

# POINDEXTER "FIRED"

## Veterans of Foreign Wars Drop Senator From Membership

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**WEATHER**  
Tonight and Sunday unsettled. Occasionally threatening. Moderate westerly winds.  
Temperature Last 24 Hours  
Maximum, 56. Minimum, 44.  
Today noon, 48.

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### Woman in Role of "Trust Buster" on Pacific Coast Pushes Monopoly Charge Against Lumber Concern



#### Says Fight Against Price-Fixers Is Woman's Job

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—If Uncle Sam succeeds in breaking up what is declared to be a gigantic Pacific Coast lumber combine, thank a very efficient and business-like young woman! Some months ago, with other

agents of the federal trade commission, she came quietly out from Washington, D. C., with the avowed intention of putting the "trust" on the run—if a trust existed. She fine-combed certain mills and offices of Oregon, Washington and California.

And today Miss Ellen L. Love is pitting her wit and evidence against the best brains the alleged "lumber barons" could retain.

She is sitting as U. S. examiner in the federal trade committee hearing of the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export Company—the first time a woman has acted in this capacity in a big combine investigation. The evidence, she says, will show that this concern controls 85 per cent of the Oregon pine, red fir, yellow fir and Columbia pine, and manufactures in the United States. One hundred and seven defendants are named.

Their "combination in restraint of trade" activities did not stop in the United States, but leaped the boundary in the Northwest into British Columbia, charges Miss Love.

"We have price lists to show that prices were so fixed that American buyers could not get their wood cheaply from British concerns," she points out.

Other charges include the following: That competing manufacturers were coerced into joining the "trust." That attempts were made to injure competitors.

That the "combine" refused to sell to export merchants unless 85 per cent of purchases were made from them.

That threatening statements were circulated to competitors.

That there was a conspiracy with a British export firm to fix prices of lumber shipped to America and prevented customers of competitors from getting steamship facilities.

"Why shouldn't women be engaged in this sort of work?" asks Miss Love. "If combines exist and prices are fixed against competition, then the purse of every wife and mother is affected. If there is a lumber trust then every home that is built, a great deal of furniture wood must pass through their hands—and homes and furniture are every housewife's background. Women should be most keenly interested in such investigations and should be taking part in them."

Miss Ellen Love To Whom You Must Say "Thanks" If Alleged Lumber Combine On Coast Is Broken Up At Trial Now Going On At San Francisco

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**Home Brew**  
Howdy, folks! Only four more days to Halloween, but for us the ghost walks tonight!

It's queer, but when the ghost fails to walk there are never any spirits in the house.

Scientists find that the halibut lives to be from 200 to 500 years old. We must eat in restaurants.

**HEAVEN HELP 'EM!**  
Pity the poor married man. No sooner does he finish unbuckling his wife's gown than he has to pull off her Russian boots.

Conan Doyle says we can talk with the dead. Sure, didn't you ever speak to a councilman?

The bird who plays a saxophone. By all means ought to live alone.

The League of Nations gave us the fashion of the sea, but the designers of long dresses are taking it easy.

Quick, Watson, the crab net; he's going sideways!

Yesterday was Navy Day. It was celebrated by the entire personnel of the navy—all three of them.

**EDUCATIONAL NOTE**  
Sun Dodge, the U. S. comic monthly, will again appear on theampus.

The dean of men who banned it because "there is nothing funny about a university" must have watched this year's cheer leaders.

Another of our "Greatest Moments" was when Mayor Brown sited \$1,500,000 from this year's budget.

Mary had a ton of coal. It took 10 years to earn it; The other day she froze to death—She couldn't bear to burn it.

Patrolman who, while off duty, shot man following a trifling argument may be tried in court, says a news reporter. How ridiculous! He should merely be reprimanded because his shooting was so bad.

**SUCH A BORAH!**  
Billy Short, president of the state federation of labor, says Senator Borah will not come here to aid Poindexter.

In political jargon, there will be no borrowing from within.

Be that as it may, W. A. Buxton is Southern Pacific official. Bet he handles baggage.

With Washington playing in Pullman, sport writers are getting some hot tips.

Lloyd George is some man. Handed his hat, he turned right around and tossed it into the ring.

**DEFINITION**  
A real hick town is one where if a citizen shines up his shoes and puts on a clean collar he is suspected of intending to elope with somebody's wife.

