

Circulation
Average for 1920, 8250.
Population of Salem 1900, 4285;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,879.
Polk county, 1920, 47,177; Polk
county, 14,151.
Member of Audit Bureau of Circu-
lation. Associated Press Full
Lined Wire.

Capital Journal

The Weather
OREGON: Tonight and Friday
rain west, rain or snow east por-
tion, fresh to strong east to south-
east gales.
LOCAL: Temperature, minimum
27, maximum 39, set 38. Partly
cloudy, south winds. River 9.4 feet
falling.

Salem, Oregon, Thursday, December 16, 1920

Price Three Cents

Four New Countries Admitted to Nations' League

Budget Cut Advocated by Mondell

Washington, Dec. 15.—Urging economy in appropriations and government expenses during the fiscal year in order to reduce the tax burden, Representative Mondell, of Wyoming, today declared in the house that the total estimate of the budget submitted by the president should be reduced by approximately \$1,400,000. This reduction, he said, should be effected chiefly by a drastic cutting down in estimates for army, navy and sundry civil service, the total of which, he estimated, exceeded current appropriations by more than \$914,000.

Secretary Administration. Mondell's administration of the unbalanced income tax in the estimates submitted to the president and the secretary of the treasury, Mr. Mondell declared, would "leave it to the public to properly characterize these estimates after the war."

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Church Dome Falls; 2 Buried

Long Beach, Cal., Dec. 15.—The dome of the new First Christian church, under construction here, fell today, just after most of the workmen had left for lunch. A large number of workmen were employed on the construction but only fifteen were indoors when the crash came. Thirteen of these were soon extricated. The missing two, Walter Nichols and Josemer Rioz, were believed to have been buried in the wreckage. The church was to have cost \$250,000.

British Censoring All Cable Messages Sent To America Is Charge

Washington, Dec. 15.—All American cable messages leaving Great Britain are being held up for examination by the British naval intelligence authorities, Newcomb H. Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company, testified today before a special senate committee investigating cables and the advisability of legislative action affecting them.

Bulletins

Paris, Dec. 15.—Andre Lefevre, war minister, resigned today as a result of his opposition to the new military service bill before the chamber of deputies, which provides for eighteen month obligatory military service. M. Lefevre had insisted upon two years service with the colors.

Prosecution of Miss Brainerd Is Withdrawn

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15.—An agreement has been reached between Prosecutor W. D. Ashken and attorneys for Miss Betty Brainerd whereby George T. Stagg is to surrender and the case against Miss Brainerd dropped. It was announced by Captain J. S. Strickland today.

Gangsters Goes On Trial Today; Crowds Barred

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—Edmond (Spud) Murphy, pugilist, went to trial here today on a statutory charge preferred by Miss Jesse Montgomery and other girls growing out of alleged attacks on young women in San Francisco.

Still Taken In Mt. Angel Raid

Twenty five gallons of mash, a still in operation and, according to reports, the alleged operator, Hugo Mayhoffer, 45, were the toll of a raid of Mayhoffer's farm near Mt. Angel last night.

Naval Heroes Are Rewarded

New York, Dec. 15.—Secretary Daniels of the navy has rewarded Captain E. D. Swinney, Robert A. McWilliams, second engineer, and W. G. Grace, chief engineer, of the U. S. S. General George W. Goetz, who assisted in rescuing the crew of the submarine E-3 which was disabled off Cape Espirito Santo, September, Swinney and McWilliams received binoculars and Grace a gold watch.

Earthquake Disturbance Is Recorded

Washington, Dec. 15.—An unusually severe earthquake, estimated to be 2800 miles in a easterly direction from Washington, was recorded early today on the seismograph at Georgetown university.

Location Indefinite

Chicago, Dec. 15.—An earthquake, the severest recorded here in two years, was registered on the seismograph at Chicago University today. The disturbance was estimated at 3984 miles from Chicago.

Seattle Feels Shock

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 15.—An earthquake shock so severe that it temporarily put out of commission two instruments, was recorded on seismographs at the University of Washington here today. The disturbance, estimated by Dean Henry Landis of the school of science to have centered about 2800 miles in a easterly direction from Seattle, began at 4:24 a. m. and reached its maximum intensity at 4:48 when two recording needles were displaced.

Sisson League Head; Business Men Hear Talk

At a meeting at which Edward A. McLean, secretary of the Oregon State Retailers' association, was the chief speaker, B. E. Sisson, of the Miller Mercantile company, was last night chosen president of the Salem Business Men's league by virtue of which office he will also become a director in the Commercial club.

Outsiders Use Salem Schools Without Fees

Are the persons who move into Salem to send their children to school, citizens of Turner, or where else they come from? Should persons coming to Salem to send their children to school, while they claim residence in some other place be permitted to avoid paying the tuition fees charged by Salem schools as those who live out of Salem and attend school by commuting?

