

Highest Temperature Yesterday, 48; Lowest Monday Night, 36. For details of the Weather see Page 8.

San Francisco Has postoffice receipts for the first nine months of the year 1912 amounting to \$1,991,000.

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WEATHER FORECAST: Rain; brisk south wind.

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ILL FATED ROSECRANS SINKS ON COLUMBIA BAR

GROSS EARNINGS TAX RATES TO BE LARGELY RAISED

Administration Program Calls for Passage and Approval of Measure Before Bifurcation Recess — Apparent Shortage of \$1,800,000 Will Be Wiped Out by the Proposed Action

CORPORATIONS PLAN VERY STRONG FIGHT

Curtin Starts Fight in Patronage Matter—Bills Galore Are Presented in Both Houses—Governor Names Long List of Appointees—Several Protests Are Filed Against Sunday Rest Law

By GEORGE A. VAN SMITH CALL BUREAU, SACRAMENTO HOTEL, Sacramento, January 7.

The public utilities corporations will not be compelled to wait until next year for an opportunity to liquidate the apparent shortage in the state's revenues.

Unless there is a radical departure from what is now accepted as the administration program, the gross earnings tax rates on the segregated properties will be increased and approved by the governor before the bifurcation recess.

The committees on revenue and taxation probably will not be appointed before Saturday. The estimates and comparative figures being prepared by the state board of equalization may not be completed until next Monday.

The leaders of the majority in senate and assembly are prepared to accept the opinions of Attorney General Webb. He has told them that an increase of gross earnings tax rates is a tax levy. If it is a tax levy it is not subject to the referendum provisions of the constitution. The new rates may be established in January and be applicable in March.

APPARENT SHORTAGE LARGE The apparent shortage for the ensuing biennial period is approximately \$1,800,000. This can be wiped out by increasing the gross earnings rates by 25 per cent. It was believed that the banks which are included in the segregated classes would not be subjected to rate increase. Members of the state board of equalization are no longer confident on that score.

It is expected that every corporation in the segregated classes will make a vigorous fight against the proposed increases. Wherefore, the first leg of the bifurcated session which was promised should be dull, will be enlivened by the presence of a small army of corporation attorneys and tax experts. The rates can only be increased by the votes of two-thirds of all the members elected to both houses. That means 72 votes in the senate and 54 in the assembly. Obviously it will be easier to line up the necessary votes before the recess than after. The opposition to the rates will have infinitely fewer opportunities to convince senators and assemblymen. Conviction will be more difficult immediately before the return of the legislators to their respective districts for the recess than later, when the same legislators might be cut off from their agitated constituents.

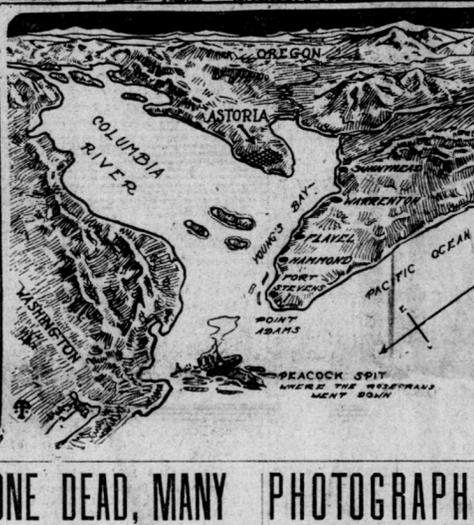
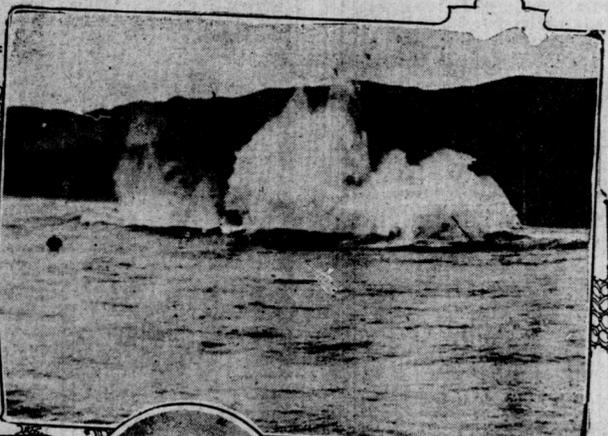
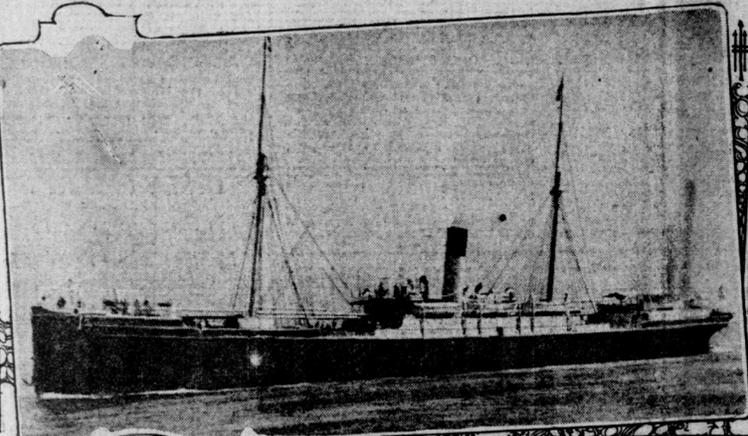
BIG STICK IN PLAY The proportions of the increases in the several rates can not be even guessed at until the data being prepared is available to the committees and the governor. There is a general feeling that the transportation companies rates will be jumped from 4 per cent to 5 per cent. The fight will be short and sharp. The big stick will be employed if necessary. The biggest task of the legislature will be accomplished before its members go home to assist their constituents in ferreting out the merits and demerits of a few hundred bills covering a range of subjects from gopher scalps to the use of cut stone manufactured in Folsom prison.

