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TRUST IN GOD—"Do not afraid nor dismayed . . . for the battle is not yours, but God's." 2 Chron. 20:15.

Rail Merger to Benefit All of States in Area

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14. (AP)—Consolidation of the Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Spokane, Portland and Seattle railways into one company capitalized at \$500,000,000 with 15,000 miles of trackage, will mean that all territory served by the merged system will be benefited. President Charles Donnelly, of the Northern Pacific, and President English Bondi, of the Great Northern, told the members of the chamber of commerce here today.

SEATTLE, Feb. 14. (AP)—Receivers for the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway have decided to oppose merger of stock ownership of the Northern Pacific, Great Northern and Burlington railroad systems. H. E. Byram, of Chicago, former Milwaukee president, declared here today.

Byram said the receivers, himself, Mark W. Potter and E. J. Brundage, feel the proposed merger would imperil the future of the Milwaukee system and interfere with all transportation development in the northwest.

Chinese, British Negotiations Are Broken, Report

HANKOW, Feb. 14. (AP)—Negotiations are believed to have been completely broken off between the Chinese nationalist and British governments for an agreement as to the administration of the British concessions at Hankow and Kiangsu. The agreement remained unsigned today after what is believed to have been the final conference.

The negotiators, Charge d'Affaires Owen O'Malley, of Great Britain, and Foreign Minister Eugene Chen Chen, of the nationalist government, refused to give any information after the conference at the foreign office.

Chen told the Associated Press today that he expected to issue a statement shortly regarding the suggestion of American Secretary of State Kellogg that the Shanghai international settlement be exempted from the zone of war activity.

Chen indicated that he was absolutely opposed to the suggestion.

BRITISH TROOPS PARADE SHANGHAI, Feb. 14. (AP)—A regiment each of Durham and Gloucestershire troops landed here today and paraded through the principal streets. Chinese crowds lined the route of march. There was some hissing.

The steamer Suiveo arrived today bringing 119 refugees, the majority of them American missionaries from Kweichow province. The Suiveo normally carries but 22 first class passengers.

President Gray On Way to Tacoma

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14. (AP)—President Carl Gray, of the Union Pacific system, arrived here today en route to Tacoma, Wash., where railroad executives and business representatives of the Pacific northwest will confer on a request for faster trains to Chicago.

The Pacific northwest asked some time ago for 48-hour trains to Chicago from Portland, Tacoma and Seattle, to equal service between San Francisco and Chicago.

Asked regarding freight business outlook for 1927 Gray said that if the harvest is abundant, or even normal, last year's total should be approximated.

ATTEMPTS SUICIDE GRANITE PASS, Ore., Feb. 14. (AP)—Intense suffering from a disease, which he believed incurable, caused Martin Conner, 52, to attempt to take his life today. A case knife, which was near the bed, in which he was confined, was used in an effort to cut his throat. He was rushed to a hospital where his condition is still in doubt.

BOY IS CAPTURED PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14. (AP)—Willard Moore was in a hospital here today with a bullet wound in his hip following a series of adventures after escaping from the boys' training school at Salem. Howard Foster, 18, who escaped from the institution with Moore, was being sought by police.

LIBELLED BIBLE

NEA Service, Montreal Bureau. An atheist Ernest Victor Sherrin, editor of "The Christian Inquirer," professes to be. He is on trial at Toronto charged with libelling the Scriptures.

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UNION PERSONALS UNION (Special)—Ralph Conner, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Conner, is ill at his home in South Union of scarlet fever. The Conner home was placed under quarantine Wednesday.

Murray Jensen, senior in the high school here, is substituting for teacher of the sixth grade for W. V. Conner, who is absent from school because his home is under quarantine.

The Rev. and Mrs. Arthur L. Dickinson are the parents of a seven-pound baby daughter born to them Sunday evening at the Grande Ronde hospital. The little girl has been named Ruby Egan.

Not Too Fat



Here is Helen Wills, said by Suzanne Lenglen to be too fat to play championship tennis. Entirely recovered from her operation for appendicitis, she has started intensive training to regain her crown as woman tennis champion of the United States.

Convicted Slayer On Hunger Strike

PORTLAND, Me., Feb. 14. (AP)—Benjamin H. Turner, convicted last Friday of the murder of James D. Hallen, entered the fourth day of hunger strike today as he awaited transfer to the state prison at Thomaston where he is to serve a life term.

Turner at his last food Friday noon just before a jury found him guilty. He has slept little.

