

CIRCULATION
Average for 1920, 5250.
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;
1910, 14,084; 1920, 17,679.
Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk
County, 1920, 14,381.
Member of Audit Bureau of Circulation.
Associated Press Full
Leased Wire.

Capital Journal

THE WEATHER
OREGON: Tonight and Friday
fair. Light southerly winds.
LOCAL: No rainfall; easterly
winds; cloudy; max. 51, min. 33,
river 7.6 feet and falling.

FORTY-THIRD YEAR—NO. 293 SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8, 1921 PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

OREGON NAVAL MILITIA TO BE SCRAPPED

Hanging Charge Probe Opened SUB SINKS BUT CREW ESCAPES

SENATOR WATSON IS HEARD

Investigating Committee Promises Protection to Veterans Who Testify

Washington, Dec. 8.—Eleven members of the American expeditionary forces were hanged in France after conviction by a military court martial, Colonel Walter Bethel, assistant judge advocate general of the army, testified today before the senate committee investigating charges by Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, that American soldiers were hanged without trial in France.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Beginning investigation of charges by Senator Watson, democrat, Georgia, that private soldiers were hanged during the war without convictions by court martial, Chairman Brandegee, of the special senate committee, announced today that the proceeding was not an investigation of the Georgia senator, but was ordered to ascertain whether "officers of the United States army were murderers."

Senator Watson appeared before the committee immediately after the adoption of a resolution requesting him to appear and testify in support of his charges.

Says He Has Proof.
"I made no indiscriminate charge in the senate against officers and nurses," said Senator Watson. "I said too many officers were guilty of brutality towards soldiers."

Senator Watson declared he was prepared to prove his charges that soldiers were hanged without trial.

The senator read a story from a Waco, Texas, paper, which quoted John J. Forbes of Cleveland, Ohio, a former service man, as saying that the Watson charges were true, and that "the half had not been told about cruelties inflicted on soldiers by officers."

"Go ahead then," the chairman broke in and the senator proceeded to read Forbes' statement that he had seen a man hanged.

Protection Promised.
"Do you want Forbes summoned?" Chairman Brandegee asked, and Senator Watson said he did.

Page Declines to Defend Assailant of Officer Birtchet

Max "Bing" Page, originally engaged as attorney for William Rodgers, a logger, who last Sunday shot and wounded Officer W. W. Birtchet of the Salem police force, today withdrew his name as defense attorney. No other lawyer had been engaged this morning.

Rodgers' preliminary hearing will be held in the justice court Saturday morning at 10 o'clock. He is charged with assault with intent to kill.

ABE EVANS TRIES TO HANG SELF

Third Attempt of Condemned Slayer To End Life In Cell Is Frustrated

For the third time since his incarceration in the state prison here early in October, Abe Evans, sentenced to die for the murder of James Doran of Wasco county, attempted to take his own life again this morning.

Tearing his mattress, pillow and underwear into strips he had improvised a rope which he had noosed around his neck and looped over a steam pipe in his cell on murderer's row.

Found by Guard.
When the guard found him dangling at the end of his makeshift rope at 6:30 o'clock this morning he was all but unconscious and a few minutes more would have made for the success of his effort at suicide, prison officials say.

A special guard is on duty on murderer's row day and night visiting each cell every fifteen minutes so that Evans could not have been hanging more than a few minutes when discovered, it is said.

Both of his previous attempts at suicide have been through similar methods.

Execution Stayed.
Evans was sentenced to hang on December 2 but receive a stay of execution until January 10 for the purpose of perfecting his appeal to the supreme court. He has repeatedly told prison guards that he wanted to die and have the ordeal over with and is said to have opposed the move to appeal his case to the supreme court which is being arranged by his wife.

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ULSTER'S DECISION IS MADE

Parliament Meets In Private Conference But Result of Deliberations Secret

London, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The Irish correspondent of the Fall Mall Gazette, asserts that the Dial Eireann has given orders for the immediate demobilization of the Irish republican army.

