



## 1 KILLED; 2 HURT IN STORM'S WAKE

### Lightning, Wind, Rain Strike City.

## BOLTS STRIKE TWO HOUSES

### Roland Doucette, Aged 5, Is Crushed by Falling Bricks.

## GIRL INJURED IN CRASH

### Mrs. John Bonness Dares Death in Vain Attempt to Check Fall of Swaying Structure—Damage From Thunderbolts Small.

Roland Doucette, aged 5, was killed almost instantly, and his cousin, Leota Bonness, almost 4 years old, was injured at 6 o'clock last night by a fireplace mantel, which had been loosened by the wind of yesterday afternoon's storm and fell on the children as they were ranning by the fireplace to dinner in their homes at 507 Clay street.

Ronald Doucette, Leota Bonness and Lorna Doucette, Ronald's sister, stood in the front of their home and watched the storm until it was almost over. Ronald's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. J. Doucette, are at Odell, 12 miles from Hood River, and the children are in the care of their aunt, Mrs. John Bonness.

Supports Loosened by Storm. At 6 o'clock Mrs. Bonness called the children to dinner. They were to eat in the kitchen, and to reach that room they had to pass through the dining-room, where the fireplace is located.

The fireplace is a high structure, of the old-fashioned type, with a wide mantel on top. It is believed that the supports were shaken by the storm, although the structure stood tottering until the children jarred the floor again by their footsteps.

Mrs. Bonness saw the pile of bricks as they swung away from the wall, and rushed forward to support them. She caught one corner of the fireplace, ready to sacrifice herself if she could save her children. She was too late to stay the fall of the mantel.

Child Plunged Under Bricks. Ronald was caught directly under the pile. His skull was fractured, and it is believed that his neck was broken. Leota was struck by flying bricks, and her face was bruised badly. Lorna was not injured.

Neighbors were attracted by Mrs. Bonness' cries, and turned in that alarm when she told them that the fireplace had fallen. There was no fire in the grate, however, and the presence of the apparatus was unnecessary.

Motorcycle Patrolmen Gouldstone and Crane were dispatched to the scene. Ronald still was alive when they reached the house. They called police headquarters for Assistant City Physician Lewis and the Ambulance Service Company. The boy died, the officers say, about a minute before medical aid arrived. Deputy Coroner Smith was notified and the body was removed to the morgue. Leota was not injured severely enough to necessitate her removal to a hospital.

Thunderbolt Strikes Chimney. The chimney on the Ohio hotel at Front and Madison streets was struck by a thunderbolt at 4:45 o'clock, and T. Sumida, who was stoking the furnace in the basement, was shocked severely. The hotel guests were thrown into a panic, but no serious injuries were reported.

The lightning struck the chimney at the top, five stories above the ground. Fifty or a hundred bricks were torn loose by the blast, and the upper part of the roof alarmed the residents, chiefly Japanese. Patrolman Maxwell was sent to the building, and he succeeded in quieting the frightened men and women.

Japanese Shocked by Bolt. The lightning had run down the chimney to the basement, where it tore off a quantity of asbestos packing around the furnace. Sumida was bombarded with the fragments and shocked severely, although he was not injured badly.

The upper four stories of the building are occupied by the hotel. A store is on the ground floor.

Lightning hit the roof of the Westfall Apartment at Fifth and Hall streets, and ran down the elevator shaft. The elevator was put out of commission, but nobody was hurt. A small fire, starting on the roof, was quickly extinguished.

## A. ASKAN TROOPS READY

### Secretary Lane Admits Soldiers in Strike Zone Wait Orders.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—Secretary Lane said today that while the War Department has placed a small number of troops now in Alaska at the disposal of the United States Marshal in the jurisdiction affected by the strike on the Government railway at Anchorage, he did not believe it would prove necessary to use them.

The secretary expressed the belief that the wage commission appointed by Secretary of Labor Wilson and now in Alaska, would be able to settle the dispute.

## 50,000 TELEGRAMS DELUGE CONGRESS

### INQUIRY INTO SOURCE OF FUNDS IS PROMISED.

### Members of Congress Hire Extra Clerks to Take Care of Rush and Companies Are Overwhelmed.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—The organized propaganda of telegraphic protests against a break with Germany continued to pour into the Capitol today and the telegraph companies were overwhelmed. Senators and Representatives, particularly from the Middle Western states, had extra forces of clerks at work sorting the messages.

One Senator today received a printed sheet on which were printed the various forms of messages being received. At the top was printed a note urging the recipient of the circular to pick out anyone or all of the form messages and telegraph them to members of Congress.

It is estimated that more than 50,000 telegrams have come in so far. Senator Hastings announced tonight that he would discuss the propaganda in the Senate tomorrow and was considering proposing an investigation either by Congress or by the Department of Justice.

The Senator made public a letter he had received from E. von Mach, executive chairman of a committee in New York City, warning him that in advising German sympathizers to address their telegrams to the German Ambassador he had made himself criminally liable.

