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The Weather
PORTLAND (AP)—Rain in the west, rain or snow in the east tonight and Saturday.

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# DIRIGIBLE PLUNGES INTO SEA

## BAKER COPS ARREST TWO MEN IN RAID

Danny O'Day and Robert H. Mossett Facing Grave Charges.

### ONE MAY BE MAN WHO ROBBED HILL'S

Clint Haynes Goes to Baker to Identify Suspect; Opium Found by Baker Officers, Also.

**Telephone communication with Chief Clint Haynes, at Baker, at noon today, resulted in his announcing that Mossett had been identified as a shoplifter but that positive identification had not been made relative to his being the man who robbed Hills department store. Mossett will be held until Mr. Watkins can identify him. The officer will return to La Grande this evening.**

Danny O'Day, pugilist, and Robert H. Mossett, said to be a resident of Moscow, Idaho, were lodged in the county jail in Baker yesterday afternoon charged with the illegal possession of narcotics, according to a Baker newspaper.

One of the men is also suspected of being responsible for the robbery of Hills Department store in La Grande Sunday afternoon and Clint Haynes and Lee Warnick have been summoned to identify the man. Mr. Haynes left this city last evening on No. 18 for Baker. H. E. Watkins, clerk in the department store, who was injured by the robber, could not accompany Mr. Haynes to establish the identity, due to the fact that he is still ill from the effects of the blow that he received on his head.

According to the reports received here, one of the men answers the general description of the man who robbed Hills department store of $1000 in cash and checks and slugged Mr. Watkins into unconsciousness. A blackjack, reputed to have blood stains on it, is said to have been found by the Baker officers.

"Yesterday afternoon Mossett is alleged to have appeared at the

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## NEW TAX BILL DRAFT SECRET

Democrats Score G. O. P. Committee Members for Action, But Gain Nothing.

WASHINGTON (AP)— Consideration of the treasury tax bill was suspended by members of the house ways and means committee Thursday until next Thursday. Since the congressional recess began a week ago the subcommittee had been studying the administrative provisions of the measure.

A meeting of the subcommittee Thursday was enlivened by charges from Representative Garner from Texas, ranking Democrat on the ways and means committee, and other minority members that

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## The Innocent Victims

**It will be a blue Christmas for Mrs. Leo Koretz, wife of the "Chicago Ponzi," and her two little children. The husband, accused of swindling hundreds in bogus oil transactions, is being hunted over land and sea. And the wife, who, according to authorities, also lost money in her husband's alleged illegal speculations, has given up considerable of her personal property in an attempt to alleviate the losses of others.**

## BULLETINS

**Stand Affirmed**

PEKING (AP) — China today reiterated her stand against the payment of the Boxer indemnity to France in gold as demanded by that country, insisting that France accept payment in French currency.

**Market Steady**

PORTLAND (AP) — Today's market was steady, with only hogs higher; medium to choice (160 to 200 pounds) $7.75 to $8.25. Eggs were weak, butter firm, cattle and sheep steady.

### Decree Modified In Oregon High Court

SALEM, Or. (By the Associated Press) — Supreme court decisions yesterday included:

Henry L. Sommer, executor substituted as plaintiff for D. Sommer, deceased, vs. William Ezell, appellant et al., an appeal from Union county. The case was a suit to foreclose a title mortgage.

The decree of Judge Knowles was modified by providing the expenses of harvesting be divided and two-thirds of the crop be deducted from the proceeds of the sale of the mortgaged wheat

**Funeral Services.**

Samuel Nafziger, 77, who died here December 26 after a brief illness, was buried here this afternoon in the Masonic cemetery. Services were held from the Bohnenkamp Chapel. Reverend W. C. Ross preached the funeral sermon which was held under the auspices of the local Masonic lodge Nafziger was a former resident of Donnelly, Idaho. He was survived by several brothers and sisters in the east and a cousin, Joe Nafziger, who lived in Pullman, Wash.

### Three Fined For Speeding Today

G. D. Hutchison, J. N. Dixon and W. A. Moore were this morning fined each $15 and costs for speeding. Trial was held in the justice court.

## Modern Day Pioneers Go To Medford

Mr. and Mrs. Berrang Leave La Grande on Last Lap of Trip.

