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## MR. COREY IS UNDER QUIZ IN RAILWAY CASE

Oregon Service Commissioner Tells I. C. C. That Southern Pacific Threatens Development.

## OFFICIAL MAKES PLEA FOR CENTRAL OREGON

William Pollman of Baker Says Unmerger is Necessary for State

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Western opinion favoring separation of the Central Pacific from the Southern Pacific system constituted the bulk of testimony today at the interstate commerce commission's hearing on the Southern Pacific's application to retain control of the Central Lines in spite of a supreme court decree ordering their division.

H. H. Corey, representing the Oregon public service commission, also was heard, declaring that while his commission did not wish to take sides in the main controversy it regarded some details of the Southern Pacific's plan as threatening to interfere with projects for new railroad construction in central Oregon.

Pullman for Separation  
Another Oregon citizen, William Pullman, representing the State Cattle and Horse Raisers' association and the Northwest Livestock Shippers' association asserted that the best interest of the territory required separation of the two systems.

Edward F. Treadwell, attorney for the California Producers and Shippers' association told the commission his organization had 8,000 members who advocated complete separation of the lines. Fred H. Wood, counsel for the Southern Pacific, questioned him as to whether his organization was not working with the Union Pacific in its efforts to force the separation.

Court Order Insisted Upon  
"The Union Pacific has openly contributed to the work of the producers' association," Mr. Treadwell replied, "but our members are not pledged to forward any disposition of the Central Pacific to the Union Pacific or otherwise. We are simply seeking to urge the carrying out of the supreme court decree."

Charles Teague, a Fresno raisin grower, called to testify in behalf of the California association, declared competition in railroad service was needed in California and that it would be increased by separation of the merged systems.

Electricity Suggested  
Mr. Wood again raised the point of Union Pacific activities when E. O. Howard, a Salt Lake banker, advocated separation. Mr. Howard, in answer to his questions, said the Oregon Short line, a Union Pacific subsidiary, had contributed money for newspaper advertising in support of division of the systems to a Utah committee of which he was a member. LaFayette Hanchett, president of the Utah Power & Light company, another member of this committee, suggested that the Central Pacific, if turned into an independent trans-continental line, could be electrified, and he argued that this would reduce transportation costs.

## Lone Robber Divests Starbuck Bank of \$400

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 4.—A lone armed bandit today held up officers of the bank of Starbuck, a town 50 miles from here, and made away with \$400 in cash. A waiting automobile whisked the robber out of town before police arrived on the scene. The robber entered the bank just before closing time. According to unofficial reports a suspect was arrested tonight at Starbuck.

## THE WEATHER

OREGON—Tuesday, rain west, snow and colder east portion.

## LOCAL WEATHER (Monday)

Maximum temperature, 46.  
Minimum temperature, 38.  
River, 9 foot above normal, rising.  
Rainfall, .41 inch.  
Atmosphere, cloudy.  
Wind, south.

## POLK COUNTY BONDS ARE HELD VALID BY THE CIRCUIT COURT

Market road bonds of \$265,000 voted in Polk county at a special election June 3, 1919, are held to be valid in an order of the circuit court at Dallas handed down Saturday, according to information received yesterday by the state highway department.

The validity of the bonds was attacked by R. M. Walker, S. C. Hanna, H. Mattison, J. E. Hubbard and C. D. Galbraith on grounds that the order of the county court calling the election did not state the interest rate that the bonds were to bear, except to state that it should not be in excess of 6 per cent, also that the order did not set forth what particular roads between points mentioned in the order were to be improved.

## CLUB CHORUS IS PLEASING

Women's Organization Gives Unusual Concert at Benefit for Home

It took an awfully high spring to get the top note of their concert number, "Music of Spring," but the Women's Club chorus at the First Methodist church last night made it admirably. That chorus could sing anything, from spring to the dead of an Arctic winter, and make it as beautiful as the Aurora Borealis.

And that's what they did, with every offering. There are 32 of the singers, and there were at least eight colors of the Aurora in their dainty raincoats—pinks, blues, greens, purple, white, olive, red, brown, taupe—and the natural colors. Aurora in all her finery was never more fetching, more charmingly arrayed, more gracious in her service for a good cause, more appreciated by those who wished to do her honor.

Program is Varied  
The first number was a Viking song. Those southern-clad women are not exactly in part in singing Viking war songs, with anvils and mighty-muscled blacksmiths beating out their four-foot swords to razor edge to mangle their foe. But they sing beautifully, with easy rhythm, and they have a volume of sound that but for its finer quality might even be vikingesque.

