

The Weather
 Maximum yesterday 36
 Minimum today 29
 Precipitation .31
 Snow 1 1/2 inches

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Predictions
 Rain or snow

Daily—Sixteenth Year
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DEBS RELEASED BY PRESIDENT HARDING

SENTENCE TO FEDERAL PEN COMMUTED

Radical Leader Granted Freedom As Christmas Present—Pardon Comes As Surprise to Friends and Relatives—Convicted On Three Counts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—The ten year prison sentence of Eugene V. Debs was commuted today by President Harding and the socialist leader will be released Christmas day from Atlanta penitentiary.

Along with Mr. Debs, who was convicted in 1918 of violation of the espionage law, the sentence of twenty-three other persons serving sentence for violations of war time laws were commuted to expire also on Christmas day.

Five former soldiers serving sentences imposed by courts martial were pardoned.

The commutations and pardons were announced personally by Pres-



Eugene V. Debs, president Harding, who took the action in accordance with the custom of extending clemency to federal offenders at the Christmas season.

The five soldiers given full pardons are Carl J. Bryan, James A. O'Dell, Yoy Youngblood, George Van Gilder and J. B. Richardson, all serving life terms to which they were sentenced while with the American army on the Rhine, for the alleged killing of George Lancefield, a former British officer.

Among those whose sentences were commuted were Charles Ashleigh, a former newspaper man, and a writer of poetry, who was convicted at Chicago for conspiracy under the espionage act and given a ten year sentence. His sentence was commuted upon his agreement to accept deportation to England, the country of his nativity.

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ALL REDS IN THE UNITED STATES TO GATHER IN ONE BIG PARTY

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Unification of all revolutionary elements in the ranks of America's workers was contemplated by radical delegates gathered here today for a convention called for the announced purpose of organizing "the workers party of America." It was semi-officially declared these elements might be defined as "those accepting the leadership of the third (communist) internationale in the struggle to establish an American workers' republic."

It was expected that representatives of the following organizations would be present during the convention, which will close Monday:

The American Labor Alliance, the

Women Are Given Legal Power to Pick Husband's Pockets

MALDEN, Mass., Dec. 22.—Judge Charles M. Bruce, in the municipal court today ruled that women are justified in helping themselves to money from their husband's pockets.

"It has been the inalienable right of women from the beginning of time to take money from their husband's pockets," he said in finding Alphonse Di Eaco guilty of assault on his wife, Lena.

STATE SENATE UNDECIDED ON GASOLINE TAX

Divided Report Expected in Upper House On Bill to Finance 1925 Fair—Amendment Would Give 40 Per Cent of Tax to Highways.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—With road protection legislation well on the way toward enactment, and with a measure passed by the house providing a gasoline tax to raise \$3,000,000 for the proposed exposition at Portland in 1925 under consideration today in the senate, the special session of the Oregon legislature convened Monday had today made substantial progress on the two matters assigned to it by Governor Ben W. Olcott.

Amendments to the exposition and highway measures have been proposed in the senate and the committee considering the exposition measure was expected to return a dividend report this afternoon.

A senate amendment to the exposition bill which has the state highway commission's approval, would give 40 per cent of the returns from a three-cent a gallon gasoline tax to exposition purposes and sixty per cent to the highway commission until \$3,000,000 has been realized for the exposition.

Several emergency bills and some measures to correct errors and omissions by the last regular session were on their way through both houses, some having been finally enacted.

Thomas Votes "No."

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—The first of the administration highway protective measures to reach the senate on final passage, house bill No. 5, giving police regulation of the highways to the state highway commission, passed the senate this morning with Ryan, Strayer and Thomas voting against it. The measure does not remove authority from the state department.

House bill 21 placing regulation of motor bus and transportation lines under the public service commission, precipitated a debate and was re-committed for amendment.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—The roads and highways committee of the senate at a noon meeting made four amendments to the bill placing motor bus and truck lines under regulation of the public service commission.

One of these exempts neighborhood vehicles, for example in communities where one farmer does hauling for his neighbors who cannot afford trucks.

FIGHT ON BONUS BILL IS FAILURE

Rep. Korell Leads Attack, But Only 3 Votes Registered Against Additional Appropriation for Service Men—12 Bills Passed in House—Carter Measure Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—A bill, providing for an additional appropriation of \$90,000 to administer the \$30,000,000 bond issue for the soldiers bonus and loan fund was passed last night by the house after spirited debate.

Representative Korell, although in favor of the bill, led a fight which sent the bill to ways and means committee for recommendation. The bill came originally from the committee but without recommendation other than for consideration by the legislature as "emergency" legislation.

The bill shortly afterward was re-submitted to the house for consideration. Roll call showed three adverse votes. Thirty thousand dollars was appropriated by the legislature for administering the loan and bonus when the act was passed.

Pass 12 Bills

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 22.—Twelve bills including three senate measures were passed yesterday by the house.

