

## NEW YORK STRIKES CAMPAIGN KEYNOTE

### Republicans Stand for American Rights.

### PREPAREDNESS IS DEMANDED

### Instructions as to Choice for President Omitted.

### WAY IS OPEN FOR HUGHES

### Indorsement of Root Refused and Whitman Is Beaten by Barnes as Head of Delegation—State Administration Commended.

#### POINTS IN KEYNOTE PLATFORM OF REPUBLICANS.

The platform adopted by the Republican state convention today—

Advocates "complete preparedness" for the economic, industrial and financial, as well as military, defense of the Nation.

Demands that the United States insist on universal observance of the principles and rules of international law.

Denounces the Wilson policy toward Mexico as one of "inconsistent and irresponsible interference," and demands the protection of American rights in Mexico, either by a responsible Mexican government or through co-operation with other American Republics.

Denounces the bill to grant independence to the Philippines as an abandonment of the duties of the Nation and a breach of trust.

Demands "the restoration of the Republican policy of a tariff commission," and for "adequate measures for the quick upbuilding of an American merchant marine."

Measures advocated by the platform include development of farm credits and amendments to the Federal Reserve act to avoid possibility of inflation in currency.

In its discussion of preparedness, support is pledged "for the full rights and privileges of American citizenship against any attack from any quarter whatsoever."

NEW YORK, Feb. 16.—The Republican National campaign will be waged as a fight for adequate military preparedness and tariff reform, opposition to granting early independence to the Philippines and insistence on a vigorous stand for American rights, both in Mexico and in relation to the European war, according to the keynote platform adopted today by the Republican state convention.

The outlines of the platform, which was approved unanimously, were presented last night in the speech of ex-Senator Root.

Delegation Not Instructed.

There was no difference of opinion among the 322 delegates in regard to the platform, but a fight was precipitated by the attempt of the supporters of Governor Whitman to obtain an unqualified indorsement of his Administration and to force his nomination as chairman of the delegation to the National convention in Chicago.

The net result was that New York State will send an uninstructed delegation to the National convention if the action of the convention is upheld by the voters at the primary election in April.

Mr. Root Indorsed.

A determined fight, led by Henry I. Stimson, to obtain a resolution recommending Mr. Root as New York's favorite son for the Presidency was defeated in the committee on resolutions and a counter-resolution—that no Presidential candidate be indorsed—was passed unanimously.

The principal ground on which the opponents of the Root resolution fought was that an indorsement of Mr. Root would preclude the possibility of New York's putting forward Justice Hughes as the state's candidate for the Presidency. Nicholas Murray Butler, chairman of the committee, issued a formal statement in which he said Mr. Root himself was opposed to the use of his name.

Barnes Men Make Fight.

The big battle in the convention was fought out between the "old line" organization Republicans under the leadership of William Barnes and the supporters of Governor Whitman. The Barnes men entered the convention with the avowed purpose of refusing an indorsement of the Whitman Administration and preventing the Governor from heading the New York delegation to the National convention.

The question of indorsement ended in a compromise by which two resolutions were presented, one dealing exclusively with National affairs and the other "commending" Governor Whitman's conduct of the state administration.

This partial victory of the Governor was offset by a complete defeat on the question of the National delegates.

The Whitman forces had united all (Continued on Page 3, Column 1.)

## HOME WRECKERS GET NO DIVORCE

### JUDGE TELLS WIFE SHE REAPED WHEREOF SHE SOWED.

Former Co-Respondent in Action Weds Divorced Man, but Gets No Relief When Tables Turn.

"Home-wreckers and heart-breakers should not look to the law for assistance in their work!"

Circuit Judge W. N. Gatens thus scored both parties to the divorce suit of Robert W. Simpson against Theresa M. Simpson, when, after hearing evidence, he threw the case out of court yesterday.

