

1920, 2250.
Population of Salem 1900, 4252;
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,679.
Polk
County 1920, 47,177; Polk
County, 14,181.
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Salem, Oregon, Tuesday, January 25, 1921

OREGON: Tonight and Wednes-
day rain west; rain or snow east
portion, fresh easterly winds.
LOCAL: Rainfall .05; northerly
winds; cloudy; maximum 51, min-
imum 34, set 36; river 5.2 feet and
falling.

Price Three Cents

American-Japanese Controversy Reported Ended

School Described More Dangerous Than Klamath Hotel

and incorrigible girl
the state are housed in
school for girls under
conditions for more
obtained in either the
hotel at Klamath
which five lives were lost
in fire in which four
were burned to death.
ment by Horace Sykes
the fire marshal's office
members of the joint ways
committee up standing
Monday night.

State Is Blamed

had never seen fit to
the funds which these
could be corrected, re-
George McMath of
who added that she had
number of a committee
investigative conditions
school four years ago and
called attention to these
in a report filed with
and secretary of state
insisted that no such re-
view come to his atten-
tion for one he
stool ready to safe-
wards of the state to the
of the state's finances.

Super Company Plans \$100,000 Extension During Coming Year

of the stockholders
Palo & Paper com-
yesterday. President
Leadbetter recommended
as funds were avail-
company develop their
plans situated on Mill
Mr. Leadbetter went on to
of great value
in addition to an
of about twenty acres in
of the city it has ex-
ownership in the Santiam
together with mill
which the city on which
to spend a large sum
the dish will develop
the horsepower and as
at present having over 35
months for our pres-
of our present
of the mill, it can be
of \$5000 a month
of \$100,000
Leadbetter further recom-
that a third machine be in-

Georgia Town Swept By Flames; Damage Totals \$2,000,000

Athens, Ga., Jan. 25.—Fire which for a time threatened the entire business section early today and destroyed one city block and damaged buildings on adjoining squares caused a property loss of approximately two million dollars, according to Selig Bernstein, president of the People's Bank and owner of a number of the buildings destroyed.

Combine In Lumber Held Impossible

Milwaukee, Wis., Jan. 25.—"It would be practically an impossibility for the National Lumber Manufacturers association or any other organization to control either the output or the prices of lumber if they should attempt to do so," according to O. T. Swan, Oshkosh, Wis., secretary of the Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers association, which will hold its annual convention here January 27, in reply to a query from the convention division, Milwaukee Association of Commerce. "There are some forty thousand mills in the United States," said Mr. Swan. "They are in active competition. The southern states and north middle states are in competition with the west. Lumber from the south, west and north all meet here in active competition. "It is understood that the data compiled by the federal trade commission was secured about a year ago and it is based upon a period when lumber, in common with every other commodity, was on a constantly increasing upward grade. Relative supply and demand did it. "That it was purely an economic adjustment is amply proved by the fact that lumber was the first of the great commodities to fall in price levels of several years ago. "Lumber has declined during the last few months from forty to sixty percent for houses have shown the same decline so that today no one need hesitate about building a home on account of the lumber and milk work.

2 Insulted Her Woman Asserts; Costs Each \$10

What will probably be the end of a five-cornered tilt which began in the Oregon Electric station, came yesterday afternoon when C. L. Pherneton and L. E. Kohler, of this city, failed to appear at the police station and forfeited \$10 each. Both were charged with disorderly conduct. "Both indignant, on the verge of tears, pretty Mrs. C. K. Eslow, 330 S. Commercial street, appeared at the police station Sunday night in company with her father and husband. And there, before Pherneton and Kohler, who had been previously escorted to the station by Officer Brown, the story came out.

Schwab Denies Charge With Tears In Eyes

New York, Jan. 15.—Positive denial that any part of the \$250,000 voucher, made out for expenses of Charles M. Schwab for the month of October, 1918, was ever charged to ship construction was made today by S. A. Shick, general auditor of the Bethlehem Steel corporation, before the Walsh congressional committee investigating affairs of the Shipping Board. "Tears came to the eyes of Charles M. Schwab, steel magnate, when he reappeared today at the Walsh committee investigating shipping board affairs to give further testimony regarding his \$250,000 expense voucher which, it has been alleged, was charged to the government. "In a choking voice he told the committee of a meeting he had had with Percy Morse, head of the auditing firm claiming to have found the voucher, after Mr. Morse had testified regarding the discovery, and Mr. Schwab had denied receiving anything from the government.