(By Scoop)

Ever so often something happens that takes the tediousness out of the newspaper routine work and gives the journalist something besides divorces, marriages, parties, murders, etc., to write about.

That happened in La Grande yesterday when J. C. Berrang and his "boss" arrived in town in their portable, oxen and horse-drawn, home in which, (he admitted it himself) they cook, eat, sleep and fight. It is a matter of record that he emphasized the last word in the list of things they do.

"But, even our home, small as it is," said Mr. Berrang, "has its advantages. Every time I have to go from one end to the other I have to hug my wife in order to pass her." He paused and reflected, then hastily added: "Not that I mean that she is large, though." Then he went on:

**A Great Life.**

It's a great life, this crossing the continent like the pioneers did in the earlier days. But my wife and I are enjoying it and we're nearly to our destination—which is Medford, Oregon."

Mr. and Mrs. Berrang, their two oxen, one horse, and the rest of their belongings, left West Chester, Connecticut, December 1, 1920.

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### 1920 NASH AUTO IS DESTROYED BY FIRE YESTERDAY

A five passenger 1920 model Nash automobile, belonging to J. A. McCarthy, of 2194 Oak street, caught fire last evening shortly after five o'clock on Palmer street near the icehouse, and was practically destroyed. The car was partly covered by insurance.

The seats and top and other burnable fixtures were destroyed.

How the fire started is unknown Mr. McCarthy left the car near the road and went to a barn nearby to milk his cow. When he came out the car was ablaze.

### HOUSE IS ROBBED ON DIVISION ST.

The police officers last evening were notified of a robbery of a minor nature that occurred at 504 Division street, near the Bowman-Hicks mill, but investigation did not result in the arrest of any suspects. The police are inclined to believe that the job was the work of either children or an inexperienced amateur.

The house was broken into and a few minor articles, including some fishing tackle, was taken.

## NICHOLSONS ARE GUILTY AS CHARGED

Husband Fined $300 and Sentenced to 30 Days in Jail.

### WIFE GIVEN $100 FINE BY JUDGE

Elmer Wines, Witness in the Case, in Jail Facing Charge of Possession.

**Elmer Windes was fined $300 in the municipal court late this morning after entering a plea of guilty to possession of liquor. Windes formerly lived in Idaho in the vicinity of Weiser.**

"Thirty days and $300."

Such was the sentence that Judge R. J. Kitchen, in the municipal court last evening about eleven o'clock, presented to Fred Nicholson as a little reminder that holiday-time is not devoted solely to the imbibing of the spirits of Bacchanalia. Nicholson was charged with possession of liquor on his premises on Fir street and was found guilty after a trial that lasted approximately three and one-half hours.

Not only did Nicholson get a nice little present from the city but Mrs. Nicholson, likewise

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## XTRA

**SALEM. (AP)—Supreme Court today decided tax supervision commission law passed in 1923 session void because of defective title of measure.**

**Court did not pass upon it constitutionally.**

**Multnomah county unaffected because its commission established by legislature 1920 title 1923 act defective because it failed to indicate act applied to every county.**

**As result of decision rendered in suits from Yamhill, Umatilla Klamath, Tillamook, Polk counties, each county now may determine its tax levy in accordance findings own county court.**

**Although today is last on which 1924 tax levy can be allowed.**

## HUGHES WARNS THE HONDURAS

Officials Told People Should Not Be Hampered With; Trouble Feared.

WASHINGTON. (AP) — The American minister at Tegucigalpa has been instructed to inform the president of Honduras and responsible officials of that government that the United States regards with disfavor any attempt of a government to perpetuate itself in power except by accepted constitution processes. The communication was sent by the state department as a result of the disturbed situation in Honduras incident to the presidential election.

At the same time the department communicated to its representatives in the other four Central American republics a sum-

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## STRANGE HEAD OF TEACHERS

PORTLAND. (AP) — Addresses by Dr. E. B. Bryan, president of the Ohio University and Dr. John Adams, of London University, featured the Oregon Teachers' association convention today.

A. C. Strange of Astoria, was elected president late yesterday; Miss Cornelia Spencer, Portland, vice president; J. O. McLaughlin, Corvallis and A. C. Rice, Portland, as executive committee members.

## JUNTA SAYS REBELS WIN TWO FIGHTS

Several Hundred Federalists Said to Have Been Captured.

