# INTERIOR ARGUES FOR LOWER RATES GENERAL PERSHING HEARS OF

Panama Canal Closing Given as Reason.

### INTER-MOUNTAIN CASE OPENS

Steamship Line Officials Say Coastwise Traffic Is Dead.

### RAILROADS OPPOSE CHANGE

Pacific Coast Cities Join in Fight to Keep Tariffs as They Are. Witnesses Aver Competition by Water Is of Distant Future.

WASHINGTON, April 24 .- Whatever promise the Panama Canal may hold for steamship competition with socalled transcontinental railways, the Interstate Commerce Commission was 542 Salem High Students Attend told today it lies in the somewhat distant future. Officials of the chief steamship lines which used to ply from coast, testifying in the respened limer-mountain rate case, de- Five hundred and forty-two students clared that not only had they ceased to of the Salem High School attend movoperate their vessels via the Canal, ing picture shows and 30 do not, ac but that there would be no resumption of the traffic certainly for one year, probably for two and maybe for much Superintendent of Schools Elliott, Dra-

+ The Commission heard two witnesses best, as 101 confessed a preference to -H. P. Hamilton, general manager of this class of moving picture plays. Histhe Luckenbach Steamship Company, torical dramas found favor with \$2, and H. E. D. Jackson, vice-president of 48 preferred dramas of no special kind, Steamship 20 liked love stories best, and 21 pre-American-Hawailan Company. To these companies, the for- ferred travel pictures. mer with 19 steamers, the latter with 26, went much of the trade between two to one, in the vote on favorite American ports before the European war. The fleets of both companies are ow scattered all over the world. The Luckenbach Company will not resume const-to-coast business before two years, Mr. Hamilton said, and the King George and Czar on Easter American-Hawaiian line will not within one year, if then, according to Mr.

Const Points Join in Fight. Mesers, Hamilton and Jackson testified on behalf of the organizations in inter-mountain territory-virtually the from Eastern manufacturing and in- army." dustrial centers to Pacific points than to intermediate points. The railroads oppose any change in rates and in this stand are joined by trade and other organizations of Seattle, Tacoma, Portland, Or.: San Francisco, San Diego, San Pedro and other Pacific Coast cities to which the low rates now apply.

Three things, the witnesses said, had impelled them to discontinue the coast-Supreme Court Decision Opens Way to-coast operation of their vessels-the closing, last September, of the Canal by slides, the much greater revenue to he obtained by placing their vessels in rates by rail.

Vessels Chartered for Off-Shore Trade. other day to the United States Steel Corporation for a year," Mr. Jackson said, "at much higher figures than we had ever obtained by operating them. propaganda they have led slients to Four of our vessels are under charter until December, 1917; three are chartered for a year and the others are chartered for three to six months each and make possible the enforcement of with ample opportunity for renewing vision of mail advertising.

Vessels now building at Scattle, San Francisco and other Pacific Coast ports NEGROES TEST EXCLUSION will hardly go into the old trade, Mr. Jackson added, because they can make much more money by going into the foreign trade. The last American-Hawalian Company vessel to sail east in the coast-to-coast service left San Francisco last October, he said, and the sailings are scheduled,

### Old Contracts Cared For.

Of the Luckenbach steamers none has on their own recognizance. been in the service for two months, Mr. Hamilton said, with the exception of negroes, who declared the case would one of two which sailed to carry freight be carried to the Supreme Court of the already contracted for. No other sail- United States. ings were scheduled on this line, and the witness thought that for at least two years the only steamship traffic. so far as freight carriers were concerned, from coast to coast via the Canal, would be by tramp steamers whose movements went by no schedule.

