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## U. S. MONEY OWNS OREGON LINEN MILL

Plant Here Is First All-American Property, Canadian Interests Out

## MACHINERY ORDER SENT

Full Vote of Confidence Given by Stockholders Following Talks by Officers at Chamber of Commerce

Withdrawal of Canadian interests from the new Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., project means that Salem is to have the first all-American linen mill in the United States according to Tom B. Kay, president of the new company, who addressed stockholders at the chamber of commerce luncheon yesterday noon.

Had Canadian interests, represented by the person of Mr. Sanson of the Dominion Linens, Ltd., gone through with purchase of \$62,500 worth of stock in the Oregon mill with the subsequent 1,000 shares of common stock going to them, the mill would have stood a likely chance of passing into the control of the Canadian interests.

By securing J. J. Aldred, linen expert of Lockport, N. Y., who has had 35 years' experience, and by securing right prices on machinery, Mr. Kay believes prospects are brighter now for the mill than they were under the original plan, which provided that the Canadian interests would supply a manager and several expert linen workers.

As proof that the stockholders approve the board of directors' plans as revised, unanimous vote of confidence, carrying with it approval of all plans of the board, was extended the board of directors by the stockholders.

This vote meant action. Immediately, a telegram was sent to Lockport, N. Y., closing purchase of machinery to be used in the new Oregon mill. On this machinery J. J. Aldred, tentatively hired as manager of the mill, has an option to purchase it for \$25,000. The machinery, according to Mr. Kay, is worth \$80,000.

To insure that the machinery is all it should be, Mr. Kay sent his own wooden mill superintendent east to inspect it. He wired that he had found the machinery in excellent condition.

Aldred is to be hired the first year at a nominal salary and traveling expenses. The salary, it is said, is much lower than he could obtain elsewhere. But starting January 1, 1927, he will receive the same salary plus a percent of the net earnings.

This, Mr. Kay believes, will assure his personal interest in the new mill. Besides, Mr. Aldred, who has been in linen work all his life, declares that it is his ambition to be the first man to run an all-American linen mill, where everything from raising of the flax to weaving of the linen is

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## PERSHING SAID FAILING GENERAL'S HEALTH MAY REQUIRE RETURN AT ONCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—A alarming symptoms of failing health may compel General John J. Pershing to surrender his work as president of the Tacna-Arica plebiscitary commission, set up in President Coolidge's arbitrary award in the dispute over the provinces between Chile and Peru and return to the United States within the next month.

Abnormal blood pressure which has developed since the former commander of the American expeditionary forces undertook his difficult task at Arica is known to have prompted his personal physician, Major Glenn I. Jones of the army medical corps, to recommend his return to this country not later than January 15.

Colonel Jay J. Morrow, American member of the boundary commission established by President Coolidge to aid in settling the dispute, also may sail for the United States soon. The work of the boundary commission first interrupted by lack of agreement as to procedure among its members has been further delayed by storms in the mountains where the line must be surveyed, and Colonel Morrow is expected to take advantage of this opportunity for a visit home. His commission has had no meeting in the last six weeks.

It was admitted at the White House that the president was aware of General Pershing's ill health, although no word had come from Arica showing that he had decided to come home.

## GOTHAM HAS FARMERS FIVE FARMS ARE LISTED IN CITY OF NEW YORK

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Five real farmers continue to till the soil in New York City, or as the census bureau puts it, in the city of New York, which is co-extensive with Manhattan Island, or the borough of Manhattan.

Figures announced today placed the farm area of Manhattan at 72 acres as of last January 1, against 138 five years earlier with the number of farms unchanged. Two mules, eight horses and 17 dairy cows comprise the livestock of these farms and of the 72 acres 68 were harvested, 25 being devoted to the principal crop, white potatoes.

The value placed on the land and buildings dropped from \$233,872 five years ago to \$200,000 last year. The value of the land alone was estimated at \$2,479 an acre.

## RABBI WISE CONDEMNED BY ORTHODOX TEACHERS

### JEWISH AGUDATH PROTESTS AGAINST STATEMENTS

Remarks Are Misleading to House of Israel, Organization Declares

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Rabbi Stephen S. Wise was formally accused today by the orthodox rabbis of the Agudath Ha Rabonim of "misleading the house of Israel," and "opening the way to baptism." Dr. Wise in a recent address proclaimed Jesus as a Jewish teacher.