Belfast, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The members of both houses of the Ulster parliament considered the Irish agreement at a meeting this morning. After two hours of private conference, it was announced that Sir James Craig, the premier, would leave for London tonight.

To Withdraw Troops
Dublin, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—Announcement was made today at the military headquarters here that if the Anglo-Irish agreement is ratified, the crown forces would be removed from Ireland within a month.

Irish Cabinet Meets
Dublin, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The agreement with Great Britain for establishment of the Irish free state was taken up at a special meeting today. A large crowd enthusiastically greeted the cabinet members on their arrival at the Mansion house.

Talk of a possible split in the Dail cabinet over the terms is increasing, and the resignations of some of the cabinet members are predicted, among them Cathal Brugha (Charles Burgess), minister of defense. Some of the leading members of the cabinet are known to object to the form of the oath of allegiance laid down in the treaty. Regardless of possible differences, however, it is believed the agreement will be approved, in principle at least.

The public maintains the same semblance of indifference toward the agreement noticeable when the news was first received. The people seem generally satisfied but refrain from expressing their feeling in any outward demonstration.

No Eats For 48 Hours Man Tells Red Cross

Stating that he had not eaten for 48 hours, Diamond Giancola, naturalized American of Italian lineage, ex-service man and former resident of California, approached Red Cross headquarters yesterday with proposals that he should be furnished a meal, but in so doing related his adventures since he left his adopted home in the sunny south.

Giancola had been out of work in California. He sought the prosperous northwest, landed in Pendleton, and like a true soldier wished he was some place else. He was worse off than in the south. He must get back to that part of the United States which was so like his native clime.

Strikers Cannot Picket Declares Court Injunction

Chicago, Dec. 8.—A temporary injunction prohibiting members of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's union from picketing or otherwise molesting workers in the stockyards was granted in superior court by Judge Dennis Sullivan today. The petition for the injunction was filed by Swift & company and 21 other packers.

ONE KILLED MANY HURT IN RIOTING

Negro Is Thrown Into Creek, and Stoned Until He Sinks In Stockyard District

Chicago, Dec. 8.—Forty men were cut and bruised this morning when strike sympathizers stormed an elevated train carrying packer employees to the stockyards. All windows in the train were broken by missiles which were thrown at it.

Fifteen hundred policemen were sent to the yards early when, long before daylight, several groups of persons, including a few women, gathered there. Only a few hours before 200 policemen had fired to thousands of strike sympathizers who attacked plant employees and, finally, the policemen. Last night's toll of casualties included one dead, nine seriously injured and an uncounted number hurt when mounted police charged into the crowd with drawn batons.

"The women are more difficult to deal with than the men," Chief of Police Fitzmorris said this morning. "They carry red pepper and throw it in the policemen's eyes. Tacks have been scattered through the adjacent streets in an effort to stop the police motor-cars."

The man killed last night was an unidentified negro who was seized by a crowd of men, thrown into Bubbly creek, north of the yards and pelted with stones until he sank. The body was recovered several hours later.

Disappears For Eleven Years

After a disappearance of eleven years, during which no word had been heard of him, and had caused his family to give him up for dead, William Thomas, a brother of Frank Thomas of West Salem appeared at his brother's home Tuesday and made himself known.

Mr. Williams had been all over Canada and the northern part of the United States, coming directly from Seattle, taking a chance on his brother still living here.

Business Men to Choose Officers at Club Tonight

Annual election of officers of the Salem Business Men's league will be held at the Salem Commercial club at 8 o'clock tonight. The meeting will take place in the club's auditorium.

MATCHES ATTRACT AID SHIP

Imprisoned Men Battle for Hour Under Waters Get Out Via Torpedo Tube

Bridgeport, Conn., Dec. 8.—The submarine S-48 sank off this harbor last night, and was submerged for twelve hours before the crew, by lightening the ballast tanks, raised one end of the craft to the surface and escaped through the torpedo tubes.

