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SEVENTY-THIRD YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 3, 1924

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PORTLAND MAN SEEMS CERTAIN OF POSITION

Names of Haney and Thompson of Mobile Likely to Be Returned With Palmer as Chairman

PRESIDENT'S CHOICE NOT YET DISCLOSED

Coolidge Meets With Alabama Man and Trusted Shipping Advisors

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Further progress was made today by President Coolidge in his endeavor to formulate a definite merchant marine policy...

Haney Included The president today had his third conference with Mr. Palmer within a week and present at the same meeting...

Mr. Coolidge's virtual selection of a new chairman is understood to involve re-submission of the names of Frederick I. Thompson of Mobile, Ala., and Bert E. Haney of Portland, Or., as members of the board.

Arrangements have been made by Chairman Jones for expeditionary action by the commerce committee on a nomination for a board member to be chairman so that the new chairman may take up his duties upon the retirement within a few days of Mr. Farley.

The study by the president of a policy is proceeding on the basis of the Jones recommendation for divorcement of the operation of the government-owned merchant ships from the shipping board and placing of it in the hands of the emergency fleet corporation...

Grand Jury Meets Today, Fourteen Cases Stated

Fourteen cases will be investigated by the grand jury when it convenes for the January grand at 10 o'clock today.

COMPANIES HOLD ANNUAL EVENTS

National Guard Organizations Banquet and Have Athletic Program

Company F and headquarters company of the coast artillery corps held their annual banquet and athletic program at the armory last night with most of the members of both companies present.

THE WEATHER

OREGON: Rain or snow and warmer Thursday; fresh westerly gales. LOCAL WEATHER (Wednesday) Maximum temperature, 28. Minimum temperature, 17. Set temperature, 28. Precipitation, .55 inch. Bar, 7.02. Atmosphere, cloudy. Wind, northwest.

BIG GROWTH MADE IN BUSINESS DONE AT THE POSTOFFICE

Salem postal receipts for 1923 totaled \$168,485.24, it was announced Wednesday by John H. Farrar, postmaster.

Receipts for the last quarter of the year were \$50,033.83, nearly \$10,000 in excess of any of the three other quarters.

By quarters, receipts were as follows: First quarter, \$42,876.04; second quarter, \$43,033.05; third quarter, \$32,542.32 and fourth quarter, \$50,033.83.

Postal receipts show a gain every second year, Postmaster Farrar said. This is due to extra matter broadcasted during election periods.

FELKER RESIGNS POSITION HERE

Theatre-Man Goes to Los Angeles—State Employee Succeeds Him

F. Ray Felker resigned his position as manager of the Liberty theater Wednesday and expects to leave next week for Los Angeles.

Mr. Felker said yesterday that he greatly regretted leaving Salem, and if the opportunity presented itself he would like to return.

Friends of Mr. Felker greatly regret his leaving Salem, for although his stay here has not been long, he has been active in local affairs, directing the Cherrian show and participating in other events.

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Needs of German Children Will Be Discussed Tonight

Needs of German children and what Salem can do to relieve existing conditions, will be explained by Robert A. Strong of Portland, head of the relief committee organized to assist German children.

CURIOUS RACK IS REMOVED FROM SHRINE

Tut's Gold and Black Catafalque Taken Down By Carter's Workers

(By The Associated Press) LUXOR, Egypt, Jan. 2.—Tut-enkhamun's great black and gold catafalque—the curious rack supporting the linen pall over the second shrine in the mortuary chamber—was taken down by Howard Carter and his co-workers today.

Removal of the rack and pall completely disengages the second shrine, which, with its black and gold checkerboard roof and dull gold sides, stands disclosed in all its massive majesty.

The excavators are anxious to see whether the sections of the sides and cornices of the shrine can be got out of the tomb at all as the sections of the roof of the great wooden canopy are too large to be taken out without cutting down two or three of the last steps of the flight leading into the tomb.

POLICEMEN HAVE BUSY 12 MONTHS

Over \$9000 Collected in Fines; 805 Persons Sleep in City Jail

Some idea of the activities of the police department during the last 12 months is given in the annual report of Chief of Police Birtchet. Officers effected arrests that brought a total of \$9,171 in fines during the year.

Accidents headed the list with the greater number of entries, a total of 1223 being recorded. There were 482 speeders arrested, 67 arrests made for larceny and burglary, 92 for drunkenness and 44 for possession of intoxicating liquor.

During the 12 months ending December 31 there were 805 people given beds in the city jail. Of the 160 bicycles reported stolen, 99 were recovered and returned to their owners.

