

## ANNUAL REPORT OF U. S. ATTORNEY GENERAL



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reversal of the fine of more than \$29,000,000, in which an application for the allowance of a writ of certiorari has been made to the supreme court. He holds that an amendment to the present statute would be appropriate in the case of all criminal proceedings, but suggests that it would be especially so in connection with prosecutions where the wealth of the defendant usually renders an appeal on his or its part from any adverse judgment a matter of course. The attorney-general's opinion is that in such cases there is no question of double jeopardy, as the appeal of the defendant from the original conviction is recognized by the undoubted weight of well considered judicial authority as a waiver of his rights in this respect, and again in the absence of some such provision of law as the attorney-general recommends guilty parties may escape from just punishment under the law as finally determined by the court of last resort. He declares that the consistent policy of the department of justice during the year in enforcing the statutes intended to protect the interstate and foreign commerce of the country from the evils arising through combinations in restraint of trade, and attempts to create monopoly, as well as discriminations and other illegal

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## TAFT SELECTS WICKERSHAM FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

New York, Dec. 18.—President-elect Taft has selected George W. Wickersham, of the New York law firm of Strong & Caldwell, to be attorney-general. This was learned today from a source regarded as reliable.

## SENATOR KNOX FOR SECRETARY OF STATE

Refuses to Affirm or Deny Current Rumor

Washington, Dec. 18.—When asked if the report that he had been offered and had accepted the portfolio of secretary of state in the Taft cabinet, Senator Knox said: "I did not start the rumor and can see no reason why I should affirm it or deny it." The senator's attitude is entirely non-committal.

Misses Margaret Monteith and Lora Taylor came up from Albany this afternoon to witness the debate and basketball game. They are the guests of Miss Florence Thrall.

## EUGENE WINS DEBATE FROM ALBANY TODAY

Amid cheer after cheer the judges' decision was announced that, two to one Eugene had won the debate from Albany this afternoon. Such enthusiasm as was demonstrated in that assembly room has never been paralleled before. The students all seemed to go wild with delight. The debaters and coach Huntington, were picked up and carried around the room time and again. It was inspiring to see how much this forensic victory meant to the students. With the exception of the rebuttal the Eugene team had the better of the argument throughout. The Eugene team was far better in their delivery than their opponents.

The Eugene high now has a clean chance to win the championship of the state. She has shown that she does not neglect her literary work for her athletics. The judges were Earl Strong of the U. of O.; Senator J. A. Buchanan of Roseburg and J. J. Bryan of Springfield.

Monmouth Herald: Mrs. Maria Smith is transforming her hophouse into a barn. She has most of her hop yard plowed up and will plow the rest as soon as possible. A little more of the same kind of work could be well done in the Willamette valley.

## REPORTED DECLARATION OF WAR DISCREDITED BY EUROPEANS

Berlin, Dec. 18.—Both the German foreign office and President Castro discredit the report that Venezuela has declared war against The Netherlands. The feeling is growing here that Castro left Venezuela, not because of illness, but because of the political turmoil; that he has no intention of ever returning. Castro will go to a hospital Sunday for a week of observation to determine whether an operation is necessary. He still denies the truth of the demonstrations at Caracas on December 11.

### DUTCH DO NOT BELIEVE IT

The Hague, Dec. 18.—The foreign office here gives no credence to the report that Venezuela has declared war against The Netherlands. The rumor apparently originated from Bogota, Columbia. It is believed that the basis for this declaration is the action of President Gomez of Venezuela in declaring that his country is "in a state of defense."

## TRAIN ROBBERS GET SMALL LOOT FROM EXPRESS TRAIN

Overlooked Money and Quantities of Valuable Booty

Portland, Dec. 18.—Crudity throughout marked one of the most sensational train robberies ever pulled off in this vicinity last night. Three amateurish bandits held up and looted the Chicago Express on the O. R. & N. about eight miles east of Portland, but all the plunder they secured was about \$550 worth of diamonds and cheap jewelry taken from the way safe. Something over \$2000 in cash was overlooked by the deliberate robbers, although it lay in easy reach, having been tossed behind the small way safe by Express Messenger Huff, to whose presence of mind the protection of the real valuables in the express car may be attributed. Number of the two combination baggage and mail cars, which carried thousands of dollars of registered mail, not a passenger in the coaches, six in number, occupied by about 200 through passengers from the east were molested. It is plain from all the circumstances that the robbers expected to find rich loot in the express car, which they prepared to secure by the use of nitro-glycerine. There being no through safe, they had no use for explosives after bursting open the car doors with explosives. One small safe was not locked and opened to the touch. Two men have been arrested who, in a general way, answer the description of two of the men implicated in the robbery. The arrests were made by the sheriff's deputies on the outskirts of Portland. There is some reason to believe this was the same gang that robbed the Great Northern train at Hillyard, Wash., on the night of December 9th, but their work last night was crude as compared with the work of the Great Northern robbers. A reward of \$1,500 for each of the robbers has been offered by General Manager O'Brien, of the O. R. & N. The express company will also offer a reward.

