

GREER INDICTED OF CRIMINAL LIBEL AGAINST TOUVELLE

The grand jury this afternoon returned an indictment against Bert R. Greer, editor of the Ashland Tidings, on a charge of libel. Evidence was heard Wednesday from Frank Touvelle, the complainant, and a number of Medford citizens, whom Greer named as members of the alleged Medford gang.

Mike Spanos and Frank Seymour, alias Parker, were arraigned this afternoon and answered not guilty to the charge of murdering George Dedaskalnos last September. Their trial will be held later.

FIRST WOMAN TAKES CRUISE ON BATTLESHIP

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 5.—Having the distinction of being the first woman on an American warship in the past 31 years, Miss Priscilla Elliott, daughter of Captain Elliott, commander of the cruiser Maryland is here today on her way from the Bremerton navy yard, after having made the trip from Honolulu to the Puget Sound station on her father's ship.

This is said to be the first violation of the rule since Secretary of the Navy William H. Hunt, issued the famous "no petticoat" order in 1881, prohibiting women from staying over night aboard a United States warship. Prior to that time it was customary for officers to have their wives share their quarters.

FOREST FIRES SWEEP SANTA BARBARA HILLS

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 5.—Forest fires are furiously sweeping the foothills about Santa Barbara and grave fears are felt for the safety or the fashionable suburb of Montecito.

The home of J. Tapie near Montecito was destroyed today Tapie and his family being compelled to flee for their lives.

Colonel Slosson, supervisor of the reserve, at the head of a company of 200 exhausted firefighters, is being driven slowly toward the ocean.

CALIFORNIA GIRL WOULD BE A MOTORCYCLE "COP"



MISS LILLIE WILLIAMS.

Miss Lillie Williams has applied to the Chief of Police for a position as motorcycle policewoman in Los Angeles. She has told the Chief of Police that she can perform the duties of a motorcycle policewoman successfully—and fast she can prove it.

Should her request be granted she would be the first woman to hold such a position in the United States.

Miss Williams has seven championship medals given her for her skill and endurance in bicycle and motorcycle events. She is an all-round athlete and at one time claimed the world's championship as a woman fencer. She is an accomplished horsewoman and a strong swimmer.

RAILROADS SEEK INJUNCTION AGAINST NEW RATE LAW

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—The Oregon railroad commission will not be restrained for the present in the enforcement of the Medford freight rate bill, a decision to that effect having been given by Judge C. E. Wolverson in the United States district court.

The formal entry of suits by the O. W. R. & N. and the S. P. & S. railroad companies was to have the initiative rate bill declared illegal, but Judge Wolverson refused to restrain setting the date of December 16 for a hearing.

At that time, the law will either be declared effective, a temporary injunction against its enforcement will be given, or a permanent injunction against it will be made.

The O. W. R. & N. suit was entered by Attorneys Cotton and Spencer, and consisted of 66 pages. The S. P. & S. petition consists of 30 pages, and was entered by Attorneys Carey and Kerr. Both suits are addressed to the state railroad commission, although the district attorneys of a number of counties of the Willamette valley are included in the O. W. R. & N. bill as defendants.

FLAT DENIAL OF CHARGES BY UNIONIST

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 5.—H. W. Legietner of Pittsburg, a former member of the executive board of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Ironworkers and one of the defendants in the so-called dynamite conspiracy trial here, was the first witness called by the defense today. He protested his innocence of all the government charges, introducing a number of character witnesses in his behalf.

Legietner flatly denied the letters he received from John McNamara referred to dynamitings, insisting they were about legitimate union business only.

WILL FIX SCHOOL LEVY AT MONDAY'S MEETING

The fixing of the school tax levy for the year will be made by the school board at a meeting to be held next Monday. Last year, through an agreement with the city council, the levy was 8 mills, and as now proven, was not sufficient to run the city schools the entire year without falling back on the reserve. This year, it is understood, the levy will be 9 mills, the amount provided by the state law, and sufficient to insure funds for the year.

The city council at its regular session this evening will likely take up the matter of the city levy, and although no definite rate has been decided upon, it will likely be somewhat lower than last year.

The tax levies of school districts and cities must be in the hands of the assessor early in the new year, in order to make up the tax for 1912.

GREECE REFUSES SIGNATURE TO ARMISTICE BALKAN STATES

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 5.—An official note issued this evening says the armistice has been concluded with Bulgaria, Serbia and Montenegro, "and a state of war with Greece continues." Although the complete terms of the protocol have not been made public, it is learned the question of re-victualing the beleaguered towns was abandoned, the government being satisfied the towns had sufficient supplies of foodstuffs to last until the conclusion of peace.

The only condition mentioned in the official communication to the press is that the troops will remain in the positions now occupied. It is understood no limit was fixed to the armistice, which may be terminated by forty-eight hours notice by either side.

PLAN TO BAR EXCHANGES

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fuse to clear their exchanges. In most cases they compel the bankers to join their organization or quit business. To my mind this condition of affairs is intolerable and unendurable.

"Prosecutions, both civil and criminal, may result from the probe. We will show the facts, call attention to the reforms we believe are needed and urge new laws to cope with the situation."

The projected reforms, Pujo said, include a bill prohibiting limitations, and a third instituting federal supervision, intended to place clearing houses under control of the treasury department.

50,000 SACKS OF ONIONS DUMPED

STOCKTON, Cal., Dec. 5.—Probably 50,000 sacks of onions grown in San Joaquin county will be thrown into the river this year, largely on account of the present low prices. Local growers and commission men defend this action by declaring that the yield has been exceptionally heavy, and that there is an unusual amount of culls. Growers are offered from 30 to 60 cents per sack, according to quality. They state that it costs them 10 cents a sack to dig them and that when rent and cost of production is charged against the crop they lose money at 30 cents. Only the culls or unmarketable portion, they declare, is being thrown overboard.

