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BAKER NOT TO RUN; KOZER CONSIDERING

Portland Mayor Decides to Stay Out of Primaries In Spite of Rumors

FINAL STATEMENT MADE

Many Letters Ask Secretary to Enter Contest

STAND TO BE CLEAR-CUT

Pendleton Comes Into Limelight With Steiwer-for-Senator Club Which Plans Work for Eastern Oregon

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 26. — (Special to the Register.)—Santa Claus having taken his departure, George L. Baker, mayor of Portland, rises to remark that rumors that he is to be a candidate for the Republican nomination for governor are without foundation. As a post-Christmas card to the electorate, Sam A. Kozer, secretary of state, admits that he is seriously considering whether he should enter the contest for the gubernatorial nomination.

Off and on, recurrently, for several months there have been remarks to the effect that Mayor Baker had his eye on the executive office in the state house at Salem and that when the primary ballot is printed in May that his name would be there on. The mayor let 'em talk and ignored the rumors. He feels now, however, that it is the appropriate time to knock the rumor in the head and put it to sleep.

Kozer Gives Statement

"I am seriously considering the governorship," said Mr. Kozer, while in Portland, "I have not decided that I will not be a candidate, nor have I concluded to run. I am thinking it over, and I do not know when I shall decide. But"—and the secretary of state emphasized this—"if I do become a candidate, I will issue a clear-cut statement of exactly where I stand, so that everyone will know what to expect from me, if elected."

From many sections of Oregon have come mail to Secretary Kozer suggesting that he be a candidate, making offers of support and predicting success.

"So many of these letters have been received," continued Mr. Kozer, "that I am in duty bound to give them consideration. One can do no less. I am not campaigning, although there may be such an impression because I have been on a trip or two, but I am trying to gather enough information on which to make up my mind. I do not ask people what they think of my chances, for when a man does that the average individual tells him what he thinks will please the tentative candidate. There is plenty of time. The primaries are in May."

Waters May Be Muddy

Entrance of Secretary of State Kozer, it is generally agreed, would muddy the waters more than the appearance of any other prospective candidate.

I. L. Patterson and Jay Upton are already in the field, while Seymour Jones and Charles Hall were more absorbed in the Yuletide than their possible fortunes for the time being.

At Pendleton a Steiwer-for-senator club has been organized with Alfer Fee as president; Thomas Elliott of Milton as vice-president, and Archie McIntyre as secretary, these three being empowered to appoint a legislative committee. Mr. Steiwer, believing eastern Oregon in good condition, is working in western Oregon. He is the only senatorial aspirant at present actively campaigning. Senator Stanfield has left his cause in the hands of his friends, and A. E. Clark is waiting until after the holidays to begin his active drive for the nomination.

Others May Enter

There are still three Portlanders watching developments and any one or all three may get into the game. These are Gus C. Moser, Charles H. Carey and Harry L. Corbett. Decision would be reached in next six weeks or two months, for otherwise the time will be too short, for a state-wide campaign, such as is imperative for the nomination.

State ownership of hydro-electric power is to be one of the issues in the general election and a report says that Rhea Luper, state engineer, is going to Canada at the request of Governor Pierce to gather data on government ownership of power plants and turn this information over to the governor for campaign thunder.

Circuit Fight Threatened

Court action is threatened over the nomination for circuit judge, department No. 8, a department added by the legislature and filled with the appointment of Ashby Dickson, by Governor Pierce. The attorney general has given an opinion that nominations must be made in the May primaries; Judge Dickson contends that his appointment is for the full term. Apparently no matter what action is taken in making up the ballot by the secretary of state, the question will be taken into the courts. W. H. Ekwald and one or two other Republicans are planning on enlarging the primaries for the nomination.

OREGON WINS CONTEST

POOR BASKET SHOOTING FATAL TO LOYOLLA

(By The Associated Press)

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 26.—Poor basket shooting by the Loyolla college basketball team gave the University of Oregon the victory in a game here tonight, 41 to 13. Loyolla failed on many opportunities to score. Oakley for the winners and McIsaacs for Loyolla were the leading point winners.