Two Boys Shot In Enforcement of Curfew Laws

Cork, Jan. 25.—Two boys were wounded, one of whom later died, when troopers enforcing the curfew laws fired at some persons in the vicinity of Shandon street last evening, presumably because they failed to halt when challenged. The curfew, according to the new arrangements begins at 5 p.m.

Starting February 1, the company will pay up back dividends on preferred stock. As yet no dividends have been paid to any stockholders. The following men were re-elected as officers: F. W. Leadbetter, president; Chas. K. Spaulding, vice-president; William S. Walton, treasurer; Roy H. Mills, secretary; Joseph Kaster, superintendent and general manager; L. L. Leadbetter, Frank Andrew and Walter L. Spaulding, directors. New directors elected were E. S. Collins, a lumberman of Portland, John H. McNary and Joseph Baker.

Austria Holds Attention Of Allied Heads

Paris, Jan. 25.—After rejecting today a proposal to turn the Austrian financial problem over to the league of nations, the allied supreme council decided to appoint a commission to make a thorough inquiry into the economic situation in Europe with particular reference to Austria.

Danger of Collapse of Present Government and Rise of Radicals Realized

Paris, Jan. 25.—Conditions in Austria, which are described as "critical," were considered by the supreme allied council, in session here today. The possibility of an utter collapse of the Austrian government with the attendant danger of anarchy and bolshevism, has been before heads of allied cabinets for several weeks and the necessity of stabilizing affairs and giving Austria a chance to work out her destiny was appreciated. While the representatives of Great Britain, Italy, Belgium and Japan examined reports on the situation centering about Vienna, allied military experts were engaged in formulating a report on the disarmament of Germany and studying recommendations for the execution of German engagements in this particular. It was expected that a settlement of the disarmament question would be quickly realized but French newspapers assert that wide divergences of opinion developed between Premier Lloyd-George, Premier Briand and the allied experts.

House Rejects Three Measures

In the house this morning three bills were killed by indefinite postponement. One was laid on the table, two others referred back to committee, three House bills passed including the bill authorizing the sale of the state prison, flax plant, the new game code made special order for tomorrow afternoon and a dozen new bills filed.

Recall Petitions Filed at Dallas

Dallas, Or., Jan. 25.—Unless County Judge A. B. Robinson resigns by the end of the week the recall election directed against him will be called. The petitions calling for the recall of Judge Robinson, bearing the names of 77 legally registered voters, were filed with the county clerk Monday. Only 784 signatures, required to call the election. Judge Robinson was notified Monday by the county clerk that the recall petitions had been filed and that unless he resigned within five days the recall election would be ordered.

Men Each Other for Smash

E. B. Gilmore, of Fruitland, and C. B. Murray, of Amity, are accusing each other of being responsible for a collision yesterday in which their cars figured. Gilmore, according to the report made yesterday to police, attempted to pass behind Murray when Murray essayed to back his car into a Commercial street garage. The Gilmore car was not sufficient to clear the garage and the crash resulted. "Sign damage was done to both cars, but nobody was reported injured.

in 1921 The Capital Journal gained 100 percent in number and lines of Want Ads over the number carried in 1919 The Capital Journal Dominates the Field because it gets results.

Alameda Selected As Site of Naval Base for Pacific Fleet By Congressional Committee

Washington, Jan. 25.—Alameda, on San Francisco bay, understood to have been selected by the joint congressional committee as the site for them an naval fleet base on the Pacific coast. San Diego is the committee's choice for the principal aviation base and San Pedro for the destroyer base. Establishment of another aviation base on the north coast at Sand Point, Wash., also will be recommended. The committee's regulations are expected to be announced formally later this week. They will include several minor bases on the Pacific coast. Alameda was selected for the main fleet base in competition with Mare Island, where the navy yard now is located and two other cities on San Francisco bay. The navy board, it was said, recommended Alameda for the main base because of several advantages it was said to have over Mare Island and Hunter's Point, including that of deeper water. The committee's decisions are not final, and do not involve abandonment of the Mare Island navy yard which under committee plans would be retained for the accommodation of small vessels.