## OLDEST PIONEER PASSES

### Walla Walla Loses Woman, Resident There Since 1863.

FREEWATER, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Mrs. Helen Wellman, a pioneer of 1863, died at her home near here last night. She was the oldest pioneer woman in the Walla Walla Valley.

Mrs. Wellman was born in Ralls County, Missouri, in 1854. She married A. C. Wellman, of Alberta, Canada, Mrs. William Kelley, of Walla Walla; R. H. Wellman, of Umpine, Or.; O. Percy Wellman, of Kallispell, Mont.; Mrs. D. C. Holbrook, of Fruitvale, Or.; M. A. Wellman, of Augusta, Mont., and Al Wellman, of Walla Walla.

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## MODEL SCHOOL DISCOVERED

### Clackamas County Palm Goes to Mountain District.

SANDY, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—County School Superintendent Calavan has discovered the model school in Greenwood district, in the mountains seven miles from this place. It is the smallest school in Clackamas County, and yet it is the model, according to the superintendent. It has nine pupils and one teacher, Miss Esther Krupke.

Superintendent Calavan discovered last week that the acre of school ground had been plowed, all stumps had been removed, and there was not a stick or twig on the ground. The nine pupils, under the direction of Miss Krupke, had worked on the ground until nothing more could be done. Inside the school the same neatness and order prevailed.

## AMERICANS QUIT GERMANY

### Paris Hears Foreigners Are to Be Detained for 20 Days.

GENEVA, via Paris, April 26.—An exodus of Americans from Germany has begun. Several already have arrived at Basel. They are convinced that a rupture between Germany and the United States is inevitable.

PARIS, April 26.—The German-Swiss frontier has been closed since Monday, even to mails, says a dispatch to the Mat from Berlin. Foreigners now in Germany have been informed that none will be allowed to leave the country before 20 days have elapsed, the dispatch adds.

## HETTY GREEN IS BETTER

### Cold, Not Paralysis, Caused Illness of Wealthiest Woman.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Published reports that Mrs. Hetty Green, considered the wealthiest woman in the world, had been stricken with paralysis and was seriously ill, were denied by her son, Colonel Edward H. R. Green, who said that his mother contracted a slight cold while out riding on Sunday.

"She was up yesterday attending to her usual heavy routine of business," Colonel Green declared.

## GOVERNMENT DRUG STOLEN

### Cocaine Sold to Illicit Vendors, Says Hospital Apprentice.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—Boley H. Caldwell, a 21-year-old apprentice in the Federal hospital service at Mare Island, is in jail here today, following a confession he made last night to Secretary Louis Zeh and Inspector Jones of the State Board of Pharmacy, that he had stolen approximately 48 ounces of cocaine and heroin from Government stores in the course of the past three months.

Caldwell said he sold his booty to illicit drug vendors here for \$25 and \$40 an ounce.

## REVOLT IN IRELAND KNOWN IN AMERICA

### Evidence Found in Von Papen's Office.

## HOME RULERS' NAMES SIGNED

### Sir Roger Casement Partly Financed in United States.

## TROOPS HOLDING DUBLIN

### Large Number of Arrests Made and Severe Treatment Awaits Offenders; Casement May Be Beheaded for Treason.

NEW YORK, April 26.—Papers which show that prominent Irishmen and Germans in the United States exhibited a keen interest in plans for a revolt in Ireland, were found by Federal agents in their raid on the former offices here of Captain Franz von Papen, withdrawn German military attaché, according to a statement made tonight by high Government officials.

Whether the Government will undertake an investigation rests with the Department of Justice at Washington which has the question under advisement, it was said.

Telltale Signatures Found. Some of the letters and other documents, it was asserted, bear the signatures of men who have been leaders from among the propaganda in this country. Methods of raising funds for the equipment of Irish revolutionists were discussed freely and in some of the letters appeals were made for financial aid.

United States Attorney Marshall refused to comment on the status of the controversy over the arrest of Wolfe von Igel, ex-secretary to Von Papen. He doubted, however, whether Attorney John B. Stanchfield would carry out his announced intention of having Von Igel identify tomorrow from among the papers seized in Von Papen's former office, those which have been characterized by the German ambassador as "official."

New Indictments Expected. It was learned from a responsible source that the Federal grand jury investigating the "Welland canal plot" will return, before the end of the week, superseding indictments based on information obtained in Von Igel's office. The new indictments, it is understood, will strengthen the Government's case.

That the activities of Sir Roger Casement were partly financed by Irish-Americans, who contributed more than \$100,000 to the cause was the assertion made here today by Jeremiah A. O'Leary, director of the United Irish Societies of this city and president of the American Truth Society.

"Sir Roger," said Mr. O'Leary, "collected some \$12,000 during his tour of the United States in 1914." Mr. Leary and other prominent Irish-Americans here who favor Irish independence.