IN TODAY'S MORNING REGISTER

The Weather

For Oregon—Sunday cloudy, becoming unsettled, probably rain along the coast; normal temperature; moderate east winds.

Yesterday's weather in Eugene — Maximum temperature, 45 degrees; minimum, 38; wind from north. Stage of river, 3.6 feet.

Eugene and Vicinity

Cougar believed near; Girl Scouts discover large tracks in woods. Page 3.

Local firm wins prize for best window display during Christmas. Page 3.

School docket heavy; board of education meets Monday night. Page 3.

Christmas music to be given today at First Baptist church. Page 3.

Taylor Young dead; funeral to be in Cottage Grove today. Page 3.

Eleven boys pledged to Leopold Schepp Foundation program in Eugene. Page 3.

Children are grateful for gifts received from Eugene schools. Page 3.

Hike program ready; Springfield and friends of motor car con- Local party on cruise in waters of British Columbia. Page 5.

Death recalls tragedy of 1881; Mrs. Westfall's husband slain by bandits. Page 3.

E. C. Simmons is host to employes scouts to join local boys. Page 8, cern. Page 7.

Men and girls arrested in Salem for Lane county authorities. Page 5.

Two motorists injured in head on collision near Thurston. Page 5.

Watch night plans of College Crest community club announced. Page 5.

Newey's car stolen; left on street during Christmas holidays. Page 7.

Market road maintenance work for 1926 estimated. Page 8.

Filipinos to observe anniversary of death of Dr. Rizal. Page 3.

Gallon of gasoline costs two men $25 each. Page 8.

Lumber buying reported to be more active. Page 8.

Financial statement of city given by Treasurer Wentworth. Page 8.

Merriam elected president of Lane County Horticultural society. Page 3.

Theatre treat given inmates of county poor farm. Page 3.

Road aid asked for on Horton route. Page 5.

Farmers to co-operate in change of road right of way. Page 8.

Auto owner sued for damages on account of collision. Page 3.

Veis' case heard from; no encouragement given. Page 8.

Many men are laid off at S. P. terminals. Page 8.

Gifts given to residents of poor farm. Page 5.

Lane County and Oregon

Twenty-six present at reunion of Mitchell and Murphey families. Page 2.

Library is popular in winter months in Springfield. Page 2.

Fourteen cars are sold in Christmas week by local firm. Page 2.

Gathering is successful at home at Camp creek. Page 2.

Harrisburg gets stage line; two stops daily scheduled after January 1. Page 2.

Rev. H. E. Knott to say farewell to Harrisburg congregation in sermon this morning. Page 2.

Church of God gives Christmas program at Harrisburg. Page 2.

Many attend Christmas program at Oakridge. Page 2.

Legion at Cottage Grove has election of officers. Page 2.

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Sports

Oregon quintet wins game from Loyolla college, 41 to 13. Page 6.

West defeats East in all-star grid battle. Page 6.

Honolulu team defeated by Washington State college by score of 7 to 24. Page 6.

Ralph Hand and Bob Kruse ready for coming wrestling match. Page 6.

All-star boxing card promised January 5. Page 6.

Coburg beats Shedd in basketball game at Coburg last night. Page 6.

GANG WARFARE FEARED

THREE KILLED IN PISTOL FIGHT IN BROOKLYN

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A renewal of gang warfare, from which Brooklyn has been free for nearly a year, was believed responsible for the pistol fight in the "Adonis social club," a south Brooklyn resort, in which Richard (Pegleg) Lonergan and two others were killed early today as the climax of a Christmas night party.

Lonergan was identified by his mother, Mrs. Mary Lonergan, who in 1923 was acquitted of a charge of having shot her husband. He was known to police as a member of the "white hand gang," which was led by his brother-in-law, William Movett, who was murdered in November, 1923. Mrs. Lonergan identified one of the other men as Aaron Haines, a friend of "Pegleg." Finger prints disclosed the third man as Nell (Needles) Perry.

