholesale basis to "nail down" non-beverage alcohol, in an effort to prevent recurrence of Christmas wood alcohol tragedies.

Hotel and restaurant men tonight predicted the biggest New Year's eve celebration ever witnessed and "private stock" whisky, brandy, rum and wine openly were announced as well-comers for 1920 despite the dry law and its enforcement. High prices were being paid for tables along the Great White Way, and prospective celebrators defiantly have declared that John Barleycorn is to be their guest "once more."

More deaths were reported here and throughout the country today, although in far less number than the day after Christmas.

Louis Di Vito, Joseph Giuseppe and Vitele Cello, arrested last night when officers discovered 1,500 gallons of wines on their premises, were arraigned today charged with violation of the war-time prohibition act and held in \$500 bail each for hearings January 7.

## THREE EXHAUSTED, HALF-FROZEN SAILORS RESCUED FROM WRECK

**Trio Clings to Wave-Battered Hull—Comrades Dashed to Bits**

ST. JOHNS, N. F., Dec. 30.—Three exhausted and half frozen men, sole survivors of the crew of 29 of the Belgian steamer Anton Van Driel were brought here today on the steamer Ingraham.

For two days and two nights the three men had clung to the wreck of their steamer as it lay on the jagged rocks that barred the entrance to St. Mary's bay.

The rescue was accomplished by the Ingraham against tremendous odds. The spot where the Anton Van Driel was wrecked is regarded by sailors as inaccessible to any craft except in the calmest weather and the great storm which brought doom to the Belgian ship was still raging when the Ingraham arrived. It was only after hours of efforts and the imminent peril of their lives that the men of the Ingraham brought the survivors to safety.

Lifeboats Wrecked  
Shortly after the Anton Van Driel was hurled on the rocks on Sunday evening, the lifeboats were swept away and dashed to pieces against the cliffs. Four men had preferred to stick to the wreck and a fifth was swept back to the deck of the steamer after the lifeboat in which he had embarked was smashed.

The remaining sailors were drowned.

**Fishertown Watch Struggles**  
Throughout Saturday night and Sunday the five clung desperately to the bridge of the wreck. Overhead watched their battle for life from the tops of the cliffs, powerless to aid. On Monday two of the survivors lost consciousness and were swept to their deaths.

## Sections of Montana Are in Path of New Cold Wave

HELENA, Mont., Dec. 30.—Central and eastern Montana are in the path of a cold wave that is rapidly sweeping down from Canada, according to a special warning issued tonight by the weather bureau.

The prediction for the central portion is that the temperature will drop 40 degrees or more in the next 24 hours, making zero weather or lower by Wednesday evening or Thursday morning.

A low pressure area over Alberta is said to be the cause of the storm. There was a heavy snow there today.

## EDDIE CASEY, crack right half for Harvard, who is expected to be one of the strongest factors against Oregon in the big game in Pasadena



## MULTNOMAH TAX LEVY 5 MILLS

**Assessors Says Low Amount Will Suffice If Taxpayers Are Careful**

PORTLAND, Dec. 30.—A tax levy of approximately five mills will be sufficient to run Multnomah county for the coming year, if interested taxpayers at the annual budget meeting tomorrow do not boost appropriations. Of \$2,493,910.94 estimated to be necessary to carry on the county administration during 1920, it will be necessary only to raise \$1,507,888.14 by direct taxation, which can be done, figures County Assessor Reed by a five mill levy.

## LOVE LETTER IS WILL ARTIST DIES IN FRANCE SWEETHEART GETS ALL

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 30.—A love letter written by Harry F. Heine, a San Francisco artist, to Miss Carmelita F. Cadogan, his fiancée, two weeks before he fell in action in France, was admitted to probate as a holograph will here today. In the letter Heine expressed the wish that all he owned go to Miss Cadogan.

## Thomas O'Hara, One Time Judge, Dies at Age of 63

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Former Judge Thomas O'Hara, who during the second administration of President Cleveland was the president's personal representative to Central America to smooth out the difficulties between the United States and Great Britain over the mosquito coast of Nicaragua, died today aged 63 years.

## TWO TEAMS TO END ALL TRAINING TODAY FOR BIG GAME NEW YEARS; BOTH COACHES ANNOUNCE LINEUPS

**Thermometer Drops Giving More Homelike Temperature for Both Squads—Players to be Feted at Ball Whatever Outcome May Be**

PASADENA, Cal., Dec. 30.—Harvard's football squad today completed heavy training. One light scrimmage tomorrow and then no more football for the Crimson players until Referee George Varnell's whistle New Year's day sounds the signal for the opening of the tournament of roses game against Oregon.