Ingorsoll Found Guilty of First Degree Murder

Klamath Falls, Ore., Dec. 15.—Gilbert T. Ingorsoll was convicted last night by a jury in the circuit court here of murder in the first degree, for the alleged slaying of Henry Spoehler at Dairy, Ore., last July. Ingorsoll admitted the killing but pleaded that he shot Spoehler in defense of the reputation of Mrs. Ingorsoll.

American Ambassador Refuses To Meet Envoy Of Germany At Dinner

Paris, Dec. 15.—Hugh C. Wallace, the American ambassador, last night refused to meet Wilhelm Mayer Von Kaufmann, the German ambassador, because the United States still is technically at war with Germany.

Anti-Strike Measure Passes Senate, Heavy Penalties Provided

Washington, Dec. 15.—The Poindexter anti-strike bill was passed today by the senate without debate or a record vote. The measure, which now goes to the house, provides that interferences with interstate commerce shall be a felony.

Reporter Seeks Four Hours for Courteous Man

Chicago, Dec. 15.—A reporter with \$50 provided by his newspaper to be given to the first man who offered his seat to the reporter's companion, an elderly woman carrying a large market basket, rode Chicago elevated and surface cars for four hours yesterday before getting rid of the money.

Proudly Innocent of Animal Cruelty Charge, Says Jury

A verdict of not guilty was returned by a jury which yesterday afternoon considered the evidence in the case of M. F. Proudly of this city, charged with cruelty to animals. No evidence of food or shelter was found in the field which in the field which a horse owned by Mr. Proudly was found dead recently.

Is Christmas Spirit Waning? Increase In Mails Seems Lacking

Washington, Dec. 15.—Whether the people of the country are ignoring the "small early" slogan of the postoffice or have experienced a strong subsidence of the Christmas spirit of giving is a question over which the department today expressed considerable concern.

Closed Sunday Law Proposed For Woodburn

Woodburn, Ore., Dec. 15.—Subsequent to the presentation of a petition to the council at the regular meeting in December calling for an ordinance intended to close motion picture houses and theaters on Sunday, a bill for an ordinance was submitted at an adjourned meeting of the council on Tuesday night, which, if adopted, will close all places of business in the city on Sunday, including confectionery stores and cigar stands.

LOCAL POSTOFFICE HAS HEAVY CHRISTMAS RUSH

According to Postmaster Hackett, Christmas parcels being mailed from Salem have increased the duties of the postoffice employees over 50 per cent.

Young Presents Tariff Measure

Washington, Dec. 15.—To give quick relief to those suffering from a flood of importations, Representative Young, republican, North Dakota, today introduced an emergency tariff bill effective for twelve months and assessing heavy duties on agricultural products. He said this would replace an emergency tariff which expired on December 31.

Tacoma Woman Kills Husband; Axe Is Weapon

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 15.—Albert Scurry, 41, barber, 41, was killed by his wife early this morning. Mrs. Scurry called the police, who found the husband dead from a blow on the side of the head. The wife was taken to the city jail, where she said, according to the police, that she had struck her husband with an axe following a quarrel. She declared she did not intend to kill him, and explained that she was wrought up into great anger because her husband objected to his stepdaughter attending a social function last night. Police are inclined to believe that Scurry was struck as he lay asleep in bed. Coroner G. D. Shaver found a fractured skull caused death.

Luxembourg, Finland Bulgaria and Costa Rica Granted Membership

Geneva, Dec. 15.—Four new nations were made members of the league of nations by the assembly of the league here. They were Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxembourg. France and Australia abstained from voting when the admission of Bulgaria was before the assembly for decision.

Chappell Back; Owes Company Nothing, Claim

That he has nothing to say concerning his connection with the Silver King Mining company at the present time, was the statement of C. M. Chappell, former stock salesman of the company, who returned to Salem yesterday. Chappell disappeared from Salem about the middle of October and was not heard from by Salem acquaintances for several weeks.

Railroad Man Urges Law To Curb Motorists

A law requiring automobiles, trucks and all other vehicles to come to a full stop at railroad crossings unless protected, is urged by L. E. Howard of Albany, Southern Pacific engineer in a letter to Governor Olcott. Such a law, Howard declares, would reduce grade crossing accidents by 25 per cent.

Church Choir To Present Xmas Program Tonight

The choir of the First Methodist church here for the direction of Professor E. W. Hobson, will present a program of Christmas music tonight. The program will be as follows:

Woman Gets 5 Year Term for Manslaughter

Corvallis, Ore., Dec. 15.—Mrs. Inez Peters, who pleaded guilty in the circuit court here last Monday to a charge of manslaughter in the shooting of Frank Selts of Toledo, Ore., was today sentenced to serve a term of five years imprisonment in the state penitentiary at Salem.

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