"The present Mrs. Simpson was co-respondent in the first divorce suit of Simpson, then brought by Ida Simpson, and paid marked attention to him while he was getting his divorce," went on the jurist. "She wrecked a home. Why should the court help her when her home is wrecked? It is evident that she reaped whereof she sowed."

"They owe it to their own loose construction of the marriage laws that they find themselves in this condition. The court intends to leave them where they are."

The suit was brought by Simpson against Mrs. Theresa Simpson, who, as Miss Theresa M. O'Connell, was co-respondent in the suit of his former wife, Ida, in February, 1912. The second Mrs. Simpson filed a cross-complaint, naming a third woman, Mrs. Ole Boylan, of 451 East Everett street, as co-respondent.

## VENUS' RIVAL MUCH SOUGHT

### Stage and Marriage Offers Swamp Girl, Physically Perfect.

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Vaudeville managers, motion picture promoters, autograph-seekers and would-be husbands have deluged Miss Margaret Willett, a Swarthmore junior, whose physical measurements are nearly identical with those of the Venus de Milo, with a multitude of telegrams, letters and messages.

These contain offers to appear before the footlights and pose in the movies, and resulted from the wide publication of her distinction in news-papers, letters and messages.

She is the daughter of S. E. R. Willett, of Trenton, N. J., prominent in the pottery industry.

## WORM IS DIVORCE PLAINT

### Husband Also Insisted on Reversing Baby's Name, Avers Wife.

If your husband dropped angle worms on you because he knew you were deadly afraid of snakes and worms, and insisted on calling your 2-month-old child Frances Lucille, when he knew that her name was Lucille Frances, would you sue for divorce?

Mrs. Lucille Taylor alleges these as grounds on which she is suing A. F. Taylor, a teamster, for an absolute decree and the custody of the child. She also maintains that on one occasion her husband fought forcibly with her to remove a diamond ring from her finger, which he wanted to pawn. They were married in Vancouver, February 11, 1914.

## LA GRANDE CHIEF QUILTS

### Dispute Over Pocket Flashlight Leads to Resignation.

LA GRANDE, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Fire Chief W. A. Benham has tendered his resignation as chief of the La Grande fire department.

A pocket flashlight prompted a misunderstanding between him and administration officials, and until Benham can prove his claims, he says, he has posted his personal check for \$2, the amount involved, with the city. Claude Mackey, president of the volunteer department, temporarily is chief.

## BULGARIAN TOWN IS RAIDED

### 13 French Airmen Drop 158 Bombs at Strumitsa.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—Thirteen French aeroplanes carried out a raid on the town and camps of Strumitsa, Bulgaria, yesterday, according to a Reuter dispatch today from Saloniki. The machines dropped 158 bombs, causing several fires, it is added.

The dispatch says the machines, although subjected to a severe bombardment, returned to their base untouched.

## DEFENSE BILL IS SIGNED

### Annapolis Class Increased, Navy Yards to Be Enlarged.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—President Wilson today signed the first of the National defense bills.

One increases the entrance class at the Naval Academy by 200 cadets and the other makes immediately available \$500,000 for facilities for building warships at the Mare Island Navy-yard and \$100,000 for like improvements at the New York Navy-yard.

## \$400 IN DYE NETS \$11,800

### Price of Barrel of Product Increases 3000 Per Cent.

BOSTON, Feb. 16.—The shortage in dyestuffs and the demand by textile manufacturers for this product was pointed out today by dealers, who reported that a barrel of violet dye bought 14 months ago for \$400 had been sold here for \$12,000.

This was an increase of 3000 per cent.

## ALL NORTHWEST FOR ASTORIA NAVY BASE

### Mass Meeting Reflects Determined Support.

## SECOND GIBRALTAR IS WANTED

### Safety of Oregon and Nation Declared at Stake.

## SEA TRUSTED NO LONGER

### Additional Funds Pledged by Persons Present and Committee Is Spurred On to Continue Aggressive Campaign.

ASTORIA, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—This was naval-base day in Astoria and tonight a mass meeting that filled the Astoria Theater to overflowing was held to show the enthusiasm of the people of the Lower Columbia River district in support of the campaign for the establishment of a mammoth naval station on the Columbia.

