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RECORD LEASE INVOLVES SUM OF $288,000

Site of Roth Grocery on No. Liberty Street Taken by Chain Firm

Possession to be Given on Jan. 1, 1931; Extensive Improvement Plans

One of the largest property leases ever made in Salem involving more than $288,000, was completed Saturday when the F. & W. Grand 5, 10 and 15c Stores Inc. of New York City took a 30-year leasehold on the two-story brick building on North Liberty street owned by the Roth Co. Under the terms of the contract, the lessors will retain occupancy of the structures until January 1, 1931, after which the lessees will occupy the first floor of the property with a 5, 10 and 15c store.

Terms of the lease call for a monthly payment by the New York firm of $800, exclusive of taxes and building repairs, which they contract to assume.

The leasing of the Roth property is in line with a decision of the F. & W. Grand, 5, 10 and 15c Store Co. to place their stores, which are widely known throughout the east, in western territory. Salem is only one of several leading northwest cities to be served by stores of the company.

Location Considered Highly Valuable

Decision of the Roth Co., to lease the building was made because the property was deemed too valuable a location for grocery occupancy. Under the terms of the agreement, two years will be allowed the Roth Co., to select a suitable location for the grocery business which was started in Salem 28 years ago.

Negotiations for the lease and its signature concluded Saturday by Theodore Roth and Edward Schunke, representing the local firm, and Melville Wilson of the Carter McDonald Co., of Seattle, brokers who represent the F. & W. concern.

Mr. Schunke said his firm was sure that the conclusion of lease negotiations indicated the marked faith large interest have in the future of Salem. He pointed out that his grocery firm hesitated to leave its present location, but had reached a decision to do so because the rising value of Liberty street locations made rental values extremely high in that district. Mr. Schunke said that the new location for the Roth Co., was not yet decided upon but said it is probable that the store will be situated within one to two blocks of the present location.

Company Plans Many Improvements

The Roth Co. purchased the lot on which the building stands in 1915 for a fraction of its present value. Since that time the district has been rebuilt and the structures along the street house some of the leading mercantile firms in Salem.

The building leased is 41 feet in width by 165 feet in depth. It is full stories in heighth with a cement basement running through the entire structure. The second floor is occupied by the Salem

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Roseburg Regent Asks Relief From University Board

The resignation of Judge J. W. Hamilton of Roseburg as a member of the board of regents of the University of Oregon, was received at the executive department Saturday.

Governor Patterson refused to comment on the resignation further than to say that he hoped Judge Hamilton would reconsider his action. In case Judge Hamilton insists on retiring from the board his successor probably will be announced within the next two weeks. Governor Patterson refused to divulge whom he has in mind for the office.

26,000 Persons Die In 7 Weeks As Result Of Serious Flu Epidemic

Mountain States Report Heavy Casualties; Work Done in North

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Public health officials today estimated approximately 26,000 persons died from influenza and pneumonia in the United States during the seven weeks preceding January 5. The estimate was determined after analysis of reports reaching the censur bureau from cities in various parts of the country.

The heaviest mortality thus far, the statement noted, was in mountain states.

Details of a rescue cruise by the coast guard cutter Unalga to stricken Alaskan villages, first reports of which were received late in December, also reached the public health service today, bringing official commendation of the heroism of Dr. L. B. Sturdevant, health officer attached to the vessel, and of women teachers and nurses stationed at the barren outposts.

The cutter left its home port, Juneau, after repeated urgent requests for aid to health commissioner Devighne. Steaming through icy passes with its crew of six officers and 70 men under command of Commander E. S. Addison, the cutter reached Hoonah, on December 19.

Dr. Sturdevant, with Charles W. Hawkesworth, of the bureau of education, assumed the leadership in distributing medical supplies. Seventy-four out of 75 whites, and 350 out of 380 Indians were prostrated in this little fishing village.

Cough syrup, mustard plasters—one thermometer for the entire village—and other medical supplies were left here, and the vessel hastened to Tanakee, where there was no physician nor nurse, and where 58 settlers were suffering from attacks of varying severity. After the limited supplies sent by the health commissioner were exhausted, urgent requests for more led to distribution here of the ship's supplies.

The next day the cutter reached Angoon, where 61 natives and one white woman had been stricken. Here again officers turned to the ship's supplies for medical aid. Reports of the cruise mentioned the heroic work at this village of a bureau of education nurse and two teachers.