The orthodox rabbis of the Agudath protested his statements and asserted he no longer was fitted for his post as chairman of the United Palestine Appeal, which is attempting to raise \$6,000,000 to rebuild the Jewish homeland.

Today through the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Agudath issued a statement saying: "On more than one occasion Dr. Wise made similar speeches about Christianity that are harmful to the large masses of the house of Israel and the Jewish youth in this country."

He has on several occasions publicly preached against the divine authority of the Torah Min Ha Shamaim (the bible.) Because of this, he was, "from our point of view, a priori considered harmful to be placed at the head of a national Jewish movement."

"It is most regrettable that in addition to his sermon against the divine authority of the Torah, he surpassed himself a week ago and preached on a subject which threatens to tear down the barrier which has existed between us and the Christian church for over 1900 years—which may drive our children to conversion."

"All right thinking men and the pious Jews would be unable to help in the United Palestine appeal to the full measure if Dr. Wise, therefore, found it necessary to demand his immediate resignation."

## REPRISAL IS DIRECTED RECOMMENDATION IS MADE AGAINST GREAT BRITAIN

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—A bill seeking "reprisal" against Great Britain for "artificial hardships" imposed in increased rubber prices was filed in the state senate today by Senator William I. Hennessy of Boston. It would direct the commissioner of insurance to compile and transmit to the legislature a list of British insurance companies doing business in Massachusetts and the total amount paid in premiums to these companies in the last five years, "in order to enable the people of the commonwealth to take such action as they may deem effective by way of reprisal."

Senator Hennessy asserted that \$700,000,000 a year was being taken from this country in excess prices by the British rubber "monopoly" and that press reports indicate that British interests have decided to support a similar Brazilian coffee monopoly. "They have in reality declared a trade war against the United States and invited reprisals," he said.

SCHOOL BONDS VOTED KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 28.—Klamath county voters authorized a \$75,000 bond issue for county schools by a five to one majority.

## BURNING MILL TRAP EVADED BY PIONEER

Historic McAllister Property Razed by Flames, Loss Set at \$25,000

## DAZED, FALLS 10 FEET

All Exits Barred by Fire, Owner is Pitched into Basement and Escapes Uninjured; Bridge Menaced

One of Marion county landmarks, the McAllister flouring mill near Pratum, burned to the ground Monday afternoon. The loss is estimated at approximately \$25,000 and is partly covered by insurance. The mill, a warehouse and a granary were totally destroyed by the fire which is believed to have started from an overheated bearing.

W. B. McAllister, owner of the mill, and one of Oregon's pioneers, was on the third floor of the building when the flames broke out. He made his way down the stairs where he found the second floor a mass of fire. Fighting his way to the ground level, he found all exits barred by the flames. Grooping for a door, Mr. McAllister stepped on a partly burned flooring board and was pitched down ten feet into the basement. He was uninjured by the fall, and although the fire in the basement was raging like a furnace, managed to reach a door and escape.

The county bridge across the Pudding river was for a time menaced by the flames. A pumper from the Salem fire department was dispatched to the fire at once and succeeded in keeping the bridge from catching fire, although the mill and buildings were practically destroyed when the apparatus arrived.

The mill was built in 1895 and has been in operation ever since. It has a capacity of approximately 50 barrels.

The old McAllister mill was built on what is known as the Captain English mill site. On this spot Captain English erected a flour and saw mill in the early 60's. Both these mills were destroyed by fire. In 1875, Harden McAllister, father of the present owner of the property, rebuilt the mills, only to have them again destroyed by flames.

The English mill was one of the first in Oregon, outside of Oregon City.

## SHIPPING IS SUSPENDED

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—All shipping on the River Main at Frankfurt has been suspended because of the extraordinary high water level.

## COUNTERFEITING GANG UNCOVERED BY POLICE

Intricate System of Photography is Used

Canadian Mounted Police Aid in Making Biggest haul in Recent Years

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—A new and ingenious photographic method for counterfeiting money was uncovered by secret service agents who arrested five members of what officials believe to have been an international counterfeiting gang operating from Elizabeth, N. J. The Canadian royal mounted police cooperated with the secret service in tracing the gang and their apprehension comprised one of the biggest counterfeit hauls in several years.