The Seattle Art Club holds its annual masquerade ball tonight. There is no truth to the rumor that Judge J. T. Ronald will sprinkle talcum powder on his head and go disguised as a pill.

Artist models will wear smocks. But this may be only smock modesty.

**L'L GEE GEE, TH' OFFICE VAMP, SEZ**  
A girl can bully some men, and she can bull all of them.

Football teams are beginning to hold secret practices. Most of the fine secret plays that are learned, however, are designed to remain secret even from opposing teams.

If some folks get to be angels they'll try to play "Hot Lips" on the golden harp.

Pershing should write his memoirs carefully. A lot of second lieutenants will be sore if their names are not mentioned.

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Witness Thinks Incendiary Bomb Started It

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### WIFE TELLS OF HOME TRAGEDY

Woman Slays Pastor and Self; Believed Insane

HAVRE, Mont., Oct. 28.—Mrs. Leonard Jacob Christler today told the story of how her husband, Episcopal rector known as the "Bishop of All Outdoors," was shot and killed by Mrs. Margaret Carleton, who then committed suicide.

The three of them—the minister, Mrs. Christler and Mrs. Carleton, who was the wife of a former district judge—were sitting in the parlor of the rectory early Friday morning, Mrs. Christler declared she had a premonition of trouble and that she watched Mrs. Carleton closely during the visit.

Finally, the latter announced she would start for home. Mrs. Christler's attention was distracted for the moment as she prepared to show the guest to the door. Then, she declared, the woman turned and without warning shot the minister thru the heart. Then, Mrs. Christler said, she stepped back a pace and shot herself.

The weapon with which the shooting was done was a large, heavy-caliber revolver.

Mrs. Carleton was known to possess only a small pistol and it has not yet been ascertained where she obtained the big revolver.

Mrs. Christler, in her statement to the police, said she believed Mrs. Carleton was temporarily insane, due to illness. She suffered from loneliness, as her husband was in California and her daughter in Butte, according to Mrs. Christler. She also brooded over family troubles, which she carried to Christler as her pastor.

No inquest will be held over the bodies, it was announced at police headquarters today, unless the relatives of Mrs. Carleton desire.

Mrs. Christler has intimated to the police that she will not demand an inquest.

Temporary insanity, due to loneliness and illness, was believed to have been the cause of Mrs. Carleton's act.

City and county police announced their belief that an investigation of the tragedy is unnecessary.

The police investigation has revealed that Mrs. Carleton had evidently contemplated the act, as her hotel effects showed evidence of having been gone over carefully, her possessions arranged and her personal letters from her family destroyed before she left her hotel room.

According to reports to the police by hotel employes, Mrs. Carleton had ordered her meals sent to her room during the day and had taken a quantity of sleeping powders, which a maid had obtained for her. She seemed unwell and was reported to have left the hotel late Thursday night in an hysterical condition.

Her body will be taken to Butte for burial. The minister's body, after services here have been conducted by the Knights Templar,

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### DOUGLAS FIR CO. NOW UNDER FIRE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—All lumber mills on the Pacific Coast belonging to the Douglas Fir Exploitation and Export Co. did their exporting thru that organization and received the same price for export shipments, according to testimony given here today in the federal trade commission investigation into the concern's business practices.

The commission's complaint asserts that it controlled 85 per cent of the lumber business on the coast, including British Columbia, and used

### IF YOU WANT TO SELL

USE STAR WANT ADS "THE COST A TRIFLE"

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### ITALY TOWNS ARE SEIZED BY FASCISTI

Facta Government Resigns; Turmoil Increases; Rome Is Threatened

PARIS, Oct. 28.—The Fascisti are concentrating in several Italian cities and may march on Rome, an unconfirmed report reaching here stated today. This report, which came from Rome, stated that the Fascisti have overcome the military police at Florence, where resistance was met, and occupied the postoffice.

The barracks at Siena have been occupied and strong concentrations are in progress in Pisa, Pistoia and Leghorn, it was said.

From Milan came reports that a virtual state of siege exists where the prefect is said to have handed over powers to the military.

Premier Facta, of Italy, today issued a proclamation stating that seditious manifestations were occurring in several provinces in Italy aimed at obstructing the powers of the state, according to dispatches reaching here today.

The proclamation, signed by the returning members of the Facta government declared:

"Seditious manifestations are occurring in several provinces, aimed at obstructing the powers of the state and likely to cause the gravest troubles to the country.