It was also to demonstrate their announced determination to carry that campaign to a successful issue and continue the fight until the Government makes the entrance of this great waterway as impregnable as Gibraltar and transforms the harbor into the greatest naval headquarters on the Pacific Coast.

All Pledge Support.

Able speakers addressed the assemblage, the enthusiasm of the people was intense, and at the close of the meeting the entire audience, by a rising vote, pledged their fealty and support to the project, which they believe means much, not alone to Oregon, but to the safety of the Nation as well.

Mayor Johnson presided at the gathering, and at the opening of the session the secretary read a number of letters and telegrams from the Governors of Oregon, Washington and Montana, as well as from chambers of commerce and commercial clubs of all sections of the three states and from newspapers indorsing the movement and offering their assistance in every possible way.

Sectional Lines Obliterated.

The principal speaker of the evening was Frank B. Riley, of the Portland Chamber of Commerce. He said he brought cordial greetings—from the people of the metropolis, who are with Astoria, heart and soul, in this project.

"The time has come," said Mr. Riley, "when county and sectional lines have been obliterated. Portland and Astoria stand side by side here at the end of the West. The glory of one is the glory of the other; the sorrow of one is the distress of the other. We are with you in this fight for recognition and to secure adequate protection for this avenue of commerce."

"The whole Nation is becoming aroused to the fact of the country's unpreparedness for defense and we of (Continued on Page 6, Column 2.)

## PRISON BARS DIVIDE MOTHER AND BABE

### FIVE OF IDAHO FAMILY GET PENITENTIARY TERMS.

Infant, Three Weeks Old, and Four Other Children Are to Be Cared For by State.

TWIN FALLS, Idaho, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—A mother, with her three-weeks-old baby in arms, her husband, their two sons and a stepson, were today sentenced in District Court to indeterminate terms in the Penitentiary.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Ross, the parents, were sentenced to serve from six months to five years and one son six months to one year for receiving stolen goods.

The other son and stepson, Orville Duncan, are to serve one to 15 years for burglary, committed in the mercantile store of Judd & Anderson, in Marshfield, 49 miles east of Twin Falls.

Four smaller children are left and, with the three-weeks-old baby, will be taken to the Children's Home in Boise while their parents serve out their Penitentiary terms.

## PIPE-PHONE LATEST PLAN

### Bull Run Superintendent Would Not Depend on Wires in Storm.

Richard Maupin, superintendent of the Bull Run pipe line, wants permission to use one of the pipes from Portland to the headworks for his telephone. He believes that one of the pipes could be used instead of a wire, which usually goes down in such a storm as recently prevailed. It would cost him about \$150 to make the experiment.

Mr. Maupin's plan is to use the one pipe and place insulators where they touch each other. Heavier batteries will be necessary, he says, to overcome the greater resistance. His other plan is to place the wire or cable underground along or inside one of the pipes. In either case, the telephone wires would be out of reach of another silver thaw.

## MILLIONS PUT IN NEW CARS

### Southern Pacific Increases Pacific Coast Facilities.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 16.—New equipment, mostly rolling stock, to cost between \$2,000,000 and \$3,000,000, has been ordered by the Southern Pacific Company, according to announcement made here tonight by company officials.

The new equipment is for use on the company's Pacific system, and will include 47 flatcars, 260 gondolas, 25 flatcar bodies and 450 stock cars. The orders were placed to provide more nearly adequate facilities for the movement of Pacific Coast products.

## ALBANIAN STRUGGLE ON

### Austrians and Bulgars Form Junction for Final Campaign.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The final struggle for the mastery of Albania has begun, according to dispatches received in London.

The Austrians and Bulgarians have succeeded in forming a junction and their combined armies now are in contact with Essad Pasha's army of Albanians, Montenegrins and Serbians which is defending Durazzo.

