

First Cloth Made in Salem's Second Linen Mill, and Fine Flax and Linen Display, in Shipley's Window
This is the Last Day Before Christmas to Help the Christmas Cheer Fund for Salem's Needy People

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled, rain in west portion; rising temperature; increasing southerly winds becoming gales on coast. Maximum yesterday, 38; minimum, 28; river, 6.8; rainfall, none; atmosphere, part cloudy; wind, southeast.

The Oregon Statesman

Trotzky has given up and promised his red comrades that he will be good from now on. And this promise is doubtless worth just as much as the average communist one.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 24, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

U. S. SAILORS WILL PROTECT FOREIGN LIVES

Details Which Prompt Landing of Party Unknown in Washington

REBELS DEMAND TAXES

State Department Believes Interference With Hard Wood Lumber Shipments Cause of Admiral's Action

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP) A force of American blue jackets have been landed at Rio Grande Bar, Nicaragua, to protect American and foreign lives and property, the state department announced late today.

The department said that Rear Admiral Latimer had sent word from his flagship, the cruiser Rochester, that he had sent ashore a landing party of sailors and was proceeding himself to Puerto Cabezas.

No further details of the situation which prompted the landing were given.

Rio Grande Bar is assumed at the state department to be at the mouth of the river that runs on the east coast of Nicaragua. There have been no previous official dispatches report difficulties encountered by American and other foreign commercial interests in this region, now controlled by the rebel revolutionists against the Managua government, which has been recognized by the United States.

Admiral Latimer himself is proceeding on his flagship to the center of the revolutionary movement at Puerto Cabezas, which also is on the east coast, close to the Honduran border.

In the absence of any explanation from the admiral, state department officials were inclined to believe that interferences by the revolutionaries with the movement of hard wood lumber by American and other foreign companies had caused the naval commander to put ashore a blue jacket force.

These companies, it was said, probably have loading terminals at the sea outlets of the Rio Grande and other rivers which tap the hard wood lumber regions. The leader of the revolutionary movement, former Vice President

SEATTLE LIQUOR RAID CATCHES 30

MORE THAN HUNDRED NAMED IN JURY INDICTMENTS

United States Attorney Believes Close Approach Made to Official Corruption

SEATTLE, Dec. 23.—(AP)—As the number of arrests in a gigantic liquor conspiracy case of northwest Washington tonight approached 30, the names of 11 Seattle policemen, a former federal prohibition agent, a county prosecutor, two deputy sheriffs and a former state senator were on the list of those who had been apprehended. The arrests were made on indictments returned by a federal grand jury here last night. More than 100 persons were named.

"We are closer to the thrones of official corruption than we have ever been before," declared United States Attorney Revelle. "And I am afraid we are about as close as we will ever get."

Ed P. Fitzgerald, prominent in King county republican politics, and a traveling guard of the state penitentiary at Walla Walla, was sought tonight on a bench warrant, as were Frank and John Gatt, brothers long reputed to be intimately associated with King county law enforcement officers. The Gatts are at liberty on bail pending an appeal from a previous liquor conspiracy conviction.

THREE FIREMEN KILLED

Tons of Bricks Fall on Men as Burning Theater Collapses

WINNIPEG, Man., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Three firemen were killed and one critically hurt when tons of bricks fell as the Winnipeg theater, which burned today, collapsed. Nine other firemen were injured. The structure was a Winnipeg landmark.

Christmas Publication Change

The majority of people desire to spend Christmas day with home folks and in so doing they follow out the true spirit of the season. Believing in the real Christmas spirit, The Oregon Statesman Publishing company decided to combine the editions of December 25 and 26, and permit the members of The Statesman family to spend the day at their homes. This means a regular Christmas edition will appear on December 26, and there will be no edition on the morning of the 26th. The patrons of the publication are requested to bear this change in mind and assist to the best of their ability in the spreading of the true Christmas spirit.

