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## DOLLAR LINE REPORTS MADE INACCURATELY

L. H. Parker, Revenue Head, is Criticized for Tax Methods

LINE SAVED \$11,000

Senate Would Hear From Davis on Request for Use of Ships as Transports

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(UP)—The government lost half a million dollars in taxes, as the result of the irregular handling of all tax payments of the Robert Dollar Steamship company, Pacific Coast ship operators, L. H. Parker, a member of the Couzens committee, investigating the International Revenue Bureau, told the committee in testimony made to the House today.

Parker, in his message, criticized the government's audits of the company's returns, made by L. H. Lehman, chief of the returns section of the Internal Revenue Bureau, saying that Lehman's action resulted in the government refunding to the Dollar company \$11,000 in 1918 alone.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(U. P.)—Secretary of War Davis would be required to tell the Senate why he asked the Admiral Oriental line in operation out of Seattle, for the ships to be used as army transports, under a resolution introduced into the Senate today by Senator Jones of Washington, chairman of the commerce committee.

## MRS. DORA WARNER CALLED BY DEATH

Mrs. Dora Warner, for several years a resident of Ashland, died Saturday evening at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. M. Reese, 162 Alida street.

Mrs. Warner is survived by one daughter, Mrs. Reese of Ashland and two sons: J. W. Warner of Weed, Calif., and J. M. Warner of Plains, Montana.

## BURGLARS GET LOOT IN RED BLUFF JOB

Police officials throughout Northern California and Southern Oregon have been asked to be on the lookout for burglars, who Friday night broke into the J. T. Chalstrom jewelry store in Red Bluff, removing articles valued at more than \$4,000.

Included in the jewelry obtained were several diamond rings, wrist watches, men's watches, cut links, belt buckles and many other articles.

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## ALL IS WELL WITH NAVY SAYS WILBUR IN ANNUAL REPORT

Secretary of Navy Lays Blame for Shenandoah Disaster on Commander Lansdowne, in Report. Says Commander Could Have Deferred or Call off Trip of Dirigible.

By LUDWELL DENNY  
 (United Press Staff Correspondent)  
 WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—(UP)—Secretary of the Navy Wilbur today answered criticisms of the navy and its aircraft policy through his annual report, declaring in substance that all is well.

Wilbur absolved the department of responsibility for the Shenandoah disaster by stating that Lieut. Comdr. Lansdowne, who perished with the airship, was expressly told that he could "defer the trip, change the itinerary, or abandon it altogether if in his judgment such changes were rendered necessary."

"The development of naval aviation has progressed during the past year with satisfactory results in spite of many difficulties inherent in the refinement of a new art," the Secretary said.

"Aircraft operating with the other coordinate arms of the fleet are vitally essential to modern naval operations," but, he added, "must be closely coordinated with the plans and maneuvers of the fleet organization."

Referring to the surface fleet, Wilbur stated that the Hawaiian maneuvers and Australian cruise were "a practical demonstration of the fitness of the navy."

While recommending an increased personnel from 82,000 to 86,000 and larger classes at the Annapolis Naval Academy, which would entail increased expenditures, Wilbur praised the Administration economy program.

"It is the opinion of the department that enforced economy has benefited the navy by eliminating extravagance and waste; by developing thoroughness and thrift; and, in particular, by developing the skill, seal, and character of the naval personnel."

"The false doctrine that any military improvement, or that any improvement in the military value of a ship, should be accomplished irrespective of its cost has given place to the moral doctrine that it is the primary function of naval administration to furnish the maximum possible defense to the country for every dollar of expenditure."

Wilbur added, however, that "replacement of obsolescent material, including ships, is essential to the maintenance of a navy." Projected improvement of existing ships would cost \$40,000,000, though he did not make such a recommendation.

Morale of the service "has never been better," according to the report.

"This is manifest to some extent in that net desertions have decreased from 3,483 in 1923 to 991 in 1925, or about two-thirds, while reenlistments have increased from 50 per cent in 1923 to 72 per cent in 1925."

In reporting on the naval oil reserves and litigations, Wilbur said:

"During the past year the Secretary of the Navy has continued under his personal supervision all activities in connection with the petroleum and oil shale reserves and the general policy relative to future fuel-oil supplies for the navy."

Reduction of Marine Corps personnel from 19,500 to 18,000 has not curtailed training activities or reduced the complements aboard ships, the report stated.