BANDITS GET AWAY WITH $20,000 SUM

TRINIDAD, Colo., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Posses of grim faced, heavily armed men tonight sear heavily armed men tonight searched the rugged mountainous country near the Huerfano county and Las Animas county coal fields for three payroll robbers, whose loot in a mail robbery today was $20,000.

The peace officers had little to guide them in their difficult search and the rough trails and roads over which they ranged added to their difficulties. Their only information about the robbery comes from Charles Festi, 18, driver of the mail truck from which the robbers took the payroll intended for the Victor-American Fuel company mine at Delague, Colo.

Feisti was taking his father's place today, he related, and got the mail from Delagua at the Colorado and Southern railroad station at Ludlow. Midway between Hastings and Delagua three masked men on foot covered him with revolvers and motioned for him to drive his truck to the side of the highway. They blindfolded him and placed him in the rear of the light mail truck while they drove the machine to a desolate spot in the hills.

Though he was blindfolded and bound and gagged, Festi said he heard the men ripping open the mail pouches.

After ordering him to continue on his way to Delagua, "when he was able," the youth told sheriff's officers, the three robbers left him.

CAMERON ELECTED TO HEAD STUDENTS

Julia Creech Named Secretary of Press Conference at Annual Meet

EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Delegates to the state high school press and student officers conferences elected officers at the closing session of the ninth annual meetings at the University of Oregon today.

The press conference named Dudley McClure, Benson Polytechnic high school, Portland, president; Dick Goebel, Grant high school, Portland, vice president; Julia Creech, Salem, secretary.

Officers of the student group are: Barney Cameron, Salem, president; John Finley, Grant high school, Portland, vice president; Helen Hall, The Dalles, secretary; Ralph Rawie, Corvallis, treasurer.

Principals of Oregon high schools, in conference simultaneously with the students, ended a discussion of pupil counseling today.

The student officers adopted a resolution favoring unlimited competition in activities between Portland high schools and other high schools.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Jan. 12.—(Special)—Delegates from Salem to the ninth Annual High School conference arrived in Eugene Thursday evening all ready for the sessions, which began Friday morning. Salem representatives are Barney Cameron, Esther Wood, Julia Creech, Edyth Jenks, and Miss Margaret Drager, faculty adviser. The Clarion, newspaper of the Salem high school, carried off the Eugene Guard cup for the best paper published in schools of over 500 students. Miss Julia Creech, edits the paper and Gordon Bennett manages it. Honorable mention was given the papers of The Dalles high school, the Portland Grant high school, the Medford high school and the Eugene high school.

The Tech Pep published by the Benson Polytechnic high school of Portland was awarded the grand prize the Arnold Bennett Hall cup for the best high school in the state, while the Lantern of the Pendleton high school won the Eugene Register cup for the best paper in schools under 500. The Burns high schoo l was awarded the prize, the Harris Ellsworth cup, for the best news notes in the town paper, and the Scappoose high school won the Dean Eric W. Allen cup for the best mimeograph paper.

COOLIDGE OPPOSES LEGISLATIVE JAM

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—President Coolidge threw his influence today against the senate legislative jam in which the Kellogg Anti-War treaty and the Cruiser Construction bill are caught and this added pressure resulted tonight in at least a renewal of conferences looking to a way to obtain action.

On Monday Chairman Borah, of the Foreign Relations committee, in charge of the treaty, will renew his request for an agreement to limit debate on the pact and he believes it will be accepted. Conferences looking to that end were revived late today.

White House alarm over the senate situation was reflected in a senatorial breakfast party and a conference later between Coolidge and Senator Curtis, of Kansas, the republican leader; Senator Borah, and Secretary Kellogg, the father of the treaty.

While this conference was going on, the republican-democratic group seeking an interpretation of the pact started a petition in the senate asking for some sort of a "clarifying" declaration to the treaty. More than 26 signatures had been obtained by tonight.

Three Arrested Upon Suspicion Of Auto Thefts

Arrest of Virgil Roberts and Floyd Kinne in Salem and Pat Dundee in Portland, was believed by the police Saturday to be the first step in the solution of a series of automobile thefts here. All were arrested on charges of larceny.

An Essex coach belonging to E. C. Goodwin of the Royal Court apartments was stolen Saturday night.