Mr. Jackson probably will be the last witness. He will continue tomorrow and at the conclusion of the hearing msel will argue the proposal to ad-

J. N. Teal, of Portland, who is taking sought to secure from the witnesses admissions that their discontinuance of traffic is due solery to the closing of the Panama Canal by slides, and that when the Canal is again open there will be actual and active water competition. The steamship men, however, insisted that there will be no water competition of moment for some years to come, because they can find more profitable business elsewhere. They admitted that when normal conditions are restored throughout the world of they argued that water rates should if the war continues, say consular ad-not govern transcontinental rates on coast-to-coast shipments.

Among those attending the hearing hagen.
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Foods and every-day necessities are service, Seattle: Jay W. McCune, of said to be up 30 per cent, with the rate. Tacoma, and Seth Mann, San Francisco. of increase growing.

## VILLA REPORTED TO BE LOCATED AGAIN CAUGHT AIDING FOE

PRESENCE NEAR PARRAL.

ously-Carranza Said to Have

Large Force on Trail.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., April 24 .- Re-

ports from General Pershing today in-

cated again, this time west of Parral,

dicated that Francisco Villa had been

in the mountains of Western Chihua-

hua. He was last reported at Nonoava,

85 miles from Satevo. The report also

ndicated that Villa was wounded, but

General Funston regarded the infor-

cured as authentic. No troops have

been sent out. It was realized that

pursuit of Villa in the locality he had

only after many more troops had been

Unofficial reports today indicated

the north an army much larger than

that of the American force, and a great

part of the Mexican force is in a posi-tion to conduct a pursuit of Villa and

his scattered organizations that would

be more effective than would be a continuation of the American campaign

if conducted along the present lines.

and Only 30 Do Not.

SALEM, Or., April 24 .- (Special.)-

Marguerite Clarke led Mary Pickford,

Predict Allies' Success.

day to Emperor Nicholas;

success of our combined efforts."

to Stringent Supervision.

fraud if by exaggerated advertising

peing incapacitated.

sent into Mexico.

Bandit Is Wounded, but Not Seri-Sir Roger Casement Captured on Ship.

### ARMS BEING LANDED IN ERIN

only slightly, and that he was far from German Vessel Attempts to Put Munitions in Ireland. mation that General Pershing had se-

CRAFT IS SUNK hosen could be successfully conducted ENEMY

that Carranza had sent gradually into Noted Leader of Separatist Faction Aboard Vessel Disguised as Neutral Merchantman-Career as Diplomat Is Notable.

ship which attempted to land arms in mounted on her stern. She is the first employes of the Westinghouse Electric MOST PUPILS LIKE MOVIES Ireland and was sunk. This official French passenger ship to reach this & Manufacturing Company in East announcement was made to night as port thus armed.

made by a vessel under the guise of a Captain Juham. cording to answers obtained as a re-sult of a questionaire conducted by neutral merchant ship, but which in reality was a German auxiliary, in conjunction with a German submarine

matized novels apparently are liked Sir Roger One of Prisoners. "The auxiliary was sunk and a numper of prisoners were made, amongst whom was Sir Roger Casement."

> Sir Roger Casement, before the out-British consular service, having held banks, posts in Portuguese West Africa, the The

RULERS SEND GREETINGS the Separatist faction in Ireland, had represent the farmers in dealing with gone to Berlin and conferred with the banks. German imperial authorities, his intention, it was said, being to open ne-LONDON, April 24.-King George gotiations between the German gov- JAPS REPORTED IN FRANCE sent the following telegram on Easter ernment and the anti-English party in day to Emperor Nicholas:

Assurances were said to have been "Today, when by happy coincidence our two nations are celebrating Easter given to Sir Roger that should the entire strip of the United States extending from a line drawn nations are commemorating St. George, to dending from a line drawn nations are commemorating St. George, and we are commemorating St. George, to sent the united state of the united sta is no longer reason for permitting the lowed with delight the recent vic- give every aid to the Germans. The French Line steamship Rochambeau, then held a meeting of their own, prerailroads to charge less for shipments torious achievements of your gallant report of his activities in Germany that he had witnessed the entraining sided over by J. H. Hall, whose disin February, 1915, Sir Edward Grey of Japanese soldlers, 200 strong. "Warmest thanks for your Easter greetings and good wishes. I entirely that Sir Roger's pension as an ex- Japanese uniforms. share your confidence in the ultimate member of the consular service had been suspended, pending an investiga-

