Santa Claus

Headquarters

The basement of the city hall, unerneath the central fire department headquarters, rivals the child ood imagination picture of what could be compared to the country of the

ASK CONGRESS

Washington, Dec. 12 (IP)— Congressional investigation was demanded today of last summer's bonus battle in which tanks and avalry clattered down Pennsylvania avenue and sent the rag-tag bonus seekers shuffling northward in re-reat.

Senator McKellar, democrat, of

McKellar seeks to establish defi-

nitely responsibility for all move-nents of the troops. He would in-

probably would bring before the committee all these officials and perhaps some representative of the White House. The resolution con-

tains the unusual provision that all committee hearings shall be pub-lic, so it would be impossible for any witness to testify secretly.

RESTORE DIPLOMATIC

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 12 (A)

Maxim Litvinoff, Russian foreign commissar, this afternoon announced the reestablishment of normal

RELATIONS IN EAST

In City Hall

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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS

IOT PUTS BLAME ON HOOVER

NO PROSPECTS **OF MODERATION** OF COLD WAVE

For Third Successive Day 5 Above in Salem

Skating In Order-Float-Service-Mains Break

Prospects for moderation of the cold spell that has gripped Salem and vicinity since last Wednesday afternoon went gilmmering Monday morning which brought the third consecutive low temperature of 5 degrees above zero and the weather forecast of continued clear and cold. The mercury mounted to 31 degrees Saurday afternoon and to 29 degrees Sunday afternoon and to 29 degrees Sunday afternoon and to 29 degrees. Sunday afternoon, Skating parties were in order over the week-end with practically all the small lakes caused by overflow spater or draining being frozon. The small pond north of Salem between the state deaf school and Painter's woods has a covering of several

keter or draining being frozen. The small pond north of Salem between the state deaf school and Painter's woods has a covering of several inches of ice while skating ice is available on north Mill creek east of the 21st street bridge. The upper slough and a lake adjacent to Hazelau station on the Oregon Electric are also proving attractive to skaters.

Floating ice is caused.

tric are also proving attractive to skaters.

Floating ice is causing consider-able difficulty for the Oregon-washington Water Service com-pany, all available men being on constant duty and six or others hired in these shifts to maintain service, according to J. T. Delaney, (Concluded on page 9, column 3)

SEEK TO BLOCK

Washington, Dec. 12 (#?)—A resolution disapproving the whole government re-grouping program submitted by President Hoover was offered today in the senate by Senator King, democrat of Utah.

King explained he favored many of the moves, but was strongly opposed to others.

To bring the question to issue, he

To bring the question to issue, he proposed disapproval of the lot, His resolution went over for future con-

Other reports were being started to block the realignments suggested by the president, on reasoning that the changes should be left to the incoming, democratic administra-

tion:

If, however, administration representatives can convince the house expenditures committee with its democratic majority that cash would be saved, some changes might be allowed to take effect. Unless congress acts in 60 days, all the proposals become effective.

Speaker Garner at his press conference today said he thought congress either "should put aside all the transfers and eliminations or let them all become effective.

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"What does require explanation
is the rupture of relations between
states or the refusal of relations—
s phenomena which is an infringement on normal international life
and which sometimes constitutes
a danger to peace."

Good Evening

Sips for Supper

The weekly bulletin of the Kiwanis club coming from the deft
fingers of Willard Wirtz, club secretary, solves another of the town's
mysteries. For long a lot of folk
have wondered what the "E" stood
for as part of the front handle of
E. Fritz Slade, bank president, hydroelectric expert and father of the
town's husklest pair of twins. The
club bulletin lets the cat out of the
bag and shows that Fritz first monliker is "Ebert." We expect now the
best way to get along with Fritz is
to hall him as "Ebert."

Figures show that Judge Bean got Figures show that Judge Bean got the largest plurality of any opposed candidate running on the state ticket. His opponent was Roy Hewitt of Salem. But Roy has the perfect alibi—the Oregonian endorsed him a few days before the election.