POLK ATTORNEY NAMED

WILLIAM H. HARCOMBE GETS NEW POSITION

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26.—William H. Harcombe, Dallas attorney, was today appointed district attorney of Polk county to succeed Joseph Helgerson who recently resigned to take a position in the office of the United States district attorney in Portland. The appointment was announced today by Governor Pierce.

Mr. Harcombe was defeated for the office of district attorney by Mr. Helgerson three years ago. He will assume office on January 1.

Cardinal to Have Operation

(By The Associated Press)

BRUSSELS, Dec. 26.—Cardinal Mercier, 74-year-old primate of Belgium, will undergo an operation at Brussels December 29, for a lesion of the stomach. Cardinal Mercier, who recently suffered an attack of influenza, is resting at his episcopal palace at Malines to gather strength for the operation.

...RATORS ASKING ...ND OF STRIKE

Page Advertisements Used to Induce Men to Start at Former Wages

GUARANTEE IS OFFERED

New Long-Term Contract to Be Worked Out

UNION LEADERS SILENT

Peace Proposals Made by Governor Indicate That Workers Will Not Ask Increase if Price Is Affected

(Register Lane County Special)

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 26. —Anthracite operators through page advertisements in the Sunday morning newspapers are directly asking their striking employes to return to work at once and at the rate of wages paid them when they quit four months ago.

The operators guarantee the wages for the next eight months and propose that a new long term contract can be worked out in the meantime.

Lack of Faith Charged

The union leaders made no formal statement in response to this action, but Thomas Kennedy, international secretary-treasurer of the united mine workers, at his home in Hazelton, Penn., when he learned of it, said the men would not be stampeded back to work; that they would return only when a new contract is agreed upon. He characterized the broadcasting of the operators' offer at this time as a lack of good faith and an attempt to "prejudice" the wage conference scheduled to meet in New York next Tuesday.

Mr. Kennedy pointed out that the offer of the operators is similar to that contained in the peace proposal submitted to the miners and operators by the Luzerne county delegation of the Pennsylvania house of representatives, December 15. This peace offer was accepted by the operators and rejected by the miners. Despite the joyous shouts that mingled with the Christmas carols in the coal fields when news came that the wage conference would be resumed next Tuesday, indications are that the negotiations will have a rough road to travel.

Operators Reject Proposal

The miners, in accepting the peace proposals of Governer Pinchot, virtually agreed to go to work without an increase if it were found that an advance in wages would set up the price of coal. This proposal was not accepted by the operators on the ground that it only arbitrated wages upward. They proposed arbitration without conditions and this is the big issue that will be fought out in New York. The check-off which provides for deducting union dues from miners' wages, is a second issue that will be strongly urged and strongly resisted.

Priests Statement Attacked

(By The Associated Press)

HAZELTON, Penn., Dec. 26.—Sentiments expressed by 16 non-English speaking priests of the upper coal fields do not represent the general views of the anthracite re-

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COLD WAVE SWEEPING TOWARD EASTERN COAST

NORTHERN BORDER STATES IN GRIP OF WINTER

Temperatures of 10 to 13 Degrees Below Zero Reported From Canadian Line

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—A post-Christmas cold wave, the most intense of the winter, was sweeping across the United States tonight toward the Atlantic seaboard.

In Minnesota, North Dakota and other northern border states where the cold centered today, the thermometer went to 20 and 23 degrees below zero. The Pas, Manitoba, was the coldest place on the continent with a record of 28 below. At Minot, N. D., it was 23 below.

Most of Canada also was in the grip of zero weather.

Three persons were frozen to death in Chicago, where the temperature reached one above zero.

Other Regions Cold

Weather bureau reports tonight indicated the cold is concentrating along the northern border and in Canada, but the southern Middle West also is experiencing temperatures several degrees below normal. The thermometer stood at 26 above zero in Atlanta, Ga.

Great Lakes shippers were advised by the weather bureau to prepare for temperatures from 10 to 25 degrees below zero tonight and Sunday.