People Robbed of Billion And Half By Coal Barons

Washington, Jan. 25.—The opinion that the American people were "muled" of a billion and half dollars last year by the men in the coal trade was expressed today by Senator Calder, republican, New York, who was a witness before the senate committee considering his bill for federal regulation of the coal industry.

Cause of \$8,500 Fire In Deserted Building Here Today Mystifies

Wool waste, burlap, sacks and automobile trailers went up in smoke and fire, and a building was burned to a state of worthlessness when a blaze broke out shortly before noon today in a store house located on State street between Front and Commercial, in which goods owned by H. Steinbock and Watt Shipp were stored. That the building is a total wreck, but that he cannot say at the present time whether or not he will rebuild, were statements of Frank Meredith, owner of the wooden structure. Mr. Meredith purchased the building about three weeks ago from the Jory estate. Origin is Mystery What caused the fire to break out in the building, said to have been unoccupied when the blaze was first discovered by G. W. Day, is the puzzle confronting the fire department. Mr. Meredith and Albert Steinbock, son of H. Steinbock, the elder Steinbock went to Portland last night, his son stated, and had not returned this afternoon. A few seconds after the conflagration had been reported the structure was a mass of flames. Fear fell when the fire first broke out that it might spread to the Overland automobile garage on the left, and the Capital City Transfer company, which the fire department shortly after it had arrived. Three of the fire trucks had hose laid from several hydrants within a few minutes after the blaze had been reported. Two windows smashed in the Overland garage, and the Capital City Transfer company, the damage done outside of the wooden building. Crowd Gets Thrill Only \$500 insurance is carried on the building which he valued at \$1000. Mr. Meredith stated, Young Steinbock estimated the contents of the storehouse to be worth \$7500, and stated that the wool, sacks and burlap would be almost a total loss. Some insurance, but not sufficient to cover the damage, was carried, he stated. Ten or twelve automobile trailers, stored in the building by Watt Shipp sustained about \$200 damage, Mr. Shipp said. A thrill of excitement ran through the large crowd of spectators at the fire when, shortly after the water began to play on the building, the front of the structure crumpled backward and gave evidence of caving in on the several firemen fighting inside. Serious injury to some of the firemen would likely have resulted had the building collapsed. Cross Hose, Arrested Three motorists were arrested and later released for driving their machines over the fire hose. They were J. M. Clark, O. Flood and E. Laduke, Pleading ignorance of the law, they were released at the police station after they had been reprimanded. The fire today was the second one of considerable size within the last 24 hours. The home of Emory Thompson, 1525 North Capital street, a street car employe, was burned to the ground yesterday afternoon about 4 o'clock. But little furniture was saved. Flame had enveloped the house before the fire department could arrive, it was stated.

Beck Goes On Witness Stand In Own Behalf

Taking the stand in his own behalf, Truxton Beck, charged with shooting John Frohman on the night of January 14, 1920, denied the testimony of witnesses placed on the stand yesterday afternoon and this morning. Holly Bunn, star witness for the state, was placed on the stand late yesterday afternoon and testified that on the night of the shooting he had met Beck and Russell Crossman in a local pool hall and had joined them in an attempt to steal some wine from a house where Crossman had said he had had a drink. On the way out to the house, according to Bunn, Beck had pulled out a gun and said that he was going to "stick up" a man who had been following some distance in the rear. Upon this Beck and Russell walked away, Beck and Russell half a block had turned and saw the flash and heard the report of a gun. Shortly after this Beck and Crossman caught up with him and were having a stormy argument over the alleged shooting. Bunn said that the next morning he had seen Beck and asked him why he had held the gun up, and Beck had told him that he was needed the money for a drink and Beck had asked him if he had intended to shoot him, and Beck had answered that he had and had wished that he had killed him. When placed on the stand this morning Beck said that he had not gone out with Russell Crossman, or Holly Bunn, having only a slight acquaintance with the latter. He went on to say that on the night of the shooting, he had paid a visit to Miss Ruth Ross, 1432 Court street and had no knowledge of the affair until he was called upon, early the next morning, by P. M. Varney and Verden Moffitt. He further stated that he had never talked with any of the witnesses after the affair, except when the case was brought before the justice of the peace and grand jury. Three or four more witnesses will be put on the stand before the jury renders a verdict, which will not be done until tomorrow morning.