A method of photographing separately the various colors of each bank note, done in a way not yet fully solved, was discovered by the agents when they seized the photographing plant at the home of the supposed leader of the ring, Frank Wiegand.

Wiegand, who was a jeweler until his firm went bankrupt two years ago, confessed he printed the money at his home, aided only by his 19-year-old son, a cripple. The son was not arrested. Four others were arrested. They are said to have passed about \$35,000 in counterfeit bills in this country and Canada during the past nine months.

Wiegand pleaded guilty to a charge of counterfeiting when arraigned before United States Commissioner Pfaff in Elizabeth today and was committed to jail in default of \$10,000 bond.

## HALIBUT DISAPPEARING ALARM IS FELT OVER DEPLETION OF PACIFIC WATERS

SEATTLE, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The halibut is disappearing at an alarming rate from waters of the north Pacific, Dr. W. L. Thompson, head of the international fisheries commission and newly elected president of the Pacific Fisheries society, said today. The fisheries society started a two-day convention here today.

The center of halibut fishing has changed from banks off British Columbia to the Bering sea, proving that home of the banks are being fished out, he said.

While experts have not finished their "census" of the food fish in British Columbia, and Washington waters, their report shows an alarming decrease. Halibut decreased approximately 70 per cent between 1904 and 1914, he said.

## MT. BAKER CONQUERED BELLINGHAM, Wash., Dec. 28.

(By Associated Press.)—Accomplishing a feat frequently attempted but never before successful in midwinter, four Bellingham men reached the summit of Mount Baker yesterday, they reported on their return here tonight.

## PREMIER BRIAND IS TO RESIST CABINET FIGHT

PROTESTS ATTEMPT TO OUST MINISTER OF FINANCE

Cabinet Debate Delayed Until January Session; Left Opposes Douner

PARIS, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The cabinet crisis delayed insistently because of Christmas week, now appears likely to be delayed until the chamber reconvenes for the regular session January 12.

"I have been thrown down too often to quit now," was Premier Briand's comment this afternoon. This was interpreted as meaning that he intends to fight the issue out and resist the indirect pressure brought to bear on him by the groups of the left either to give up the helm of government or throw his minister of finance overboard.

M. Briand declared that he was going to do everything in his power to bring about a conciliatory solution of the question and would make every effort to retain in his cabinet any members disposed to leave it. He was thought to refer to the radical members of the government who are maintaining stout opposition to M. Doumer's financial measures.

The situation thus reverts to the period when M. Painleve introduced his measures for financial renovation and encountered opposition from the groups of the left. The issue then was between the partisans and opponents of a capital levy; the question now is between those preferring direct taxes to indirect taxes.

The lineup on either side is much the same but with the difference that the radical group, which is opposing M. Doumer's scheme for an increase in direct taxes, has seven men in the cabinet. M. Painleve ceded to the left coalition and was overthrown by the chamber. M. Briand thus far has refused to submit to the conditions of the left groups in the chamber and risks being overthrown in his own cabinet.

## FOUR KILLED IN BLAZE FIRE SAID TO HAVE STARTED FROM CHRISTMAS TREE

COBALT, Ont., Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Four persons are dead and two are in hospitals severely burned by a fire in a rooming house at Guikes, Quebec. Candles left lighted on a Christmas tree are thought to have been the cause of the fire.

## DIVIDEND IS PAID NEWPORT, Ore., Dec. 28.

(AP.)—The final dividend of eight and one half per cent has been paid to the depositors of the defunct bank at Waldport. The total recovery to the depositors was sixty-five per cent of the commercial deposits and 100 per cent to the saving depositors.

## FIT WORK TO MAN. PLEA OF SCIENTIST

Increase in Production and New Happiness Would Result From Change

## PSYCHOLOGY DISCUSSED

Application in Commercial Fields Would Increase Efficiency From 10 to 100 Per Cent, Said

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Alluring vistas wherein human production is increased, happiness bestowed upon the human race, and the scientist awarded his place among the "masters of the world," were suggested at a general convention of the American Association for the Advancement of Science here tonight by Dr. J. McKean Cattell, retiring president. With scientific ally applied psychological tests he said, all persons could learn the form of industry in which they could engage with the greatest efficiency and consequent happiness, while production could be more than doubled.