Little Snow Falling

Little or no snow accompanied the cold wave. Minneapolis and Duluth, Minn., were the coldest cities in the country today with a temperature of 13 below. It was 12 below at Waterloo, Iowa, and six below at Milwaukee.

In Chicago it was too cold for acclimated Polar bears. Photographers who went to the zoo to catch the bears enjoying a home atmosphere found them huddled in their dens and they could not be coaxed out.

TIENTSIN AGAIN QUIET

FOREIGN GUARDS WITHDRAWN AND TRAINS STARTING

(By The Associated Press)

TIENTSIN, China, Dec. 26. — Quiet was restored in Tientsin today after the chaos reigning from the defeat of the Chihli army of General Li Ching-Lin, former civil governor of the province and the occupation of the city by Marshal Feng Yu-Hsiang's Kuominchin (national people's army) forces on Thursday.

The foreign guards which have been protecting the foreign concessions were being withdrawn today and train service to Peking was being restored.

During the Chihli army's retreat through the city Thursday an Italian detachment on guard at the electric works in the native city, returned some shots fired by General Li's soldiers and killed two of them.

OFFICERS STOP PARTY

PROMINENT PERSONS FOUND IN ROADHOUSE RAID

(By The Associated Press)

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 26.—Several prominent Klamath Falls residents, including a former public official, were enjoying a Christmas night party at the Motor Inn roadhouse, near here, when it was raided by state prohibition officers early today. Several gallons of liquor were found, according to the raiding officers. Two of the reputed owners were held on charges of possessing liquor. The officers allowed the patrons, some 20 in number, to leave without revealing their names.

PEACE BELIEVED NEAR WITH DRUSE TRIBESMEN

CHIEFS REPORTED TO HAVE ACCEPTED TERMS

Proposals Offered by French at Signing of Armistice May Lead to End of War

(By The Associated Press)

LONDON, Dec. 26.—An exchange telegraph dispatch from Bagdad gives a report brought by a convoy from Syria that chiefs of the Druse tribesmen in Syria have accepted peace proposals offered by the French authorities.

An armistice was reported to have been signed several days ago between the Druse tribesmen and the new French commissioner in Syria, Henry De Jouvenal. This report came from Cairo, Egypt.

The French foreign office admitted that negotiations looking to peace were going on in Syria, but that no final signature had yet been affixed. It was admitted, however, that the signing of an armistice at any moment would not surprise the foreign office.

TAX QUIZ WILL START

4000 PERSONS IN STATE FILE NO RETURNS

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26. — All persons and corporations who filed income tax returns with the federal government but failed to submit statements with the state income tax department are to be subjected to an investigation, Earl Fisher, state tax commissioner declared here today.

A check of the federal income tax lists for 1923 shows that approximately 4000 people, although paying federal taxes, failed to file a return with the state. "It is true," Mr. Fisher's statement reads, "that in this list are a number of federal employes whose incomes are not taxable by the state, but the tax commission has reason to believe that there are a large number of persons who have not complied with the state law.

"In justice to the thousands of persons who have paid their tax to the state, the commission intends to proceed and make every effort to round up all delinquents."

HALL GIVEN TEN YEARS

AUTO THIEF CONVICTED IN MEDFORD TRIAL

(By The Associated Press)

MEDFORD, Ore., Dec. 26.—Don Hall, automobile thief and jailbreaker, entered a plea of guilty to the theft of an automobile late Thursday and was sentenced to ten years in state prison.

W. H. Blakely, a former resident of Coos county, plead guilty to operating a still, and was sentenced to five years, the maximum sentence.

Joe Lutz plead guilty to stealing a saddle from a Siskiyou mountain ranch and was given a two-year prison term.

MAN LIVES 109 YEARS

FORMER RANGER SCALPED BY INDIANS RECOVERS

(By The Associated Press)

GLOBE, Ariz., Dec. 26.—Henry Mims, former Texas ranger, died at his home here today. He was 109 years old.