Shortly following that number was "Love's Benediction," an Irish folk song, as different from the wild sea-songs and their battle yells as a song could well be. One might have thought that every woman there was pure Irish, who had grown up steeped in the atmosphere of Thomas Moore and the other Irish harpists. The whole Caucasian world contributed singers to the chorus personnel, but they were all Irish home folk in this beautiful number. To go from one atmosphere, one mood, to another, is the mark of the capable musician. These Salem women slipped from Norway across to the bogs and the peat fires of Ireland as naturally as to go from one room to another.

Cadman Song Enjoyed  
And then they became Indian maidens, singing the songs of the Dakotas. "From the Land of the Sky Blue Water," one of the Cadman compositions. One almost looked for the wigwams and the camp fires, and maybe the warriors coming back from the chase or even the warpath—home to love and a good square buffalo steak cooked by the home folks. Music is what one makes of it. It ought to tell the things of which it sings. These three national songs, each with a deflatingly personal picture, were intended to be mental pictures, in words, in tone. The Salem women's chorus has seized upon the interpretation in an understanding manner, and makes the music live. And certainly the lullaby, "Sleep, Little Baby of Mine," spoke a language that is universal. Norse, Irish, Indian, human—four tongues, four thoughts, four pictures—any one of them was the best of all!

Petri Director  
Prof. Paul Petri of Portland, director of the chorus, has good reason to be proud of his proteges. They would be a notable organization anywhere. Dorothy Pearce, the accompanist, is a jewel of modesty and taste. Probably no one now recalls hearing the piano at all, save in the introduction. It shouldn't drown

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## WOMAN IS AGAIN FREE

Madalynne Obenchain Dismissed—Burch to Be Tried for Insanity

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 4.—Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, twice tried for the murder of her sweetheart, J. Belton Kennedy, was a free woman tonight, the indictment against her having been dismissed on motion of District Attorney Thomas Lee Woolwine.

Arthur C. Burch, jointly charged with Mrs. Obenchain, was also freed, so far as the Kennedy murder charge was concerned, but his attorney, Paul W. Schenk, swore to an insanity warrant against him, and Judge John W. Schenk ordered him committed to the psychopathic ward of the Los Angeles county hospital for observation.

May Again Face Jury  
Burch, who was tried three times for the slaying of Kennedy, may face a jury again to have his mental condition decided. His insanity plea was made at the first trial, but not at the others.

Mr. Schenk stated in court that he always had believed Burch insane, and declared that if his client had been acquitted at any of his three trials, he still would have asked the court to try him on an insanity charge. In this connection it was recalled Mr. Schenk asked that Burch's sanity be determined before his first trial and that his father, the Reverend W. A. Burch of Evanston, Ill., had insisted he believed his son insane.

Woman Going to Farm  
Newspapermen found Mrs. Obenchain in the reception room of the county jail in conversation with a woman who sat as a juror in her second trial. She said she was surprised at the outcome and that she had no plans for the future she cared to make public. "I am going to leave Los Angeles but won't go very far."

"You might say I am going out on the farm."

She declined to say whether she would re-marry Ralph Obenchain, her divorced husband. Obenchain, an attorney practicing in Chicago, assisted in her defense during her first trial and secured a marriage license in her name and his own.

Burch was later arraigned on a charge of insanity and his hearing before the Los Angeles county lunacy commission set for Thursday, December 7. He was transferred from the jail to the psychopathic ward of the Los Angeles county hospital.

Old Friend Protests  
J. D. Kennedy, father of the slain man, who, he once said, had been as much his chum as his son, stood in the crowd outside the jail and waited for Mrs. Obenchain's departure and the removal of Burch to the county hospital.

"I shall protest," said Mr. Kennedy. "I had not been advised of this contemplated action and I surely believe it is one of the gravest acts of injustice ever recorded. My son can never speak again, and I believe it my duty to carry this matter as far as legally possible."

## FIVE ARRESTED

DETROIT, Dec. 4.—Five men were arrested here today charged with theft of express packages, the value of which was estimated by officials at more than \$50,000. Four of the men were drivers of American Railroad Express company trucks.