The address covered a wide range, including a jibe at the popularity of psycho-analysis which he termed "not so much a question of science as a matter of taste," a suggestion that tuition fees at universities be increased or lessened in proportion to the student's accomplishment and a proposal for revision of the alphabet characters to make them more readable.

Psychological tests, which he said were growing in popularity in the schools, should be applied as freely to determine and to aid the unusually brilliant students as to discover the deficient.

"The most work for psychology," said Dr. Cattell, "and its most useful applications are the measurement of individual, group and racial differences and determination of the extent to which these depend upon native endowment and subsequent experience. Indeed it may be argued that this is the most pressing problem of science today."

"If each of us from the moron to the national president, were selected for the work we can do best, the work fitted in the best way to the individual and the best training given him, the productivity of the nation would be more than doubled and the happiness of each would be correspondingly increased."

Although American labor has opposed psychological applications for speeding up industry along with the late Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, indicated they might be accepted eventually. He said: "The British institute of psychology has been successful in obtaining the cooperation of the workers and in some directions has increased production 40 per cent."

"In every field of activity, from the use of the pick and the shovel, to the typewriter and ledger investigations might be made which if put into effect would add 10 to 100 per cent to effective productivity and lessen to an equal extent."

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## OREGON TEACHERS MEET ASSOCIATION IS TO CONVEY IN PORTLAND TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The Oregon State Teachers' association will convene here tomorrow with instructors present from every section of Oregon. Election of officers was scheduled as the main feature of the sessions, with interest centered in the selection of a vice president who, by custom, succeeds the following year to the presidency.

By this method Dr. J. S. Landers, president of the Oregon state normal school, will replace Miss Cornelia J. Spencer of Portland as president, and a new vice president will be elected. Those who have been placed in nomination at previous county unit conventions for the vice presidency are: Mrs. Alice Bacon, school superintendent of Josephine county; Mrs. Susanne H. Carter, superintendent of Jackson county; Mrs. Mabel Wilson Church, a teacher of Roseburg, and M. S. Hamm, city school superintendent of Roseburg.

## OVERRIDE HARTLEY'S VETO

OLYMPIA, Dec. 28.—Smothering all opposition the senate passed four bills over Governor Hartley's veto this afternoon as rapidly as the role could be called.

## AUSTRALIA ASKS FACTS ON DRY LAW OPERATION

PIERCE TO FRAME REPLY TO COMMONWEALTH NOTE

Data on "Social Results of Enforcement" Requested, Action Pending

Whether prohibition has proved a success in the state of Oregon is the question that has been referred to Governor Pierce by members of the House of Parliament of Australia. The letter requesting the information was received at the executive department yesterday.

"We would be pleased to obtain information," read the letter, "as to the social and economic results of prohibition, how efficiently the law has been enforced and attitude of the people of the state of Oregon toward the law."

The letter indicated that prohibition is now a live issue in Australia, and that some action intended to curb the liquor traffic may be attempted there within the next few years.

"Australia recognizes the necessity of doing something in connection with the liquor traffic," the letter concluded.

Governor Pierce said he would reply to the letter within the next few days.

## NORTH SALEMITES MEET PROGRESSIVE CLUB TALKS BETTER STREET LIGHTS

Members of the North Salem Progressive club met for a business session last night, when ways and means of building that section were discussed. The erection of a temporary banner across North Capitol, drawing attention to recent improvements there, and the improvement of lighting on the intersection of Fairgrounds Road and Capitol were discussed, and committees appointed to report later.

"With proper cooperation, residents of this section can get what they want in aid from the city, once we prove our need," said John Williamson, president. Other members are: B. F. Stiffler, F. A. Doerfler, F. N. Woodry, D. F. Doeherty, P. L. Gainsforth, E. C. Baillinger, W. B. Holcomb, C. G. Hall, George Barrett, Robert Barrett, G. H. Davis, H. M. Harpole, John Meyer, W. C. Polka, Jean Williamson, Charles Kinzer, M. Putnam, E. A. Thompson, Salem Brick & Tile Co., and Harvey H. Hines.