Crash Victim's Parents in City

The parents of Private Clarence E. Birch who was killed Friday when an army transport plane on which he was a member of the crew, crashed at Royalton, Pa., live in Salem. They are Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Birch who came here last May from Mecca, Ind.

REPORT FLAYS PACIFIC PHONE FIRM'S RATES

High State Officials Affix Names to Impressive List of Charges

Company Called Active Political Organization; Methods Decried

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Liberally punctuated with accusations against the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company and sharply criticing the state public service commission, the report of the legislative committee appointed to inquire into the telephone situation will be filed with the legislature when it meets Monday in Salem.

The report, made public tonight, is signed by Attorney General Van Winkle, Representative Carkin of Jackson county; Representative Potter of Lane county; Representative Hazlett of Hood River county; Theodore P. Cramer, Jr., former representative of Josephine county and Colonel Alfred E. Clark, Portland.

In the report the Pacific company is branded as one of the active political factors in Oregon. Its organization, property, operations and influence extends into many states, the report continues.

Immunity From Legislation Charged

"It would appear," the report states, "that for various reasons the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company for a number of years has been practically immune from corrective legislation or regulation in Oregon. Broadly speaking, this company for years

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YOUTH CONVICTED ON KILLING CHARGE

YORK, Pa., Jan. 12.—(AP)—A verdict of second degree murder was the finding of the jury tonight in the case of Wilbert G. Hess, 18, for his part in killing of Nelson D. Rehmeyer, alleged "pow-wow" doctor.

The two others who took part in the killing, John H. Blymyer, 32, a "pow wow" doctor, and John Curry, 14, had been convicted in the same court earlier in the week of murder in the first degree.

Rehmeyer was killed when he resisted the efforts of the trio to obtain a lock of hair to break a "spell" supposedly held over the Hess family. His body was then set on fire.

The jury returned its verdict in the Hess case after deliberating two hours and twenty minutes. Conviction of murder in the second degree is punishable by imprisonment of ten to 20 years. It was the lightest sentence meted out to the three witchcraft defendants, Blymyer and Curry each prisonment.

Hoover Delivers Short Speech To Dedicate Tunnel

Address is President Elect's First Since His Campaign Last Fall

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—The voice of Herbert Hoover, for the first time since his election to the presidency, was heard over the radio tonight in connection with the opening of the Cascade tunnel in the Pacific northwest.

Speaking into a microphone placed in the study of his home on S street, the voice of the president-elect was carried over a coast-to-coast hookup of 37 stations of the National Broadcasting company. He described the tunnel, which has been constructed through the Cascade mountains by the Great Northern railway, as again demonstrating the "progressive characters of American industry." The text of his address follows:

"To President Budd, friends in the Cascade mountains and to the radio audience:

Engineering Feat is Praised by Speaker

"I am glad to participate in a small way in recognition of a great engineering accomplishment—the completion of the greatest tunnel upon our continent. Perhaps only engineers can appreciate the technical skill, the labor, the courage required for such an undertaking. But the opening of a great transportation tunnel is more than an engineering accomplishment. It is a contri-

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MARTIN JENSEN IS TO TRY NEW RECORD

Two Partners to Take Turns With Plane Trying to Achieve Mark

CURTISS FIELD, N. Y., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Martin Jensen and Emil Burgin are to make a try-try-again attempt to establish a new solo endurance flight record and bring back the world non-refueling endurance crown to America next week.

First Jensen, Dole race Hawaiian flier, will go up until he or the plane gives out. Then, as soon as mechanics have overhauled the ship, Burgin will go up to see if he can do better. When he is through, if a new world's record has not been achieved, both men will go aloft together in a final attempt.

The solo record is held by the late Royal V. Thomas, who was killed in a test flight last summer, a week after he had established a record of 35 hours and 26 minutes. The solo record previously had been held by Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh by virtue of the 33½ hours he was in the air on his Trans-Atlantic flight.

The nonrefueling world endurance record, regardless of number in plane, is 65 hours and 25 minutes, established in Germany by Johann Risticz and Wilhelm Zimmerman.