AD FRAUDS ARE DEFINED Sir Roger was created a Knight in 1911. He is 52 years old. It was Sir Roger who, in 1912, while Consul-General in Rio Janeiro, nfade a report on the torturing and killing of natives of men have enlisted in the Army since WASHINGTON, April 24.-In defining Brazil by employes of the British com- March 15, when Congress authorized an foreign trade and the prevailing low today more clearly than ever before pany operating the Putumayo rubber increase of 20,000, Army officials today what constitutes dishonest advertising field. As a result of his report, a through the mails, the Supreme Court British royal commission, headed by him.

Army officials said the present respectively. We chartered three of our vessels the held in effect that advertisers, even investigated the altuation and brought equiting is satisfactory and above nor-though they give purchasers value re-though the given they give purchasers value re-though they give they give the given they give the given they give the given they give they give the give ceived for their money, are guilty of

## THREE ZEPPELINS RAID IN ENGLAND

AIR FLEET SWOOPS UNDER

Incendiary Bombs Dropped in East Countles-Attack Unexpected on Account of Breeze.

LONDON, April 25 .- Three Zeppelins isited the eastern counties last night. They dropped incendiary bombs, acording to an official announcement. The conditions were ideal for the Zeppelin raiders. The night was dark and the atmosphere clear. There was a ight southwest wind, which generally a mild breeze, and any threat of a storm which it might ordinarily have presaged was lessened by a favorable

The raiders appeared at about the ustomary hour and seemed a little uncertain as to their location, as the early reports showed that only incendiary combs were being dropped.

## FRENCH LINER CARRIES GUN

Vessel at New York Armed Only for Defense, Captain Says.

NEW YORK, April 24 .- The French LONDON, April 26,-Sir Roger Case- Line steamship Rochambeau arrived nent has been captured from a German here today from Bordeaux with a gun serious rioting in the strike of 13,000

mander, Captain Juham, all French pas- striker and a detective were injured "During the period between the sengers ships plying to the United afternoon of April 20 and the afternoon of April 21 an attempt to land solely for defensive purposes. French iffs and railroad detectives frequently arms and ammunition in Ireland was freighters will also be armed, said

# RURAL CREDITS COMES UP

Senate Considers Long - Pending Farm-Loan Bank Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 24 .- The Senate today considered the long-pending ruoreak of the European war, was in the ral credits bill to establish farm loan The bill creates a farm loan board

Congo Free State, Haiti, San Domingo to control a system of 12 or more land banks, which would make loans to In November, 1914, it was reported farmers on mortgages, and also a series that Sir Roger, who was the leader of of farm loan associations, which would from a fire hose on them. The strikers

Returned New Yorker Says He Saw Nipponese Troops Entrain.

created a sensation in England, and at Marsellles two weeks ago of a force charge is said to have been an indirect Drug, Valued at \$5000. Stored in the immediate abandonment of present He was positive the troops wore

### tion of charges of disloyalty against ARMY INCREASING RAPIDLY 4699 Enlist in Six Weeks and Net

Gain Is More Than 2000.

estimated that the actual net gain has pathic Health League Dr. H. A. Stock

Myster as Leader Is Smartly Gowned.

## CHARGE OF STRIKERS IS LED

had been considered unfavorable for Zeppelins, but it was little more than Helpless in Fight.

### HOT WATER STREAM USED

Two Are Injured in Fray After Meeting Is Broken Up, but Even Rioters Deny Knowledge of Identity of Modern Joan.