Between 30 and 50 carloads of potatoes per day are being dug in the island district. Tubers are quoted at from 40 to 80 cents per sack, according to quality. Growers declare that thousands of acres of spuds will not be dug.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 5.—The Lincoln memorial committee approved today the design submitted by Henry Bacon, a New York architect for a monument in Potomac Park here to Abraham Lincoln. The memorial is to cost \$1,775,000.

TREVITTE MILITARY DOGS A FEATURE AT ISIS



OREGON CITY RAILROAD WAR IS COMPROMISED

OREGON CITY, Ore., Dec. 5.—An armistice is today declared between the Southern Pacific and the Clackamas Southern Railway in the crossing war here. The contested crossing has been started across the Southern Pacific tracks by the local company, but the same will not be used until the two railroads agree on possible accident liability on account of the crossing. The engine which for three days stood on the Southern Pacific

track, on the spot where the smaller company desired to install the crossing has been removed to a distant portion of the city.

The matter of accident liability on which the contest hinged, is now being adjusted.

CAPTAIN BENNETT TO BE MARE ISLAND COMMANDANT

VALLEJO, Cal., Dec. 5.—Word received here today from Washington says that Captain Frank Bennett of the cruiser South Dakota is selected by the navy department as captain of the Mare Island navy yard. The position has been vacant since January last.

WIFE REFUSES TO AID SICKLES AGAIN

NEW YORK, Dec. 5.—The war relics of General Daniel E. Sickles may be saved, but it will not be because the general's estranged wife has again come to his assistance.

This in effect, was the statement made here today by Sheriff Harburger regarding the postponement to December 12 of the sale of the veteran's personal effects.

"General Sickles told me," said the sheriff, "that no reconciliation had been effected with Mrs. Sickles. I postponed the sale because I believe friends of the general will come to his rescue. One of the sheriff's jury panels already has subscribed \$1000.

ALLEGED HUMOR BRINGS LIBEL SUIT

PORTLAND, Dec. 5.—The trial in the case of Albert G. Cornell against the Portland News Publishing company for \$15,000 damages on account of an article published in the Portland News on February 5, began this afternoon before Circuit Judge Gantenheim.

Cornell claims the article conveyed the impression that he and his business associate, Joe Kientz, had swindled Ernest Spiegelbauer out of a \$2,000 lot in trade for a third interest in a restaurant. The article was a humorous description of the deal.

17 REPORTED LOST WITH LAKE VESSEL

CHICAGO, Dec. 5.—Despite reports that the steamer House Simmons, laden with Christmas trees, sank in the Great Lakes with all on board, numbering 17 persons, it is believed here today that the vessel may be safe.

The revenue cutter Tuscarora today sent a wireless message that the steamer George Orr reported seeing the House Simmons yesterday morning off Racine, Wis.

We Must Have \$29,000 by Jan. 1 To Pay Our Bills



Every Fur in Our Immense Stock Reduced 25%

Our stock of Furs is larger than that of all others in Medford combined and our prices are very low—bargains in every sense at the regular marked figure—but at the present time in order to raise \$29,000.00 we have reduced every piece 25% from its original price.



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Christmas Handkerchiefs Now at Greatly Reduced Prices in Order to Help Raise That \$29,000.00 That We Need

25c HAND EMBROIDERED HKFS LINEN AND SHAMROCK LAWN, 15c

These Handkerchiefs are the identical kind that you usually pay 25c for; pretty embroidery effects; also some lace edge hkfs. in imitation of the real Armenian goods.

15c FANCY EMBROIDERY HKFS. 9c

This lot consists of about 40 dozen pretty embroidery effects in the sheerest Shamrock lawn; also some pure linen handkerchiefs that are hand embroidered; an unusual bargain in every respect.

75c and 85c HAND EMBROIDERED HKFS. AND ARMENIAN HKFS. 49c

This lot of handkerchiefs is our finest assortment, over 50 patterns to choose from; pretty hand embroidered effects, little French knot designs; the daintiest little handkerchiefs with Armenian lace edges.



35c and 40c HAND EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS NOW 25c

Over 50 dozen Handkerchiefs in this lot, dainty sheer linen and a large assortment of designs to choose from.

50c and 60c HAND EMBROIDERED HANDKERCHIEFS NOW 35c

In this lot are over 60 dozen Handkerchiefs, entirely new ideas in corner embroidery, Armenian lace edge handkerchiefs, pretty Madira work and all made on the sheerest grade of fine Handkerchief linen.

Now Comes Our Big Sale of Xmas Ribbons. We Must Raise \$29,000.00. Finest Fancy Ribbons, 35c to 75c values, 25c yd.

This Ribbon Sale is without a precedent or competitor in Medford; our entire stock of Fancy Ribbons that sell regularly from 35c to 75c now all offered at the one low price. To this immense assortment we have added fine hair bow ribbons, Messaline ribbons, moire ribbons and offer an assortment of over 400 pieces to choose from. Don't fail to see our window display of these goods.



XMAS STATIONERY NOW REDUCED 35c and 50c VALUES 29c

A whole table full of this stationery all in holly boxes at this bargain price.

MEN'S SHAVING STANDS LIKE CUT VERY SPECIAL AT \$1.98

These stands sell always at \$2.50 to \$3.50; they are German silver plated and a fine present for any man.



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