Senator Upton's bill exempting state bonus payments and loans to soldiers from debts contracted prior to June 21, 1921, and the joint ways and means appropriation bill of \$30,000 to reimburse farmers for unpaid claims for furnishing flax to the state on contract agreements were among the measures passed.

The sum of \$2500 was allowed in a joint ways and means bill for paying traveling expenses and hotel bills of circuit court judges in the handling of judicial business in various districts. The legislature in passing the bill at the last session did not provide a fund.

House bill No. 24, introduced by Representative Kay, provides that school districts can lend funds providing a majority of the board agree to such action along with the circuit judge of the county in which the district is located.

Kay pointed out under present legislation a district which bonds for a specified amount turns the funds over to the state treasurer and secures but two per cent interest. The new bill which was passed will allow investment of the funds at six per cent interest for limited periods until needed.

Carter Bill Passes

House bill No. 16 was passed providing gifts to city, towns and municipalities are to be free from provision of the inheritance tax law. Representative Carter introduced the measure to allow a bequest of \$25,000 to Lithia park in Ashland to be exempt from the inheritance tax.

Senate bill No. 7 providing for removal of road districts from classification as municipalities was passed.

Under provisions of Representative Fletcher's bill county clerks will no longer need to deliver in person ballots to absent voters, but may mail them.

House bills 17, 18 and 19 which were passed simply corrected minor errors in bills enacted at the last legislature.

Gen'l. Diaz Suffers Sprained Finger As Result U. S. Visit

NAPLES, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—General Armando Diaz, commander of the Italian armies in the world war, arrived today from the United States, where he spent two months as guest of the American Legion. He was enthusiastically received at the pier by civil and military and communal authorities and by Vice Admiral Albert P. Niblack and the officers of the American battleship Utah, now in the harbor. A crowd, many members of which carried banners of welcome, greeted the general with salutes of cheers.

The general expressed the warmest admiration of the Americans and their country. He delivered 110 addresses in the United States. He sustained a sprained finger from hand-shaking in Washington.

First Woman Mayor in State of Ohio Will Start War Against Bootleggers



Dr. Amy Kaukonen will be inaugurated Mayor of Fairport, Ohio, January 1. She has already declared her intention of warring against the bootleggers. She tends to analyze the moonshine stuff herself in her own laboratories and says the bootleggers will not put a thing over on her. She is a physician and surgeon, specializing in ailments of children. She is twenty-five years old, and is considered the youngest person ever elected in this country to the office of mayor.

UNOFFICIAL TAX LEVY JACKSON CO. ANNOUNCED

The Jackson county tax levy for the year has been fixed by the county court, and while not official, will be approximately as follows:

For districts outside high school districts 25.7 mills.

For districts inside high school districts 25.9 mills.

The levy for the Ashland district is 25.7 mills, which is exempt from the library levy of 2 mills.

The county court will meet next Tuesday to approve, and make final decisions on the levy.

The levy last year in districts outside of high school districts was 27.3 mills,—.6 of a mill higher than this year.

The levy last year in districts inside high school districts was 24 mills, 1.9 mills lower than this year.

The levy is apportioned as follows among the various departments and funds:

General road fund 2.6 mills.
 Market road fund 1.6 mills.
 State tax 9.5 mills.
 General county expense fund which provides for the redemption of county warrants falling due, 5.5 mills.
 High schools (for districts outside of high school districts) .8 mills.
 County school fund 2.6 mills.
 Pacific Highway bond interest .6 mills.
 Crater Lake highway bond interest, .6 mills.
 Pacific Highway bond redemption, 1.4 mills.
 County library, for districts outside of Ashland, .2 mills.
 Medford armory fund .3 mills, in conjunction with federal and state appropriations.
 County fair, .1 mill as voted at the special county election December 14.

HARDING WON'T OPPOSE SENATE RESERVATIONS

But President Considers Them Unnecessary to the Pacific Peace Pact—Resents Effort Being Made to Make Capital of Split.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.) President Harding, it was said at the White House today, will not object if the senate considers it necessary to attach reservations to the four-power Pacific treaty provided the senate considers them necessary, but he does not himself consider there is need for them at this time. It is inconceivable, in his view, that any president would employ the military power of the United States to make war without the direction and authority of congress.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(By Associated Press.) President Harding in a formal statement today declared that the differences of interpretation which have arisen over the four power Pacific treaty are to his mind "unimportant."

Declaring that an unjustified effort had been made to magnify his difference of view with the American delegates regarding the treaty, the president asserted that he was "more than satisfied" with the work of the delegates and that they had his full confidence.

ARE STILL SEARCHING FOR MYSTERY GIRL

SEATTLE, Dec. 22.—Seattle police, in their investigation of the death of Ferdinand Hochbrunn, wealthy retired real estate dealer whose body was found in his home here Wednesday, continued today to center their efforts on the search for Mrs. Clara Karin Winborn, said to have been Hochbrunn's ward, who was reported to have left Seattle for San Bernardino, Cal., November 26. Hochbrunn was slain some time in October, in the belief of officers.