Half a century ago near Duncan Prairie, Texas, he was scalped and left for dead after a skirmish with Indians. Because of the scar left by the scalping alive he underwent, Mims never appeared in public without a hat.

SOME MANAGERS ONLY DEMAND HALF

COOLIDGE TAKES UP QUESTION OF CROPS

Means of Handling Surplus Held Main Problem In Farm Program

BLOC BRINGS PRESSURE

Federal Commission Wanted By Western Leaders

DIRECTING AGENCY PLAN

Iowa Congressional Delegation Authorized by Jardine to Promise National Help to Corn Growers

(By The Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 26. —The administration's farm relief program will be broadened to provide for some machinery for handling surplus crops.

Just what form this new aid will take has not been determined, but both President Coolidge and Secretary Jardine have reached the conclusion that surplus crops present one of the dominating problems of agriculture, and that some governmental step must be taken to afford relief.

Tremendous pressure has been brought to bear recently on the administration by the congressional farm bloc and western agriculture leaders to create a federal commission with powers to direct the disposition of surplus farm crops in a way that would enable the producers to at least get the cost of production.

President Takes Stand

Heretofore the White House has been silent on the subject, but today after the president had conferred with Secretary Jardine, which was the culmination of a series of conferences between the two, it was disclosed that the administration was prepared to endorse conservative legislation fostering the sale of surplus crops in the export trade with a government commission as a directing agency.

The issue was brought to a head today a few hours before the departure for Des Moines of the Iowa congressional delegation, members of which were invited to attend a meeting there of farmers and bankers to discuss means of marketing the surplus corn crop.

Representative Dickinson, Republican, Iowa, talked with Secretary Jardine before he left and it is understood that the agricultural secretary, who had come direct from the White House, authorized the Iowa representative to tell the farmers of that state that the administration sympathized with their difficulties and was prepared to support some measure for handling the surplus crops provided it did not put the government in a business and fix farm prices.

Advice to Be Asked

Secretary Jardine, in laying the foundation for the bill, plans to follow the same course he pursued in preparing the co-operative marketing bill when he called in co-operative leaders for advice. He will invite farm leaders over the country to offer suggestions.

At present the secretary believes that surplus crops can be handled through the co-operative marketing system with a government commission as a guiding hand. He is giving consideration to the proposal to empower such a commission to declare "emergency periods," when some particular farm crop is under pressure and to designate some agency to handle it.

Price Fixing Opposed

"Farmers through their own organizations have a most powerful instrument to control the movement of surplus crops into consumptive channels," Mr. Jardine said today. "With the confidence I have in the co-operative movement, I have always opposed government price fixing, either direct or indirect, and the handling of farm products by government agencies with the most certain feeling that a government guarantee of this nature would eliminate the one real incentive for collective effort."

ALGERIA SEEKS COUNT

AMERICAN IS CHARGED WITH TAKING MUMMIES

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The Matin says that the governor general of Algeria has broadcast an announcement throughout his sphere of action that he is "searching for an American citizen, Charles Byron Cunes, known as Count de Prorok, born 1896 at Mexico." The announcement is accompanied by a list of grievances against Cunes.

The government of Algeria, adds the paper, says that despite the rigid regulations, Cunes "carried off a certain number of archaeological discoveries he made in Algerian subsoil, notably four mummies which he unearthed at Hoggar." The count left for America December 15.

WELLS IS DISQUALIFIED

ENGLISHMAN ACCUSED OF USING BACKHAND BLOW

(By The Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Dec. 26. — Billy Wells of England was disqualified in the seventh round of a ten-round welterweight match here tonight against Harry Dudley of California, for using the backhand blow.

Wells had ignored repeated warnings. Newspapermen at the ringside had conceded Wells an advantage on points.

Jimmy Sakamolo of Japan scored a technical knockout over Billy Wiley of New York in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round match.