HIGHWAY BOARD OUTLINES WORK

WILSON RIVER ROAD ESTIMATED HELD EXCESSIVE

Two New Bridges and Two Steel Spans Ordered by State Commission

PORTLAND, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The estimate for the construction of the Wilson River road, the so-called Tillamook cut-off, is \$2,736,400, according to a report received today by the state highway commission from its engineering department. The estimated cost is said to be far in excess of that originally calculated. The commission has no plans concerning the Wilson river road and the survey and estimate was merely made to ascertain its cost. With the present condition of the finances of the commission, it is said, there is no immediate prospect of the state undertaking to build the road. The report shows the distance is 53.77 miles from Forest Grove to the town of Tillamook.

The billing program for 1927 was outlined in today's session, and involves 400 miles. Among

OIL TRIAL SCHEDULED

Efforts to Quash Indictments Fail Against Defendants

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—The last legal maneuver to upset conspiracy indictments against Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, and Harry F. Sinclair, growing out of the leasing of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to Sinclair's Mammoth Oil company, failed today and the trial was docketed to begin in the supreme court of the District of Columbia on Feb. 2.

Fall and Sinclair both entered pleas of not guilty after Justice Jennings Bailey had denied two motions, one in behalf of each defendant to quash the indictments.

PATTERSON TO BE FREE

Governor Pierce Commutes Sentence of Convicted Embezzler

Governor Pierce late yesterday commuted the sentence of Earl C. Patterson, serving a two year term in the state penitentiary on an embezzlement charge. Patterson was committed from Multnomah county, and had served eight and one half months.

Patterson will be released this morning, it was stated by Warden J. W. Lillie of the penitentiary.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

American bluejackets landed in Nicaragua.

The Fall-Sinclair oil trial was set for February 2.

Peter Augustus Jay, ambassador to Argentina, resigned.

The war department ordered an investigation of the Chanute field aircraft crash.

Mexico was denied the right to ship 10 airplanes purchased in the United States.

Bids for an airmail route between New York and Atlanta were asked by the postmaster general.

Chairman Butler of the house naval committee, charged that the United States was "fooled" in signing the 1922 naval limitation treaty.

SMUDGE POTS SAVE FRUITS FROM FREEZE

Snow, Frost, Winds, Lightning and Frigid Rains Strike California

FIREMAN ELECTROCUTED

Sands of Mojave Desert Grow Cold With Three Inches of Snow Reported and No Sign of Let-Up

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—(AP)—A medicine man who usually brews weather east of the Rockies, launched an attack on rose blooms and citrus fruits in southern California last night and today with the east's most effective weapons, but was turned back in defeat although one life was lost as a result of his antics.

With snow, frost, lightning and frigid rain, the entire coastal area about Los Angeles and the citrus belt shivered and dodged during the night and early day.

Temperatures flirted near the danger levels in the orange and lemon country, but a counter offensive by the growers with smudge pots left the fruit undamaged.

Pasadena, Alhambra, Glendale—even Hollywood, were treated with flurries of snow, while Los Angeles got probably the nastiest weather of all—cold drizzling rain.

A flash of lightning, descending in the southwest section of the city, severed a high tension wire and Fireman Ross Sechrist was

KELLEY FOR ENGINEER

Many Endorsements Given, Served Under Herbert Nunn

C. C. Kelley of Klamath Falls, who has been mentioned prominently in connection with the office of state highway engineer under the Patterson administration, was in Salem yesterday conferring with state officials and employees of the state highway department.

Mr. Kelley served as assistant to Herbert Nunn, while the latter was state highway engineer. It was said that Mr. Kelley has received a large number of indorsements for the office.

BUS OPERATORS ATTACK LAW

REGULATORY FEATURES SATISFACTORY, FEES TOO HIGH

Law Enacted at 1925 Legislature and Approved by People in November

Suit to enjoin the state highway commission and the public service commission from enforcing the provisions of house bill No. 413, otherwise known as the bus and truck law, will be filed by attorneys for the bus operators within the next few days.

This was announced here yesterday by John F. Logan, Portland attorney, following a conference attended by members of the highway department, public service commission and the bus interests. The conference was held in the offices of the public service commission.