The submarine, according to meager information so far reaching the Lake Torpedo Boat company, was under test off the Penfield reef when she was rammed and sunk by a tug. She now lies in seventy feet of water one end resting on the bottom and the bow from which the crew got away, above the water line. The location is said to be four miles east of Penfield reef.

51 Men Aboard

New York, Dec. 8.—Fifty-one members of the crew of the submarine S-48 who escaped through torpedo tubes after their craft had made a nose dive off Bridgeport harbor yesterday and stuck to the bottom told a remarkable story of rescue on their arrival today at the New York navy yard.

According to a report made to the commandant, they lightened one end of the submarine until it appeared above the surface and then sat perched on this pinnacle for more than ten hours, until after darkness had fallen. Then by lighting matches they attracted the attention of a passenger tank-er which picked them up and brought them here.

Several Are Gassed

Several of the men, as well as Lieutenant Francis Adams Smith were found to be suffering from the effects of chlorine gas created by salt water flooding storage batteries. After examination, however, only three were detained at the hospital.

The majority of the crew were employees of the Lake Torpedo Boat company at Bridgeport.

\$7,000 Park Item Is Likely To Be Council's Choice

Although two different, competing measures—one calling for an expenditure of \$3900 and the other for \$7,000—will be submitted to the city council at its special meeting tomorrow night, the \$7000 proposal for the purchase of the auto camp grounds and equipment will probably be selected as the one to be placed on the ballot at the special city election to be held in the near future, it was indicated here today.

Clarence Bowne Talks to Realtors

That not one man in ten can give the real reason for plowing was the statement of Clarence Bowne, representative of the Swift company, in his talk to the Marion County Realtors' association this noon at the Marion hotel.

Bulletins

Albert Lea, Minn., Dec. 8.—Mayor Wohluter and Sheriff Foss today asked state authorities to send troops here as a result of picketing of the Wilson & company packing plant by strike sympathizers.

Washington, Dec. 8.—The long pending King resolution directing an investigation by congress into the activities of the alleged dyestuffs lobby was adopted today by the senate without a record vote.

Guatemala City, Dec. 7.—(By Associated Press.)—The Guatemalan congress, which was dissolved during the revolution of September, 1920, has been called to meet tomorrow to receive the resignation of Carlos Herrera, whose presidential regime was overthrown in the revolt of last Monday night and to elect a provisional president.

AGREE TO PROHIBIT TREATIES

Powers Confering On Far East Problems Declare Against Any Future Pacts

Washington, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The powers confering on the Far East committee of the Washington conference today adopted a resolution agreeing not to enter into any treaties or understandings among themselves that would impair the four power agreement concerning China.

The resolution as adopted by the Far Eastern committee, it was explained, was declaratory of a principle against extension by foreign nations of further special spheres of influence or of leased territory. The committee adjourned today until next Saturday, to give the Japanese and Chinese delegates further unhampered time for the separate Shantung negotiations.

Washington, Dec. 8.—(By Associated Press.)—The Japanese government has accepted the proposal for a quadruple understanding in the Pacific, an authorized British spokesman said today.

The British spokesman said the 5-5-3 ratio proposition with regard to capital ships was in some way related to a complete settlement and that this proposal had not yet been accepted by the Japanese government.

Calling attention to a dispatch from Honolulu quoting a Japanese newspaper as to acceptance by the Tokyo government of the quadruple plan, the British spokesman said this was correct, and that the Washington conference knew it to be correct.

Highway Body to Meet Here Next Thursday Noon

Inter-county road construction will hold the attention of members of the Willamette highway association who will meet at the Salem Commercial club next Thursday noon. Announcement of the gathering was made by T. E. McCroskey, manager of the club, this morning.