"Which party do you think got the worst beating when the democrats exchanged Brazier Small for Newell Williams?" asks an inquiring cor-respondent. "Has Brazier a good set of teeth? Is there anything else falsetto about Newell Williams be-

probably will be unique in legisla-tures as it is coming for the avowed

It has been the habit to refer to legislators as sort of damphool animals. But analysis will indicate that most of their damphoolshness has been done because they have been egged on to do it by a lot of damphool constituents. The constituents themselves are now beginning to wake up so there is a good chance the legislature will backtrack and unde a lot of things it has done.

We care not what others say, but s for us—give us another good old Oregon mist.

needed," says a Portland pastor.
And apparently he's about the only
relation there'll be left to fall back

Dorothy Parker, poet, says the most beautiful words in the Eng-lish language are "check" and en-closed." But how the beauty of those words is marred by the other words, "returned," and "N.S.F."

HOSS OUT FOR FLAT \$3 AUTO

Secretary Favors Restor ation of Motor Vehicles To Property Tax Rolls

LICENSE FEES

Tells County Judges He Favors Present 4 Percent Tax On Gasoline

A flat \$3 license fee for all private passenger automobiles to go entirely to the state, restoration of motor vehicles to the personal pro-perty tax rolls with the counties to perty tax rolls with the counties to receive the entire proceeds in lieu of their present one-third share in license fees, retention of the present tax on gasoline without increase, and abolition of all refunds on distillate and gas as a means of meeting the demand for lower license fees without endangering the highway system of either the counties or state was advocated by Hal E. Hoss, secretary of state, this afternoon in an address before the annual convention of county judges and commissioners in Portland.

Such a program with other ac-

and commissioners in Portiana.

Such a program with other accompanying modifications in the
motor vehicle laws would return to
the state highway hunds an estimated sum of \$9.567,292 a year, as mated sum of \$5.501,252 & year, and against minimum requirements estimated by Leslie M. Scott, chairman of the highway commission, of \$9,100,000. Hoss declared.

Restoration of motor vehicles to

(Concluded on page 7, column 4)

Berlin Dec. 12 (A)-Official circes today described as a minutes per cent gain for Germany" the agreement reached at the Geneva five power arms conference which gave Germany assurances of arms equality.

the woods yet.

"Germany's aim is the reduction
of armaments, not their increase,"
he declared. "The latter is out of
the question for us, if only for financial reasons."

On the other hand, Der Angriff,
organ of Adolf Hiller, nazi leader,
denounced the agreement as "a rotten compromise."

One high official gleefully pointed

out that Germany, by virtue of the concession involving equality, pos-sessed the means of exercising pres-sure at any critical moment that

might arise.
"In such an event we would draw consequences the same as we did last July, should our demands not be complied with. The situation for

Vatican City, Dec. 12 (IP) — The United States must insist on disarmament in return for any concession to Europe on war debts, Osservatore Romano, official Vatican organ, said today in an article reviewing the war debt claims. "The sacrifices requested of the United States must not be disconnected from the cause of peace and economic resumption," the article said.

ty Judges Convention

Makeshift of Economy

hood imagination picture of what Santa Clause's own headquarters must look like up at the North Pole. Every year the boys of the fire department issue their call for discarded toys, and in the shops under the city hall they are repaired, painted and dressed up so they are just as good as can be bought in any store in town, and then at Christmas time they find their way to the small boys and girls about town whose folks can't afford to buy them very much in the way of Christmas presents.

The output from the fire department shop goes to the Elks who distribute them about the city, where most needed, on Christmas eve.

About everything imaginable is heaped up at fire headquarters.