The first gun of the running fight between the democrats and the majority was fired in the senate this morning. It was only a piece of light ordnance. It was supported, however, by a promise to keep up the skirmishing until the last day of the session.

As forecasted by The Call, patronage was the bone of contention. The unlimbering of the guns disclosed that

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VIEWS OF OIL TANKER ROSECRANS, TWO OF MEN WHO PERISHED AND MAP SHOWING WHERE VESSEL WAS LOST. The tanker as it left the harbor prior to its last voyage is shown at the left. The snapshot at the right was taken when the steamer was ashore at Caviota last year and shows the waves breaking over it. The portraits are of those of Captain Lucien F. Johnson (at right), and Charles Smith, one of the firemen on the vessel.



MAUD POWELL IS COSMOPOLITAN

Star Refuses to Play on Liner Until Steerage and Crew Join Audience

Maud Powell, the noted violinist, who returned from Honolulu yesterday on the liner Wilhelmina, would not even talk music with her fellow passengers in the first cabin, but after dinner on Monday she told Captain Johnson that she would like to play. Five minutes later all the cabin passengers were gathered in the dining salon.

JAMES WANTS FREE HAIR

Bald Headed Senator Elect Concedes Point at Tariff Hearing (Special Dispatch to The Call) WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—Representative Ollie M. James, senator elect from Kentucky, who has no hair on the top of his head, became personally interested in the ways and means committee tariff hearings when Charles DeLaney of Philadelphia, a manufacturer of glue and gelatin, asked the committee not to take curled hair off the free list.

SILK RECORDS BROKEN

VANCOUVER, B. C., Jan. 7.—Another record has been broken in carrying large consignments of silk from the orient. The Montague arrived yesterday, bringing 4,911 bales, valued at \$2,456,000. A short time ago the Blue Funnel liner Bellerophon brought 4,110 bales, which established the record at that time. The offices of the Montague were highly elated.

SOLDIERS' ANGEL'S GIFT

LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Jan. 7.—A movement to raise money to buy a wedding gift for Miss Helen Gould was started today by the soldiers at Fort Leavenworth. Miss Gould contributed \$50,000 to build the Y. M. C. A. building at the post, and is held in very high esteem by the soldiers.

ONE DEAD, MANY HURT, IN WRECK PHOTOGRAPHER LEAPS TO DEATH

Big Four Passenger Train Is Derailed on Indiana Curve John Patrick Donovan, Apparently Mentally Unbalanced, Takes Life

(Special Dispatch to The Call) LA FAYETTE, Ind., Jan. 7.—Big Four passenger train No. 15 was wrecked in Rex, 12 miles south of this city, today and one man was killed and many other passengers injured.

The train, Chicago bound, was speeding 60 miles an hour when the baggage car was derailed on a curve and the coaches plunged down a steep fill. Only the mail car, engine and tender remained on the track.

Irwin W. Zummer of Rochester, N. Y., was killed. He was riding in the smoker. Other passengers in the smoker escaped serious injury, the most seriously hurt being occupants of the dining car. Among the more seriously hurt were: Henry J. Pfeiffer, Connerville, Ind.; W. A. Patterson, J. O. Bushman, Leonard Coughlin, Charles Baird, H. W. Moore, Indianapolis; James Dearmond, express messenger; W. D. Kennedy, C. E. Power, Cincinnati; Elmer Leary, La Fayette, Ind.; W. C. Kauques, Thornton, Ind.; George Montgomery, Chicago, injured internally; J. Herman Wiebers, Otterbein, Ind.