### OBREGON LEADING LOYALIST FORCES

Revolutionary Soldiers, Under Figueroa, Score Additional Victories.

**MEXICO CITY. (AP) — The Mexican senate today ratified the special United States - Mexican claims convention.**

EL PASO, Tex. (AP)—General Romulo Figueroa, revolutionary leader of forces south and west of Mexico City, has scored additional victories, the De la Hourta junta announced Thursday night after it had received official advices from headquarters of the movement at Vera Cruz.

General Figueroa has captured the garrison of Puente de Ixtla, south of Cuernavaca, and is continuing his march, it is claimed. He took 400 prisoners and inflicted heavy losses upon the retreating federal forces, the junta was advised.

Carillo Puerto, alleged Bolshevist governor of Yucatan, has been captured by the rebel armies and is being held under close guard. Revolutionary chiefs alleged that Puerto has appropriated more than three million pesos from pub

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### CITIES ARE NOT SPENDING WITHIN AVAILABLE MEANS

WASHINGTON. (AP)—The cities of the country generally, with some exceptions, are not living within their incomes, the census bureau statistics announced today, would indicate.

The compilation of revenues and expenditures in the fiscal year of 1922 for 261 cities with populations of 30,000 or more, shows a total indebtedness incurred that year amounting to $5.56 for each resident.

The cost of government per capita including expenditures for permanent improvements amounted to $57.38 per capita, against revenues of $51.81 per capita, being $2,222,566,519 and $2,007,008,896, respectively.

### WOODROW WILSON AGED 67 TODAY

WASHINGTON. (AP) — Woodrow Wilson was 67 years old today. No celebration occurred to break the quiet of his home routine.

### PREDICT PROBE IN WASHINGTON'S WHISKY SCANDAL

WASHINGTON (AP) — Congressional attention to Washington bootleg conditions with special consideration of the latest rum ring scandal involving a list of many hundreds alleged customers and of diplomatic liquor stock, appeared certain Thursday. Representative Newton, Republican Minnesota, addressed letters to Secretary Hughes, Commissioner Blair of the internal revenue bureau and Commissioner Oyster of the District of Columbia, asking the facts in the bootleg case.

Police and revenue agents in this case which has resulted in the arrest of 14 persons alleged to be connected with a bootleg organization attempted to seize stocks of liquor in an apartment but were prevented when Dr. V. Sokolowski, secretary of the Polish legation, declared it was his and claimed immunity from seizure.

The letter of Representative Newton to Secretary Hughes concluded: "One hears repeatedly stories in and about Washington about how private individuals are enabled to recoup their own stocks of liquors from diplomatic sources. It seems to me that every effort should be made to prevent this. Further, when there is evidence that this is being done, there ought not to be any hesitation whatever about sending the diplomatic representatives back where he came from."

## Glands Restored Health

Catherine Sneider

### 73, Gains New Lease On Life From Glands

SAN FRANCISCO. (I.N.S.)—Mrs. Katherine Sneider, aged 73, plunged her youthful arms in a dishpan at the San Francisco relief home—"poor farm"—and merrily twirled the soap about. As she washed dishes she talked:

"Seems to me people don't do much nowadays here 'cept eat. But, then, I like to eat, too. I've had a terrible appetite since the doctor made me young again."

Then Mrs. Sneider told of undergoing an operation more than two years ago—an operation of gland transplantation. It was one of the first of a number of successful gland operations performed at the home.

Before the operation Mrs. Sneider suffered from melancholia. The world was black to her and often she said she wanted to die.

"But after the operation everything looked different to me," said Mrs. Sneider. "I felt so much younger and happier right after the operation—just like I feel today. I like to work and I can work now. I have dreams—happy ones — and it seems like there's hope in the future. No more blues for me now. I'm young feeling and happy."

## RECOMMENDS NEW ACTION

Chairman Jones, of Senate Commerce Committee, Wants Permanent Merchant Marine.

WASHINGTON (AP)— Extension of coastwise shipping laws to the Philippines, the separation of the emergency fleet corporation from the shipping board, compulsory cooperation between American railroads and shipping and a survey of needs for a permanent merchant marine were recommended to the President today by Chairman Jones, of the Senate commerce committee.

**Winter Comes**

CHICAGO (AP) — The first snappy winter weather has spread over the upper Mississippi valley, succeeding a mildness that prevailed up to date.

