

## FIREMEN PRAISED FOR BRAVE FIGHT ON WALLER HALL FIRE

In a letter signed by Carl G. Doney, president of the Willamette University, and authorized by the board of trustees of the school, members of the Salem fire department are highly lauded for their valiant efforts in combating the Waller Hall fire. The letter reads:

To the members of the Salem Fire Department, Salem, Oregon, Gentlemen:

The Board of Trustees of Willamette University beg to express their sincere and grateful appreciation of your services in controlling the fire in Waller Hall this morning. In overcoming great obstacles, in facing dangers and in prolonged labor you have shown highest qualities and made us your debtors. Please be assured of our gratitude. Very truly yours,

CARL G. DONEY.

## INCOME TAX LAW EVADED BY OREGON AUTOSTATS, BELIEF

Washington, Dec. 19.—Automobile owners in Oregon who have not had any business dealings with the income tax collector may expect a call from some representative of the bureau of internal revenue shortly, as a result of the determination of that bureau to ascertain why so many persons can afford automobiles who are not on the tax lists.

Can a man support a family and an automobile on \$2,000 a year or less? If he is a bachelor and owns an automobile can he make ends meet on \$1,000 a year or less?

**Will Have to Answer Questions.** This question will be put to thousands of people in Oregon very soon, and they will have to answer it to the satisfaction of the treasury sleuths or trouble will result. Approximately 25,000 automobile owners in Oregon have failed to "come thru" with income tax returns and the government is curious.

In other words, the government cannot believe that in these days of high prices for gasoline a man can manage so well. For this reason the treasury department is preparing to send out orders to all internal revenue collectors to investigate.

**Dragnet Over Country.** The dragnet is to be thrown all over the country. Altogether 6,353,233 automobiles and trucks are owned in the United States and only 2,146,265 owners have paid income tax.

The cutting in half of the income exemption figures last year, bringing the smaller incomes within the taxable limits, has already increased the work of collecting returns, said one official of the bureau of internal revenue today. "Many automobile owners fall within these new classes and we are going to remind them of their obligation under the law as fast as we can reach them."

New York, Dec. 19.—Liberty bonds quotations: 3 1/2's, 99.18; first 4's, 92.32; second 4's, 91.44; first 4 1/2's, 92.56; second 4 1/2's, 91.52; third 4 1/2's, 92.58; fourth 4 1/2's, 91.56; victory 3 1/2's, 98.92; 4 3/4's, 98.94.

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## McNary Assured Of Bill's Passage

Washington, Dec. 20.—Enactment by congress of legislation to continue government control over sugar during 1920 before the Christmas recess is assured, Senator McNary, republican, Oregon, in charge of the control bill in the senate, announced last night, after a compromise had been reached with opponents of the measure limiting extension of the licensing powers to June 30, 1920.

The compromise proposal, Senator McNary stated, was accepted by the two Louisiana senators, who have been fighting the bill and by other opponents and assurance also was received from house leaders that they would approve the licensing limitation. Under the compromise arrangement it is planned to have the senate pass the bill not later than tomorrow and send it to President Wilson.

The compromise provides for retention of provisions continuing the United States sugar equalization board next year with broad powers for control over sugar prices and distribution. Senate leaders agreed to accept the house amendment limiting the licensing power of the board to June 20, and also the house amendment authorizing the board to seize refiners sugar stocks if necessary.

## PEACE WITH IRISH WORTH HIGH PRICE

Liverpool, Dec. 20.—If there is any possible basis for "reasonable terms of peace" with Ireland, "few things would be too big a price to pay" to achieve it, Andrew Bonar Law, government spokesman, declared in an address here last night.

Bonar Law spoke at a conservative mass meeting shortly after receipt of news of the attempt on the life of Viscount French in Dublin. The attack upon French was particularly significant, declared Law, as it was an indication of the "spirit of certain sections of Ireland," he added. If the attack upon the lord lieutenant was an attempt to intimidate the government, it failed, Bonar Law declared.

"Attempts of this kind will make Great Britain adopt self-determination for Ireland," the government spokesman asserted. Great Britain he said, will be moved by "justice" and not by "intimidation."

## CLEMENCEAU SEEKS TO BE PRESIDENT

London, Dec. 20.—Premier Clemenceau of France has decided definitely to retire from the premiership within two months, it was reported authoritatively today.

From sources close to the "Tiger" it was learned that during the recent conference in London between Clemenceau, Lloyd-George and Scelasio, statements were made that the French premier virtually had decided to accept the presidency.

He has been assured there will be no opposition if he becomes a candidate, according to this information. Clemenceau will not be a "figure-head," it was declared, but will direct the affairs of the French government through the cabinet.

Mrs. Ise Thibodeau, daughter of Herman Ahlers, the first white child born in the upper Necanicum valley, died at Seaside a few days ago.

## VISCOUNT FRENCH RUMOR INJURED BY SINN FEINERS

By George McDonough  
(United Press Staff Correspondent.)  
Dublin, Dec. 20.—The attack yesterday upon Viscount French, lord lieutenant of Ireland, failed because the field marshal's train was two minutes ahead of schedule when it reached Ashdown station, it was learned today.

The lord lieutenant's automobile was fired on from ambush yesterday as he was motoring from the station to the vice regal lodge here.

The attackers, according to information here, had planned to blockade the road near Phoenix Park, so Lord French's automobile would have to be stopped. They expected to draw carts across the road just before the vice regal motor car arrived. This plan, it was said, was frustrated by French's motor car being ahead of time.

There was a persistent rumor that French had been wounded but this could not be verified. The dead member of the attacking party was identified as Martin Savage, a grocer's assistant.

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## FREE WOODCOCK ON MURDER CHARGE

San Francisco, Dec. 20.—Attorneys for Mrs. Alice Harris Woodcock were to make a second attempt today to give bail for the central figure in the "flirt murder" case, following the acquittal of Edgar Woodcock, her husband, on the charge that he murdered Edward Kelly, San Francisco newspaperman.

Shortly after the verdict of acquittal was returned by the jury near midnight, Judge Ward refused to release Mrs. Woodcock on bail. Announcement of the verdict was the signal for a great demonstration on the part of Woodcock's friends. Woodcock shot Kelly after, he alleges, Kelly had tipped his hat to Mrs. Woodcock and had said "Good evening."

Evidence showed that Mrs. Woodcock had told her husband that men insisted on flirting with her and to demonstrate this she preceded Woodcock and a friend down Market street, while Woodcock, armed with a gun, was prepared to punish any stranger who spoke to his wife. Mrs. Woodcock also is charged with murder. Woodcock is a state employee and is a university man. His defense was temporary insanity.

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## Silverton Threatened With Water Famine During Storm

Silverton was almost entirely without water for a short time Saturday.

At the intake of the Silver Creek system the ice formed a dam which prevented the flow of water through the gravity system and the pressure was reduced to about ten pounds in the city. During this time fire broke out in the home of Chas. Webb and continued for a short time. Ready assistance, however, prevented loss by fire, and Superintendent R. B. Mount put men at work on the water system as soon as it was discovered that the pressure was down. Two men are at the intake at present keeping ice removed.

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