

Capital Journal

Circulation

Average for 1920, 5250.
Population of Salem 1900, 4253;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,879.
Marion County 1920, 47,177; Polk
county, 14,181.
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The Weather

OREGON: Tonight and Sunday
rain, fresh to strong easterly winds.
LOCAL: Minimum temperature
37, maximum 43, set 41. Rainfall,
.40. River 6.5, falling.

Salem, Oregon, Saturday, December 18, 1920

Price Three Cents

Rate Bonus for Veterans To Be Asked

Proposal for Home
loan or Monthly
pend to go Before
Legislature

Oregon, Dec. 18.—State
legislation which will offer the al-
lance of a \$2000 farm or home
loan or a monthly pension of \$15
per month of service
of the war veterans will be
introduced by the American Legion,
chapter 1438, at its next session.
The legislation, introduced by
the state executive
committee in Portland,
and announced today,
provides that the amount of the
loan to be referred by referen-
dum to the people at the next elec-
tion, should be \$2000 for a home
loan, and \$15 per month of service
for the pension. The legislature
is expected to meet at
Portland on December 22.
The legislature will also
be asked to amend the law
governing the award of
land to veterans, so that
the amount of land to be
awarded shall be in
accordance with the
provisions of the state law.
The state law providing
for the award of land to
veterans is expected to
be passed at the present
session of the legislature.

New York Cops Organized To Combat Crime

New York, Dec. 18.—While
the police department was
announcing adoption of two
regulation steps to block
the city's crime wave, hand-
held by two jewelers' mes-
sengers in Brooklyn today,
valuing \$10,000 worth of gems
and a \$2000 payroll.

Big Vessel In Distress Calls For Assistance

Montreal, Dec. 18.—Listing so
badly that her hatch combines
were washed down, the
steamer Chicago City today
sent out a call for immediate
assistance. She reported her position
as off the Newfoundland banks, a
thousand miles east of Halifax.

O'Brien Killed Self Is Report Of Authorities

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 18.—A
statement that Lieutenant Pat
O'Brien, officer of the royal flying
corps in the world, was found dead
last night in a downtown hotel, had
committed suicide was filed today
by the investigation. It was stated
that the investigation was closed and
there would be no inquest.
Lieutenant O'Brien was found with
a bullet wound in his forehead and
an army pistol in his side. Police
said he had tried and failed to ef-
fect a reconciliation with his wife,
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to effect a reconciliation with his
wife, a motion picture actress,
from whom he had separated.
A note in O'Brien's hand-
writing, addressed to his wife,
admitted to his wife, said another
woman "has broken up my home
and take you from me," also that
the woman "caused this life of
mine, that just a few minutes ago
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Electric Rail Lines Free Of Rule by Board

Railroad Labor Bur-
eau Decides it Has
No Jurisdiction Over
Interurbans

Chicago, Dec. 18.—The United
States railroad labor board handed
down a decision today interpreting
the Esch-Cummings transportation
act to mean that the board does
not have jurisdiction over any in-
terurban or electric lines.
Appeals from employees on var-
ious electric lines, asking the board
to hear their grievances, were de-
nied.
Arguments in the case were
heard several months ago. Mem-
bers of the board stated at the time
they held their belief that, regardless
of which side won, the matter would
be appealed to the United States su-
preme court for interpretation of
the transportation act.
The decision was rendered in
cases brought by the sixteen rail-
way brotherhoods against eleven
electric lines, whose employees have
joined the recognized organizations
of steam road employees. The roads
involved included the Spokane &
Eastern Railway & Power Com-
pany, Fort Dodge, Des Moines &
Southern railroad; Pacific Electric
Railway company, and Denver &
Interurban railroad.

Steiner Turns Over Escheat Money, Friday

The sum of \$231,19 in escheat
money was turned over to the state
treasury, Friday by Dr. R. E. Lee
Steiner, superintendent of the state
hospital for the insane. This fund
represents money left at the insti-
tution by patients who have died
or eloped within the last six
months, leaving no trace of relatives.
The turn-over is made every
six months, the fund going to the
common school fund.

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Bulletins

Dallas, Texas, Dec. 18.—The
trustees of the Magnolia Pe-
troleum company, at a meet-
ing here today ordered paid
December 28, the \$300,000
authorized capital stock in-
crease heretofore unissued,
to the stockholders of the com-
pany as a 100 per cent stock
dividend.

New League Members In Seats Today

Geneva, Dec. 18.—The first
assembly of the league of na-
tions, which has been in ses-
sion here since November 15,
adjourned its sessions this eve-
ning.

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'Frisco Mining Man Murdered Across Boarder

Washington, Dec. 13.—John Ber-
na, an American mining man,
of San Francisco, was killed about
November 29, in the state of Mex-
ico, Mexico, according to infor-
mation received today by the state
department from the American em-
bassy at Mexico City.