## FINE LIQUOR IS SPOILING, NO WAY OUT

New York Wine Company Appeals to Mellon to Help Save From Wreckage

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—A New York wine company has appealed to Secretary Mellon to know what to do with a large stock of wines and champagne which it has carefully kept locked up since the days when its entry into channels of commerce was legal.

The stock valued, it was said, at "a very good many thousands of dollars," is rapidly deteriorating and the wine company asked the secretary whether he could help them save anything from the wreckage.

Mr. Mellon said today he had not discovered a way out.

## NINE DOLLARS IS CAUSE OF RUMPUS

Hubbub in City Council When Steinbock Wants His Money Returned

Pandemonium, made up of consternation, hilarity and crocodile tears, reigned supreme at the city council meeting last night when H. Steinbock, junk dealer by trade, arose and, introduced by Alderman Hal Patton, made a determined public address of the Keith Orpheum variety.

His was a tale of woe. One Harry Seaman, a lad, now wisely among the city's "missing," had been caught in a car with a jug of whiskey. Steinbock, a traveling salesman out of the pity of their hearts had agreed to pay \$24 apiece to secure his release from jail. The salesman paid \$24 and Steinbock \$9. It was all he had, he said, but he promised Judge Earl Race that he would write his check for the remaining \$15. Meanwhile, on his given word Seaman was released soon after mysteriously disappearing. Now Steinbock was before the city fathers to convince them that he could not afford to pay the agreed \$15.

And then the fun began. Judge Race arose and scathingly announced to the humbled Mr. Steinbock that if he chose to go back on his word he, Judge Race himself, would have to pay the \$15, since he had secured the release of the prisoner. Alderman H. H. Vandevort arose and made an emotional plea for the "submerged tenth." He wanted the council to give Mr. Steinbock his \$9 back. The humorists laughed; the serious minded swore. Alderman Patton, who started the rumpus, said nothing. And then Mayor Halvorsen invited Mr. Steinbock to leave, declaring that he had broken a "gentleman's agreement." Mr. Steinbock left.

Now Chief W. Moffitt is looking for one Harry Seaman with a double barreled warrant. If he finds him it will mean an even seven and a half days on a simple diet.

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## New Michigan Senator Will Resign as Mayor

DETROIT, Dec. 4.—James Couzens, recently appointed to the United States senate to fill the unexpired term of Truman H. Newberry, will devote his entire time to his senatorial duties. It was announced tonight, following a conference here today between the retiring mayor, the city council and the street railway commission.

Mr. Couzens plans to resign as mayor tomorrow night and to take the oath in the senate on Thursday. He will retire also as manager of the street railway, which will be conducted by the street railway commission with Mr. Couzens acting in advisory capacity.

## TO RAISE 3 MILLION

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—An appeal among the women of America to assist in raising three million dollars to establish seven colleges for the girls of China, India and Japan was made by Mrs. Calvin Coolidge, wife of the vice president, in an address through the Arlington radio station tonight.

## WANAMAKER BETTER

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 4.—Distinct improvement in the condition of John Wanamaker, ill at his home, was reported tonight by the attending physicians.

## NEW SESSION OF CONGRESS IS UNDER WAY

Less Than Ten Minutes Required to Put Off the Old and Put on New—Nominations Confirmed.

## APPROVAL OF BUTLER SUBJECT TO DELAY

Shipping Bill Expected to Come Before Senate Late This Week

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4.—Congress put "off the old and on the new" today with the ending of the special session which had been called primarily to consider the shipping bill and the convening of the regular statutory December session.

The change in congressional fashions was made within 10 minutes, the extra session, begun two weeks ago, adjourning at 11:50 o'clock, and the new being called to order at high noon.

Little Business Appears  
The routine sessions winding up the special session and opening the new developed little business and drew small crowds. Formal surrender of the senate Republicans to the domestic filibuster against the Dyer anti-lynching bill ended the tie-up and allowed confirmation of about 1700 delayed nominations before the final gavel of the special session, but the nomination of Pierce Butler, St. Paul attorney, to associate justice of the supreme court failed and went over until the new session through opposition of Senators LaFollette, Republican of Wisconsin, Norris, Republican of Nebraska and others.

Annual Budget Received  
Receipt of the annual budget was the principal business of today's session. The usual committee called on President Harding and notified him of the assembling of the new session but were not advised definitely when the president would present his opening message. It was believed the president would address congress in joint session Wednesday with a message stressing the administration desire for enactment of the shipping bill, farm credits legislation and the annual supply bills in the hope of cleaning up all business by March 3 and avoiding an extra session of new congress next spring.