PITTSBURG, Pa., April 24 .- The first Pittsburg occurred tonight. Several According to the Rochambeau's com- shots were fired and an unidentified The trouble was the climax of a day of disorder during which deputy Sher used their clubs. Fifteen hundred strik ers were returning to East Pittsburg after breaking up a meeting of shellnakers in Wilmerding, an adjoining borough, when the clash tonight oc curred. When the marchers reached the bridge at the Westinghouse plant, the strikers, it is said, charged past guards to check the rush, the guards grabbed riot guns, but this falled to intimidate the strikers. In the fight that follower one of the guards discharged a revolver A detective knocked an unidentified striker unconscious and he was carried away by companions.

As the strikers neared the plant guards turned a stream of hot water retreated, throwing stones as they ran Charles Oakes, a detective, was struck is cheek.

the men to return to work tomorrow. Independence was signed, muse of the strike.

The strikers then left the building and formed in line, at the head of which was a fashionably dressed young woman whose face was covered by paper mask. At a command of "for-ward march" given by the young ward march" given by the young woman they marched off toward East Pittsburg, Strikers professed ignorance of the identity of their leader, who sud WASHINGTON, April 24.—While 4699 East Pittsburg occurred.

> Health Lectures Will Be Heard. Under the auspices of the Naturo dale will speak on "Exercise," and Di Virgil MacMickle will lecture on "Th clence of Fasting," at 8 o'clock tonight in room G of Central Librar

## REGISTRATION IS BETTER THAN 1914

REVISED TALLY SHOWS 77,468

Aggregate Enrollment Two Years Ago Recorded as 75,378, or 2090 Below 1916 Figures.

Optimistic though it was in the face of the discouragement of the early months of registration, the estimate of the total registration by Multnomah DISCUSSION IS KEPT SECRET County given in The Oregonian by County Clerk Coffey at the closing of the books on April 18 was 528 short of the final total.

maries for 1916 is 77,468. The Orego-nian estimate was 76,940. The final total, far from being below the total at the close of 1914 pre-primary registration, as was predicted, exceeds that of 1914 by 2090 registrations. The total in 1914 was 75,378,

A heavy Republican lead is shown, more than two-thirds of the total being or the G. O. P. The totals by parties this year are as follows: Republican, 55,701; Democrat, 16,190; Independent 620; Probibitionist, 1434; Socialist, 855; Progressive, 668.

By way of comparison, the part; registration for the Spring primaries of 1914 is of interest. It follows: Republican, 47,707; Democrat, 17,007; Progressive, 33,535; Independent, 2772; Prohibition, 2788; Socialist, 1305

# BRITISH STEAMSHIP SUNK

Parisiana, En Route to America, Is U-Boat Victim; Crew Landed.

LONDON, April 24.—The British teamship Parislana, of 4763 tons gross, has been sunk. The crew of the ves-sel was landed today. The Parisiana left Newport, England, April 20 bound for Norfolk.

The Parisiana, a vessel 385 feet long. 52 feet beam and 27 feet deep, was and started toward the plant. Unable built in 1911 at West Hartlepool and was owned by Furness, Withy & Co. Ltd., of Cardiff.

## ALAMO HEROES HONORED

Lone Star Flag of Texas Flies Over Historic Independence Hall.

PHILADELPHIA, April 24.-The Lone Charles Oakes, a detective, was struck Star flag of Texas was unfurled from by a rock and a deep gash was cut in the tall staff over historic Independence Hall today in celebration of San In Wilmerding late today strikers Jacinto day in honor of the heroes of broke the doors and forcibly entered a Alamo Mission, who died in 1836. outsign in which 1800 sirell-makers. The flag was the gift of the Alame were holding a meeting. The strikers Mission Chapter, Daughters of the Reappeared just as a resolution was about public of Texas. Exercises were held to be adopted, it was said, providing for in the room where the Declaration of

# COCAINE CACHE IS FOUND

United States Army Transport.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.-Contraband cocaine valued at more than \$5000 mands. was found today buried in the coal young bunkers of the United States Army that Mr. Gerard's dispatches indicated transport Logan, which arrived here that Germany would go to April 19 from Manila and Nagasaki, lengths to preserve friendly relations

smuggle into this country.

