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PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon: Rain in west, probably rain or snow in the east tonight and Wednesday.

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(By HARRY D. HUNT.)
WASHINGTON (NEA Special)—The Philippines hint, through the Department of Labor and communications at Manila, that they would like to join the League of Nations if they could, is taken in rather unexpected fashion in Washington, considering the general policy of the dominant political party of today.

"Oh, if the islands only could be unloaded onto the league!" That's the tone of a great deal of the comment heard from men high enough in administration councils to know how the government really feels.

The truth is, the Philippines are embarrassing President Coolidge seriously. American business interests in the archipelago are considerable but they are in the hands of a comparatively small group, which the president knows the vast majority of people in the United States have small inclination to give money and blood to protect.

So long as there seemed to be no prospect that such expenditures were going to be required, it was all very well for the Washington government to ignore the group's contention that America is morally bound to keep the flag flying over the islands.

Now, however, with the Philippine people at a point where they are threatening to mean huge naval expenditures to insure the islands' safety—and for nothing else.

The Philippines are America's weak spot. They're a liability rather than an asset, but the United States couldn't afford to have them taken away from her forcibly, even if it would be a relief.

By grabbing them, Japan, at any time, could compel this country to go to war with her.

The advantage would be all with Japan. America would have to keep her fleet on duty in Philippine waters.

There alone could the Japanese strike at her, so that's where her fighting ships would have to be. So concentrated, they couldn't guard American merchant vessels elsewhere in the Pacific. American trade would be driven from the sea.

It might suffer even on the Atlantic. A Japanese raider or two could at least render it insecure.

But if it weren't for the Philippines? If the United States were not responsible for them?

Leaving them out of consideration.

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RIVERS NEAR FLOOD STAGE

EUGENE (AP Pressnote Flash)—The Elk Creek bridge on the McKenna highway near Blue river was carried out last night by a flood. The highway traffic is blocked.

GRANTS PASS (AP Pressnote Flash)—The Rogue river bridge of the California and Oregon Coast railroad, near here, was washed out today by a flood.

ROSEBURG, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—All Douglas county streams are at an extreme flood stage today, the result of heavy rains and melting snow.

Damage is expected if the rise continues.

ICE JAMS REPORTED

PORTLAND, Ore. (By the Associated Press)—Ice jams in the Willamette river did some damage here today. Seven households were torn from their moorings and cast adrift but beached here. Three lor rafts were torn loose and jammed against a pile driver, but were later secured. Although the Willamette has been rising there is no danger of an impending flood here.

Pog and ice continues to hinder navigation between Portland and Astoria.

Billion Dollars Loaned To Foreigners in 1924

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—The marked improvement in foreign exchanges this year was generally construed as a reflection of the progress made in the economic rehabilitation of Europe through the adoption of the Dawes plan.

Three European currencies, Swedish crowns, Swiss francs and Dutch guilders, returned to parity, and were occasionally quoted at a small premium. The Canadian dollar also was quoted at a premium for the first time since 1922.

Sterling exchange, which had been quoted as low as \$2.41 last January, rose above \$4.50 this

WANT SURVEY FUND GUARANTEED

COOLIDGE IS NOT WORRIED ABOUT DEBT

Situation is Being Watched Closely by Chief, However,

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Dry Weather Due In 1925 Science Says

British Meteorological Department Predicts Drought During Next 12 Months.

LONDON (By the Associated Press)—The year 1925 will be the driest the universe has experienced this century, and officer of the British Meteorological Department told the Associated Press in explaining a new discovery which department experts have made and which, it is declared, enables them to pick out the wet and dry years to come.

St. Swithin will have 12 months of large scale unemployment after Christmas, the department has emphatically predicted, and the drought to come will not only dry up these soggy islands, but extend to the rest of the world.

Result of Study.