It was said that the bus operators were satisfied with the regulatory features of the law, but alleged that the fees were excessive and more than the revenue would bear.

Attorneys for the bus interests indicated that they might go before the next legislature and seek an adjustment of the fees which would be satisfactory to both the operators and the state. In event such an agreement is reached the litigation probably would be abandoned.

The law under attack was enacted at the 1925 session of the legislature but subsequently was subjected to the referendum. The voters at the general election sustained the action of the legislature.

The bus operators said they would pay the fees under protest pending disposition of the suit.

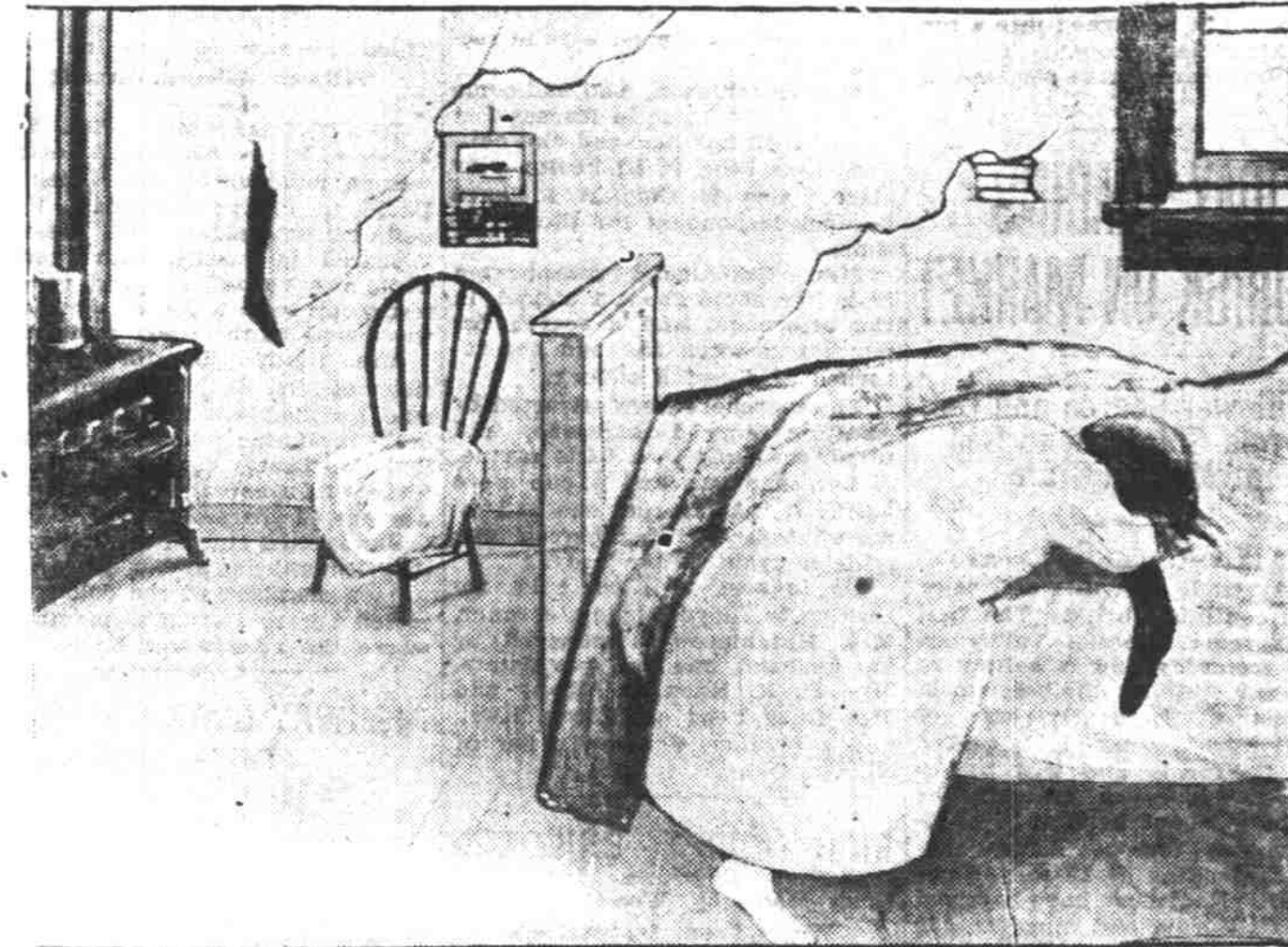
OREGON DIVORCES LESS

Census Report Shows Number of Marriages Increased

The Bureau of Census report received recently by County Clerk U. G. Boyer from the department of commerce, giving the total number of marriages and divorces in the United States, shows that there were 2386 divorces granted in Oregon in 1925 as against 2946 in 1924, a decrease of 2 per cent. There was an average of 3.34 divorces for each 1000 population, 1.52 being the average for the entire United States.

There were 6987 marriages in the state in 1925 as against 6967 in 1924 an increase of 3 per cent and an average of 8.1 per cent of the population. The population of the state is estimated in the report as being 863,064, and the population of the United States as 115,378,094.

Tragedy of the Empty Stocking



Christmas morning some kiddie's heart will break unless more people show their belief in "Tis more blessed to give than to receive." Make yourself happier by helping others in need.

ELKS-SALVATION ARMY ENTERTAIN

300 KIDDIES ARE INVITED TO CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM

General Public Urged to Attend, Seats for All, Distribution of Gifts

Promptly at 6:30 tonight the doors of the armory will open for the big Christmas tree given by the Elks-Salvation Army. Any children who have not secured their tickets at the Army headquarters are urged to secure them today, or if unable to do so before, apply at the door of the armory tonight.

All day long workers under the direction of Mrs. R. E. Skoppl will be busy preparing the big 25 foot tree. Sergeant Harry Plant, custodian of the armory, will be on hand to render all assistance possible. From top to bottom the tree will be loaded with decorations and colored lights and the presents will be placed on special tables in front of the platform.