Ambassador Gerard confers with Imperial Chancellor at Berlin, Page 1, War.

Sir Roger Casement taken prisoner from German ship trying to land arms in Ireland. Page L

Foreign. Impeachment of Chinese ruler demanded.

National.

Army bill again blocked in House, Page 3.

House subcommittee purposes to rush building of great Navy, Page 2. Interior points argue for lower rates, Page 1.

Pair wanted in Oregon for forgery caught in Canada. Page 4.

Nephew sues Dr. Hillis for \$50,000, Page 3.

New York business man gives up career to help blinded soldiers of allies, Page 2.

Chairman McCombs to quit leadership.

Page 4.

Dispatches All Confidential.

Woman commands strikers in riot. Page 1. Sport.
Ward will be let out by Beavers. Page 14. College of Idaho beats Whitman, 3 to 1. Page 14. Covelenkie scores third consecutive victory over Chicago, 4-2. Page 14. Far-Western boxing championships will oper in Scattle Thursday. Page 15.

Pacific Northwest. Oswego woman of 64 on trial for arsen Page 6. Proposed interstate fishing agreement is as-Cantino will be kept in office. Page 8.

Portland and Vicinity. Auto is called deadly weapon in grand jury indictment. Page 29. Spreckets Bros. called "the great thirst" in lawsuit. Page 9.

Weather report, data and forecast) Page 19. quarters.

# CHANCELLOR CALLS GERARD TO PALACE

Kaiser to Be Seen Before Replying.

The total registration before the pri- Powerful Influences Said to Be Opposing Break.

### CONCESSIONS TO BE MADE

Ambassador at Berlin Reports Germany Will Go to Great Lengths to Preserve Diplomatic

Status With America. BERLIN, April 24.—The American Ambassador was called by telephone to the Imperial Chancellor's palace this norning. He went immediately and the

conference with Dr. von Bethmann Hollweg lasted an hour and 10 min-When he came from the conference Ambassador Gerard declined to give any information as to the nature of the discussion and would not answer a

question as to whether anyone else was present. Dr. von Bethmann-Hollweg devoted the afternoon to conferences on the ubmarine question with Admiral von Holtzendorff, chief of the Admiralty staff. Several of the higher diplomatic

### officials participated. Kniser to Be Seen Again.

It is understood that the German reply to the American note will not be lelivered before the Imperial Chancellor has another opportunity of conferring with the Emperor.

WASHINGTON, April 24 .- Indications hat powerful influences in German politics are opposed to any action by the Berlin government which might lead to the severance of diplomatic relations with the United States are understood to be contained in confidential dispatches received here by the State Department from Ambassador Gerard. Social and labor leaders are represented as being particularly averse to any such move.

Concessions to Be Made. Other disputches from Mr. Gerard were said to contain strong intima-tions that the Berlin government would make some concessions to the United States in reply to the note demanding is uncertain, however, whether the concessions will be sufficiently broad in their scope to meet the American de-

Officials allowed it to become known with the United States. Mr. Gerard is There were 118 bottles of it, which, understood to have gained his views ustoms officers believe, members of during conversations with Berlin ofthe crew of the transport intended to ficials, including Foreign Minister von

Jagow. His dispatches are said to emphasize the difficulties by which the German INDEX OF TODAY'S NEWS government is confronted in endeavoring to find a way to meet the demands of the United States without arousing The Weather.

TESTERDAY'S—Maximum temperature, 58 degrees; minimum, 48 degrees.

TODAY'S—Showers and cooler; winds mostly southerly.

Submarine Crisis.

Of the United States without arousing the element which insists upon a relembers authorized and cooler; winds mostly southerly.

### Report of Conference Awnited.

The State Department tonight was awaiting a dispatch from Mr. Gerard British make more gales in Africa, reporting the results of a lengthy conference today with Dr. Von Bethmann-Hollweg, Imperial Chancellor, Press dispatches announcing that the confer-General Scott and General Obregon to con-fer at border. Fuge 5.