This statement was made after much study on the part of weather scientists and as the result of the discovery that a close connection exists between rainfall, particularly in Great Britain, and the frequency of solar prominences. The latter are explained to be the tongues of flaming gas that dart out from the sun's surface, sometimes to a height of 250,000 miles and at a speed of more than 150 miles an hour.

Experts have spent three years studying the relation of this phenomenon with the fall of rain and have learned that the interval between the dates when these giant fireworks are most active has grown progressively shorter during the last half century, while the periodicity of wet years in England has shown a corresponding change. The mathematical curves indicate a relationship that is too definite to be overlooked, say the department chiefs.

History Given.

This relation is nothing new. It was noticed about 1845, and for the next 25 years, every fifth year in England was wet, the other four being dry or normal. All the time the solar prominences were appearing regularly and normally. At the end of the 25 years the flames appeared oftener and continued to appear at regular periods for 2 years, when every third year was wet. From 1910 to 1921 the flames were more active and alternate years were wet and dry.

The droughty year of 1921 appears to have been the turning point, for now the department experts have figured out that for the next period of increased solar activity the years will be in cycles of three, two wet years and one dry one. The year 1925 is reckoned as the last year on the late period, therefore the years 1925 and 1926 have been wet ones and 1925, if any faith can be placed in the constancy of the solar prominences of the sun, should be a dry one in England and a droughty one for the rest of the world.

DEATH CAUSE NATURAL ONE

CHICAGO (By the Associated Press)—Although an incomplete report of the post-mortem examination of the body of William N. McClintock was kept secret by the coroner, it was reported today that the examination showed that death resulted from natural causes.

William D. Shepherd, McClintock's foster-father, brought a new development into the case with the announcement that the probated will of Emma Nelson McClintock was not the first she made.

The probated will, he said, which made his wife co-guardian of McClintock with Attorney Reichmann replaced a will naming Shepherd and his wife guardians and conferring a substantial bequest upon them.

NIGHT CREW IS ADDED.

NORTH BEND, Ore.—Manager Beck of the Stout lumber company mills here announces that he will add a night crew to Mill B beginning January 1. This will furnish employment to about 75 additional men who have been idle for some time and who make their homes here. Mill A will continue to operate with only the day crew as at present.

No change is noticeable in the lumber market, according to Manager Beck. Small logs on hand will be cut into common lumber. Both mills closed one day for the holiday.

Arrested Christmas Eve, Man is Fined \$75

Ben Nelson, who was arrested Christmas eve charged with drunkenness and possession of liquor on the street, and who was fined \$75 on the first charge, was tried in municipal court last night and fined \$50 for possession, making the total sum levied against him \$75.

Nelson was unable to pay the fine and will "lay out" the sum at the rate of one day for \$2.

FIRE STILL BURNING.

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Fire aboard the Japanese steamer Ginyo Maru, which last night forced 79 passengers and most of the crew to take to lifeboats, still is burning fiercely today and is being battled by the crew, according to wireless received here.

The passengers were picked up by the freighter, Julia, a schooner, and the cargo, including nitrate causing fear of an explosion, the Ginyo is 1500 miles south of here.

APPROPRIATIONS OK'ED

WASHINGTON (AP)—Practically without amendment the treasury and post office appropriation bill, the largest peace time measure ever before congress, was passed today by the house.

BIG SUM IS TO BE PAID BARRISTERS

Lawyers Who Saved Loeb Leopold from Gallows Get \$150,000.

JACOB FRANKS MAKES STATEMENT

Father of Boy Slain Not Satisfied with Life Imprisonment Given to Murderers.

CHICAGO (By Associated Press)—The lawyers who saved Loeb and Leopold from the gallows will receive \$150,000 for their services, it became known today.

Clarence Darrow, Benjamin and Walter Bachrach share in the fee. The lawyers, it is stated, asked \$200,000 at the conclusion of the trial, and although the Leopold family made an objection, the Loeb family thought the amount excessive.

DARROW MAKES DENIAL.