News of the wreck was flashed to La Fayette and a relief train was made up. Forty doctors and 50 nurses were taken to the scene.

GOV. FREAR TO LOSE JOB

Hawaiian Executive to Be Succeeded by Democrat, Friends Admit HONOLULU, Jan. 7.—Supporters of Governor Frear, whose reappointment was recently sent to the senate by President Taft, conceded today that it will not be confirmed. They are advised that President elect Wilson will in all probability appoint a democrat. Frear's administration was recently the subject of investigation by Secretary Fisher of the department of the interior personally.

PAROLE BARRED BY JURY

Woodland Panel Urges Hard Labor for Life of Rice's Slayer WOODLAND, Jan. 7.—Jaclinto Vaca, convicted of killing Marshal Rice of Wineters last October, was this morning sentenced to life imprisonment in Folsom penitentiary. J. Norton, one of the jurors in the case, arose and informed the court that he and the other jurors favored hard labor and prohibition of parole in the sentence.

BRICKBATS FLY IN BIG STRIKE

Garment Workers Battle With Men Who Will Not Join Until Stopped by Police

NEW YORK, Jan. 7.—The air was thick with brickbats today when striking garment workers, and employees who refused to join them, fought in Cooper square. About 400 were involved. The police reserves dispersed the mob and arrested two men.

The garment workers declared that independent manufacturers were making advances, and that conferences with these employers would begin tomorrow. None of the firms said to be making overtures belongs to the Manufacturers' association.

Both sides drew their lines closer in preparation for a protracted struggle. The employers who belong to the Clothing Trade Manufacturers' association met and voted not to recognize the strike.

"MARINE ETIQUETTE" VIOLATED BY PRIVATE

Axious Groom Elect Asks Hour's Extension of Leave in Which to Wed and Goes to Guardhouse (Special Dispatch to The Call) PORTSMOUTH, N. H., Jan. 7.—Bert Swearingen, put in the United States guardhouse, telephoned his superior: "Is this Captain Hill?"

"Yes." "This is Swearingen. I would like one hour's extension of my leave of absence to get married." "Report at the post at once. Your request is not granted." Swearingen was given 10 days "restriction" and extra duty for "breach of marine etiquette."

PARCEL ROUTE BY PLANE

Boston Postmaster Asks for One From "Hub" to New York City (Special Dispatch to The Call) BOSTON, Jan. 7.—Edward C. Mansfield, postmaster, today wired to Joseph Stewart, second assistant postmaster general, for permission to establish a temporary aeroplane parcel route between Boston and New York city with stops at intermediate points.

FUTURE SCHOOL FACULTY

President, Janitor and Moving Picture Man Will Be All Required (Special Dispatch to The Call) BOSTON, Jan. 7.—President Bolles, the new head of Tufts college, tonight, in a public address, predicted that within 50 years a college faculty will comprise a president, janitor and a moving picture man.

TWENTY-NINE LIVES LOST ON HOODOO SHIP IN WRECK ON BAR

Oil Tank Steamer Rosecrans Goes Ashore on Peacock Spit at Mouth of Columbia River and Sinks as Tugs Vainly Hasten to Rescue

SURVIVORS CLING TO WRECK'S MAST

Quartermaster, San Francisco Man, Rides Plank 15 Miles Along Coast and Is Picked Up by Accident—Life Savers Near Death

BULLETIN By Marconi Wireless ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 8, 12:10 o'clock. The quartermaster, carpenter, and an oiler were rescued from the rigging of the steamer. The oiler died in the lifeboat. There are three survivors on board the lifeboat.

BULLETIN. ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 8.—A wireless message was received here at 12:15 o'clock this morning from the tug Oncoata to the effect that the Point Adams life-saving crew is safe on board the lifeboat; also a carpenter and one quartermaster of the Rosecrans. One man, an oiler, is lying dead in the lifeboat at the stern of the lifeboat. The Oncoata will take them off at daylight and bring them to this city.

BULLETIN. ILWACO, Wash., Jan. 7.—Four dead bodies have been picked up by the Clatsop beach life-saving crew on North beach, among them Captain Johnson, whose leg had been broken. Two of the Rosecrans' boats washed ashore at Oysterville, Wash. The Rosecrans is a total wreck.

ILWACO, Wash., Jan. 7.—Twenty-nine men lost their lives and four were rescued when the oil tank steamer Rosecrans went ashore on Peacock spit at the mouth of the Columbia early this morning.