"As long as possible, the government did its utmost to conciliate and insure a peaceful solution.

"Confronted by attempts at insurrection, the outgoing government must and will maintain public order and safeguard its citizens and constitutional institutions. Meanwhile, let the citizens observe calm and have confidence in measures which have been adopted."

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### LLOYD GEORGE IN LION'S DEN

GLASGOW, Oct. 28.—Lloyd George carried his campaign to Premier Bonar Law's own election district today. Five thousand persons gave the former premier a rousing ovation when he made an address here.

"The split in the coalition is bewildering," he stated. "I am awaiting Bonar Law's explanation of it."

The former premier said that labor's manifesto was a formidable challenge. He stated that the "die hards" were demanding a change.

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### WILL HUNT PINK DUCK

NEW YORK, Oct. 28.—Arthur Veederman, an expert hunter, leaves here today for England on his way to India, where he will hunt the pink duck, a rare bird, which is not represented in any museum. He will use 16 elephants in the hunt.

### Propaganda in Schools All Wrong, If It's Not Our Own, Rules Board

SEATTLE school principals must appear at the next meeting of the school board to explain the report that speakers have been allowed to discuss the 30-10 school fund measure in class rooms. The board so decided Friday in a resolution adopted unanimously. Such a practice was propaganda and must be stamped out, the board decreed.

Having thus squelched all propaganda activities in the Seattle school system, the board, regaining its breath, adopted another resolution, which reads:

"If the 30-10 plan should be inaugurated into law with no administrative machinery which would guarantee proper business management, it would be better to continue wholly the old plan. We further find that more money and high cost does not necessarily mean greater efficiency and better schools. It would be wrong, therefore, to establish a plan which would make possible great expenditures on the one side, with only slight assistance given to the needy districts on the other. The greater need, then, lies in better business administration planned in a manner to insure equality."

"It's all right for me to chew tobacco, but don't you kids try it," warned Uncle Henry.

### PRINCIPALS ON SCHOOL CARPET

Board Huffy About 30-10 Propaganda

Seattle school principals who have permitted speakers to address their pupils on the 30-10 school distribution measure must explain why they did it at next week's meeting of the Seattle school board.

This was the decision of the school directors Friday afternoon when they adopted the following resolution:

"That Superintendent of Schools Thomas R. Cole be instructed to investigate the manner of the presentation of the 30-10 subject in the schools and that principals who have allowed speakers to talk upon the subject to students be requested to appear before the board at its next regular meeting and make explanation.

"That no notices be posted on bulletin boards of school buildings that do not pertain expressly to school business or without inspection of the superintendent of schools."

The contention of the school board is that the speakers have not been presenting both sides of the 30-10 measure, and that the children carry home to their parents erroneous views of the measure.

The school board also adopted a resolution pointing out the danger its members see in approving a measure like 30-10.

The resignation of W. R. McNeal, for four years superintendent of buildings and grounds, was accepted by the board.

### DILL INDORSED BY LABOR MEN

Democratic Camp Is Happy Over Turn of Events

Followers of C. C. Dill, democratic candidate for senate, were elated Saturday over two happenings which, they declared, would draw thousands of additional votes for their man. The biggest piece of news of the day was the Seattle Building Trades Council's indorsement of Dill's candidacy.

Next was the news from Idaho that Senator William E. Borah would not invade Washington to speak for Senator Miles Poindexter, coupled with the statement by William M. Short, president of the State Federation of Labor, that Borah had never intended to come, and that the reports that had been given out were deliberately false Poindexter propaganda.

The building trades council in its indorsements utterly ignored the farmer-labor party and all its candidates. Both republicans and democrats were indorsed for several offices.

Indorsements included: Congress, first district, Edgar C. Snyder; state senator, 32nd district, Dan Landon; 37th, Nicholas Schmitt; 21st, Paul Hauser; state representatives—40th, Wiley M. Scott; 41st, Mrs. Hugh C. Todd and Thomas F. Murphine; 43rd, Ralph R. Knapp and Maud Vahlbusch; 44th, Maude Sweetman and Rex F. Strickland; 46th, Adam Heeler and John Downie; auditor, D. E. Ferguson; clerk, George A. Grant; assessor, Samuel H. Chase; treasurer, W. W. Shields; sheriff, Matt Starwich; engineer, Thomas R. Beeman; superintendent of the schools, Nina O. Buchanan; justice of the peace, John B. Gordon and T. C. Dalton; constable, John Boyce, James Lambert and James Shannon, and commissioner, William A. Gaines.