GREELEY, Colo. (By the Associated Press)—Clarence Darrow, defense counsel in the Loeb-Leopold trial, today emphatically denied the correctness of Chicago dispatches saying the defense attorneys would receive \$150,000 for their services. The Chicago Bar association will fix the amount after his return in January, he said.

BY ROY J. GIBBONS.

CHICAGO (NEA Special)—An eye for an eye. A tooth for a tooth.

So ran the Mosaic law, of old of his forefathers. So runs the law of Jacob Franks today.

Many weary months of anguish have added to his heartache since Franks, now but a shadow of his former self, and bent under his tragedy, wept beside the bier of his

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U. S. PROTESTS SPUD EMBARGO

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Prisoner is Arrested After Making Escape

PENDLETON, Ore. (Special)—Van Marple, who jumped from a speeding automobile when he and another man were being brought from a country dance to Pendleton on charges of violating the liquor laws, has been recaptured and fined \$50 and costs in justice court. The charge against him was illegal possession of liquor. Marple wore handcuffs when he made his leap in the dark, but he had sawed them off when he was recaptured.

He told officers he did not realize what he was doing when he jumped. His wrists were sore and swollen after he succeeded in freeing them of the handcuffs.

MARKETS STEADY.

PORTLAND, Ore. (AP)—Cattle and hogs steady. Sheep nominal. Steady. Eggs one cent lower, 43c to 47c. Butter 47c. Buttermilk firm.

An Advertising Appropriation

The modern, progressive business man in La Grande starts off the new year by appropriating a certain percentage of his gross volume of business to be spent in telling you of the new things and new methods of service about his business.

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When the verdict was read McCoy's eyes became tear-dimmed as he sat at the end of the counsel table.

"I don't believe it was a just verdict," he said. "If I am not guilty as charged, I am not guilty at all. It was not a just verdict."

The prisoner then rose, and in custody of bailiffs, walked across the court room to comfort his three sisters, who were weeping.

Verdict Is Compromise.

E. W. Coulter, foreman of the jury, said that the verdict was a compromise one—"the best we could do."

The jury, which was out longer than any other in the legal history of Los Angeles county, had been locked up for 78 hours when the verdict was returned at 5:06 o'clock tonight, and had been in actual deliberation for 24 hours.

Twenty-four ballots were taken before the fate of the ex-prize fighter was read in open court. The jury was composed of nine women and three men.

Superior Judge Hall had no comment to make other than "I guess it was the best that they could do."

Several hundred persons of Southern California boxing circles, thronged the halls outside the court room when the verdict was returned.

Appeal to Be Taken.

Sentence will be passed Friday at 10 a. m. Defense attorneys announced tonight that notice of appeal would be filed at that time.

Mrs. Moss, divorced wife of Albert A. Moss and joint owner with him of the Moss antique shop in a fashionable shopping district here, was found dead of a bullet wound, in an apartment house on "Mr. and Mrs. N. Shields."

Her body was discovered about 9 a. m., August 13. At about the same hour McCoy was alleged to have entered the antique shop and held up several employees of the place, later finding them up on two sides of the store room while he waited for the appearance of Moss, whom he announced he was going to "get."

The men, after handing over their money and valuables, were forced to remove shoes and trousers, to prevent their escape; the women were allowed to wait unattended.

As customers entered the place they were similarly disposed of.

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"Justice Was Not Done"



The above picture is of Jacob Franks, father of the boy slain after cold-blooded, heartless preparations by Nathan Leopold and Richard Loeb, now doing time for their murders.

URGENT SCHOOL LAW CHANGES

PORTLAND, Ore. (Special)—The 1925 legislature will be called to pass upon eight questions involving changes in the present school laws, including the long-discussed free textbook proposal, teachers' retirement fund and a request for new normal school facilities, as the result of resolutions adopted by Oregon State Teachers' association at the opening session of the annual convention yesterday.

