

### IRKUTSK IS PLACED UNDER MARTIAL LAW BY CZECHO-SLOVAKS

Irkutsk, Jan. 1.—Irkutsk is in a state of siege. Martial law was declared following an uprising of social revolutionary troops December 24 during which they captured the railway station but were unable to take the city from the Kolchak forces. Order is being preserved by the Czecho-Slovak troops. The Americans in Irkutsk are safe and will be evacuated to Verkhne-Udinsk, 160 miles east of Irkutsk.

### Foreign Nations Send New Year Greetings To America

Washington, Jan. 1.—New Year's greetings from the heads of a number of foreign governments were received today by President Wilson. Messages came from England, Belgium, Luxembourg, Sweden, Italy and several other European countries and from most of the South American republics.

### MAN AND WIFE FOUND DEAD; GAS IS CAUSE

Los Angeles, Cal., Jan. 1.—The bodies of George B. Sinclair, 51, widely known inventor of musical instruments, and his wife, Margaret, 43, were found on the floor in the breakfast room of their spacious home here today. Apparently they had died from inhaling poisonous fumes emitted by a gas heater in an adjoining room. The house was tightly closed and every room was filled with the deadly mixture of gas and air.

A quantity of food was found on the table and the police said an analysis of this would be made to determine whether poison other than gas had not been first employed by a possible murderer.

Sinclair came here about six months ago from Boston where for years he was vice-president of the Choral Cello Manufacturing company of that city.

### POLK DENIES RESIGNATION

Washington, Jan. 1.—Under Secretary of State Polk said today he had no intention of resigning and declined to amplify the statement.

### LOYD GEORGE SAYS ALL MUST WORK TO REBUILD UNIVERSE

London, Jan. 1.—Premier Lloyd George in his New Year's message to Great Britain said: "We bid farewell to the fateful year which witnessed the signing of peace, that is alike a token of victory and a warrant for hope. Whether the New Year shall be rich with promise or laden with despair depends upon ourselves. We have reached the time when a concentrated effort is essential to the rebuilding of the world. "If we quarrel amongst ourselves we impair our strength and retard our progress. But by united action based on common honesty and inspired by a spirit of general good will, the nation will add to the glory achieved in battle in the accomplishment of the great task of restoring the prosperity and well-being of our people."

### Brazilian Foreign Minister Greets People Of United States

Rio Janeiro, Jan. 1.—Azevedo Marques, foreign minister, sends through the Associated Press the following New Year's greetings to the people of the United States: "The minister of state for foreign relations of Brazil greets most cordially the government of the United States in the person of her illustrious president, Mr. Wilson, and sends good wishes to the American people wishing them every happiness of the new year."

Deschutes county tax levy, based on 1919 assessments, will total \$156,098.

### COMMERCIAL CLUB DIRECTORS APPROVE SALESMEN'S LEAGUE

Approval of the rules and regulations of the proposed Salesmen's club, as an auxiliary to the Commercial Club, and the discussion of ways and means of increasing the finances available for the work of the club during the coming year were the principal items of business to come before the board of directors at their regular meet, Wednesday evening. Pointing out that the club would continue to operate on the present scale without further capital, but that more money is an absolute need if the work is to be extended, T. E. McCroskey, manager of the club, urged that some steps be taken to increase the budget and thereby enable the club to extend its activities to meet the demands of a rapidly growing community. The matter of devising a plan to increase the membership of the club was referred to a committee appointed by President Paulus, which will investigate and report at the next meeting of the board. Reporting on the meeting of the State Chamber of Commerce, which completed its sessions in Portland Wednesday, Mr. McCroskey pointed out that Salem was the only club represented by its full delegation and referred to the resolution introduced by Frederick Schmidt, of the local club, requesting advertisers in publications outside of Oregon to append to the ads an invitation to people everywhere to come to Oregon to locate, as being one of the big things approved by the chamber.

### RAIL DEVELOPMENT IS AT STANDSTILL

Chicago, Jan. 1.—Statistics compiled Railway Age show that the year 1919 begins with the development of the railways of the United States nearer a complete standstill than that at any time since the first rail was laid in America. "In the year 1919," says the Railway Age, "the total mileage of new lines built in the United States was 686 miles, the smallest figure ever recorded by this paper. Furthermore it does not represent a net increase in mileage. During the year 489 miles of main line railways were abandoned for operation. Prior to the year 1915 the mileage of the country was steadily increasing, although the rate at which it was increasing had been diminishing for some years and especially since 1910."

### 17-Year-Old Boy Admits Passing Many Bogue Checks

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 1.—Frank P. Silveria, a youth of 17 years, arrested last night here, today confessed, according to the police, to a series of bogus check operations covering a large part of southern California. Silveria, the police stated, admitted passing 6 checks in various cities, including Los Angeles, Santa Barbara, Riverside and towns in Imperial valley and had passed four in this city before being arrested.

### Quarter Indicated For Part In Scheme To Sell Whiskey

New York, Jan. 1.—Federal indictments were returned against four men charging them with an alleged conspiracy to dispose of \$500,000 worth of Green River whiskey. The indictments charge that the men obtained 12,156 cases of whiskey from distillers representing themselves as exporters.

### Carranza Orders Removal Of Mureia From Command

San Antonio, Texas, Jan. 1.—News-papers received here from Saultillo, Mexico, say that President Carranza of Mexico has ordered the removal of General Francisco Mureia from command of the Federal troops in Coahuila and has sent General Manuel Ugazo to relieve him. The removal was ordered, it is said, because Mureia failed to engage Villa in battle after the Musquiz raid.