Fred Peters, third quartermaster, clung to a plank and swam and drifted 15 miles up the shore, where he was rescued by mere chance from the driftwood by Harvey Wray. Peters is unharmed and is cared for tonight by M. V. Marks at Toiga, Wash.

HEAVY SEA Baffles Lifeboat

Three others, members of the crew, after clinging for hours to the rigging, jumped into the sea and were rescued by the Point Adams life saving crew. Because of the heavy sea the lifeboat was unable to enter the Columbia and at dusk was seen headed for the Columbia river lightship. A tug is now searching for the lifeboat and the three rescued men.

Five members of the life saving crew were hurled into the breakers when the lifeboats sought to rescue the sailors seen clinging to the lone mast of the Rosecrans. One member of the life saving crew suffered a broken leg.

FLASHES DISTRESS SIGNAL

At 5:32 a. m. the steamer Rosecrans flashed the distress signal, "S. O. S.," and added: "Striking the bar and breaking to pieces." It is supposed it filled with water as this was sent for no other word has been heard from it. At 9:10 the Rosecrans was sighted by one of the radio operators at the naval radio station on North Head. This station, being in constant communication with the tugs, gave them the Rosecrans' position as one-half mile south southeast of North Head light-house.

When the Rosecrans was sighted its foremast had been carried away and it was afloat on Peacock spit, with heavy seas breaking all over. No life was seen aboard. At 10:40 the Rosecrans sunk, the smokestack disappeared and three men were seen to climb to the rigging of the mainmast with life belts on. About 40 feet of mainmast remained above the water.

MEN CLIMB RIGGING

The men in the rigging kept warm by climbing up and down the ratlines. At 11 a. m. the Cape Disappointment and Fort Stevens life saving crews started for the wreck, taking the inside passage around McKenzie head. When they have in sight hundreds of persons ashore at North Head cheered. The lifeboats were passing through a surly sea, with every breaker going over the boats. The Cape Disappointment crew was the first to reach the Rosecrans, and in an attempt to rescue the men in the

Those on Ill Fated Ship Victims of Fury of Wind

LUCIEN F. JOHNSON, captain. THOMAS MULLINS, first officer. HANS TONDA, second officer. C. R. PALMER, third officer. RICHARD GRUNDELL, chief engineer. J. A. McPHERSON, first assistant engineer. J. L. ADAMS, second assistant engineer. NORMAN FIFE, third assistant engineer. FRED WILSON, chief steward. L. A. PRUDHONT, wireless operator. PETER UREN, boatswain. ERIC LINDMARK, ship carpenter. MILTON ELLETSON, ship electrician. JAMES YATES, chief cook. CHARLES AULT, second cook. MESSMEN D. Bryant. Angus McDonald. Charles Gross. FIREMEN William Harden. Stephen O'Hare. Fred Hannan. Charles Smith. John Olsen. John McGilichy. L. Cagna. Chris Murphy. Peter Harelde. Murray. One Unknown. SEAMEN Fred Peters. F. Armstrong. Hjalmar Reister. Severin Gjoen. Thomas Stenevig. J. Stenning. Peters was saved.

STRUCK AT JIM, HIT BYSTANDER

Former Chief of Venice Police Swings at Former Champion Puts Another to Sleep (By Federal Wireless) LOS ANGELES, Jan. 7.—Following conduct characterized by the arresting policeman as riotous in the extreme, Alfred J. Ramsey, formerly chief of police at Venice, was released on \$15 bail by Police Judge Rose today to answer to a charge of disturbing the peace. Ramsey, in Barney Oldfield's saloon in Spring street last night, started to assault James J. Jeffries, who has a reputation for being a master scrapper. However the blow which he aimed at Jeffries was suddenly deflected, and landed on an "innocent bystander," name unknown, who immediately went to sleep on the floor. Ramsey then, according to witnesses, displayed the badge of a deputy constable and threatened to arrest every one in the place. Patrolman M. J. Greeley appeared, and, after declaring Ramsey's constable star revoked, placed him in the city jail, where he spent the night.

PRAY IN SNOW AT FIRE

Allens Routed by Chicago Church Bibles Continue Worship in Street CHICAGO, Jan. 7.—After being driven from Sts. Peter and Paul church by fire, 200 Russian, Serbian and Rumanian residents knelt in the snow outside the house of worship and prayed today. The men and women crowded into the little church, which had been decorated for the service. The decorations became ignited from burning candles. Police and firemen were unable to disperse the worshippers who knelt in the snow and slush while efforts were being made to extinguish the fire.