Villa reported located again. Page 1.

which indicated that the reply to the est in that part of the press reports which indicated that the reply to the American note would not be made until after the Chancellor has another opportunity to confer with the Emperor who is at the front. The fact that the conference lasted more than an hour was regarded as being a hopeful sign, it being pointed out that if the German government was disposed not to meet the American demands, it was improbdon of such length. A report from Mr.

All of Mr. Gerard's dispatches re ceived since the present situation arose are held by Administration officials to be of a highly confidential nature. Consequently only a general knowledge of their contents is obtainable.

### MISSISSIPPI BREAKS DIKE

Some Farmhouses Caught.

Commercial and Marine.

Last mehair pool sale breaks all price hundred feet of the Chicago, Burling-records. Page 19. Active demand for hogs at local stockyards, ton & Quincy Railroad at East Winona Page 19.

Thicago wheat averages higher on latest diplomatic developments. Page 19.

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Was carried away by the rise of the Mississippi River Sunday and water rushed over thousands of acres of land and inundated several farm homes on the Wisconsin side of the Mississippi River Sunday and water rushed over thousands of acres of land inundated several farm homes on the Wisconsin side of the River the Wisconsin side of the river.
At the point of the break, the river Portland's proposed Alaskan line of steamers awaits determination of legal phases, phases, Page IS.

the Wisconsin side of the river.

At the point of the break, the river was 12 feet above the level of the land beyond the ambaliance and the first beyond the embankment and the flood poured through with tremendous force.

### Snow Heavy at Crater Lake.

Washington trade tour. Page 20.

Ante-primary registration exceeds that of 1914. Page 1.

Children enjoy egg bunt on Westover Terrace. Page 18.

ELAMATH FALLS, Or., April 24.—
(Special.)—H. E. Momyer, assistant superintendent of Crater Lake National Park, reports nine feet of snow at the rim of the lake, which is double the amount there at this time. KLAMATH FALLS, Or., April 24 .race. Page 15.

Shakespearean exercises held at Laur-lhurst
Park. Page 6.

amount there at this time last year. He says that thus far this year there have been 60 visitors registered at head-

# A CONTROVERSY THREE HUNDRED YEARS OLD.

### FORSOOTH KNAVE, DOEST GOETH THOU SEETH THE BARD BUT ONE OFSTRATFORD SHAKESPEARE ON AVON? THE GENUINE SHAHESPEARE WAS DISCOVERED BY US GERMANS THUS THE CONTROVERSY W STARTED SOME THREE HUNDRED LAYON AND ONE YEARS MACDUFF AGO AND STILL CONTINUES -SAY BACON ON THE BATTLE FIELDS OF FLANDERS AND RAGES -IN THE MOST EXCLUSIVE CHOP HOUSES IN CHICAGO

### Officials declare the decision will pave the way to scores of prosecutions a much more stringent Federal super-

Nuns Are Arrested for Refusal to Teach Colored Children.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., April 24 .- To test the new state law making it illast westbound vessel of his line sailed | legal for white persons to teach nefrom New York in February. No other groes, three nuns from St. Joseph's convent today were placed under tech-

nical arrest here. They were released The charges were brought by several

# INQUIRY TAKEN TO BERLIN

Dutch Officer to Find Out if German Torpedo Sank Tubantla. BERLIN, April 24 .- (By Wireless to Sayville, N. Y.)-A representative of

whether the portions of a torpedo found after the sinking of the Dutch steamship Tubantia are fragments of a torpedo of German make. German officials will assist in the

he Dutch Admiralty came to Berlin

today to determine by investigation

### PRICES SOAR IN DENMARK

investigation.

Charges for Food and Other Necessaries Up 30 Per Cent Since War.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—Sharp rises merce that there may be some wa-competition from coast to coast, but in food prices in Denmark have alarmed while water competition does not exist, the people, who fear further increases