POLITICS HELD BASIC REASON FOR GANG WAR

Aged Prosecutor Lays Blame on "City Hall" and Promises Cleanup

Familiarity With Racketeers' Methods Shown by Frank J. Loesch

By ALLEN L. DALRYMPLE
Associated Press Staff Writer

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—(AP)—A 76 year old crusader, who fears not, put the blame for Chicago's wholesale bombings and gang slayings today on illegal political protection.

Frank J. Loesch, head of the Chicago crime commission and special prosecutor in charge of a series of "clean-up" grand juries, declared the direct cause of frequent and regular acts of violence was the shielding of gangsters, racketeers and bootleggers by political leaders.

"The immense illegitimate profits resulting from this protection keep the inter-gang warfare alive and the city in an uproar," said the white haired, vigorous attorney, drafted by the Chicago Bar association in an effort to restore a respect for law and order.

Loesch Knows Just How It's Worked

"A licensed soft drink place opens up, we'll say, on Wacker drive. Because protection has been bought from politicians, a load of beer with high alcoholic content is obtained from the Capone syndicate. If the Capone patronage is continued, the place will be bombed before long and a reign of terror sets in, killings naturally resulting in the fight between syndicates for the business."

With all the ardor of a man 40 years his junior, and with the rich experience of half a century of court battles and law enforcement

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CLOTHING OF SLAIN LADS TO BE SHOWN

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Clothing which Mr. and Mrs. N. H. Winslow of Pomona, Calif., have indentified as having been worn by their sons, Lewie and Nelson, will be introduced as evidence when the murder trial of Gordon Stewart Northcott is resumed Monday, under plans announced by the prosecution today.

North is being tried for the murder of the two Winslow boys and an unidentified Mexican, but until Mr. and Mrs. Winslow examined the clothing in the office of Chief Deputy District Attorney Earl C. Redwine, they had expressed belief that their sons would yet be found alive.

"Those are the shoes that I bought for Lewie," Wilson sobbingly told Redwine. He and his wife identified other articles.

Stage Set For Great Bienniel Session Of State's Legislature

Economy to be Keynote Urged Upon Solons Who Will Find Polished Desks and Repairs Generally as Part of Reception; Governor's Message to be Feature of First Day's Joint Session

THIRTY senators, 60 representatives and their retinues, numbering far beyond that total, will be installed in the state capitol building and domiciled in Salem by the time the 1929 session of the Oregon state legislature is called to order Monday.

This incoming army, in case its members arrive on time, will find everything in readiness for the bienniel 40-day session of state and political business. What may happen to all these well-ordered plans after the first rush of legislators, clerks, the lobby flock and scores of temporary state employes get under way, Hal Hoss, secretary of state, declines to forecast.

Hoss, as custodian of the capitol building, has been responsible for completing arrangements for the session and with his aides has been busy at these tasks for more than a month.

In the meantime the political bee has buzzed a report of the assurance Senator A. W. Norblad of Clatsop county feels of his election as president of the senate for the biennium. That the Astoria senate is reassured is indicated by the announcement that he has determined upon his committee appointments.

Equally certain is Representative R. S. Hamilton of Bend that he will be elected speaker of the house. Both men know the legislative ropes and wires.

Capitol Building Space Alloted

They and their followers will find that renovators struck the legislative chambers broadside. The result is cleanliness, much evidence of repairing, polish and paint. All needed supplies are in place. Committee rooms have been assigned and designated accordingly; a legislative directory is in place and special telephone equipment has been installed. Bull Run water, according to a recently announced plan of the secretary of state, will be available.

In the lobby of the first floor of the capitol building will be the desks of newspaper men and women sent to Salem in the interests of trade publications. In the rotunda, between the senate chamber and the house of representatives, will be found the desks of at least two legislative services, political and policy writers for various newspapers, telephone exchange and headquarters of two telegraph companies. There also will be the desks and paraphernalia of two Portland newspapers which will disseminate the news of the legislature by means of leased telegraph wires.

Regular and special correspondents of the Portland and Salem newspapers and various press associations have been assigned to desks in the house and senate. Freelance writers will be given desks upon request.

Important Committee Gets Third Floor

The joint ways and means committee which is one of the outstanding bodies of the legislature, will hold its conferences in a room on the third floor of the capitol building. Revision of laws and judicial committees will occupy the same rooms as at previous sessions.

A restaurant has been installed in the basement of the capitol building for the convenience of legislators and the public. Special messenger service between the two branches of the legislature and the state printing department will be maintained during the session.

