

Mystery Ship Minnesota Maintains Strict Silence

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 11.—Acting under orders from the department of justice in Washington, A. M. Blanford, local agent of the department, early today attempted to board the disabled Hill liner Minnesota, which is being towed up the coast to San Francisco. Blanford was unable to locate the Minnesota, which passed San Pedro harbor earlier than expected. He was flushed from the coast to board the vessel if an attempt would be made to take a man off the ship as it passed this port. Blanford intended to definitely ascertain what had happened aboard the ship. Her officers and agents of the Hill line refuse to tell how the liner, en route to England with food and dynamite was disabled. Blanford's instructions were issued by Chief Bielski of the bureau of investigation, Washington. Failing to find the Minnesota Blanford spoke with her from the Marconi wireless station, San Pedro, at 4:30 a. m. His wireless conversation with her was the first held directly with the vessel by other than agents of her owners since she was disabled. She gave her position as off Santa Barbara, well within the three mile neutrality zone. It is believed that most serious menace to the Minnesota might be her outside the three mile limit, as she is running a constant risk by hugging the shore. The tugs towing her could hardly keep her off the rocks in the event of a storm, it is believed. One thousand tons of dynamite are included in her cargo, according to information secured by federal investigators. Blanford did not secure confirmation of the report that Captain Garlick was not in command, or that he had been replaced by the chief mate. **Not Due to Accident.** San Francisco, Dec. 11.—With the belief in local shipping circles growing stronger that the boilers of the liner Minnesota were tampered with, United States District Attorney Preston today took steps to secure permission to board the liner immediately she passes through the Golden Gate. Preston is under orders from the de-

partment of justice at Washington to begin investigation without delay as soon as the liner drops anchor, and is endeavoring to obtain the use of a revenue cutter to meet her. Steamship Inspectors J. P. Dolan and James Guthrie are in receipt of orders from Supervising Inspector John K. Bulger, who is in Seattle, to board the Minnesota as soon as possible to conduct an investigation into the boiler and machinery trouble. The Minnesota's boilers were filled with mud, oil and scales, indicating either gross negligence or malicious intent to destroy them, according to a wireless report. Marine Superintendent Wiley declared today that it is silly to believe that officials of the company at Seattle would have permitted the vessel to sail on such a long voyage without having everything in good condition. This was in answer to the statement of German Consul Bopp that he has positive information that the boilers were in a state of deterioration. **May Reach Port Tonight.** San Luis Obispo, Cal., Dec. 11.—The disabled Hill liner Minnesota proceeding slowly up the coast in tow, is not expected off Port Harford before night. The Minnesota is reported about midnight between San Luis Obispo and San Pedro. Another tug will arrive here this afternoon from San Francisco to assist in towing the crippled vessel, according to the warfighter. Special Agent Rathbun and a staff of men probably will board her when she reaches the Golden Gate. Indications are they will try to work as secretly as possible. **Washington Awaits News.** Washington, Dec. 11.—While awaiting wire reports from San Francisco concerning the mystery surrounding the crippled food ship Minnesota, department of justice officials admitted today they did not believe her breakdown was accidental. On the other hand, they expressed belief that there is a connection between evidence in the alleged Pacific coast bomb plots and the mishap to the ship. They refused, however, to give any definite particulars. **ARRANGING FOR MEETING.** The executive committee of the Marion County Principals' association is now in session at the court house, discussing with Walter Smith, county school superintendent, the program for the next meeting of the association, scheduled for January 8 at the Salem high school. The committee will also discuss the matter of revising the constitution of the athletic association of the county schools and will report to the principals at the January meeting. Those attend-

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New York, Dec. 11.—The steamer San Juan today wireless that a French cruiser stopped her and took off two Germans from New Orleans. This makes the third New York-Porto Rican liner thus held up.

MR. SLADE IS APPOINTED

The state banking board today appointed E. Fritz Slade, of Salem, assistant superintendent of banks at a salary of \$135 a month. Mr. Slade will succeed E. S. Sims, who recently resigned. To his new position Mr. Slade brings an ability gained through long service as a deputy under Bank Examiner Nesgent. E. C. Bargh, of Portland, will take the vacancy created by Mr. Slade's promotion. This pays \$110 a month salary.

Y. M. C. A. Committees Were Appointed Today

President W. I. Staley, of the Y. M. C. A. today appointed his several committees for the coming year. In each of the special committees, several new members have been named, although each committee will include part of the working force of the present year. The financial committee will remain the same as for the past year. The appointments are as follows for each of the different committees:

Religious work—A. A. Lee, Geo. Hatch, Glen C. Niles, Albert Copley, Rev. James Elvin.