Because the system in compiling an annual report was not maintained by Chief Birtchet's predecessor, it is impossible to obtain an accurate comparison with the figures this year, with the exception of the amount of fines, which aggregated a little over \$7,000.

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RIVER SEINE NEARS FLOOD PARIS WORRIED

City Recovers From New Year Frolic to Discover Water Near Danger Mark

(By The Associated Press) PARIS, Jan. 2.—Paris and its suburbs, recovering from the effects of the New Year's frolic, awoke this morning to realize that something serious was going on in the River Seine.

The heavy rainfall of the past fortnight had swollen the river to such an extent that officials at the foreign office found water was seeping into the basement of the building, where important archives are stored.

The suburbs immediately east and west of Paris are largely under water. The great truck garden area lying along the river resembles a vast lake.

MARION SCHOOL CENSUS LEADS

Nearly 2000 More Here Than in Lane County, Official Records Show

Lane county may have more school districts than Marion county, as claimed by E. J. Moore, superintendent of schools for Lane county, and published in The Statesman yesterday.

According to the official directory for Oregon for the year 1923-24, Lane county has 199 school districts, 430 teachers and a school population of 7,587.

Clackamas county has more districts than Marion county, 142, but it has only 319 teachers and a school population of only 6,650.

The difference in the number of teachers and pupils as compared with the number of districts comes about because of the fact that Marion county has such a high proportion of two-room school houses.

Leroy Hewlett to Build Four New Residences

Building permits totaling \$16,350 were issued Wednesday by Marten Poulsen, city recorder, on the first business day of the new year.

In addition to the permits issued to Mr. Hewlett, a residence to cost \$3500 will be built by S. P. McCracken at 830 North Commercial.

Hunters' and Anglers' Licenses Total \$9963

Hunters and anglers' licenses to the amount of \$9,963 were issued in Marion county during 1923, according to the report of the county clerk's office.

Anglers' licenses for the year totaled 1381; hunters' licenses, 869, and combination hunting and angling licenses 583.

Johnson Will Announce His Platform Tonight

WASHINGTON, Jan. 1.—The platform of Senator Hiram Johnson of California in his fight for the Republican nomination for president will be outlined tomorrow night in an address he will deliver at Cleveland, Ohio, opening his campaign.

SNOW MANTLE COVERS SALEM FORECAST RAIN

Southwesterly Gales Promised for Today—Backbone of Storm Believed Now Broken

TRAFFIC CONDITIONS SOMEWHAT HINDERED

More Moderate Weather Prevails Over Oregon Than for Last Two Years

With southwesterly gales predicted by the northwest weather observer as the prevailing wind, it is believed that the backbone of the cold snap is broken.

Visions of a chinook were entertained late Wednesday afternoon when after a slight drop in temperature, it again became warmer and a fine rain began to fall.

Nearly four inches of snow fell yesterday between 10 o'clock in the morning and 5 o'clock in the afternoon. Merchants were active in removing this from roofs and walks in the business section were cleared as rapidly as possible.

Coming on top of nearly five inches of snow that fell early in the week and which had become frozen when the mercury dropped to 5 degrees above zero.

Many Salem motorists chose to walk or take the street car yesterday rather than drive an automobile through the snow.

Street car, railroad and stage traffic were maintained as usual and though some difficulties were reported by the telephone company, the service did not cause much inconvenience.

Weather Moderate

PORTLAND, Jan. 2.—More moderate temperatures prevailed over Oregon late today than for two days past.

SEATTLE, Jan. 2.—Seattle's second snow of the winter season and the first this year started falling at 5 o'clock this afternoon.

FINAL FLASHES

DES MOINES, Iowa, Jan. 2.—(By The Associated Press)—Russel J. Cockburn, charged with defrauding the city of Des Moines of sums approximating \$88,000 by manipulation of payrolls while a clerk in the streets department was brought back to Des Moines tonight from a veterans' hospital at St. Louis to face trial.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Slight earth shocks were felt in various sections of Los Angeles at 7:50 o'clock tonight.

TOKIO, Jan. 3.—(By The Associated Press)—Viscount Kiego Kiyoura, summoned Tuesday by Prince Regent Hirohito to form a cabinet to succeed that of Premier Yamamoto, today announced his inability to complete a ministry.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 2.—(By The Associated Press)—The present week will mark renewed activities against the rebels, according to the war department, important battles on both fronts being expected before the end of the week.