Earlier Report. Portland, Dec. 18.—O. R. & N. train No. 1, westbound, was held up and the express car was dynamited by four robbers at 8:50 last night, eight miles east of Portland. The robbers did not molest the passengers but uncoupled the mail and express cars and compelled the engineer to pull down the track a short distance toward Portland. The express car was blown open with dynamite and Express Messenger Huff was forced to open the safe.

General Manager J. P. O'Brien, of the Harriman lines, has offered a reward of \$1,500 for the arrest of each of the robbers. A special train was ordered out of the Union depot as soon as news of the holdup reached Portland, carrying a posse of deputy sheriffs, railroad detectives and officials of the O. R. & N. They started a hunt for the three desperadoes that lasted all night. Up to an early hour this morning no captures of suspects had been made. The looted train, with the express car splintered from the dynamite explosions that had wrecked the safe inside, reached the Union depot about 11 o'clock last night. It was in charge of Conductor Dunn.

FRESHMAN CLASS WINS CROSS COUNTRY RACE THIS AFTERNOON

The freshman class of the University won the three-mile cross-country race this afternoon by taking the second, third and fourth places. Bidwell, the junior class captain, took first place, and a '12 man, Brandt, second. The junior class won second place. The time was about 15 minutes. Each team was composed of five men.

MURDERER VICTIM OF MOB'S FURY

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 17.—Eller Hill, who was arrested for the murder of thirteen-year-old Mamie Womack, in Adair county, Kentucky, several times transferred to different jails by the authorities for safekeeping from mob. This morning was lynched at Monticello. The mob was unusually determined in its pursuit, and the prisoner had many narrow escapes before finally caught. Ernest Nye, the 9-year-old son of Lyman Nye, was drowned in the Alsea river about noon Monday. The family resides eight miles above Waldport and all travel between home and town is done by boat. The boy was missed shortly after dinner, and as he had been seen going toward the float his mother became alarmed and a search was instituted. The body was found about 5 o'clock a short distance below the float, where it had lodged against some brush.

## THREE MURDERERS DROP TO DEATH FROM ONE TRAP

Triple Execution of Men, Who Die Without Flinching

Bellingham, Dec. 18.—A dispatch from New Westminster, B. C., says: Without assistance, James Jenkins, a negro; Jack Portella, a negro; and Lee Chung, a Chinese, walked to the gallows in the provincial jail this morning to the drop without a murmur. After the rope was adjusted to the neck of each the Salvation Army officers repeated prayer and the trio stood on a single trap, dropping to eternity simultaneously. Portella was particularly unconcerned. Jenkins assaulted and murdered Mrs. Mary Morrison at Hazelmere; Portella killed a Mulatto woman at Vancouver and Chung killed another Chinaman. Chung and Portella confessed. Jenkins did not. The latter was convicted solely on circumstantial evidence.

## QUAKER STATE GRAFTERS SENT UP

Each Member of Gang Gets Two Years and a \$500 Fine

Harrisburg, Pa., Dec. 18.—Two years of imprisonment and a fine of \$500 was the sentence meted out today by Judge Kunkel to each of the four men convicted of defrauding the state in connection with the furnishing of the capitol building in this city. All will appeal. The defendants were John H. Sanderson, Philadelphia, contractor for furniture; James M. Shumaker, Johnstown, superintendent board of public grounds and two others.

## SALT LAKE MAN KILLED IN ACT OF BURGLARY

Salt Lake, Dec. 18.—Edgar Ames was shot and mortally wounded early today while in the act of stealing goods from a bakery, by Albert Richardson, the proprietor, who, owing to previous thefts, was on guard. Ames was a former employe of the baker's and leaves a wife and three children.

## SWEDISH STEAMER LOST IN COLLISION

Dover England, Dec. 18.—The Swedish steamer, Lindholmen, was sunk in a collision with the German steamer, Friederike Muller. Eight of the crew of the former were drowned. The survivors were landed here. The German boat was seriously broken, but kept afloat and gave invaluable aid to the Swedish craft. The eight men, who lost their lives, became frightened in the turmoil and jumped into the sea and were drowned before help could come.

