

Average for 1920, 5350. Population of Salem 1900, 4258; 1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679. Marion County 1920, 47,177; Polk county, 14,181. Member of Audit Bureau of Circulation. Associated Press Full Licensed Wire.

Capital Journal

OREGON: Tonight and Friday rain west, probably rain or snow east portion; moderate easterly winds.

LOCAL: Maximum temperature 50, minimum 34, set 37. Rainfall trace. River 8.6, falling.

Salem, Oregon, Thursday, December 23, 1920

Price Three Cents

Finances of Government Run Short

Secretary Houston Estimates Deficit of Past Year at Over Two Billion

Washington, Dec. 23.—A gross deficiency in national fiscal transactions of \$2,100,000,000 this fiscal year and \$1,500,000,000 for the next fiscal year were forecast today by Secretary Houston in testimony before the senate finance committee, which is considering the war revenue bill.

Bolshevik Aim At Destruction Of Tiny Nation

Tiflis, Dec. 21.—Russian bolshevik forces appear to be concentrating for a campaign which will eliminate the republic of Georgia from the map of the Caucasus region. Heavy bolshevik forces have been concentrated at Tsupse, a port on the eastern shore of the Black sea and at Gagra, a port still further to the southeast toward the Georgian frontier. Other bolshevik detachments are reported at Kank, southeast of Tiflis, where the Tenth bolshevik army, which has been operating along the Armenian frontier, is said to have passed through Karakits, moving toward the Georgian republic.

Fordney Tariff Measure Wins On House Vote

Washington, Dec. 23.—Over the protest of a defiant minority, the house last night adopted the Fordney emergency tariff bill by a vote of 195 to 85. The vote was taken at 8:45 o'clock, after eight hours of debate.

Greek Minister Named, Report to United States

Athens, Dec. 23.—Dr. Sicilianos head of the political bureau of the foreign office said today he had been nominated minister to the United States. He stated that he would go to America early in January and possibly would be accompanied by the Princess Anastasia, who before her marriage to Prince Christopher of Greece was Miss William B. Leeds of New York.

Farmer Murders Wife and Three Babies, Then Self

York, N.H., Dec. 23.—Carl E. Nicholson, a farmer living near here, killed his wife and three children with a hammer last night and then ended his own life by slaying himself with a razor. Bodies of the victims were not found until this morning.

Burglar Alarm Proves Undoing of Deaf Thieves

Scranton, Pa., Dec. 23.—New currency displayed on two illuminated Christmas trees in windows of the First National bank at the most prominent business corner of the city, attracted thieves just before day-break today. They hurled stones through the windows and gathered up the bills indifferently to the burglar alarm loudly clanging over their heads.

Four Victims Of Disaster Found Buried Rescuers Uncover Bodies of Men Entombed When Roof of Mine Collapses

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 23.—The bodies of four men, entombed by a cave-in at the Slope mine of the Pacific Coast Coal company at Black Diamond, Wash., yesterday were recovered by rescue gangs today after more than twelve hours of digging.

Growers Feast Upon Mistland Prune Dishes

The quarterly meeting of the directors of the Oregon Growers Cooperative association were held today at the offices of the association on the fifth floor of the Masonic Temple.

McCarthy Urged To Keep Office in Baseball League

Sacramento, Cal., Dec. 23.—Seymour Jones, president of the baseball league, urged today that William H. McCarthy of San Francisco retain the presidency of the Pacific Coast baseball league which he resigned last week and refused to accept after he had been re-elected at an increased salary.

Hi Grads Speak At Homecoming This Afternoon

Several graduates of the Salem high school this afternoon addressed the annual homecoming assembly held in the school's auditorium. An elaborate program was given.

D'Annunzio Says War State Exists

Rome, Dec. 23.—D'Annunzio has proclaimed that a state of war exists between his Fiume government and Italy and has forbidden the population of Fiume to leave the city, says a Rome dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph quoting official advice.

Whole-hearted Response of Salemites Necessary to Insure Christmas Cheer For Needy Tots; Toy Demand Greatest

A gratifying response to yesterday's appeal for food, clothing and money for the Salvation Army last evening and this morning, but more food, more clothes, and a great many more toys must be had if Christmas for Salem's needy families is to be all that the name traditionally implies.

Who's Got a Doll for Mary?

Toys—cheap, expensive, homemade or bought—a sawdust-stuffed doll that will make three-year-old Mary B. happy long after the holiday season is gone, and a gun with which four-year-old Jimmy S. can kill Indians—new toys, old toys, any kind of toys are wanted by the Salvation Army for Salem's poor children.

Auto Plunges Over Grade; Three Killed

Hoguen, Wash., Dec. 23.—Three men are dead and three are in the hospital following an accident in which an auto stage went into the Humptulps river on a bridge 20 miles north of here today.

Senator Urges Abolition of War Insurance

Washington, Dec. 23.—A sweeping "reconstructive" program for the next administration, to effect a return to "constitutional government" and to place the public administration on a "business like and efficient" basis, as advocated in an address in the senate today by Senator Frelinghuysen, republican of New Jersey.

Little Graves by the Hundred Thousands—Unless Help Comes

Washington, Dec. 23.—"Thirty two villages were thus wantonly destroyed and the destruction still continues notwithstanding the regrets expressed by Colonel Mizumachi, head of the Japanese military mission at Chientoo to a Canadian missionary who visited the devastated districts."

European Relief Council Make check payable to F. G. Deckebach, Chairman

Marion County Committee, Salem, Oregon Please find enclosed my contribution as part of America's Christmas Gift to the Starving Children of Europe.

Chamberlain to Be Operated On

Washington, Dec. 23.—Physicians attending Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who has been ill in a hospital here since early in the week, decided today that an operation would be performed. It was said, either tomorrow or Saturday.

Slayer of Policeman Is Lynched

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 23.—Tom W. Vickery, a white man held on a charge of murder in connection with the killing Monday night of Policeman Jeff C. Couch, was taken from the county jail here shortly after midnight by a mob and hanged. Several shots were fired into his body.

Japs Charged With Atrocities Rivaling Hun Acts in Belgium

Washington, Dec. 23.—A statement charging Japanese military authorities with deeds more "frightful and barbarous" than anything ever alleged to have occurred in Belgium during the war was issued here today by the Korean commission, based, the commission said, on authentic reports received by it from Manchuria.

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Bank Finances Short \$100,000; Cashier Is Held

Plentywood, Mont., Dec. 23.—The Sheridan County State bank of Plentywood was closed and Charles J. Reiber, the cashier, was taken away today, charged with making false reports to the state banking department.

Officials in charge of the bank, according to the county attorney, have found shortages in excess of \$100,000.