Murphy Denies He Was Present In Vice Shack

San Francisco, Dec. 18.—Ed-
mond (Spud) Murphy, pugilist and
alleged criminal gangster, attempt-
ed to prove in his trial here today
on a charge of attacking Miss Jen-
sie Montgomery, here that he was
not present when the attack was
said to have been committed.
He quibbled through what the
defense termed "defensive alibi"
testimony that the girl and her
companion, Miss Jean Stanley, for-
merly of Portland, another alleged
attack victim, were mistaken in
their identification of him. Mrs.
Murphy, wife of the defendant, was
called upon to substantiate this
testimony.
The Montgomery girl testified
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Stagg Is Given Jail Sentence For Kidnaping

Tacoma, Wash., Dec. 18.—George
T. Stagg, former Tacoma and Se-
aside newspaperman, at noon today
appeared before Superior Judge
John D. Fletcher and pleaded
guilty to kidnaping his son, Bobby
Stagg, on September 14.
Stagg was sentenced to the state
penitentiary for a term of from 10
to 15 years. The case against Miss
Betty Brainerd, charged as an ac-
complice in the kidnaping, was dis-
missed by Judge Fletcher.

12-Year-Old Girl Hit by Car Today

Twelve-year-old Clara Howard,
1277 Marion street, sustained injury
this morning when she was struck
and knocked from the bicycle she
was riding by an automobile driven
by P. F. Stohlbeis, route 4. Wit-
nesses said that the accident was
unavoidable.
Miss Howard was struck by the
car when she crossed to avoid an-
other automobile as she was riding
east on State street. Suddenly
swerving in front of the Stohlbeis
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Staple Foodstuffs Are Slated For Protection By Tariff Bill Framers

Washington, Dec. 18.—In its first step toward enactment
of the emergency tariff, the house ways and means commit-
tee today tentatively agreed to place high import duties on
wheat, corn, wool and wool clothing, beans, potatoes, peanuts,
onions, sheep and cattle and mutton and lamb meat.

Tax Valuation Showing Loss, Reveals Gain

Marion county valuations of tax-
able property this year, although
showing a decrease of \$509,538, is
representative of a \$568,462 gain
over last year. The loss of auto-
mobile property valuation in the
county amounted to \$529,000 and
the state tax commission lowered
the valuation on the county public
utilities \$249,000.

Rumley Guilty of Using Enemy Money, Verdict

New York, Dec. 18.—Dr. Edward
A. Rumley, former publisher of
the New York Evening Mail and
S. Walter Kaufman and Norwin
Lindheim, his co-defendants, were
acquitted by a jury here today on
three counts of an indictment
charging conspiracy to withhold
from the government knowledge
of the alleged German ownership
of the paper, and found guilty on
two counts.
The finding of not guilty was on
counts alleging that the German
government owned actual shares
of the newspapers stock, while the
verdict of guilty was on that part
of the indictment which alleged
that the defendants had borrowed
money from German sources with
which to conduct the paper.

2 Accused of Speeding Pay \$10; 3 Forfeit

R. W. Peyree and Clifford Wil-
son, two of five men arrested
Friday afternoon by Officer Verden
M. Moffitt, appeared before
Police Judge Earl Rice this after-
noon and pleaded guilty to charges
of speeding their automobiles.
Each was fined \$10.
R. N. Burrows, R. E. Ide and L.
Earley forfeited \$10 bond each,
when they failed to appear at 2
o'clock to answer to like charges.
Ide was arrested for speeding
on North Capitol street between
Union and Market streets; Wil-
son was charged with speeding on
the Fairgrounds road; Burrows
and Peyree on Capitol between Union
and D.

French Are Not Particular How Huns Pay Debt

Paris, Dec. 17.—Premier Levlignu
replied today to an interpellation
in the chamber of deputies concern-
ing the clamor and reparations
said:
"The French representatives at
Brussels have been given clear and
concise instructions. France is not
desirous of compelling Germany to
pay her reparations in gold marks.
France asks only the execution of
the peace treaty within reasonable
limits without Germany's debt be
paid in gold or goods matters not,
so long as the debt is paid.
"We do not wish France to an-
nounce before the world as a nation
which abuses its strength. Propaganda
is going on, especially in the
United States, to picture France as
a militarist and imperialist power.
Against such propaganda France
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conciliating attitude."

Report Shows Retail Prices of Foods Lower

Washington, Dec. 18.—A further
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food prices in November as com-
pared with October was reported
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bureau of statistics. The greatest
decrease, five per cent, was shown
in Memphis.

Heights Club Will Give Xmas Program

An interesting, old-fashioned
Christmas program to be given at
the community hall on Salem
Heights next Thursday night, is
promoted by members of the Salem
Heights Progressive club which
laid plans for the entertainment at
a meeting held Thursday after-
noon.

Mine Closes Down Salt Lake City, Utah, Dec. 18.—