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ADJUTANT GENERAL ORDERS SEA FORCE DISBANDED AT ONCE

White Declares Public Support of Organization Unjustified and Says He Cannot See Worth of Unit; Captain Shepherd and Crew Are Discharged

Oregon's Naval Militia went into the scrap pile this morning when Adjutant General George A. White issued orders disbanding the last vestige of the organization and discharging the head of the naval force, Captain George S. Shepherd of Portland and his entire crew. At the same time notice was given by the adjutant general that the \$5,000 of naval militia appropriations remaining on hand would revert to the state without any further disbursements being made.

"It's an unjustifiable use of public funds," was the explanation of Colonel White, who added that after a careful inquiry he was unable to see that Captain Shepherd's organization was performing any useful service, at least sufficient to justify use of public funds.

The present naval militia which is disbanded has no relation to the naval militia which went into the world war from Oregon with flying colors and served with distinction, it was explained. The present force was organized by Captain Shepherd, a Portland lawyer, during the world war and since it was not recognized by the federal government, got money from the state legislature in 1919 with which a high powered launch was purchased with which to patrol Portland harbor and give instruction in seamanship to young men.

The dissatisfaction of the adjutant general with this force is said to have begun when Captain Shepherd took the naval launch for a cruise and damaged it in an accident, the ensuing bill for repairs being \$1100. The incident occurred in July of 1920 and since then the naval militia has been in status quo, awaiting settlement of the repair bill. At that time orders were issued shutting the naval militia off from use of public funds and it has existed since as a "paper" organization.

All property of the naval militia was ordered transferred to the state property officer for the national guard and it was said that a "for sale" sign will be placed on the state's naval launch "Penguin" which is now moored in the Willamette river at Portland.

Washington, Dec. 8.—Representative Henry D. Flood, democrat, of the Tenth Virginia district, died of heart trouble at his home here today. He had been ill several weeks.

Mr. Flood, who was 54 years old, was serving his eleventh term in congress. As chairman of the house foreign affairs committee, he introduced the resolution declaring existence of a state of war between the United States and Germany and Austria-Hungary. His home was in Appomattox, Va.

Dissatisfied Growers May Seek Solons

The flax growers of this district are very much dissatisfied with the present arrangement made by the state board of control for payment on their contracts, and that they may seek legislation during the special session which convenes December 19, was the sense of the report of A. C. Bohrnstedt, chairman of the committee on flax of the Marion County Realtors' association at the luncheon this noon in the Marion hotel.

In making the report of the committee Mr. Bohrnstedt said: "With reference to the verbal report, made at a recent meeting, that statements had been sent out to flax growers to use in filing their claims for flax delivered during the past year, and that it was expected growers would receive their money at once, we have been advised by many growers that they are disappointed to find that upon presentation of the claims, the state had no intention of paying them in full at this time, and that the best they could expect would be payment of not more than 25 per cent on their claims about January 1.

"The growers feel that they are being much mistreated in this matter and your committee recommends that this association appoint a committee for the purpose of rendering any possible assistance that the growers may need in the event that they decide to bring their claims to the attention of the special session of the legislature."

L. G. Hayford, president of the association, appointed the committee of Hugh Magee, A. C. Bohrnstedt and H. E. Brown to continue the matter.

Committee Control In Congress Is Held Dangerous To Nation

New York, Dec. 8.—The present system of organization in congress, whereby control is divided between numerous committees, may, "if carried to its logical conclusion," divide the United States "into hostile factions or groups," and leave the country "powerless to defend or maintain its interests, national or international," John W. Weeks, secretary of war, state today in an address before the Association of Life Insurance Presidents.

Contrasting the present situation with a recent administration characterized by reference to "a big stick," Mr. Weeks said: "It was not many years ago that we heard stories about a 'big stick' which was supposed to be used in driving congress into a state of tractability and force the enactment of laws desired by the executive. The truth, however, is that while the executive was a master-