WRECKING OF DIRIGIBLE DRIVES MAN TO LIQUOR

HERO OF DISASTER HELD FOR MAKING BOOZE

Sightseers Ruin Farm, Says Gamary, Who Is Found in Bed With Still by His Side

(By The Associated Press)

BELLEVUE, Ohio, Dec. 26.—How the wrecking of the navy dirigible Shenandoah on his farm near Ava, Ohio, last September, resulted in ruin of his farm and drove him to bootlegging, is the story Andy Gamary is prepared to tell the Noble county grand jury. Gamary, one of the first heroes of the disaster is now in jail awaiting grand jury action, having been recently arrested a third time for manufacturing liquor.

Contradicting stories published after the wreck that Gamary and other farmers of the neighborhood would become rich by collections from sightseers and by compensation paid by the government, Gamary says the accident ruined him.

When the wreck took place, Andy relates, he had a nice little truck garden all ready for harvesting.

What was not destroyed by the wreckage was trampled by the sightseers and his well drained bone dry on the day of the wreck, still remains dusty. So he says he was forced to seek another occupation.

When officers raided Gamary's place the last time they found him in bed and for safe keeping he had taken his still to bed with him.

FLORIDA BUBBLE BURSTS

SAVINGS OF MANY PERSONS LOST IN FAILURE

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Life savings of hundreds of shipkeepers, mechanics and small land holders of Elgin, Illinois, appeared in jeopardy tonight following revelations that upwards of $500,000 may have been swept away through criminal manipulation of the Charles Ripperberger company, defunct investment concern. Walter C. Ripperberger, head of the company, was held under $10,000 bonds, charged with disposing of forged notes.

First intimation of the crash came Wednesday with the filing of a voluntary petition in bankruptcy by company officials. In its liabilities are listed at $473,683.28, and assets $293,500. This was followed by the arrest of Walter Ripperberger last night, charged with a specific forgery involving $3000.

The company, which carried on a general real estate, insurance and private banking business, had assets described in the bankruptcy petition as chiefly represented in farm equities in North and South Dakota and Florida. Inability to realize on these assets is believed to have led to the alleged manipulations, while the crash of the concern is attributed to the failure of a Florida investment on which Rippenberger had counted for a $100,000 profit.

STATE SUED BY WIDOW

HUSBAND DECLARED VICTIM OF HEART STRAIN

(By The Associated Press)

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Dec. 26.—Anna Oland has brought suit against the state industrial accident commission asking $30 monthly for life from August 16, 1925, or until marriage, and $500 doctor bills and funeral expenses The plaintiff avers that her husband, L. F. Oland, died of heart strain while working for the state highway commission on the Roseburg-Coos county highway. The commission had refused to admit any liability in the case.

EDUCATORS WILL MEET

CONFERENCE TO BE HELD AT SALT LAKE CITY

(By The Associated Press)

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 26.—Idaho educators will be invited to attend the inter-mountain conference of school administrators to be held here April 2 and 3, Dr. C. N. Jensen, state superintendent of schools, announced today. The invitations will be extended by him as president of the organization at the meeting of Idaho educators at Boise next Tuesday.

SEVENTH CASE APPEARS

SPINAL MENINGITIS AGAIN AT KLAMATH FALLS

(By The Associated Press)

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Dec. 26.—After a lapse of more than a week, another case of spinal meningitis was reported to the county health office today, making the seventh since the epidemic broke out here about two weeks ago. Two deaths have resulted thus far during the epidemic. Public schools have been closed for more than a week.

MURDER CHARGE FACED

WOMAN INDICTED FOR DEATH OF FOSTER DAUGHTER

(By The Associated Press)

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 26.—The San Joaquin county grand jury today indicted Mrs. Louisa Zamora on the charge of having murdered her four-year-old foster daughter Aguila, whose body was found buried in a cesspool in the rear of the Zamora home in Tracy, several months ago.

BODY FOUND IN BATHTUB

ALBANY WOMAN BELIEVED TO HAVE DROWNED

(By The Associated Press)

ALBANY, Ore., Dec. 26.—Mrs. C. E. Showalter, 33, was found dead in a bathtub at the home of C. A. Weider here tonight by Mrs. Wieder and her son. A physician said that death had been caused by drowning. Mrs. Showalter had been in ill health.