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"Can America Keep Christ?" This (Continued on Page 13, Column 1.)

## IT'S JUST THE SAME OLD JACKASS!



## LAYMEN AROUSED TO AID MISSIONS

### Portland Convention Is Record in Success.

## MEN GIVE VOTE TO FEELINGS

### Attendance and Interest Beyond Those of Other Cities.

## STIRRING ADDRESSES MADE

### Final Session Arouses Greatest Attention and Participants Declare Barrier of Denominationalism Is Being Broken Down.

BY EDITH KNIGHT HOLMES.

The great Laymen's Missionary Convention of Oregon has gone into history. Closing last night with a most enthusiastic session, with speakers at their best and the audience keenly sympathetic, the big meeting was pronounced by the local committee to have reached a degree of success far beyond the fondest hopes of the most sanguine.

Four records were smashed in Portland's convention. The registration in comparison with the size of the city and the attendance were both greater than in any place so far visited by the missionaries. The sale of literature and the number of subscriptions taken to the magazine, Men and Missions, far exceeded those of other cities. The publication is the official organ of the laymen's movement.

Closing Meeting Enthusiastic.

Last night's meeting was a men-only affair. Ministers, bishops, ordinary laymen, deacons, religious men and men who had heretofore taken but little interest in missions thronged the White Temple, and by their close attention, their appreciative applause, their earnestness and hearty manner of joining in the hymns of praise demonstrated that the big movement impressed them with its mighty significance.

The outstanding events of the fourth and closing day of the convention were: The brilliant and eloquent address of Bishop Bell, of Los Angeles, who urged the breaking down of the barriers created by provincialism and denominationalism and the awakening of a new religious consciousness; the stirring addresses of H. F. Swartz, of New York; Fred B. Fisher, of India; A. R. Kepler, of China, and Herbert S. Johnson, whom Oregon claims, although he now is of Boston.

Plea Made for Preparedness.

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## INTERNED GERMANS PREPARE FOR RAID

### ELEVEN STEAMERS IN CANARY ISLANDS SECRETLY ARMED.

Captain of American Schooner Arriving at Mobile Says He Supplied Cargo of Coal.

MOBILE, Ala., Feb. 16.—Eleven German steamers laid up in the Canary Island ports have been secretly armed for commerce raiding, and are preparing to make a dash for the open sea, according to a statement made here today by Captain F. E. Maguire, of the American schooner Edgar W. Murdock.

Captain Maguire said he delivered 2100 tons of coal to German agents in Tenerife and saw it loaded into the bunkers of the interned German vessels. The Murdock is in port here.

The Canary Islands belong to Spain. Tenerife, where the German vessels were interned at the beginning of the war, is the largest island of the group and has only one good harbor, that of Santa Cruz.

The port is poorly fortified. It is presumed that Spain has few or no war vessels there, and that armed vessels would stand a good chance of escaping.

## FLOOD SITUATION SERIOUS

### Train Service Tied Up at Etopia and Roads Stall Autos.

ELTOPIA, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The flood situation here is assuming alarming proportions. The Northern Pacific bridges both east and west have been washed out, together with three county bridges. Bad washouts in both directions probably will tie up traffic for at least a week. There have been no trains now for two days.

Three automobiles from here that took passengers to Pasco this morning to attend the funeral of Henry Tuymens, the Snake River rancher, lost in the storm two weeks ago, are a mile out of town in ruts in the road four feet deep. Mesa, nine miles north of here, is inundated. The crest has not been reached yet, as higher water is reported north of us.

## VICTORIA TAKES BIG LEAD

### Uncle Sams Hockey Team Surprised by 3-0 Dash in First Period.

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—Victoria gave Portland the surprise of the season when they scored three goals in the first period tonight. Victoria not only played a rushing game, but had all the breaks.

