

The Oregon Statesman

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 10, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair in south portion; unsettled in north portion with probably light rain in northwest portion; gentle variable winds. Maximum yesterday, 40; minimum, 32; river, 4.0; rainfall, 0; atmosphere, part cloudy; wind, northwest.

SHOP EARLY—Only 13 shopping days remain before Christmas. Do your shopping early and avoid the rush. You will find a new delight in this early shopping and also you'll bring happiness to the merchants and the post office clerks.

21 MINERS DIE IN DUST BLAST AT PRINCETON

Explosion Occurs Shortly After Men Lowered in Shaft for Work

MANY SERIOUSLY BURNED

Emergency Hospital Established in Washroom and Physicians and Nurses Summoned From City

PRINCETON, Ind., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Rescue workers, refreshed by a three hour respite from their explorations in the subterranean passages of the Francisco Coal company's No. 2 mine in which 21 men were killed by an explosion today, re-entered the shaft shortly before midnight to carry on further rescue work.

The men came from the mine shortly after the discovery of fire in one of the south entries from which seven of the men entombed by the explosion escaped after having been given up as lost throughout the day. One of them died before reaching the hospital.

The explosion occurred in the southeastern part of the shaft, shortly after five cage loads of miners had been lowered for the day's work.

An emergency hospital was established at the mine washroom and physicians and nurses summoned from Princeton. After first treatment was given, the more seriously injured were rushed in ambulances to the Methodist hospital here.

WAR DENOUNCED BY CHURCH MAN

System of Government Sales of Liquor in Canada Held Evil Practice

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP).—Caustic denunciation of war, a plea for the enforcement of the prohibition laws, a challenge to "make religion a thing of action," and a call for ministers and laymen to "renew their faith in evangelism" marked the opening here today of the men's council of the Methodist Episcopal church.

Father Spoils Party

STAYTON BOYS HALTED IN MIDNIGHT ESCAPE

STAYTON, Or., Dec. 9.—(Special to The Statesman).—Armed with two gunnysacks of "grubstake," a roll of bedding, two flashlights and a spotted cayuse, Delmer Gehlen and Olin Davis, two 14-year-old school boys, made an attempt to run away from their homes last night, but were intercepted by the father of one of them, who was awakened by the disturbance caused when his son attempted to climb out an upstairs window at 2 o'clock in the morning.

ANNUAL REUNION OF COMPANY M

MEET THIS YEAR AT COUNTRY CLUB TONIGHT

One of Most Efficient Units of Old Third Oregon, Composed of 150 Boys

The honor roll of members of the company who were killed in action or died, follows: Francis Banta, Aubrey Jones, Jack Kirchner, Maurice Lawson, Ged. Randon, Paul Rich, Welcome Putnam, Oscar Otto, Leo Sturdevant, Percy Streiffeller, Hayward A. Fowle, Kenneth Aspinwall, Lawrence Hoppe, Wm. M. Smith and James Ewing.

MORLEY HEIRS SCORE

Handwriting Expert Says Signature Assisted

The heirs of Jerome Morley scored yesterday afternoon in county court when Marritt Davis handwriting expert of the commercial department of the Salem high school testified that he believed that the signature on the will, whereby Morley left \$2,000 to the Silverton hospital showed that it had been assisted by someone at the time of its signing.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Edward L. Doheny testified in his own defense at the oil conspiracy trial after his wife and son had occupied the stand.

DOHENY CALM IN RELATING OIL DEALINGS

Loan to Fall Held "Friendly Act to Help an Old Prospector Friend"

CORRUPT INTENT DENIED

Elk Hills Naval Oil Reserve Should Yield Profit of One Hundred Million, Says Multi-Millionaire

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP).—The defense played its trump card today in the Full-Doheny oil conspiracy trial, weaving into the record one of the most colorful and dramatic stories which has ever gone before a jury in an American criminal proceeding.

Edward L. Doheny, 70-year-old multi-millionaire oil man, in a four-hour direct examination told the story of his life from the time he was a "shave-tail mule driver" in the old west until he found himself defendant involving naval oil reserve leases in which he had estimated there might be a profit of \$100,000,000.