Madden Amendment Fought  
The shipping bill passed last week, by the house is scheduled to be brought before the senate late this week. It will be taken up Wednesday by the commerce committee with a view to a prompt reply to the senate. There were indications today, however, of some delay in this program. Republican members are disposed to fight the Madden amendment requiring annual appropriations out of the mer-

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## YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Final session of the 67th congress began at noon, 10 minutes after adjournment of the special session.

Conference of the Central American powers, called to promote friendly relations and encourage reduction of armaments, convened with Secretary Hughes presiding.

Filing of six suits seeking recovery of \$29,000,000 from contractors for alleged overcharges for the construction of Camps Custer, Dix, Dodge, Lee, Pike and Travis, was announced by the department of justice.

President Harding, transmitting the annual budget to congress, estimated that government expenditures during the coming fiscal year would total \$3,180,843,000,000, approximately \$500,000,000 less than the estimated outlay for the current year.

The house authorized its judiciary committee to subpoena witnesses and obtain department of justice documents needed by Representative Keller of Minnesota, in pressing his impeachment charges against Attorney General Daugherty.

Confirmation of the nomination of Pierce Butler as an associate justice of the supreme court was blocked by Senators LaFollette of Wis-

## FRAT MASCOT DRAWS CROWD AND FIREMEN

Collegians' Bruin Brought Down From Pole With Ladder Instead of Rifles

MISSOULA, Mont., Dec. 4.—The fire department was called out this evening to capture a black bear which had escaped from its quarters in a college fraternity house and had climbed a telephone pole. Efforts to get the bear down were without avail until the firemen, with a long ladder, were able to get close enough to use pike poles on the animal.

A crowd of several hundred watched the firemen fight with the bear in the air for more than an hour. Several had appeared with rifles, thinking that a wild animal had come into the city limits, when the report was spread that a bear was loose in the residence section. The animal is the fraternity mascot.

## DESCHUTES FRAUD INQUIRY STARTED

Soldier Bonus Case Brings Over Two Score Witnesses to Portland

PORTLAND, Or., Dec. 4.—Guarded by heavy oaken doors and alert for bailiffs the United States grand jury, empaneled today at once began a secret and official inquiry into the phase of the widely advertised alleged state soldier bonus frauds which have to do with fraudulent use of the mails.

Forty-four citizens of Deschutes county, ranging in social position from bank president to homesteader, arrived in the city today in two special coaches as witnesses for the hearing.

## \$30,000 CHURCH WILL BE BUILT

Court Street Christian Congregation Launches Campaign Sunday

The Court Street Christian church closed its big forward campaign Sunday night with a packed house and a very enthusiastic meeting.

Evangelist John T. Stivers launched a campaign for a new building with over \$8000 subscribed on a \$30,000 or more plant which is to be built in the very near future. The campaign has greatly strengthened the local church.

Forty-eight responded to the invitations and became members of the church during the meetings.

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## FIRE ENGINE BONDS ARE PURCHASED BY LADD & BUSH BANK

Contract Let for Triple Combination Pumper to American La France Company—Alderman Baumgartner Resigns—B. B. Herrick Elected to Fill Out Term of Mayor-Elect Giesy.

The sale of the city's \$18,500 6 per cent general obligation bond issue, purchase of the triple combination fire apparatus and award of the printing contract for the bonds and coupons constituted the main business of the city council last night.

The bond issue was sold to Ladd & Bush bank for \$14,580 or at a premium of \$1,080, 5 per cent basis.

The American La France Fire Engine company was awarded the contract to furnish the triple combination fire apparatus at a price of \$18,500, delivery in 30 days, while the printing contract went to N. D. Elliott for \$34.50.

Bidding on the bond issue, in which many prominent banks and bond houses in the state took part, was extremely keen. The council took a recess for five minutes to await final decision of the ways and means committee. The Ralph Schneelock company was Ladd & Bush's closest rival, with a premium bid of \$1,071, or \$9 below that of the local institution. Following were bidders, placed in order of best bids made.

Two Pardon From Prison  
Governor Ritner Extends Clemency to Young Men from Eugene

Governor Roy W. Ritner, acting upon recommendations of Circuit Judge George F. Skipworth of Eugene and District Attorney Johnson of Lane county, granted conditional pardons to Warren Wilkins and S. B. Thompson, two young men of Eugene.