Portland could not score. Osman, Dunderdale, Harris and Tobin played strong, but Lester Patrick was a whole team on defense and McCulloch stopped no less than six true shots at close range.

## JAMES' ILLNESS CRITICAL

### Even Temporary Improvement in Condition Not Expected.

LONDON, Feb. 16.—The illness of Henry James, the author, is so serious that even a temporary improvement in his condition is not expected.

Because of the nature of his malady, however, it cannot be said to be immediately critical.

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## OLD OPERA HOUSE FALLS, KILLING 10

### Terrific Explosion of Gas Follows.

## FIRE SPREADS FROM RUINS

### Mexia, Tex., for Time Seems Doomed to Destruction.

## SCHOOL OFFICIAL VICTIM

### City Superintendent and His Wife and Child, Among Those Attending Art Exhibit, Lose Lives. Blaze Is Under Control.

MEXIA, Tex., Feb. 16.—Ten persons were killed here early tonight in the collapse of the old opera-house building, which was followed by an explosion which threatened the entire business section of the town. Many were injured.

Three of the principal business buildings of the town have been destroyed and the fire is still burning.

Search continued late into the night for the other bodies which it was feared might be buried in the ruins, although it was believed all persons in the building had been accounted for.

Death List Is Announced.

The list of dead was announced as follows:

Professor A. B. Wiesner, superintendent of city schools.

Mrs. Wiesner and one of their children.

Professor O. R. Bruton, Winnsboro, Tex.

Oscar Johnson.

Claude Johnson.

Paul Yehdel.

Ray Cox.

Ray Hill.

Charles Womach, a negro.

The old hall, seldom used, had been opened for an art exhibit for the public schools, which gave promise of being largely attended. The spectators had begun to assemble when, without warning, the structure gave way.

Terrific Explosion Follows.

The confusion caused by the accident was intensified by a terrific gas explosion, which followed almost immediately. This caused fire in the wreckage. The flames spread to other buildings, including the Farmers State Bank, and so rapid was the progress of the conflagration that it seemed certain to consume the town.

After four hours' work the fire was believed to be under control.

## SKIS BRING CITIZENSHIP

### Man Makes 100-Mile Trip to Take Out Papers at Boise.

BOISE, Idaho, Feb. 16.—(Special.)—W. O. Moore, a former subject of England, now a resident of McCall, made a 100-mile trip on skis from his home to Boise to become a naturalized citizen. McCall is on the shores of the Payette lakes, north and west of here.

For almost a month now the Idaho Northern Railroad, of which McCall is the terminal, has been snowed in. Mr. Moore determined to reach Boise. It was a hard and tiresome trip through a wild country, but he made it in three days.

## SUGAR BEET SEED SHORT

### Fourth of American Factories May Reduce Their Output.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 16.—Fully 25 per cent of the beet sugar factories of the United States will be forced to reduce their output from 10 to 25 per cent unless some means can be discovered to supply the enormous deficit of necessary seed according to statements made during the closing session of the United States Beet Sugar Manufacturers' Association here.

It was also said some concerns would be compelled to close their factories because only about one-half enough seed was in sight.

## FALLING MAN BLOWN UP

### Slip While Carrying Nitroglycerin Is Deadly.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Feb. 16.—W. S. Rokers, of Marietta, slipped and fell while carrying two cans of nitroglycerin at St. Albans, 12 miles from here, late today.

The detonation was heard in Charleston. Rokers was blown to pieces. No one else was injured as far as can be learned.

## Fruit Growers Postpone Meeting.

### Gresham, Or., Feb. 16.—(Special.)—The adjourned meeting of the Gresham Fruit Growers' Association held Monday, February 14, was again adjourned to Monday, March 6, because of an even smaller attendance than was at the first attempted meeting.

## Birth Control League Elects.

Frank Anderson was elected secretary of the Birth Control League at the regular monthly meeting in room H of the Public Library last night. The meeting was well attended. H. G. Uthoff and other spoke.