The man who blasted his way through the wall of the state prison at Thomaston to escape from the alleged swindle of \$327, and who freely owned to the killing of a Mexican for a similar wrong, has refused to talk to jail attendants.

Butler-Strayer Bill Is Passed In Legislature

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 14. (AP)—With 29 votes to six credit senate bill No. 81 introduced by Senators Butler and Strayer, and making the public service commission appointive by the governor, passed the senate today. James C. Clark, was the only senator to vote against the measure.

The bill does not disturb the personnel of the present public service commission, it providing they shall hold office until the expiration of their terms.

The senate passed senate bill 82 by Bell, abolishing the emergency board.

All house bills introduced in date had gone through second reading when the house adjourned at noon today. All will be ready for the calendar tomorrow morning.

OPEN 8,000 ACRES WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (AP)—An 8,000-acre tract in the Umatilla division of the Klamath irrigation project in Oregon and California was opened to settlement today by the reclamation bureau. Applications will be filed with the district supervisor on and after Mar. 1.

PITTMAN BILL REPORTED WASHINGTON, Feb. 14. (AP)—A favorable report on the Pittman bill exempting short line railroad from the present requirement that they pay to the government one-half of all net earnings in excess of 6 per cent was ordered today by the senate interstate commerce committee.

DEATH AN ADVENTURE DAVENPORT, Ia., Feb. 14. (AP)—"To die will be a glorious adventure," thus wrote George W. Cannon Jr., 14-year-old high school student, who was found dead in his gas-filled room today by his mother.

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Mr. and Mrs. Harry McClay and two sons, of Enterprise, and Mrs. Juanita Spencer and Claude Willcock, of La Grande, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bert Knight.
Mr. and Mrs. Fred Willcock, of La Grande, were guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. V. Conner Sunday afternoon.

John Wortman, eighth grade teacher here, and his daughter, Gladys, went to Enterprise Friday morning. Mr. Wortman was called there on business.
Mrs. Fred Fox was a La Grande visitor Wednesday.
Ed Gillespie, of Union, is at the Hot Lake sanatorium where he is receiving medical treatment.
Mrs. Grace Harrington, of Baker, is visiting here with her daughter Mrs. Ed Gillespie.

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The average American thinks all foreign relations are poor relations.

Soon it will be March 4, and then a great peace will descend upon the country, and deeper peace upon the white house.

A blacksmith who has inherited half a million dollars says he's "going to keep right on shoeing horses." Where? In one of Henry Ford's museums?

WORLD COURT MEMBERSHIP

The leading members of the World Court have served notice that they will not accept the American reservations unconditionally. That is to say, if the United States is to join the court, they will accept our reservations with reservations of their own. Which they have a perfect right to do.

The conclusion is immediately drawn that the United States is definitely and permanently out of the World Court. Senator Borah, a leading opponent of American participation, assumes that "this ends the question of our becoming a member."

It is just as well not to be too sure of that. There is still a strong sentiment in this country in favor of membership. Nobody can tell whether that will grow or decline. It depends largely on world events. The Chinese situation may have some effect on it. The court's decisions, from time to time, will have effect. The degree of respect accorded it by other powers will have effect. World opinion will have effect.

The American people have always been favorable to the principle of an international court. It is a question now of their being convinced by observation and experience that the existing court is safe and effective.

THE GREAT BUILDING AGE

Chicago is not alone in its magnificent building program, on which it expects to spend half a billion dollars in five years. St. Louis runs it a close second with a program which, when the size of the city is considered, is almost as pretentious.

During these same five years St. Louis expects to complete public improvements aggregating about \$80,000,000. They include a \$6,000,000 memorial plaza, a \$12,000,000 waterworks, a \$5,000,000 auditorium, a \$4,000,000 courthouse, an \$8,000,000 street lighting system and a \$16,000,000 sewer plan, with large additional sums allowed for better fire equipment, new parks and playgrounds, elimination of grade crossings and other purposes of utility and beauty. Many other American cities are pursuing the same policy. There is hardly a community of any size that is not planning some notable structure or improvement.

Talk about a lull in the building boom! As the scramble for new homes and hotels and private business structures begins to ease a little, municipalities everywhere get into the game with public building plans. We seem, in our American cities, to be entering an age of public building rivaling the age of Pericles in Athens. Noble and beautiful structures are arising on all sides. Architecture is flourishing here more than anywhere else in the world.

Leave any prosperous American city for 20 years, and you will not know it when you return; but you will surely admire it for its fine city hall and courthouse, its post office building, its churches and business structures and memorials and apartment houses, and its pleasant parks and spacious, dignified squares and thoroughfares.

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