(Concluded on page 8, column 7) convention, dony feath the state high-way commission, declare that "the first duty of all of us is to ease, as best we can, the terrific tax burden of the people whose servants we

Scott discussed "mutual prob-lems." The meeting opened today and will close Wednesday. At the same time the annual two-day con-vention of the county clerks and re-corders of Oregon, and the annual meeting of the county engineers of the state, opened in other offices. "New projects we shall have to defer until taxpayers are better able to pay for them," Scott declared. "Maintenance we shall have to continue under the makeshifts of economy.

Senator McKellar, democrat, of Tennessee, drafted a resolution pro-viding for an inquiry by five sen-ators to be appointed by Vice-Pres-ident Curtis. He informed the United Press he would lay it before the senate today. economy.

"The federal emergency funds which come to the highway department without direct cost to Oregon taxpayers or as a bounty, we should use to piece out our highways, instead of beginning new projects of indefinite completion."

Other speakers today included Charles V. Galloway of Salem, member of the state tax commission, who represented Governor Meier, and Hal E. Hoss, secretary of (Concluded on page 8, column 8) Two veterans were killed by police in the bonus clashes before troops appeared and scattered the bonuseers. Women and children saw their makeshift shelters consumed by flame.

ments of the troops. He would inquire especially into acts and orders of the District of Columbia commissioners, Secretary of War Hurley, Chief of Staff Douglas MacArthur, and Brig. Gen. Pelham D. Glassford, former superintendent of police, who challenged the wisdom of and refused to accept responsibility for summoning troops. Adoption of McKellar's resolution probably would bring before the DAVIS RETRIAL

New York, Dec. 12 (II)—Retrial of United States Senator James J. Davis on federal lottery and conspiracy charges today was set for January 9.

Similar charges against the Western Union Telegraph company and three cthers were set for the same day. One of the cases will have to be again postponed.

Co-defendants with Senator Davis Co-defendants with Senator Davis

Co-defendants with Senstor Da-vis, director-general of the Loyal Order of Moose, are Theodore Of Miller, Bernard C. McGuire and Raymond Walsh.

Raymond Walsh.

McGuire was convicted and Walsh was acquitted on lottery charges last week which involved the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Conrad H. Mann, president of the Kansas City chamber of commerce, and Frank E. Hering, editor of the Fagles' magazine, also were convicted in this case. diplomatic and consular relations between Russia and China, effective

There will be no loss to the bank which is protected by a heavy blanket bond of \$50,000 on each employe, Gordon stated.

The loss occurred in collection ac counts between banks, Gordon said. Glover is reported to have left for Newport, Ore., with his wife,

Special Session On Tax Problem Slated To Open January 3

Sales Levy or Other Substitute for State Property Tax Chief Business Scheduled for At tention of Solons; Wide Variety of Proposals Indicated; Unemployment Relief Up

By HARRY N. CRAIN
The 37th Oregon legislative assembly, composed of the

After weeks of deliberation and After weeks of deliberation and repeated conferences with tax offi-cials, legislators and businessmen Governor Julius Meier has an-nounced his decision to call a spe-cial session and today Issued the following preclamation.

Washington, Dec. 12 (LP)-Prohibition, war debis, government econ-omy, Philippine independence and entrance into the World Court troubled congress today as the short session entered its second week.

The senate debated the Hawes-cutting Philippine independence bill and heard Senator Vandenburg, republican, Michigan, denounce it as leaving the American flag "half up, half down" in the Orient at a time of tension.

ministration stalwart, sharply criticized the latest British war deb stand.

SPIDER BEATEN IN **ALARM CLOCK BATTLE**

Akron, O., Dec. 12 (IP)—A spider's battle to spin a web over the relentiessly moving hands of an alarm clock appeared ended, at least temporarily today.