### SANTA BARBARA HIT BY \$200,000 FIRE

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Oct. 28.—Fire which threatened Santa Barbara's business district today was checked by aid of a fire wall and a shift of wind, after damage of more than \$200,000 had been caused.

### TRAIN WRECK DELAYS SECRETARY'S ARRIVAL

Secretary of Labor J. J. Davis, who was scheduled to arrive in Seattle Saturday morning, has been delayed by a train wreck in Eastern Washington and will not arrive until about 9 in the evening. This necessitated the cancellation of the luncheon which was to have been given in his honor by the Young Men's Republican club and the dinner which was planned for him by the local Moose affiliate. On his arrival he will proceed immediately to the Wilkes theater, where he will be the principal speaker at a Poindexter rally.

### MAUD FLOATS IN ARCTIC ICE

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 28.—The schooner Maud, Captain Roald Amundsen's polar ship, now is frozen into the ice of the Arctic ocean, starting on its proposed drift with arctic currents thru the Polar regions.

That word was brought to San Francisco by Captain C. T. Pedersen of the fur-trading schooner Herman, which returned from the Far North with a fur cargo.

Amundsen and Oscar Omdahl, his pilot, with airplane equipment, are encamped at Wainwright, Pedersen said.

### SEN. MILES FLAYED FOR BONUS VOTE

Is Ousted by Body Whose Tenet He Spiked 8 Times in Senate

SPOKANE, Oct. 28.—Charging that he "has repeatedly voted against a soldiers' bonus," John R. Monaghan post, No. 51, Veterans of Foreign Wars, of this city, has officially dismissed Senator Miles Poindexter as an honorary member of the post and ordered that his name be "erased from the membership."

After citing eight occasions on which Poindexter is charged with voting against the bonus, a resolution adopted by the post adds that "he very readily voted to repeal the excess profits tax, thereby saving his millionaire Wall Street friends \$550,000,000 per year." This money, according to the resolution, "with a very small additional tax, would have paid the veterans of the great war the small bonus money provided by the bill."

Copies of the resolution have been mailed to all Veterans of Foreign Wars posts in the state.

The resolution follows:

"Whereas, Senator Miles Poindexter, by laws of aforesaid post, we find that Miles Poindexter, an honorary member of our organization, has violated the provisions of said article No. 13, Section 1. He has repeatedly voted against a soldiers' bonus, and the number of times this has occurred we hereby name below:

"1. Appropriations for soldiers' compensation. Poindexter voted No.

"2. Interest from loans to pay bonus. Poindexter voted No.

"3. McKeller amendment (for bonus). Poindexter voted No.

"4. Kennon amendment (for bonus). Poindexter voted No.

"5. To recommend bonus bill against the bonus. Poindexter voted Yes.

"6. Bonus from U. S. treasury (for soldiers' bonus). Poindexter voted No.

"7. War veterans' compensation bill, January 31. Poindexter voted No.

"8. Reed's amendment favorable to bonus. Poindexter voted No.

"9. He very readily voted to repeal the excess profits tax, thereby saving his millionaire Wall Street friends \$550,000,000 per year. This money, with a very small additional tax, would have paid the veterans of the great war the small bonus money provided by the bill. But Senator Poindexter voted, No, No, No, No, No, No, No, No.

"We hereby declare that this is sufficient cause and reason for his dismissal from our organization. Therefore, the said Miles Poindexter, now a senator of the United States, is dismissed from the said John R. Monaghan Post No. 51, Veterans of the Foreign Wars of the United States, and that his name is erased from the membership of the said post."

### POINDEXTER FOR BONUS, IS CLAIM

Votes Were Against Pseudo Bonuses, Says Hull

Frank Hull, secretary of the republican state central committee, and campaign manager for Senator Miles Poindexter, declared Saturday that the action of John R. Monaghan post No. 51, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Spokane, in dismissing Poindexter as an honorary member because of his alleged stand against the bonus, was the result of a misunderstanding on the part of the veterans.

"It is a matter of record," he said, "that the senator is in favor of a bonus and has worked

### SHE SENDS 2 AS PROOF

Editor The Star: We Ellensburg people don't want you to think that you have put anything over on us as we have dandelions in bloom.

WILMA BOWLER, Ellensburg, Wash.