## LICENSE RUSH STARTS LINE, THREE DEEP, FORMS TO SECURE PERMITS

The annual congestion at the state capital due to the demand for 1926 motor vehicle licenses started yesterday. In order to handle the applicants and facilitate the work of issuing the permits it was necessary to acquire the services of two state traffic officers and a special guard.

At several times during the day there were three lines of applicants extending from the wickets within the house of representatives on the second floor of the capitol building far out into the corridors. State department employees were available to assist those who were not familiar with the applications.

Sam A. Kozier, secretary of state, said the congestion probably would continue until after the first of next year. Six wickets manned by efficient clerks were open during the entire day to accommodate the applicants.

## CROSSING CRASH FATAL SEATTLE SALESMAN INSTANTLY KILLED IN ACCIDENT

TACOMA, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—Hurled more than 60 feet when his automobile was struck by a fast Northern Pacific train at a highway crossing near Dieringer, R. L. Daggert, Seattle cigar store proprietor, was instantly killed this afternoon. Daggert was driving alone in his machine when a northbound Portland Seattle train crashed into the machine, throwing it over the cattle guard to the foot of an embankment 60 feet from the crossing. Daggert's body was found 50 yards from the machine, badly crushed. Coroner Edward R. Perry declared that the driver of the automobile had a clear vision of the tracks for a mile on either side of the highway.

## HUMANE SOCIETY AIDED WALLA WALLA, Wash., Dec. 28.

Five thousand dollars was bequeathed to the state humane society by Cora B. Laidlaw, of Walla Walla whose will was filed for probate here today.

## GOLD WAVE BROKEN. DEATH TOLL IS LARGE

Sub-Zero Weather in Midwest and Atlantic States Believed on Wane

## OVER FORTY ARE VICTIMS

Seventeen Die in Chicago; Fire Loss Over One Million Dollars; Mercury Is Now Climbing

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The zero wave which overspread almost the entire country, was broken today.

While cold weather, in many sections below the season's normal, is expected for a day or two, the backbone of the wave was smashed when changing winds throughout the middlewest caused the mercury to start a climb that did not stop until it had cleared the zero mark by a comfortable margin. A toll of upwards of two scores of lives, a property loss from fires estimated at \$1,000,000 in Chicago alone, and interference with transportation facilities and wire communications were recorded.

The largest death toll was in Chicago where 17 persons died in four days. Half a dozen persons were found frozen to death.

In Ohio, 13 deaths were attributed indirectly to cold weather, most of them asphyxiations.

Weather forecasts indicated moderating weather continuing tomorrow and that it is moving eastward rapidly. The cold wave before it had been partly checked, finally extended from the Rockies to the Atlantic seaboard with the coldest points in the northeast and northwest.

New Mexico, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas reported new low weather records for the year in many sections. The Ohio river in many places was choked with ice and traffic was tied up.

DENVER, Colo., Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—While low temperatures were relaxing slightly their stranglehold on many portions of the Rocky Mountain region, golfers were abroad today at Missoula, Helena and Livingston, Mont. Missoula and Livingston both have passed an entire year without experiencing sub-zero temperatures. Weather predictions gave hope for further relaxation of the cold wave over most of the region tomorrow.

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 28.—Winty's icy fingers held a firm grip on the plains and hills of the Lone Star state today, laying a blanket of sleet and snow in many sections extending as far southward as the lower Rio Grande valley.

At Houston and Galveston the thermometer registered 26 degrees, with four-tenths of an inch of snow, the heaviest in 23 years. The lowest today was 10 degrees at Amarillo.

## GRID BATTLE NETS FUND \$30,000 TO BE TURNED OVER TO CRIPPLED TOTS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 28.—(By Associated Press.)—The East-West benefit football game here Saturday under the auspices of the Mystic Shrine, probably will net \$30,000 for crippled children's hospital fund. This was announced today by Hugh K. McKevitt, illustrious potentate of Island temple, San Francisco, who said receipts were approximately \$55,000.

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