Action was taken by the representative council, the official body of the association in meeting at the Lincoln high school. About 300 were present, although when the general meeting will open today, it was expected that there would be at least 2000.

Establishment Is Outlined.

In brief, the proposed legislation follows: Request for one new state normal school immediately, with appropriation to establish branch or subnormal to meet present needs. Adoption of free textbooks. Installation of two high school inspectors under state supervision.

Revival of the optional county institute law.

Extension of voting privilege in school elections to all eligible citizens, rather than property owners.

Creation of a teachers' retirement fund.

Establishment of a state kindergarten system.

Change in the high school tuition system.

In presenting the proposal for the request for a new normal school figures were introduced showing that 61 per cent of Oregon school teachers were not graduates of such an institution. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, attended the meeting and personally told of the needs of the state.

Funds To Be Asked.

The legislature will be asked for an appropriation estimated at \$200,000 or \$275,000 for the first new normal school, with the additional program of another school in a different part of the state within four years. The local

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Aged Union Physician Is Near Death's Door

UNION, Ore. (Special)—Dr. E. J. McKinney, who was knocked down by a passing automobile on Main street a few weeks ago, still remains in a very serious condition, and very little hope is held for his recovery.

His age, 80 years, and his frail constitution, are hardly able to cope with the shock of the fall, and subsequent illness.

European Exchange Is Near Normal This Year

NEW YORK (By the Associated Press)—American investors during the year approximated \$5,000,000,000 contracted with about \$4,700,000,000 in 1923.

Foreign bonds ran a close race with state and municipal offerings for first place in the amount of new business handled. Flotations of the latter, aggregating almost \$1,400,000,000, eclipsed all previous records, while the latest figures on foreign loans indicated that the total would reach slightly more than \$1,200,000,000.

Trading in the bond market

IRRIGATION PROBLEM IS DISCUSSED

Meadowbrook Project Possibilities Told By George Cochran.

TWO DAMS WOULD SUPPLY VALLEY

Path to Secure Irrigation Here Seems Not so Difficult to Travel Over.

Following the meeting of the chamber of commerce, the agriculture and irrigation committees met and started a campaign to guarantee a sum of \$5000 to be matched with a like amount of federal money, the total to be used to conduct a soil survey of Union county and to procure other details necessary to submit to the Fact Finding commission of the Reclamation department preparatory to securing its approval on irrigation development. Prosecution of this survey will be pushed immediately. This is the first step necessary to procure irrigation for the Grande Ronde valley.

Painting a vivid picture of what adequate irrigation could do for the Grande Ronde valley, and showing how such irrigation could be secured, occupied the attention of members of the Union County chamber of Commerce today at noon.

As each member sat at the table and listened to the remarks of the speakers—William C. Black, George Cochran, Bruce Dennis and Albert Hunter, he could visualize a doubly fertile valley, blooming with prosperity, that prosperity emanating from two reservoirs that hold for constant use as the occasion demanded vast stores of water—water that now seeps away uselessly, evaporates, and of which only

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GUARD SMOKER FULL OF FUN

A "He-Man's Meeting" was that held last night at the armory by the La Grande unit of the National Guard. The boys were out in the uniform of their country, and while guests filled the balcony to review the drill every man in uniform was on his toes heeding the sharp commands of Captain Hathaway who is the military director of this unit by the United States regular army.

Following the drill Captain Hutton announced a dinner in the mess room and for an hour there was plenty of fun and entertainment. Sandwiches, mince pie, salad and coffee made up the satisfying dinner which was served by members of the guard, with the first course of cigars and cigarettes. The Chamber of Commerce quartet—Messrs. Sherwood Williams, Elmer I. Stoddard, G. L. Dutton and George S. Birnie—opened the program with a number and encore after encore followed causing the quartet to respond with several songs.

With Billy Bull, pianist for the Oregonian orchestra, Nepli Combs gave a whistling solo that not only surprised all his friends, but showed a marked aptitude on the part of Nepli for this kind of music.

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