## E. Y. Clarke Answered By Klan Scribe

Publicity Director Denounces Clarke; Refutes His Claim.

WASHINGTON (By the Associated Press)—Milton Elrod, director of the department of publication and education of the Ku Klux Klan, replied to the charges in a statement made yesterday by E. Y. Clarke, formerly high in klan councils, by declaring that Clarke had for months been attempting to destroy the order.

Elrod declared that the member ship grew from 100,000 under Clarke's regime to millions under

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## COMMANDER OF DIXMUDE FOUND DEAD

Fishermen Discovered Body Off Sicilian Coast

### HOPE FOR OTHERS NOT RELINQUISHED

Dirigible Is Thought to Have Gone Down in Mediterranean; Other Occupants May Be in Africa.

PARIS (By the Associated Press) — The French naval dirigible Dixmude has been lost at sea, says official announcements following the discovery of the body of Lieutenant Grenadan, commander of the craft, by fishermen six miles from land off Sciacca, Sicily. The body was caught in their nets.

No trace of the dirigible nor other members of the crew has been found, according to Rome reports.

A search along the Sicilian coast has been ordered.

The Dixmude had fifty persons aboard when she left the airdrome near Marseilles December 18.

It is surmised that Lieutenant Grenadan, when he realized the dirigible was lost, may have instructed the men to jump with parachutes and that he decided to remain aboard the ship, which may have stayed aloft several hours, the commander going down with her, while some of the crew may have descended in the wilds of northern Africa.

The dirigible flew across Mediterranean and over Algeria and Tunisia to the edge of the Sahara desert, then turned towards home.

It was last heard from directly Friday, December 21, at 8 P. M.,

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### SAILSTAD AND HIS COMPANION GET FOUR YEARS

SUPERIOR, Wis. (AP) — Edward J. Sailstad and Dorothy Anderson today pleaded guilty to arson and were sentenced to four years imprisonment.

Sailstad is to serve his sentence at the men's reformatory at Green Bay, while the "sunshine girl" is to be confined at the women's reformatory at Taycheedah.

**GAS PRICE UP**

CHICAGO (AP)— A two cent increase in the price of gasoline, effective tomorrow, was announced by the Standard Oil company of Indiana today. This is the first upward price movement since the gasoline war last fall brought the prices to the lowest level in years.

## Late News Flashes

**PRESIDENT ACCEPTS.**

**PIERRE, S. D. (AP).—A signed acceptance of President Coolidge as a majority Republican candidate in the state primary election was filed with the secretary of state today. The president's declaration said: "I, Calvin Coolidge, do hereby declare that if nominated and elected I will qualify."**

**AGGIES WIN AGAIN.**

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP).—The Oregon Agricultural College basketball team won over the Young Men's Institute here last night in the last few minutes of play, 22 to 21.**

**POLICY REVERSED.**

**WASHINGTON (AP).—Reversing previous policies, the house ways and means committee today made public a new revenue bill in the form it was sent to the capitol by Secretary Mellon. The test contains few changes from the outline of the bill publicly announced at the treasury. The fight for publicity for the measure was conducted in a sub-committee meeting yesterday by Representative Garner, Texas, and Rankin, a Democratic member. The normal income tax sections of the existing law were undisturbed excepting that the present four per cent rate was reduced to three per cent, and the present eight per cent rate reduced to six per cent.**

## *Inmates Of Poor Home Aided By New Glands*

By Copeland C. Burg,
(I.N.S. Staff Correspondent)

SAN FRANCISCO.—Old Father Time is in for a rough season and the phrase "over the hill to the poorhouse" may be changed to "over the hill to health, hope and happiness," following the announcement here today of the completion of a number of remarkable gland transplantation operations at San Francisco's Relief Home, the city's "Poorhouse." Charles E. Wollenberg, superintendent, declared today that a series of gland experiments started three months ago had proved successful, making dreams come true and bringing new ambition and life to a large number of patients.

While Superintendent Wollenberg and the physicians who performed the operations are not prepared, they said, at this time to make extravagant statements concerning rejuvenation thru gland transplantation, positive cures for a number of diseases, including asthma, recovery from paralyzed hands and feet and the bringing of a new mental attitude—a new vista of life—the making of useful, happy, busy men and women out of old, helpless, dependent persons.

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