Dr. B. F. Pound, chairman of the Army advisory committee, will have charge of the program which will start promptly at 7 p. m. and continue for one hour.

SEEK PERMANENT BOOK INJUNCTION

ATTORNEY GENERAL TO COMPLY WITH REQUEST

Resolution Adopted Following Criticism Concerning Textbook Body

Members of the state board of education yesterday adopted a resolution urging that the attorney general make no appearance in the proceedings filed by David M. Graham of Multnomah county, to restrain the board from entering into contracts with the publishers for textbooks selected at the annual meeting of the state textbook commission held here in November.

It was alleged by Mr. Graham in his complaint that the textbook commission was not legally constituted, and that samples of textbooks to be considered at the November meeting were not in the hands of its members 60 days prior to the date fixed for the adoption.

A temporary injunction was issued at the time the original complaint was filed in the circuit court for Multnomah county. The board of education is now urging that this injunction be made permanent. The resolution was signed by R. R. Turner, state superintendent of schools, and Sam A. Koser, secretary of state. Governor Pierce, third member of the board, refused to vote for the resolution.

"It is the opinion of the state board of education," read the resolution, "that the interests of the public schools and the citizens of Oregon will be best served if the temporary injunction prayed for in the action shall become permanent, thus necessitating the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon to take cognizance of the existing situation."

Attorney General VanWinkle indicated that he would comply with the request of the board of education.

SCHOOL HOUSE BURNED

Loss at Pleasant School \$5,000; Some Insurance

The Pleasant school house, located about a mile east of Silverton, was completely destroyed by fire yesterday evening about 6 o'clock.

When the flames were discovered by Elmer Lawrence, who lives near the school, the building was well afire. An alarm was turned in and the Silverton fire department went out there, but could do very little. The building, a one room wooden structure, was burned to the ground and all the equipment lost. A new piano, which had been in use only 10 days, was burned. No definite cause has been placed for the conflagration, although some think the fire might have started from a defective flue. A program was given in the room during the afternoon and when the people left everything there was no indication of fire.