Membership—R. C. Bishop, Ernest Blue, Ray Baker, Lee Urab, Ben Williams, Oscar E. Price.

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Educational—H. B. Thielson, J. H. Lewis, B. L. Steeves.

Social—A. B. Albin, Ernest Hunt, Jas. Young, Ray E. Richardson, Dr. F. L. Utley.

Boxing and Fencing—L. H. Compton.

Wrestling, O. B. Francis.

Finance—Paul B. Wallace, R. J. Hendricks, T. B. Kay, Jos. H. Albert, W. T. Jenks.

THINK HAZING KILLED HIM

Lexington, Ky., Dec. 11.—Hazing, it is believed, was responsible for the death of Thurber Sweet, first year cadet of the Virginia military institute, whose body was swept to Chicago today by his parents. Sweet died in October, claiming he had been hazed. He exhibited bruises and later, in the hospital, spinal paralysis developed.

IS CHINA A MONARCHY?

Washington, Dec. 11.—The state department had no information today of a report that Yuan Shi Kai had accepted the throne of China, after the council had tendered it to him.

Now Dig Up Your Old Clothes for Bundle Day

Now is the time for all good citizens to show their Christmas spirit and rummage through their old clothing, bundle them, and telephone 302, to Ivan G. McDaniel, secretary of the Salem Social Service Center. Monday will be known as "Bundle Day" and it is these bundles of old clothing, shoes and children's clothes that are so badly needed by the Center for immediate distribution to the needy in the city. Through the kindness and also the efforts of the Salem Woman's club, of which Mrs. P. H. Raymond is chairman of the Social Service committee, automobiles have been secured to collect the packages Monday afternoon. There seems this year to be a much greater demand for clothing and especially for children's clothing than ever before. These calls for children's wear are continually coming in to the social service center and to Mrs. Pickett's schools. The program for those who have the disposition to help and to especially help that many children may have the necessary clothing for attending school, is as follows: First, make a bundle of all the clothing of every kind that one can afford to give to the needy. Second, telephone 302, Commercial club, Monday morning. That's all. The autos from the commercial club will do the rest.

Maccabee Drill Teams Will Compete Tonight

The drill team of Maccabee lodge, Portland No. 1 will compete this evening with Salem lodge No. 6 at the lodge rooms following a short business session. It is expected that at least 40 members of the Portland lodge will accompany their drill team. Several Maccabees from Gervais will attend including H. D. Mars, editor of the Gervais Star. The drill judges are J. H. Van Winkle, former postmaster of Albany, and Mr. Shafter, of Linton, who will select a third judge. After the short business opening, the Portland team will drill, and this will be followed by a banquet, about 9:30. Salem team will then put on their work, under Captain F. J. A. Boeringer. While the judges are making their decision, a short program will be rendered, which will include short talks by prominent Maccabees. These competing drills are under the supervision of the state officers, and will be continued until finally one team is awarded the honor of being the best drilled in the state, and will receive the state banner.

COURT HOUSE NEWS

Suit has been filed against the Oregon Electric Railway company by T. H. Clark who lives on North Front street. It is charged that when the railroad constructed its fill and embankment in front of the plaintiff's home the work was done without consulting Clark and resulted in the blocking of egress from the property mentioned in the complaint. The property is said to have been worth \$2000 at the time the railroad started work and is now worth but \$500. Damages in the sum of \$1500 and costs are asked. Grant Corby is attorney for the plaintiff.

Circuit Judge Galloway has ordered a non-suit in the action of the People's bank, of Silverton, against Emily O. Lee, of the same city. The suit was to collect an alleged unpaid balance on a promissory note of \$300.

Desertion for more than a year is the ground on which a divorce has been granted Charles A. Gantz from Elizabeth Gantz now in Indiana. Property rights were settled out of court.

Frank Morrison, W. F. Buchner and D. Webster are named by the county court as appraisers of the estate of Alexander M. Gifford, of which Oliver Jory, of this city, is guardian.

A total of \$16,300.41, of which \$14,000 is real property is included in the estate of Mary Williams for which S. A. Williams has rendered a final report as administrator.

Final accounting of the estate of Minerva Ann Dices has been submitted to and approved by the county court. Orleans E. Steiger is administrator.

The county court has appointed Arthur Griffin administrator of the estate of Julian Dupont who died December 8. A total of \$750 is involved.

NEW CHARTER FOR SCIO. The new charter passed in the election at Scio Monday, did not list all the candidates on the charter ticket; the elected members are as follows: Mayor, Dr. A. G. Prill; recorder, J. S. Sticha; treasurer, Roy V. Shelton; marshal, Norman Long; councilmen, P. H. McDonald, N. J. Morrison, F. T. Blyen, John Wesley, R. M. Cain.

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