B. Bread Sandwiches On German Frontier Diamond Studded

BERLIN, Dec. 23.—Russian smugglers are taxing the sources of the customs officials and guards on Germany's eastern frontiers. Large quantities of precious stones and gold rubies recently have been taken from shabby looking individuals seeking entrance into Germany.

One of the smugglers had a black bread sandwich studded with diamonds, valued at millions of marks. Another had a large diamond buried in the heel of his boot. Yet another was munching a loaf of bread which was discovered filled with gold rubies.

ITALY WANTS A NEW MEETING U-BOAT ISSUE

Italian Delegation to Arms Parley Declares Present Conference Too Small to Properly Solve Submarine Problem.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Suggestion has been made by the Italian arms delegation to the naval committee of the conference that another international gathering of broader scope be called soon after the adjournment of the present discussions, to deal particularly with submarines and auxiliary craft.

PARIS, Dec. 22.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Briand has sent to Ambassador Jusserand in Washington a final and definite acceptance of the capital ship ratio.

France, however, it is stated, maintains her position regarding submarines and coast defense ships, although she is willing to negotiate.

France insists that her demands are vitally necessary to her security, it is indicated, but is disposed to cooperate with the United States as far as possible.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Failure of the French delegation to receive expected additional instructions as to the auxiliary naval craft from its home government promised to lead further discussion today of the submarine question by the Washington conference in the single meeting likely to break a pre-Christmas lull.

The meeting of the full naval committee was set for three o'clock. While the various delegations prepared for the afternoon meeting, suggestion came from the Italian representation through an authorized spokesman that another conference be arranged soon after the adjournment of the present gathering to take up further the question of auxiliary naval craft.

The Italians, through their spokesman, made the point that a number of nations having submarines either built, building or planned, were not represented at the present conference, and unless brought into agreement, the progress of Japan is strengthened in the Far East.

Hold Up at Ogden

OGDEN, Utah, Dec. 23.—There were two men in the robbery of Oregon Short Line passenger train No. 7 on the afternoon of August 31. The

JAPANESE PREMIER SEES END WAR IN THE PACIFIC AS RESULT OF PACT

PARIS, Dec. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Baron Takahashi of Japan is quoted by the Tokyo correspondent of the newspaper Excelsior as declaring "the quadruple entente, which for Japan replaces the Anglo-Japanese alliance, is much wider in bearing, and removes all chances of war."

"I venture to say," he continued, "that the Washington conference has opened a new epoch in the Pacific and the world. I not only believe that the entente will result in making the Japanese people happier, because it will lighten their burdens, but further that by reason of the guarantee we

B. O. BANDIT CAUGHT, PAL SHOT DOWN

Chesterfieldian Highwayman Surrenders After Wild Taxi Flight During Which Companion Is Killed—Kidnaped Wife White Sox Manager—Confess Robberies.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Clyde Timmons, whose companion, Earl Timmons, was shot and killed last night after they had kidnaped and robbed Mrs. James J. Callahan, her daughter, and brother, confessed to the police today that he and his partner had participated in several holdups, including a Utah train robbery last August and the sudden interruption of a card party at the home of Jacob Loeb, last June.

Following the confession, police took into custody Miss Mary Roberts, 27, who is said to have been an intimate acquaintance of the dead robber.

The train robbery, Timmons said, was on an Oregon Short Line train, on August 31, when the two collected \$450 from passengers.

Last Friday the pair held up J. F. Walsh in Chicago, according to Timmons' confession, robbing him of his automobile and a \$5 watch. The automobile was later recovered.

Timmons told the Hyde Park police that his home was in Hammond, Ind. He said that his companion alone had staged the Loeb card party holdup, when several wealthy men were robbed. A \$300 diamond ring, taken from one of the victims, was found in his pocket last night, the police say.

The captured robber was also known as Claude Thomas, and his dead companion was sometimes known as Carl Gilbert.

Kidnaped Mrs. Callahan

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Victims of the Chesterfieldian bandit who robbed several passengers on the Baltimore and Ohio flyer Tuesday night, today called at the police station for the purpose of identifying Clyde Timmons, 33 of Seattle, who was captured last night, after his companion, Earl Timmons 30, of Omaha, had been killed by a policeman.

The pair had kidnaped Mrs. James J. Callahan, wife of the former manager of the Chicago American league baseball team, her daughter, Margaret, 17, and George Hardin, her brother, just after they had entered a taxicab in front of their home on the south side.

Policeman William McNaughton, leading from the running board of a pursuing car, commanded by Mr. Callahan, killed Earl Timmons and forced Clyde to surrender after a wild zig-zag drive, which ended when the Callahan car was wrecked by the robbers. The occupants were unhurt.

Clyde was well dressed and when taken to the station had \$100 in his pockets. Officers said he resembled the bandit who held up the B. and O. train on Tuesday night, the night he said he arrived in Chicago. He said he met Gilbert a year ago in San Francisco and came with him to Chicago from Omaha.

"Neither of us had any money," said Thomas, "and Gilbert had a gun so we decided to hold up somebody."

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