TRAIN WRECK STOPS HAYES ON WAY WEST

Representative of Motion Picture Industry Hastens to Scene of Scandal

CHICAGO, Jan. 2.—Will Hayes, representative of the motion picture industry, who left his home at Sullivan, Ind., today for the Pacific coast to investigate the shooting of Courtland S. Dines by Joe Kelly, chauffeur for Mabel Normand, was held up by a freight wreck several miles east of Chicago tonight.

Over the telephone he told reporters that he had no statement to make but that he expected to investigate the incidents surrounding the shooting.

PROGRAM READY FOR CONVENTION

County Judges and Commissioners to Visit State Institutions

Four of the state institutions will entertain the county judges and county commissioners when their state association meets in Salem January 10.

The girls' industrial school will have the members for luncheon Thursday and Governor Pierce and Sam Koser, members of the board of control, will be speakers following the luncheon.

Luncheon Saturday will be served at the state hospital. Governor Pierce and Dr. Steiner will be speakers following the luncheon.

At each of the state institutions visited the association members will inspect the buildings and equipment and will hold part of the regular sessions scheduled at the different institutions.

The other meetings of the county officials will be held in the Chamber of Commerce rooms and the secretary has arranged for automobiles to show the officers around the city at various times when convenient for them to take trips.

SEYMOUR JONES of Marion county will give the address of welcome at the first session Thursday morning and the response will be made by Charles S. Rudeen of Portland, vice president of the association.

Detroit Man Declines To Serve on Commission

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 2.—Charles Beecher Warren, former American ambassador to Japan and later high commissioner to Mexico, today sent a cable to the council of the League of Nations at Geneva declining to serve on a neutral commission of three to investigate the dispute between Lithuania and Poland over the Baltic port of Memel.

U. S. Supreme Court Takes Up Work After Recess

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—After a three weeks' recess, the supreme court reconvened today with all of its members in attendance but no decisions were handed down and no orders were issued in any of the motions which it had under consideration during the recess.

BEDDING AND CLOTHING NEEDED

Both the Associated Charities and the Salvation Army are in need of bedding for the assistance of poor folk who are suffering with the cold of the present wintry spell, according to officers of the two organizations and these articles will be very welcome donations from those who have them to spare.

MOVIE ACTRESS GIVES VERSION OF SHOOTING

Mable Normand, Whose Chauffeur Shot C. S. Dines, Tells Story Directly Contradicting Servant

SAYS GUN WAS GIVEN HER TO SHOOT BOTTLES

Companion Also Denies Accused Man's Account of What Happened

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 2.—Miss Mabel Normand, motion picture actress whose chauffeur last night shot and seriously wounded Courtland S. Dines, off operator of Denver, tonight gave her version of the shooting, a version directly contradicting that of Horace A. Greer, alias Joe Kelly, under arrest for the alleged attack on Dines.

Miss Normand told her story of the New Year's party in Dines' apartment, which ended in the shooting of the Denver man, surrounded by newspapermen and police detectives and in the presence of her companion, Mrs. Edith Burns, for whom police had been searching all day.

She had received her interrogators at home, sitting in a big overstuffed chair and attired in a trim black velvet dress.

"I didn't sleep all night," she said, "worrying about this thing, this dreadful thing. You tell them, Edith," she exclaimed, turning to Mrs. Burns, "tell them what we did, during the entire day."

Mrs. Burns then related how Miss Normand had arisen at 10 o'clock yesterday morning, described little inconsequential things which occupied their time until noon; told then how Joe Kelly was busted "taking the Christmas tree trimmings up stairs."

"It must have been then that he got the pistol," she said; "I know of no other opportunity he could have had to get it."

Miss Normand explained she had owned the weapon for four years; that it was given to her by a friend while on location during the production of one of her film plays.

"It was given to me to shoot bottles with," she said. "I used it all the time for shooting bottles, but only on location; at least I shot at the bottles. I'd shoot over here and—blah—I'd hit the mountain some place else."

"Well," she continued, arriving at the point in her narrative where the chauffeur Horace Greer, or Joe Kelly, entered Dines' apartment while she and Miss Edna Purviance, another motion picture actress, were chatting with the Denver man.

"Well, Joe came in and he had this package. I noticed nothing unusual about him and I left the room."

"I went into the room where Edna was. She had on her evening gown, but it wasn't hooked up. I didn't want this chauffeur to see Edna with her dress unhooked, so I went in and said to Edna: 'Say, where's your powder puff?'"

"Then all of a sudden I heard

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