The spider ceased its futile efforts and retreated under a small web which it has built along the edge of the clock face. Broken strands covering the hands and the dial remained as evidence of the

senators and representatives elected in November, will convene here in special session on January 3, one week prior to the opening of the regular 1933 session, to attempt a solution

cal session and today issued the following proclamation:

"I, Julius L. Meier, by virtue of the authority in me vested as governor of the state of Oregon, do hereby direct the two houses of the legislative assembly of the state of Oregon to convene in special ses-sion in the state capitol in Salem, (Concluded on page 9, column 7)

The senate debated the Hawes

In the house, where the treasury-postoffice appropriations bill with it drastic cuts was the order of busi-ness. Representative Treadway, re-publican, Massachusetts, and ad-

A group of senate leaders, princi-pally democrats, urged that the question of American entrance into the World Court be acted on during the abbreviated session, which ai-ready is beset with innumerable problems.

sity biologist, who has studied it formation.

This preference was regarded as Arachnid has started a period of hibernation. He said the spider might remain in seclusion throughout the winter if kept warm.

of the state's financial problem and seek out a substitute for the state property tax, which the state tax commission now announces it will be necessary to levy to protect the state's credit, and to devise methods of unemployment relief. After weeks of deliberation, and

COAST GUARD Washington, Dec. 12 ap — The house today voted down an amendment to knock \$3,000,000 from coast guard appropriations after Representative Harlan, democrat, Indi-ana, charged that sum would go for prohibition enforcement.

prohibition enforcement.

"I would not blame anyone for voting against a measure for continuing the seventh largest navy in the world in its enforcement of a law nobody wants," he said in discussing the proposed \$25,772,950 appropriation in the treasury-post office supply bill for the coast guard.

fice supply bill for the coast guard.
The amendments, offered by Representative Shafer, republican, Wisconsin, proposed that guards funds should not be used for prohibition enforcement. Both personnel and operating expenses of the coast guard have increased 50 per cent since enactment of the 18th amendment, he said. He saw no reason for continuing the full appropriation in the face of ultimate repeal, he said.

Another amendment by Representative Boylan, democrat, New York, to reduce the fund to \$15,000,000 also failed.

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Instead of "levying on the salaries of poor government clerks to effect economy," he proposed that the savings be obtained by returning the guard to its pre-prohibition activities.

GLASS FAVORED

Washington, Dec. 12 (1P)—President-Elect Roosevelt may press for his "new deal" as applied to the banking world by appointing Sentior Carter Glass of Virginia, a collaborator in the federal reserve act, as his secretary of treasury.

act, as his secretary of treasury.

Names of likely cabinet choices were brought back to Washington over the week-end by close friends of Governor Roosevelt who gathered here for the gridiron dinner. Many had conferred with the president-elect in Warm Springs, Ga., and Albany, N. Y.

While the door was left open in all cases, some reported Roosevelt

While the door was left open in all cases, some reported Roosevelt was thinking favorably of an official family which in addition to Senator Glass would include Newton D. Baker of Ohlo, John W. Davis of New York, George Dern of Utah, Miss Frances Perkins and Jesse Isidor Straus of New York. The capital was full of demo-cratic politicians, most of whom professed to have "sure thing" in-formation.

This preference was regarded as indicating a determination by Gay-

Era Of Drunkenness

Washington, Dec. 12 (U.P.) - Significant action toward

If Beer Bill Passes

UTILITY MANAGER SHOT BY EX-EMPLOYE

over a job.

The negro, a former employe of the company, then ran into another office of the building and committed suicide

Washington Dec. 12 (42) Gover-nor Ross Sterling's use of the state militia to enforce his orders restrict. ng production of crude oil in East Pexas fields in the fall of 1931, today was found by the supreme court to be an unconstitutional use of his executive nutherity.



Thermometer Drops to

ing Ice Hampers Water

sides his teeth and his brains?"

purpose of cutting down expenses.