Two stiff work-outs—morning and afternoon, were held following which head Coach Robert Fisher announced that his men were fit and ready for their task of overcoming the aggregation of husky Oregonians who will represent the power of the west against the traditional strength of the east.

**Oregon Finishes Today.**  
Oregon held one practice today.

## M'NARY HAS PEACE PACT COMPROMISE

**Oregon Senator Confers With Hitchcock, Democratic Leader, on Various Measures Toward Ratification**

**NEGOTIATIONS EXPECTED TO BECOME ACTIVE SOON**

**Much Hangs on Choice of Leader of Democrats at Caucus Jan. 5**

WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Peace treaty compromise talk reached a more formal stage today when Senator McNary of Oregon, a leader of the mild reservationist Republicans discussed various compromise suggestions with Senator Hitchcock, acting Democratic leader.

Afterward the senators seemed confident a middle ground could be found that would insure ratification early in the year.

**New Preamble Outlined.**  
Modification of the reservations approved by the senate majority at the last session, so that affirmative acceptance by the other powers would not be required is understood to have been the principal subject considered. A new preamble which would declare the reservations effective, unless other nations objected within a limited time, is said to have been outlined, each senator indicating that he might accept it.

The reservations in the majority program dealing with article 19, Shantung, and voting power in the league of nations, it was said, also were discussed.

Senator Hitchcock also saw a number of other senators and Senator Swanson of Virginia, a Democrat of the foreign relations committee, was present during a part of the talk with Senator McNary. Later Mr. McNary conferred with several Republicans.

**Negotiations Grow Active.**  
The compromise negotiations are expected to become more active as senators return late this week for the reconvening of congress Monday. In some quarters, however, it is believed that definite action may be postponed until after the Democratic senate caucuses on January 5, which will decide the contest between Senator Hitchcock and Senator Underwood of Alabama for the Democratic leadership.

## BIG GAME TO BE ANNOUNCED HERE

**Oregon Students Arrange Special Service—Armory Is Secured**

Salem football fans will have the opportunity of hearing the big game at Pasadena New Years between Oregon and Harvard announced play by play, as result of an arrangement made yesterday by a group of Oregon students who are in Salem for the holiday vacation. The students have secured the armory and a special service of the Western Union and will announce every play of each player his fast as made.

Inasmuch as the game is played on the coast there will be no difference in time to be counted as has been the case in eastern games. The plays will be announced in Salem within a few seconds of the time they are made on the field at Pasadena.

## Shirts

*The Soft Collar Negligee Kind*

There are several dozen of these Shirts for men, in all sizes 14½ to 18½, some with military collar but most of them with the flat collar attached. Many of these are plain white or cream but there is a generous portion of stripes. Among them are "Slims" with extra long body and sleeves and others, as the sizes above indicate, are made for "Stout" men.

The price although not reduced, makes one speak of the "Good Old Days Gone By" for many of them are

**75c, others up to \$2.25**

There are also striped Golf Shirts—Shirts without collars—launched cuffs priced as low as ..... 85c

The good, old fashioned salmon pink and grey ribbed two-piece underwear for men at, per garment, ..... 75c

**DON'T PASS UP THAT RUBBER RAIN COAT AT \$9.45**

*Barnes Cash Store*  
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## WRITER'S GOOD HUMOR DOESN'T FREEZE WITH THE ROOSTER'S COMB AT HER QUINABY HOME

Dear Statesman Folks: I am sorry that I must begin every letter with an apology and end with a promise—which I don't keep very well. I understand perfectly that I should send items promptly and frequently, but I am really ill and I despise to write, and it is only that I am looking forward to a nice funeral notice at your hands, that I gird up my loins and grind out these feeble-minded mutterings of no great interest to anybody.

In the items I have tried not to say anything very pessimistic about the storm's damage, owing to the fact that the papers will go out broadcast and do harm to our future growth and development. But as one private individual to another let me assure you that we had a perfectly DAMNED time of it. It found us with only a handful of wood and we had to dig rails out of two feet of snow and break them up and were just ready to begin on the furniture.

It took me three days to dig a path to the barn, and I had to put the blankets from my bed on the cow to keep her from freezing to death, and all night long I held my canary bird in my hands to keep life in its little body. Apples, potatoes, bottled fruit, the rooster's comb and the house plants passed away. My 73-year-old mother and myself scraped the snow off of our roof. And now, after such an experience, we come forth like a pair of ancient and withered mummies, stiff in our joints and low in our spirits.

Is my excuse sufficient this time? I know you are all in the throes of the New Year Edition. Sympathy and congratulation, Hail! and farewell, sincerely,  
—Ella McEunna.

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