The governor's message to the legislature which usually is a feature of the opening day's session, probably will be given Monday afternoon at a joint assembly of the senate and house of representatives. Organization of the two houses of the legislature will precede delivery of the message.

For the first time in history a microphone hookup and amplifiers have been installed in the capitol in order that there will be no inconvenience in hearing the governor's message. The ampli-

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Bienniel Message Of Governor Will Go On Air Monday

A radio hookup and amplifiers have been placed in the rotunda of the state capital building by the secretary of state, so that persons unable to gain admittance to the house of representatives may hear the bienniel message of Governor I. L. Patterson, to be delivered at a joint session of house and senate Monday afternoon. It is probable that the governor's message will be delivered about 2 o'clock. Radio Station KGW will broadcast the message.

HOOVER DECLARED FOR APRIL SESSION

Tentative Legislative Program Mapped Out in Effort to Curb Bills

By JAMES L. WEST
Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12—(AP)—President-elect Hoover after conferences with a number of republican leaders in congress is of the opinion that a special session of the new congress should be called about April 15.

While there has been no official announcement of the position of Mr. Hoover in this regard his views have been disclosed by those with whom he has discussed the question and they have been so positive in representing the attitude of the president-elect that a tentative legislative program for the proposed session already has been discussed.

Under this program, as outlined today by those who have been conferring with Mr. Hoover, the legislative activities to be undertaken would be limited to farm relief and tariff revision both of which were promised by the next president during the campaign. The tariff revision would be in the shape of an amendment to the Fordney-McCumber act of 1922 and would cover both agricultural and industrial schedules.

Portland Gas War Is Renewed Report States

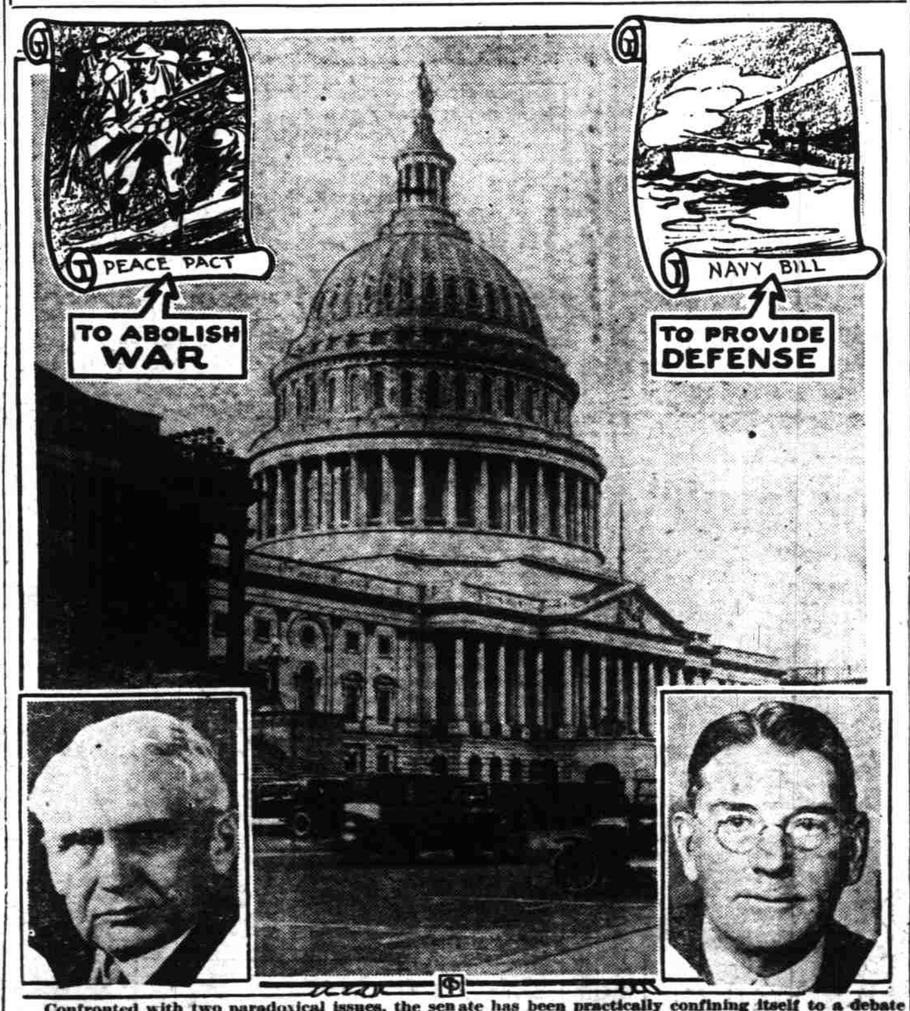
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 12.—(AP)—Predictions that the Portland gasoline war will be renewed with greater intensity Monday and the announcement that the newly organized Portland gasoline dealers protective association had boosted its membership to more than three hundred were the main developments today.