"Stronger relation with

And now all youse guys who are worrying so much as to whether Europe will pay its debts. Just how much of it will you get if she does

MAN FINDS WIFE

FOR RECOGNITION Ciencea, Dec. 12 (IP) — A formal statement to the press interpreted as an indirect bid to the United State for recognition of Russia was made today by Maxim Litvivioff, Soviet foreign commissar, in connection with the announcement of resumption of relations between Russia and China after a break of more than three years. "Dr. Yen and I today exchanged notes by which diplomatic relations between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation. "What does require explanation the rupture of relations between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation. "What does require explanation between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation. "What does require explanation between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation. "What does require explanation between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation. "What does require explanation between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation. "What does require explanation the rupture of relations between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation. "What does require explanation the rupture of relations between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored," he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explanation." "What does require explanation the rupture of relations between the U. S. S. R. and China have been restored." he said. "This is a quote normal act in my opinion and hardly requires any explana

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PRINTERS VOTING

FOR 5 DAY WEEK

Indianapolis, Dec. 12 (IP.)—With Indianapolis, Dec. 12 (IP.)—W

NEW PROJECTS FOR HIGHWAYS TO BE DELAYED

Scott Outlines Commission Policies To Coun-

Maintenance Must Be Continued Under the

Portland. Dec. 12 (A)—County udges and commissioners of Ore-on, assembled in their 27th annual

Scott discussed "mutual prob-

(Concluded on page 8, column 8)

KLAMATH BANKER

AS TRUST BUSTER

In pursuance of our recent conversations I have the honor to inform you that, being destrous of promoting peace and friendly relations between our countries, my government has decided to regard of today as assistant to the mey-gengral in charge of antimatters, matters, matters, matters, matters, more was accepted by President per.

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GUN BRANDISHING speeding a vote on prohibition in the senate was taken today

Speeding a vote on prohibition in the senate was taken today as the drive for immediate modification of the Volstead act metataments. The senate rules committee today appointed a sub-committee today appointed a sub-committee headed by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, to investigate the action of Charles F. Pace, senate financial clerk, who Friday entered the senate trees gallery brandishing a gun and the promittee headed by the sub-committee headed by the sub-commit

CRISIS LAID TO MORATORIUM

French Premier Says Hoover's Action In 1931 Caused Trouble

France Proposes To Pay With Reservations -Chamber to Vote

Paris, Dec. 12 (27)—Premier Relation, blanning all Europe's debts troubles on the Hoover moratorium of 1931, told the chamber of deputies today his government proposes to pay with reservations the \$20,000,000 debt installment due the United States Thursday.

Payment without reservations, he said, would be inacceptable and out-and-out refusal to pay would be "the final imprudence."

The reservations which he will attach to payment he declined to outline before he had an opportunity to explain them, cometime this afternoon, to the chamber foreign affairs and finance committees.

Before he finished his statement, and before the chamber adjourned, he let it be understood that when he is ready to present his detailed proposals to parliament he will make the lasue a question of confidence, risking a possible adverse vote and the dewnfall of his min latry.

There was an impression amont the deputies as they scattered after (Concluded on page 8, column 6)

ORDER FAVORS

Washington, Dec. 12 (P)—An or-der clearing the way for construc-tion of the proposed highway from Roseburg to Diamond Lake along the North Umpqua river was an-nounced by the federal power com-nication techninission today.

This order in effect approved withdrawal from the power alto reservation of acreage previously applied for by the California-Oren Power company,

gon Power company.

Three power sites were involved, Rock Creek, Hogbick and Boundary. The power company consented to the exclusion of these sites from its application.

The late vice chairman Ralph B. Williamson recently prefided over the hearings at Portland.

CONFESSION SOLVES SUITCASE MURDER

Rome, Dec. 12 (#)—A three-wecks old mystery involving threr subcases containing the diamembered body of a woman was solved today with the confession, police said, of Sesare Servictit, 47.

The body was said by authorities to have been identified as that of Paulina Corietti, his sweetheart, Servictit, police alleged, kicked the woman to death during a quarrel.

Los Angeles, Dec. 12 ttp-S. C. Haver, Jr., assistant secretary and employment manager for the Southern California Edison company, was shot and killed today by a negro who walked into his office and became employed. came embroiled in an altereation

STATE MILITIA CALLED OUT