The loss has been estimated at \$5,000, which is partly covered by insurance of \$3200.

COLONEL GREEN RESIGNS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—Col. Ned M. Green, who was acquitted in the United States district court here last Tuesday of a charge of having embezzled some liquors confiscated by the government, announced tonight that he had resigned as prohibition administrator for northern California and Nevada.

30 DIE WHEN FAST LIMITED TRAINS CRASH

Railroad Officials Unable to Determine Exact Number of Casualties

RAIN HAMPERS RESCUE

Merrily Chatting Holiday Crowds Filled Both Crack Southern R. R. Passenger Trains to Capacity

ROCKMART, Ga., Dec. 23.—(AP)—Thirty persons at least are thought to have met death in the wreck here early tonight of the Royal Palm and Ponce de Leon, crack Southern Railway passenger trains.

All of those killed were on the northbound Ponce de Leon from Miami, Fla., which collided head-on with the southbound train as the latter waited for it to pass on a siding. No casualties occurred on the Royal Palm. The number of injured was estimated at 65.

The wreck occurred in a driving rain with the Ponce de Leon, carrying a large number of passengers homeward bound for the holidays, running late at a reported speed of 50 miles an hour.

Most of the dead were in the dining car of the Ponce de Leon and a day coach immediately behind. The latter car was piled on top of the smashed diner, part of it tearing through the roof and dropping down into the car which a few seconds before had been filled with merrily chatting dinner hour crowd who were returning home for Christmas.

Thirteen bodies already have been recovered from the ill-fated cars, including a woman and three children, who ate together at one table. Rescue workers found it necessary to use blow torches to free the imprisoned bodies and injured passengers. The work was made doubly difficult by darkness and a driving rain.

Those whose bodies were recovered could not be immediately identified because of the absence of their belongings, left behind when they went to the dining car for dinner.

Confusion reigned as rescuers

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NATION 'FOOLED' BUTLER BELIEVES

LEAGUE ARMS PARLEY SAID DETRIMENTAL

Construction of Ten Light Cruisers Asked to Strengthen Navy

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(AP)—America was "fooled" into scrapping her navy while other signatories to the 1922 arms treaty have violated the spirit of the agreement by building more ships than they discarded, Chairman Butler of the house naval affairs committee, declared today in a statement published in the army and navy journal.

Butler is author of the bill now on the house calendar to authorize construction of 10 light cruisers.

The realization had come to him, he said, that government must be by force and an international arms agreement could be obtained only by fear. He added that America had no cruiser that would invite any whatsoever.

"I would like the American people to be told what the American commissioners told the house naval affairs committee of their experiences while sitting in the Geneva convention that was called by the league of nations, and to which America was invited and in which America gladly joined in the hope that an agreement would be reached providing for a limitation upon cruiser construction," he said.

"I would further like the American people to know that some of those nations, which are standing out against America, include the fighting Balkan states that have neither ports nor ships and want America to interfere in the land armaments of Europe to their benefit—and they are not concerned on the naval armaments at all.

"Our commissioners were invited to sit upon the washboard on

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Be Sure That Santa Gets the Letter



Kind folk, you'll not let Santa forget anybody, even you—an empty stocking means tragedy.

The Statesman Christmas Cheer Fund

Are you going to be guilty of making "The Tragedy of an Empty Stocking" a reality? Today is the last opportunity you will have this year to help with the Christmas Cheer work. Don't put off the giving another hour. Attend to it at once and so cooperate with Santa Claus, The Statesman and the Salvation Army in their efforts to bring joy and happiness to the many needy and worthy people in the community.

Previously acknowledged	\$94.65
A Friend	5.00
Realty Board	5.00
Salem Ad Club	20.00
E. C. Pratt	2.50
A Friend	2.00
A Boy	1.00
Dr. George B. Vears	5.00
Dan Fry	5.00
Cash	2.00
Cash	1.00
First Baptist Church Christmas program collections	26.97