Drive Against Traffic Violators Underway; 7 Autoists Are Arrested

Salem policemen are down in earnest, up in arms, out on the job and in on most everything view a drive to enforcing traffic laws. The drive against speeders, corner-cutters, operators of lightless vehicles and other violators is on. Seven motorists have been arrested within the last few hours. Judge Isaac today. Hanson is accused of cutting a corner, Batts of passing a streetcar while it was receiving and discharging passengers and the publishing company of being its car parked incorrectly and too near a street intersection. "We are going out after them strong," Chief Moffitt said this morning, "and there will be no let-up until the number of traffic violations is greatly reduced."

Bill Proposes to Put Printing On Bidding Basis A striking blow aimed at the state printing establishment in Salem is contained in a bill being framed by Representative Kubiak of Multnomah county. This bill, if passed, will give any state body having the privilege of either having its printing done by the state printer or in the open market. The bill according to Representative Kubiak spells economy for the state, for he claims that printing necessary for the various bodies can be handled in the open market for 25 per cent less than the charges made by the state printer. The bill has the backing of the printing organizations of Portland and Oregon as well as the district branch of the American Typographic Association of America.

Privileges Of Orientals Determined

Negotiations Between Ambassadors Need Only Approval by Government

Washington, Jan. 25.—Negotiations between Ambassadors Morris and Shidehara for the settlement of the California question and the definition of the rights of Japanese in the United States have been successfully concluded. Approval of the conclusions of the two ambassadors must be given by their governments before any further action looking to a settlement of the controversy that has arisen over the California anti-alien land law can be had. Baron Shidehara has submitted his report to the foreign office at Tokio and Mr. Morris has his report ready for consideration by Secretary Clegg who is expected to return to Washington Thursday from South America. Members of the senate foreign relations committee have been kept advised by Mr. Morris of the various phases of the negotiations so that if the committee desired to consider in the remaining days of the present session any draft treaty which President Wilson might submit, the way would be cleared for prompt action. Administration officials have had no assurance that it is the purpose of the republicans to endeavor to dispose of any American-Japanese treaty at present, but it is understood that some representations have been made from republican sources that it might relieve the Harding administration of a considerable burden if such a treaty could be concluded during the present session. These representations are said to have been based upon theory that the so-called California question can be considered by the senate, and house as a purely non-partisan question.

Shadow Again Reported Busy

Portland, Or., Jan. 25.—Folks today reported two Portland citizens, Dr. T. Homer Coffen, a physician, and C. Stein, a baker, had received threatening letters demanding \$2000. The letters, it was said, purported to be from "Shadow" but were in written form instead of the disguised printing that marked the letters recently sent to prominent residents signed "The Shadow."

Bulletins

A twenty six week playing schedule opening April fifth was adopted today by the Pacific coast baseball league at its annual meeting here. The new Portland team of the Pacific International league was given recognition by the Pacific Coast league. Portland, Or., Jan. 25.—Sergeant R. J. Ellis and Sergeant B. F. Sherman were suspended from the police force by Captain Chester A. Ince and Lieutenant Harvey Thatcher charged they had found them playing cards in a club. Grand Rapids, Mich., Jan. 25.—Two persons are dead in a hospital here, three others are dying, and several more are in a critical condition as a result of hospital authorities believe, of eating preserved spinach last Saturday. There are 2,003 miles of material in New York city. This is more than enough for a pipe line from New York to San Francisco.

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