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## MINORITY REPORT IS ANNOUNCED

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—The essential feature of the minority report of the consulting engineers of the Panama canal, which is the one favored by Chief Engineer Stevens and which will probably be adopted, was made public for the first time today. The report provides for a locked canal at an elevation of eighty-five feet with a flight of three locks on the Colon side and two on the Panama side. The cost is estimated at one hundred and forty three million dollars, and it is estimated that it will require at least seven and a half years to complete the work. One of the principal features of the work will be a dam at Gatun to control the Chagres river and form a lake. The dam will be about ninety-five feet high and a quarter of a mile long.

### WORLD RECORD BROKEN

(Scripps News Association)  
Ormond, Florida, Jan. 24.—The world's five mile automobile record was broken today by Lansia who made an average for the five miles, of 2: 54. Lansia's regin as champion was brief as Hemery reduced this record to twenty and three-fifths seconds.

### MANDATES RECEIVED

Mandates affirming the decisions of the lower court in the cases of Cora Steele versus the Island City Milling and Mercantile Company and that of S. S. Both versus the Farmers and Traders National bank have been received from the supreme court at Salem.

### ISLAND SWEEP

(Scripps News Association)  
Berlin, Jan. 24.—A cable says the island of Savaii, one of the group of the Samoan islands, was swept by fire, lava, and ashes from a volcano. All of the villages are destroyed, the plantations ruined and fifteen thousand natives are destitute. This island is under the control of the United States and is situated 4000 miles from San Francisco on a direct line to Auckland, New Zealand.

### CUBA GETS ISLE OF PINES

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—The senate committee on foreign relations today decided to report in favor of the treaty confirming Cuba's title to the Isle of Pines.

In the house the galleries were crowded and the members were nearly all present, anticipating a battle for statehood, which after long skirmishing was fought out on the floor today.

### SEA: HP EXPLOSION

(Scripps News Association)  
Portland, January 24.—An explosion occurred today aboard the steamer Reguador, which plies between Columbia river points, while on dock being repaired at St. Johns, when a visitor threw a lighted match in an oil tank which exploded killing Second Engineer Wade and his fireman. The vessel took fire and is now burning.

### INVITATION ACCEPTED

(Scripps News Association)  
Paris, Jan. 24.—Lieutenant Brugore, a son of General Brugore, commander-in-chief of the French army has accepted the invitation of President Roosevelt to come to the United States and visit the various military schools and take a course of training.

### LOST BY FIRE

(Scripps News Association)  
Norfolk, Jan. 24.—Fire destroyed the compresses of the International Compress Company together with one hundred bales of cotton. One man was killed and the loss will reach a quarter of a million dollars.

## STEAMER VALENCIA LOST OFF VANCOUVER ISLAND

Between Ninety and a Hundred Passengers are Lost—Frantic Crowds of Relatives Await Rescue Boats Return.

(Scripps News Association)  
Victoria, B. C., Jan. 24.—The steamer Valencia, which was wrecked near Bamfield, is reported to be a total loss and everybody on board was lost. The officials of the Pacific Steamship Company, the owners of the wrecked vessel, report up to ten this morning that not a single telegram has so far been received from the scene of the disaster. No news is expected until some time this afternoon when the steamer, Queen City, or City of Topeka, which left Seattle, return. The Queen City should have reached the wreck at 11 o'clock last night.

Many anxious people are besieging the steamship offices by telephone and in person.

No news was received this morning from the Valencia although three vessels from this place and the City of Topeka which was dispatched from Seattle last night must be on the scene ere this. The Queen City from this port was at Cllooz at one o'clock yesterday afternoon but saw nothing of the wreck and heard nothing until it got as far as Bamfield. The captain reported the weather thick and a big sea coming up. He said he could do nothing if he returned and was ordered by the agents here to continue on his trip.

This morning private advices from the Bamfield station say that the weather is thick and a heavy sea running. From that point nothing could be discerned of

the rescue ships. It is believed that after last night's weather nothing could be left of the steamer although the saloon was high and dry when two boats which reached the land, left her. A heavy sea was pounding the Valencia and it was not thought that the ship would last long. A few operators along the government wire are piled up with business and it is only with the greatest difficulty that even meager news can be gotten through.

Victoria, Jan. 24, (3:30 p. m.)—The worst fears are being realized. The Valencia is a total loss and went to pieces during the night carrying to death between 90 and 100 people who were still on board. The vessels which went to the rescue were unable to render any aid, in fact it is believed that she broke up before help arrived. The steamer Salvor is now on its way to this place with 30 or 40 bodies on board. The customs collector has given the order to close the dock gates to keep out the crowd of anxious friends.

### ISLAND SWEEP BY FIRE

(Scripps News Association)  
Berlin, Jan. 24.—A cable says that the island of Savaii, one of the Samoan group, has been swept by fire caused by lava ashes. Eleven thousand natives are destitute.

### GENERAL WHEELER WEAK

(Scripps News Association)  
New York, Jan. 24.—The reports from General Wheeler this afternoon are to the effect that the General is growing weaker but his physicians continue to be hopeful.