His story was an unqualified denial of all charges of wrong-doing, unpatriotic intent, or corrupt purpose in the leading negotiations. He repeated what he told the senate oil committee three years ago concerning his \$100,000 loan to Albert B. Fall, then secretary of the interior in November, 1921, when the oil reserve policies still were on the fire in the navy and interior departments.

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ANOTHER CHRISTMAS CAROL



SIEGE OF SIANFU KILLS HUNDREDS

HUMAN FLESH SOLD TO WARD OFF STARVATION

Nineteen Foreigners Remaining in Stricken City; Only Two Americans Listed

PEKING, Dec. 9.—(A.P.).—Hundreds were dying daily in Sianfu a fortnight ago, said a belated despatch received here today, which told of starvation in the capital of Shensi province due to the siege by provincial forces which has lasted since April. The Kuominchun (people's army) defenders and the Chinese populace of the city of more than 700,000 have eaten all the dogs and horses.

Nineteen foreigners in Sianfu were in a desperate condition on November 19, when the last word was received from them.

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POLICE GET SIX IN LIQUOR RAIDS

PARTY FOUND IN SALEM RESIDENCE BY OFFICERS

Owner of House Absent When Raid Occurs and Whereabouts Unknown

One man in jail on a possession charge and two other men and three girls, all charged with disorderly conduct, is the result of a police raid on an alleged "wild party" in a house on Knapp street last night at about 10 o'clock.

FASCISTI WIELD BASEBALL BATS

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KEN ORMISTON WILL ATTEMPT TO HALT TRIP

Father of Star Witness in McPherson Case to Put Up Battle

CHARGES TO BE FILED

Long Missing Fugitive from Justice Captured by Chicago Detectives After They Traced Letters

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP).—The New York American says Kenneth G. Ormiston star witness in the McPherson case, will fight extradition to California.

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The Statesman's Christmas Cheer Fund

The Christmas Cheer Fund is beginning to grow as people become imbued with the spirit of an unselfish Christmas. Santa Claus needs help to bring joy and gladness to lots of worthy kiddies.

CHRISTMAS FUND STARTS TO GROW

SANTA CLAUS NEEDS ASSISTANCE IN HIS WORK

Oregon's Merriest Yuletide Possible by All Showing Unselfish Spirit

The Christmas cheer crowd grows as the donations for the Statesman Christmas Cheer fund begin to come in.

And how happy they are making themselves. It does one's heart good to see how cheerfully and gladly the contributors are made. They have caught the real spirit of Christmas.

DEMOCRATS BACK REVENUE RELIEF

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PARKING SIGNS ARRIVE

RESTRICTED DISTRICT TO HAVE THREE MARKERS

Salem's one and two-hour parking districts will go unmarked but little longer, for 144 new signs have been received from the Portland factory and will be installed as soon as the posts are ready and holes drilled in the sidewalks to receive them.

POTATOES MIS-LABELED

3 CARLOADS FROM PORTLAND SEIZED IN SOUTH

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 9.—(AP)—G. J. Morton, head of the federal food inspection bureau here, said that the three carloads of potatoes from Portland which were seized at Stockton today, must be regraded and re-labeled before they can be placed on the market.

STAMP TREASURES BURN

EXPLOSION DESTROYS COLLECTION WORTH \$5000

ILWACO, Wash., Dec. 9.—(AP)—A stamp collection worth about \$5000 was destroyed by fire here today when a can of gasoline exploded and burned the interior of the tailor shop of L. A. Helbo.

ROCKEFELLER ARRIVES

ORMOND, Fla., Dec. 9.—(AP)—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., Ormond's leading citizen, arrived here late today to spend the winter.

WETS ASSAIL MEASURE FOR PROHIBITION FUNDS

Flood of Oratory Almost Submerges Treasury Appropriation Bill

GALLIVAN GETS BITTER

Representative Blanton Defends Prohibition Amendment and Actions of Wayne Wheeler, Dry Leader

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP).—A prohibition storm broke in the house today, the flood of wet and dry oratory unloosed almost submerging the measure that caused it, the treasury appropriation bill carrying approximately \$13,000,000 for enforcement by the prohibition unit.

Wets outnumbered the dries four to two before the speaker's dais, and between them they invoked virtually all popular arguments for and against the enforcement act.

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