## WILBUR WRIGHT ESTABLISHES NEW AEROPLANE RECORD

Remains in the Air for a Little Less Than Two Hours

Lemans, France, Dec. 18.—Wilbur Wright made a new world's record today for heavier-than-air machines by remaining in the air one hour and 53 minutes and 59 seconds. The best previous record was one hour, 31 minutes and 51 seconds, made by Wright, on October 10th of this year. Wright kept control of his wonderful machine at all times. The motor and the guiding apparatus worked perfectly, without falling into the slight breeze or with it.

## TAFT AND PARTY NOW AT AUGUSTA

Augusta, Ga., Dec. 18.—President Taft and party arrived today. Yesterday Taft held a conference with President Roosevelt on the Panama Canal.

## ROBBERS ESCAPE IN AUTOMOBILE

After Looting Two Banks and Battling With the Citizens

Gibson, Neb., Dec. 18.—Six robbers, after dynamiting the safe of the Farmer's State Bank of Keene, 28 miles south of here, and the Commercial Bank of Gibson, engaged in a pitched battle here with the citizens early today and escaped in an automobile with \$5,500. One of the robbers is believed to have been wounded and carried off. Poses are in pursuit. The robbers got \$3,000 at Keene and \$2,500 here.

## ARGENTINE WILL SPEND LARGE SUM UPON ARMAMENTS

Buenos Ayres, Dec. 17.—A bill authorizing that the government expend \$75,000,000 for armaments, passed the chamber of deputies yesterday. Chill will probably also consider the passage of measures to increase her naval armament. This bill may be the cause of the destruction of the agreement between Chill and Argentina to increase their fighting forces. In consequence the measure will be fought in the upper house.

## FAIR WEATHER FOR TOMORROW

Oregon: Fair tonight and Saturday. Easterly winds. Washington: Fair tonight and Saturday, except rain near the coast. Colder in the northeast. Easterly winds. Idaho: Fair tonight and Saturday. Colder.

CHICAGO WHEAT MARKET. Chicago, Dec. 18.—Dec. \$1.09 1/2; May, \$1.06; July, 95 3/4; Sept., 94 1/2.

## A Wireless Message---Hamptons' Cash Price

### A STUPENDOUS BARGAIN TIDAL WAVE

Sweeps all former offerings aside and stands first in the ranks of great values. Friday and Saturday we are going to place on sale some of the celebrated WOOLTEX COATS at the lowest price of the season or that we will ever make.

### WOMEN'S COATS

\$50.00 Wooltex Coats, all wool materials, richly trimmed, semi-fitting; a garment any woman will be proud to possess. Two days special, each ..... \$27.00

### ANOTHER TALL COAT VALUE

The value of this \$35.00 Coat is tall; it is stylish, warm and up-to-date, but the price is short. Two-day special, each ..... \$25.00

### SILK PETTICOATS AT THE PRICE OF SATEEN

\$5.00 Black Taffeta Silk Petticoats, with wide flounce; deep dust ruffle; Friday and Saturday special, each ..... \$3.75

### A PETTICOAT VALUE TO BE CONSIDERED

\$6.00 Colored Taffeta Silk Skirt, a good wearer, worth the regular figure; two days' special, each ..... \$4.90

### ALL-OVER NET WAISTS GREATLY REDUCED

\$5.00 Ecu Net Waists as a "goodbuy" price; each ..... \$2.25

### 16-BUTTON STREET GLOVES

\$2.50 Gloves, the kind to wear well, to look well, to give comfort to the possessor; at a bargain price; the pair, special ..... \$1.65

### 25c JAPANESE CREPE FOR KIMONAS

500 yards Japanese Crepe, mostly dark colors, all new Jap patterns; just right for kimonas; Friday and Saturday, the yard ..... 20c

### HANDKERCHIEFS AT A SMALL PRICE

25 dozen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs with fancy borders, always 10c; Friday and Saturday, each ..... 5c

### DOLLS FOR LITTLE MOLEY

10c Jointed Dolls, natural hair; Friday and Saturday, each ..... 5c

### 20c DOUBLE-HEADED DOLLS, 10c

Friday and Saturday our 20c Dolls, reversible, showing one side up a white head, the other a black head, all dressed; special, each ..... 10c

### BOYS OVERCOATS

\$5 and \$6 Boys' Overcoats; two-day special, each ..... \$4.00



## A Quality Coat

You probably have your own idea made up as to the kind of overcoat you'll wear this season. If it isn't a Hart, Schaffner & Marx overcoat guess again. You'll make a mistake if you don't find that name in the coat you buy. You'll find it here and it always stands for the best clothes made. It will be to your advantage if you take no other. Overcoats from \$10.00 to \$30.00

### NECKWEAR

New line Xmas Neckwear for men; Tecks, 4-in-hangs and Club ties, each, 25c and ..... 50c

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