### FIFTEEN DROWNED

(Scripps News Association)  
Fairmont, W. Va., Jan. 24.—Fifteen Italians were drowned near this place this morning by the sudden rising of a mountain stream. The town of Richwood is under water and the business interests of the place are paralyzed.

### FACTORY MEN COMING

El'ensburg, Wash., Jan. 24.—Representatives of the capitalists who will erect the \$300,000 sugar beet factory here, are expected this week. The 4000 acres required have been secured in the Kittitas valley and it is now up to the capitalists to proceed.

### HURRY BURTON

Washington, Jan. 24.—In the supreme court of the United States a motion was made for the advancement of the hearing on Senator Burton's case. The motion was made by Solicitor General Hoyt and occurred in by ex-Secretary Carlisle in Senator Burton's behalf.

### FEDERAL PLACES FILLED

Judge Wolverton yesterday announced the appointment of Orville H. Byland a United States Commissioner at Vale Malheur County; J. E. Slow, as Commissioner at Bayville, Grant County and Fred C. Bean as Commissioner at Mapleton, Land County. The latter two are reappointed, while the appointment of Byland, at Vale, fills a new office.

Colonel R. E. Ebehart was announced a appointed Referee in Bankruptcy at Joseph, Wallowa County.

### ROBT. BURNS SOCIETY.

Following is the program of the Robert Burns Society to be given on Friday evening at Elk's hall in La Grande, Oregon.  
Invocation..... Rev. E. B. Hays  
Opening remarks by the president..... Turner Oliver  
Scottish overture..... Messrs. Chas. Cochran and Robert Eakin, Jr.  
Short address, "Burns the Reformer"..... Rev. McKinley  
Quartette "Blue Bells of Scotland"..... Miss Mabel Williams, Mesdames Neill Stevens and Forrest  
Recitation, selected..... Naomi Williamson  
Song, "My Ain Kind Dear e O"..... Mr. Stanley Edwards  
Eulogy to deceased members..... Mr. T. A. Rizehart  
Piano solo "Robin Adair"..... Miss Annie Tullis  
Recitation, "The Soldier's Return"..... Mr. A. M. Paul  
Song, "Loch Lomond"..... Miss Mertie Aldrich  
Short address, "A Glimpse of Scotland and the Shrine of Burns"..... Prof. Martin  
Piano solo, "Kelvin Grove" and "The Campbells are Gamin"..... Miss Gertrude Ralston  
Short address, "Burn's Sweethearts"..... Mr. F. S. Ivanhoe  
Song, selected..... Miss Robbansia Paul  
Quartette, "Annie Laurie"..... Miss Mabel Williams, Mesdames Neill, Stevens and Forrest.  
Ten minutes for business meeting, Banquet and Toasts.  
A social hour of visiting.  
Closing song, "Auld Lang Syne"..... Every-body.

## LODGE ON FOREIGN POLICY

(Scripps News Association)  
Washington, Jan. 24.—Senator Lodge in the Senate today made a splendid defence of the administration's foreign policy. He characterized many of the discussions on the foreign policy as smacking of moot court. Incidentally he denied the report that President Roosevelt would stand for another term. He declared that he believed that the difference existing as a result of the Venezuelan situation would be adjusted by negotiation. Lodge expressed great surprise at the occasion for the attack on the administration and said that the cry had been raised before the election had been passed upon by the voters.

### MORRISON EXPOUNDS COMMON LAW

(Scripps News Association)  
Chicago, Jan. 24.—In the federal court this morning, United States District Attorney Morrison expounded the common law which provides immunity for persons who turn states evidence. Morrison's understanding of the law is that a witness can not claim immunity unless he has testified under oath in court and must there claim the constitutional privilege in open court. The court disagreed with the main points of Morrison's plan.

### BUSINESS COLLEGE SOLD

Moscow, Idaho, Jan. 24.—The Moscow Business college has been sold to Professor Thomas N. Creekmur. This institution was founded eight years ago by Professor William Perkins. Professor Creekmur was formerly county school superintendent and afterward probate judge of this county.

### MRS. MARY NESSLY DEAD

Mrs. E. L. Eckley this morning received a telephone message to the effect that her grandmother, Mrs. Mary Nessly, died last night at the Deaconess Hospital in Spokane. The body will be brought here for burial beside her husband who is interred in the Masonic cemetery. The exact date of the funeral is not known.

Mrs. Nessly was nearly 90 years old and was one of the first to settle in the Grande Ronde valley. She resided near this city up to two and one-half years ago when she has made her home in Prosser with her son, C. W. Nessly. A few weeks ago she was taken to the Deaconess hospital to receive medical treatment at which place she died.

She leaves a large family of children Mrs. Proebstel of near this city, Frank Nessly of Walla Walla, John Nessly of Farmington, Washington, Chas. Nessly of Prosser, Mrs. Mary Watts of Scapoose, Homer Nessly of Washington, one son who resides in Portland and one daughter who resides on Snake river between Ripari and Lawiston.

**A QUARTER PAGE FULL**  
Of important Clearance sale Prices, which represent a smart saving and are of the Greatest Possible interest to the economically inclined buyers.