Any doubt as to the general popularity of the "war" was dispelled today when one motorist driving an automobile equipped with a sixty gallon tank drove into a filling station selling fuel at fifteen and one cents.

"Fill 'er up," he said.

A. T. Kurtz, president of the Dealers Association, said applications for membership in the organization were being received from many state cities.

Paradoxical Issues Occupy Senate



Confronted with two paradoxical issues, the senate has been practically confining itself to a debate of the Kellogg peace treaty and the navy or cruiser bill. There has been a difference of opinion as to whether or not the ratification of the anti-war pact and the passage of the bill providing new battleships are inconsistent. Photo shows the capitol in Washington, Secretary of State Frank B. Kellogg, ponsor of the peace treaty, left, and Secretary of the Navy Curtis D. Wilbur, champion of the cruiser bill, right.

Robert Stewart to Fight For Place; Escape From Conviction Proudly Cited

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Col. Robert W. Stewart intends to lock horns with John D. Rockefeller Jr., in a fight to the finish to retain his position as chairman of the board of the Standard Oil company of Indiana which will be decided at a stockholders' meeting March 7.

Col. Stewart made this plain today in a formal statement announcing his candidacy for re-election as chairman of the board and questioning Mr. Rockefeller's right to speak for 58,000 shareholders in reply to a recent communication from Mr. Rockefeller to stockholders asking the removal of Col. Stewart.

Personal Solicitation Denied By Stewart

Col. Stewart said he had made no personal solicitation for proxies as Mr. Rockefeller has done but declared that solicitations by others had shown he would have the support "of a large number of the stockholders voting a large amount of the stock of this company."

The statement of the chairman was made at the Standard Oil offices upon Mr. Stewart's arrival. From New York today, in an informal conversation with reporters, he said some of the requests for proxies sent out by Mr. Rockefeller were being returned with Mr. Rockefeller's name scratched and his own written in.

His formal statement said he had the "spontaneous and practically unanimous support" of all employes of the company and added that the support "is purely voluntary," denying a statement that coercion had been used.

Excuses Found for Many Criticisms

"I have been the subject of numerous attacks by politicians and others—attempts in many cases actuated by political and personal ambitions," he said. "I refused to answer certain questions propounded by certain senators which were

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Salvation Army Fight to Be Taken Into Court Is Report at Headquarters

LONDON, Jan. 12.—(AP)—Salvation Army circles in London are inclined to believe that General Bramwell Booth's reply on Monday to the high council's proposal that he retire voluntarily would be a declination and with it the precipitation of a legal fight for retention of the Army's leadership.

The possibility of legal complications has been fore-shadowed by the recent appearance of William A. Jowitt, former member of parliament and a widely known lawyer, on the scene in behalf of the general.

Council Uses Care To Avoid Slip-Up

Army solicitor Forst has been in attendance at Sunbury since the council convened but has not been allowed to enter the council chamber. Advice has been taken, however, from time to time on questions of procedure and on each step that the council has taken in order to avoid any technical slip-up which might form the basis of litigation.

Any legal struggle on the question would revolve on the issue of the legality of the summoning of the council. Those who have been supporting General Booth insist that the council was summoned under the wrong clause of the Army's supplemental deed.

Saddened at Meeting

The evidence of grief which Evangeline Booth, American Commander and leader of the reform group, showed yesterday at her brother's cottage in Southwold, was said by a member of her party to have arisen from news of her brothers wasted appearance and other evidence that he appeared a very sick man.

She also stated to have felt greived that she was unable to see him in an effort to stave off the expected legal fight which Mrs. Booth and Catherine Booth gave her to understand might be forthcoming.

When Evangeline Booth entered the council meeting at Sun-

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