Wilbur explained the increase in deaths caused by accidents by saying "with the development of aviation activities new hazards have been introduced." Disasters occurring in 1924 were responsible for the loss of six officers and 72 enlisted men. "Exclusive of these 78 deaths, the total rate would have been 3.52 per 1,000 which is a higher figure than the 1923 rate."

"The death rate from disease was very low; 1.78 per 100," or the lowest in naval history except one year.

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## Red Grange Signing \$300,000 Contract



The pen strokes being made by the curly-haired gentleman in the picture means just \$300,000 in his young life. The gentleman is Red Grange, and he's signing a contract to appear in movies. About him W. E. Shellenberger, who holds the contract; Harry G. Kosch, his attorney, and C. C. Pyle, Grange's manager.

## FIRE CHIEF SAYS MCCOY BLAZE INCENDIARY

Baughman Says Fire Bags Set Blaze Which Does \$125 Damage

Quick action by the fire department probably saved the home of Mrs. Jane McCoy of Iowa St., at 11:45 Saturday night, when fire, declared by Chief Baughman to have been set by some unknown persons, destroyed the back porch of the dwelling.

Mrs. McCoy had not been at home for two days, and as far as she knew, she said, no one had been in the house.

However, an inspection showed that the fire had broken out in two places on the back porch. The flames broke out on solid walls, leading Baughman to believe that the fire bags had poured oil on the walls and touched it off.

"It is a clear case of an incendiary fire, but we have no clues at present which would lead us to accuse anyone of the crime," Baughman stated immediately after the fire.

## ELKS TO SPEND \$500 ON XMAS CHARITY WORK

D. Peruzzi Heads Committee to Care for Cases in Ashland

D. Peruzzi, chairman of the Elks Christmas charity committee, Saturday night was authorized by Ashland Lodge No. 944, B. P. O. Elks to spend \$500 in the relief of the poor during the holiday season.

Peruzzi's request for this amount was granted by a unanimous vote of the lodge, following a report of a show committee, recommending that a show not be held this year to obtain money to finance the charity work.

Several organizations in Ashland which carry on relief work here during the holiday season, have gotten together on the work, in order to avoid duplications, which have occurred in many cases in the past.

Committees of investigation have been appointed, and each

## California's Health Yearly Improves

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—A report prepared by Dr. Walter M. Dickie, secretary of the state board of health, and made public today, says Californians are healthier than they have been in the last six years.

"The year 1925 will go down in history as one of the state's most healthful years," says the report, and produces figures to back up the statement. The statement shows there were 793 cases of typhoid in this state this year to December 1; 5,034 cases of diphtheria, and 5,061 of scarlet fever. These are much lower than the figures given for the preceding year.

## THROWS BOTTLE FROM WINDOW. \$20 AND JAIL TERM

Pat V. Grace, formerly a dishwasher employed in a local restaurant was Saturday afternoon fined \$20 and sentenced to serve 20 days in the county jail when he pleaded guilty before Judge Frost to two complaints filed against him by Chief of Police McNabb.

Grace was arrested Friday evening, when he threw a bottle from one of the upper floors of the Hotel Ashland. He was intoxicated at that time, he admitted in court.

The \$20 fine was assessed because of the disorderly conduct charge, while Judge Frost meted out the jail sentence for the charge of breaking glass on the street.

Oregon—Cloudy. Probably rain in the north-west portion. Southwest winds along the coast.

Washington—Cloudy. Probably rain in the west portion. Southeast winds along the coast.

## 10 Judges Quit Because of Low Salary

WASHINGTON, Dec. 14.—Ten former federal judges and a former senator today told a sub-committee of the Senate judiciary committee that they had been forced to retire from the bench because of the low salaries.

The sub-committee was appointed to investigate and report whether the salaries of judges should be increased.

## FUN ON PODUNK LIMITED FARCE TO BE GIVEN

The first of a series of entertainments to be given by the Bellview P. T. A. and the Upper Valley Community club, for the purpose of raising funds for the construction of a club house will be given Friday evening, at eight o'clock. The entertainment will feature the farce playlet, "Fun on the Podunk Limited."

Prominent Bellview residents will take leading parts in the playlet, which is said to be a screaming farce throughout.