- Men's Parts \$1.29**  
Made from good quality wool goods in heat shape effects, every pair special values at our regular price of \$1.50 this sale **\$1.29**
- Men's Pants \$1.69**  
Regular \$2.00 values in black and grey striped casimers, this sale at the extremely low price of **\$1.69**
- Boys' Wool Fleece Und'w'r**  
Heavy weight, with extra heavy wool fleece, garments always sold everywhere at 45c and 50c. All sizes, this great sale at the garment **29c**
- Outing Night Shirts 49c**  
For men and boys, made from good weight outing, with and without collars regular 65c and 75c values; this sale choice for **49c**
- Men's Flannel Shirts \$1.59**  
Regular \$2.25 shirts in brown and vicena colored shirts, made from fine quality heavy all wool flannel **\$1.59**
- Boys' Reefers and Ov'coats**  
We have added several of our \$3.00 and \$4.00 overcoats to this lot and this makes it the greatest overcoat offering in the country **\$1.98**
- 15c 4 ply Linnen Collars, in small sizes this sale **5c**
- Boys' All Wool Und'w'r 59c**  
In sizes 30 to 34 shirts and drawers, soft all wool garments, which we sell regular at 75c to 85c at garment, this sale **59c**
- Same garments as above in sizes 24 to 28 **48c**
- Men's \$2.50 to \$3 Sweater**  
Here is an altogether unusual offering in men's all wool sweaters including as it does many of our best \$5.00 values, all for the low price **\$1.98**
- \$1.50 to \$3 Sweaters, 79c**  
This lot consists of odds and ends sorted up from our regular \$1.50 and \$3.00 men's sweaters, all colors and sizes, choice while they last **79c**
- 50c, 75c Ladies' Belts 25c**  
About 50 of these silk, kid and patent leather belts in all sizes, all go in one grand offering, each at **25c**
- \$1, \$1.25 Ladies' Waists 48c**  
In this lot are flannelette waists, wool waists, and black satin waists, choice from the lot this sale **48c**
- Children's Jackets and Capes 50c**  
Regular \$1.50 to \$4.50 garments odds and ends picked up at random in our children's ready to wear department, choice this sale **50c**
- Ladies' Knee Skirts 29c**  
made from good quality muslin with 8 inch flounces, edged with heavy lace this great sale **29c**
- 5000 yds lace and Embroidery 5c**  
Consisting of many of our 8c and 10c values in insertings and edgings, this sale the yard **5c**
- \$5, \$7.50 Ladies' Skirts \$3.18**  
All wool skirts in colors and sizes, gold print. Cannot give you any idea of the enormous values here offered ask to see them, choice **\$3.18**
- Ladies' wool Underwear**  
At sharp price reductions. If you don't need it now it will pay you to buy them and lay them by, we will not be able to offer you the same garments for within 10 to 20 per cent of regular prices in the future.
- 75c Vests and Pants, each 53c**
- \$1.00 " " 84c**
- 1.25 " " 98c**
- All wool Children's Underwear in all sizes **35c**
- 36x20 Linnen Huck Towels 2 for **25c**

Watch the Red Price Tags in our store—they represent a saving in price of from 10 to 50 per cent besides many special values, which you can buy at from one third to one fourth the regular price. Come and see—We advertise what we sell, and sell what we advertise

**The Fair**  
THE PLACE TO SAVE MONEY

## PACIFIC COAST LEAGUE

(Scripps News Association)  
San Francisco, Jan. 24.—The claims of several Pacific coast cities which are seeking to gain admission into the Pacific Coast Base-Ball League, are being considered this afternoon by the executive board which is now in session. Fresno has a strong delegation and apparently has good prospects of getting in. Pasadena and Bakersfield are also present and are pressing their claims. The arrangement of the schedule for the coming season will require considerable time and the board will probably remain in session two or three days.

At this afternoon meeting it was decided that Fresno would take the place of Tacoma in the league. A. B. Evens of Fresno to be director. The season is to open Saturday April 17 at Los Angeles, Seattle, San Francisco, Portland and Fresno. Mike Fisher will manage Fresno.

On account of the special meeting now in progress in the M. E. Church in this city Rev. Mower will not hold a meeting in Island City tomorrow as usual.

**TOPUT IN YOUR SCRAP-BOOK**  
Population of the world, 1,505,300,000 (1900.)  
Europe, 104 to a sq. mile;  
Asia, 46.6 to a sq. mile;  
North America and Africa 13;  
South America 5;  
Australia and Polynesia, 2.  
Population of Asia, 819,556,000;  
Europe, 392,264,000;  
Africa, 140,700,000;  
North America, 105,714,000;  
South America, 58,483,000;  
Australia and Polynesia, 6,483,000;  
Polar regions, 91,000.  
Room in the world, 55,626,691 square miles, or 26 persons to a square mile.

## SOME GOOD READING FOR WINTER EVENINGS

The long evenings are at hand and they bring an opportunity to those who like to read. Better improve it. Good literature was never so cheap as now, nor have you ever had so good an assortment of good reading as our stock now affords.

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