### O.A.C. FARMERS' WEEK IS WELL ATTENDED

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Jan. 1.—Farmers' week registration continues to grow steadily. Between 400 and 500 farmers are now here and registration is expected to continue apace until the closing session Saturday. Many of the best features of the program are still to come. Eleven states are now represented in the enrollment—Oregon, Washington, California, Idaho, Montana, Kansas, Minnesota, Iowa, Michigan, Illinois and New York. Canada is also shown on the record. Benton county is still in the lead with 135 and Linn comes second with 28. Multnomah has 22, Marion 21 and Yamhill 15.

### Yeggs Take Coin And Much Alcohol In School "Job"

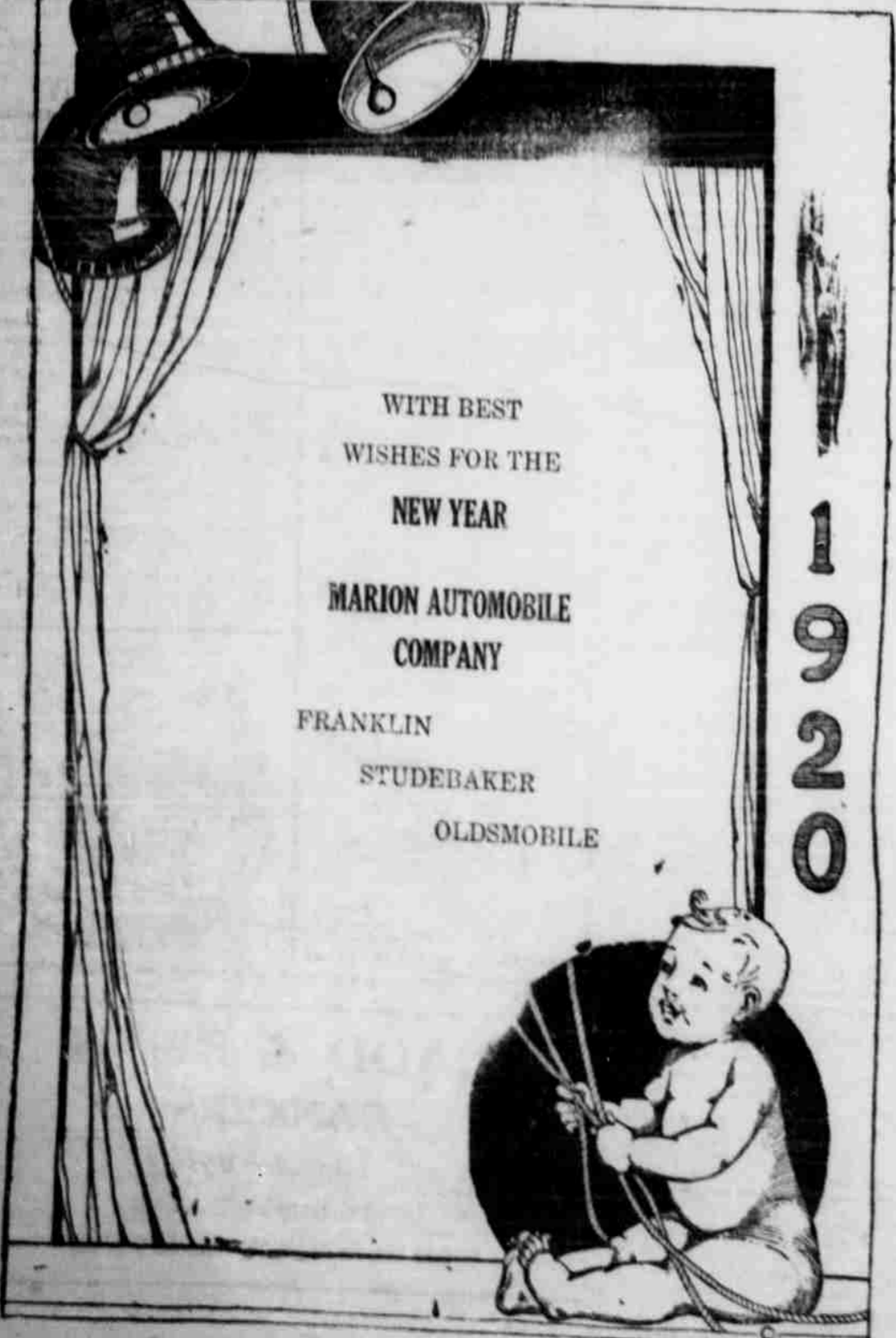
San Francisco, Jan. 1.—Crackmen blew open a safe in the College of Physicians and Surgeons here today, extracted \$400 in coin and negotiable securities and then going into an adjoining room helped themselves to \$500 worth of alcohol, morphine and lynx. They over-looked two other safes holdings hundreds of dollars in coin and currency.

### Hines Predicts Shortage Of Railway Earnings In Nation

Washington, Jan. 1.—A substantial reduction in railroad earnings for November and December has been forecast by Director General Hines. In a resume of conditions resulting from the coal strike, Mr. Hines asserted that losses to the public from the stoppage of miles labor would total millions of dollars.



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### Public Attention

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### Meeting Called In Vienna; Government Is Threatened

Vienna, Jan. 1.—A call has been issued for a general meeting of all the provincial diets to discuss a new constitution and means for forcing the new central government to accede to the demands of the provinces. This is the first such assembly in 120 years, and it is predicted that the outcome will be so greatly at variance with the government attitude that a cabinet crisis may ensue. The issue is far-reaching as regards the autonomy of the various states. Grace L. May of Moro is visiting friends in the capital city for a few days.

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