Refreshments will be served following the program. The cast for the playlet follows:

Farmer Boggs, Aibert Thomas; Tom Boggs, Fred Homes; Mrs. Boggs, Mrs. Homer Barron; Mary Boggs, Helen Johnson; Grandpa Wiggins, Edwin Dunn; Grandma Wiggins, Mrs. Oscar Martin; Newboy, Wilbur Tucker; Conductor, Henry Homes; Miss Highstyle, Mrs. Edwin Dunn; Irish Woman, Mrs. Kenneth McWilliams; Susie Olsen, Gladys Johnson; Woman Suffragist, Mrs. Fred Homes; Margurite, Norma Reeder; Groom, Ebe Dunn; Bride, Mrs. Dean Scott; Miss Prim, Nell Dunn; Mrs. Horby, Lorraine McWilliams; Chinaman, Clarence Homes; Mrs. Stutterly, Mrs. J. E. Gowland; Mrs. Deafy, Delta Martin; Fat Man, Bert Peachy; Woman with baby, Mrs. Roy Hassanaur; Colored Porter, Buster, Buster Owen; Musician, L. B. Tucker.

Scio—Important strike of lead silver-gold-copper ore made, in Crown Mining Co.

## LOCAL DENTIST HAS NARROW ESCAPE IN KLAMATH MARSH

Mired to his armpits in the mucky swamps of the Klamath river near Keno, then wandering about in the darkness over the frozen marshes for two hours, was the experience of C. E. Shinn, well known local dentist yesterday.

Shinn and a party of duck hunters were tramping over the marshy land between the Klamath river and the Klamath straights, when Shinn became separated from his party. Further and further he went, paying little attention to the land in his hunt for ducks.

Suddenly and entirely without warning he sank over his boot tops in the jelly-like soil. Grippled tight by the clinging mud, he was slowly gulled in until only his head and shoulders were above ground.

By a superhuman effort, and after over an hour's struggle, Shinn finally succeeded in freeing himself, but he was minus his trousers, boots, and coat. Underwear, socks and shirt were dripping with mud and water.

After succeeding in lighting a small fire, Shinn dried his

## PROHIBITION AGENT FACES CHARGE AT KLAMATH

William Cole Attempting to Clear Self of Injuring Man

BLAMES AUTOMOBILE

Victim is in Hospital With Fractured Skull, Result of Accident During Arrest

KLAMATH FALLS, Dec. 14.—William Cole, former special state agent, returned to Klamath Friday night.

He has returned to defend himself against charges of having fractured the skull of Frank Pecholt, on the night of November 28.

He will remain in Klamath until the entire affair is settled and disposed of, he said Saturday.

Saturday Cole, W. H. McMills and an "under cover" man named Boyd, all of whom took part in the arrest of Pecholt on the night of November 28, held a conference with the district attorney over the Pecholt affair. The conference was also attended by State Prohibitor Assent L. L. McBride.

"I am here to tell my part of the story in the Pecholt case," Cole remarked following the conference. "I want a grand jury investigation of the entire affair. I invite it and am anxious to testify before that body."

Cole on a previous occasion, just before he left Klamath for the northern part of the state, issued a statement for the press in which he stated that Pecholt was hurt when he fell into a car driven by Ben Scheiter, part owner of the Klamath Moulding company. He denied positively that he had even struck Pecholt with a weapon of any kind.

## FORUM LUNCH IS TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY

R. H. Kipp, manager of the marketing department of the Portland chamber of commerce will be the speaker at the chamber of commerce forum luncheon to be held Wednesday in the Lithia Springs hotel. The date of the luncheon has been changed from Tuesday until Wednesday, in order to accommodate both producers and business men, who will meet in this joint session to discuss cooperative marketing.

Springfield—Two miles of cement sidewalk laid here this year.

## PEARS TO BE FEATURED AT STATE HORTICULTURE MEET

The Annual Meeting of the Oregon State Horticultural Society will be held at the Elks Temple in Medford on December 16, 17 and 18.

For the first time in twelve years Medford has been selected as the meeting place, and this year the entire meeting will be devoted to the subject of pears. Prominent speakers from California, Washington and Oregon, and points as far distant as Washington D. C., will cover all angles of the pear game. This event is of importance to all of Southern Oregon, providing as it does an opportunity for everyone interested, which includes all fruit raisers, farmers and business men, to learn something of this subject. Everything from the planting

## MILTY ARRESTED ON PUNCHBOARD COUNT

Lou Hilty, proprietor of a pool room, was arrested Saturday by Chief of Police McNabb, charged with having a punchboard in his possession. Hilty will be given a hearing before Justice Roberts this afternoon.

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