Both prisoners were received at the state prison March 18, 1921, each to serve two sentences of two years each. The sentences were on separate charges of burglary and robbery.

In the case of each man one sentence was to begin at the completion of the first. They were paroled on their first sentences several months ago, but they had their second sentences to serve and the attorney general had held that they were not eligible to parole on the second sentences on grounds that each had previously been convicted of a crime.

It has been the policy of Governor Olcott to grant pardons only on recommendation of the trial judge and the prosecuting attorney, a rule that was followed in the pardon of the two Eugene men yesterday.

## Prominent Men Accused of Trying to Balk Justice

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 4.—The federal grand jury at a special session tomorrow will open an inquiry into an alleged conspiracy by a coup of prominent San Franciscans and others to defeat justice in the trial of Roy Wilmot, prohibition agent accused of bribery and extortion. Prof. James M. Hyde of Stanford university has been subpoenaed and it was intimated by the United States district attorney's office that others to be summoned will include high local police officials.

Wilmot, whose trial has been in progress for a week, is charged with having accepted a bribe of \$100, "gifts" of quantities of whiskey and the use of an automobile from J. J. Kolburn, a San Francisco drugist, whom he had arrested for violating the Volstead act. Wilmot is alleged to have promised in return that he would have the case against Kolburn dismissed.

## Bids for Whitman College Dormitory Being Received

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 4.—Bids for the construction of the proposed \$100,000 mens dormitory for Whitman college were opened here today. O. D. Keen of this city having the lowest for the general contract at \$64,720. J. E. Lindman, Spokane was next lowest with \$67,720. Rounds-Clift company of Seattle bid \$71,650. Dolph Jones, Tacoma, \$72,215 and N. R. Lee & Son, Lewiston, \$72,225. Lowest possible combination cost of the structure is estimated at \$86,563.85. Contracts will not be awarded for several days.

## MINISTRY QUILTS

BELGRADE, Jugo-Slavia, Dec. 4.—(By the Associated Press.)—The ministry, headed by Premier Nikola Pachitch, resigned today. The king accepted the resignation and asked the ministry to carry on until a new cabinet is formed.

## List of Bidders

Ladd & Bush, Ralph Schneelock, United States National Bank, Salem, Western Bond & Mortgage company, Ladd & Titton bank, Robinson Ewing company, Lumbermans Trust company, Freeman Smith & Camp company, Bond, Goodwin & Tucker company, Cyrus Pierce company, Blyth Witter company, W. C. Hubbert of Salem, G. E. Miller company.

Four bids were placed for the triple combination fire apparatus. The committee met at 5 o'clock p. m. Saturday, and it was not until 11:30 p. m. that the final decision was reached. Although there was a bid of \$13,300 and of \$13,350, the American La France bid of \$18,500 was accepted because of the fact that parts were obtainable from Portland and that apparatus used in the past by the fire department was of this make and had proved very satisfactory. N. D. Elliott submitted the lowest printing bid of four submitted.

## Routine Business

Other business of the council consisted of the reading of ordinance bills, communications, reports of committees and usual routine business.

Alderman Joseph Baumgartner tendered his resignation as alderman due to the fact that he was moving out of his ward. B. B. Herrick was elected to fill the unexpired term of Alderman John Giesy, recent mayor-elect.

A number of soft drink petitions were read which were referred to the license committee for further action.

The Southern Pacific company presented a petition for a connection from Seventeenth street to Center street, agreeing to construct and maintain the track. The petition was accepted.

A contract for construction of a cement sidewalk was awarded to Adolph Bombick. His bid, which was the only one submitted, called for 14 cents per square foot.

## Y. M. C. A. to Cooperate With City Authorities

The biggest yet New Year celebration is being planned for the Y. M. C. A., to be staged on New Year's day. The definite program is not yet made out, but is being worked on. Last year 2,000 people attended and enjoyed the program.

The Y is starting in to cooperate with the city authorities in enforcing the curfew ordinance. The curfew through the winter time is at 8:45, and the city authorities want to make it effective, for the good of the children of Salem. The Y is to close at 8 o'clock all exercises, games, receptions, classes of all kinds, to the boys and girls affected by the curfew, so that all will have time to get home before the 8:45 whistle.

Starting immediately after New Year's day the Y is to put on a class in salesmanship, such the same as that carried on last winter, that proved such a success. T. E. McCroskey, who led in last year's class, will again head the work this year.