FRENCH FINANCES BRING NEW CRISIS

Majority Parties Rushing to Complete Bills For Solution of Problem

EACH HAS OWN PROGRAM

Partial Ministry Changes Renounced By Briand

ALL CABINET MAY QUIT

Issue May Not Be Decided Until Regular Session of Chamber Convenes About Jan. 15 to Take Up Question

(By The Associated Press)

PARIS, Dec. 26.—The government and the parties which compose its majority in the chamber are now providing the extraordinary spectacle of a frantic race to forestall each other in the presentation of a financial program to parliament.

This situation gives rise to the prospect that the New Year will start off politically with another cabinet crisis. The seriousness is heightened by Premier Briand's declaration that he will make no further partial changes in his ministry. If Finance Minister Doumer's projects are rejected it will mean the rejection of the whole cabinet.

Three Groups at Work

The issue may not come to a head, however, until the regular session of the chamber begins about the middle of January.

During the past week three groups of the left cartel have been working feverishly on bills designed to balance the budget. That they have outstripped the government in the race was indicated today by their further announcement that their bills have been drafted and will be introduced in the chamber Monday morning.

Meanwhile, the cabinet remains divided on M. Doumer's plan for a double tax on business turnover and will be unable to settle this matter before the cabinet meets again Tuesday. By that time it is believed in the lobbies of the chamber the groups of the left bloc will have supplied rigid discipline to all their members and have made approval of the government bills, whatever they may be, impossible.

Left Wing Asks Economy

The bills which the left groups will push as substitutes for the government measures provide for economics in official administration amounting to 800,000,000 francs; increase the income taxes payable by foreigners; institute grave penalties for tax dodging and reinforce the means at the disposal of the fiscal administration for the detection of false declarations.

One of these bills provides that no person can vote unless he has satisfied the authorities he has complied with all the tax laws.

SALEM TRUSTY ESCAPES

BOY LEAVES PRISON TO BE AT HOME CHRISTMAS

(By The Associated Press)

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 26. — A Christmas longing to visit his home and mother, prompted Elmer Porth, 19, a trusty employed as a night waiter in the guard's quarters at the state penitentiary, to run away last night.

A hastily organized search for him during the night ended about 5:30 o'clock this morning when his father telephoned to Warden Lillie from Portland that the boy had returned to his home there and was willing to give himself up. He will be returned to the prison this morning.

Porth was received at the prison April 13, last, from Multnomah county, under sentence of two years for assault with intent to rob. He had been a model prisoner and would have been eligible for a parole in two weeks.

WHEAT MARKET WILD

PRICES MAKE NEW RECORDS WITH BUYING BRISK

(By The Associated Press)

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26. — The wheat market turned out to be a wild affair before Saturday's short session was over today and brisk buying sent prices to new seasonal records all along the line. The advances ranged from 4 to 7½ cents.

The upward trend was attributed mostly to strong eastern buying and the bullish government report early in the week was also held responsible for part of the rise. There also was buying for export and it was almost entirely a professional market. December wheat closed at $1.84¼ and registered the greatest advance. December delivery jumped for a net gain of 9¾c in the last hour of trading, but considerable portions of the rise were out away by last minute profit taking. Corn and oats also profited slightly by wheat's rise.

HORSES GIVEN PARTY

TRAINED ANIMALS BOW TO RECEIVE PRESENTS

(By The Associated Press)

TOLEDO, Ohio, Dec. 26.—F. B. Caswell, manufacturer, gave a Christmas party for his horses today. He has 15 of them, all show ring prize winners.

He mounted a Christmas tree in his stables, engaged professional entertainers and invited a group of Toledo horse lovers to be guests.

When Caswell called the name of each horse, it came to the Christmas tree, bowed and received its present, stockings filled with carrots and other horsey delicacies. Each horse had been trained to bow as he left carrying his present.