## AGGIE SOPHS SWIFT TO AVENGE DUCKING

### VIGILANCE COMMITTEE ROBS ERRING FRESHMEN OF HAIR.

### Reprisal Leads to Furious Battle in Corvallis House—Peace Treaty Finally Drawn.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, April 26.—(Special.)—Nine O. A. C. freshmen, believing themselves qualified to assert their independence, ducked a sophomore in a near-by stream Monday night. Later that night the sophomore vigilance committee cut the hair of several freshmen.

Last night the freshmen entitled Lie chairman of the sophomore vigilance committee, W. D. Pine, of Berkeley, Cal., and a companion to a house on the outskirts of the city. Pine lost his hair, but his companion escaped and called together the streets of the city until Chief of Police Wells and Major McAlexander, commandant of cadets, appeared and persuaded the victors to return to more peaceful college pursuits.

The freshmen took refuge in a house occupied by 12 of their number, and the battle waxed hot. The sophomores vanquished the first-years' men and then paraded the streets of the city until Chief of Police Wells and Major McAlexander, commandant of cadets, appeared and persuaded the victors to return to more peaceful college pursuits.

Both factions got together this morning and made peace terms, which included the division of the expense of damage to the assaulted house. "Dark-horse" Newman, of Portland, was prominent in the organization of the victorious class, and John Casey, also of Portland, a member of the track team, captained the freshmen forces.

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## WILSON URGES PATIENCE

### Reference Made to Need in Letter to Californians.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 26.—President Wilson, under date of April 17, wrote a letter, made public here today, to Sidney M. Van Dyck, chairman of the executive committee of the California Democratic State Central Committee, in which he said:

## NEW ISSUE WITH GERMANY CREATED

### Answer in Armed Ship Question Made.

### 'EXPERIENCE' REQUIRED

### Effect May Be to Stiffen Opposition in Berlin.

## NEUTRAL RIGHTS CRUCIAL

### Important Phase Is Lansing's Contentment That Right to Sink Neutral Ship Under Any Circumstances Is Doubtful.

BY JOHN CALLAN O'LAUGHLIN. WASHINGTON, April 26.—(Special.)—Another direct issue between the United States and Germany has been created as a result of publication today by direction of President Wilson of a memorandum covering the entire question of armed merchantmen.

This memorandum, prepared by Secretary of State Lansing, is the result of a thorough study of the principles of international law. It may be regarded as an answer to the German note of February 19 last, declaring that "enemy merchantmen armed with guns no longer have any right to be considered as peaceable vessels of commerce" and announcing that German naval forces would receive instructions to treat such vessels as belligerents.

German Contentment Denied. The Government of the United States categorically declines to consent to the German contention. Indeed, it goes back conclusively upon the memorandum, which, by direction of the President, Secretary Lansing submitted to the allied powers last January, announcing that consideration was being given to the advisability of treating armed merchantmen as auxiliary cruisers.

The memorandum issued today not only recognizes the right of merchantmen to arm for defense, but specifically imposes on an enemy warship the duty of testing "by actual experience" the purpose of an armament on an enemy merchant vessel and so determine "by direct evidence" the status of the vessel.

Effect May Be to Stiffen Berlin. Further there is laid down this doctrine: If the merchantman finally surrenders, it or take it into custody. In the case of an enemy merchantman, it may be sunk, but only if it is impossible to take it into port, and provided always that the persons on board are put in a place of safety. In the case of a neutral merchantman, the right to sink it in any circumstances is doubtful.

Published at the moment when Germany has been seeking a way to make sufficient concessions to the United States to prevent a rupture of relations, it is realized that the memorandum may have the effect in Berlin of

## TWO HOMES BURN IN GALE

### Residences of Chief of Police and Neighbor at Hillsboro Destroyed.

HILLSBORO, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—The adjoining residences of Chief of Police George Pate and C. H. Hodgson burned during a gale at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The high wind caused the fire to spread rapidly and little of the contents could be saved. A heavy shower saved nearby houses from the flying embers. The total loss is about \$4000, partially insured.

## DRY PARKS PROVIDED FOR

### Bill Would Prevent Liquor Sales on Federal Reservations.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—National parks and forest reserves would be made "dry" by a bill today favorably reported to the Senate by the public lands committee.

It would prohibit the Secretary of the Interior from granting permission to any hotel or any one to sell liquors.



## MILLS TO ADVANCE FIR LUMBER PRICES

### TACOMA MEETING REVEALS TRADE IS NEARLY NORMAL.

### Log Scarcity and Higher Labor Are Reported, as Well as Danger of Shutdown by Water.

TACOMA, Wash., April 26.—(Special.)—Seventy-eight mills of Washington and Oregon were represented at an informal meeting of lumbermen, held in Tacoma today to consider general manufacturing and marketing conditions.

The situation, as canvassed, reveals increases showing strongly in all monthly cost sheets, short stocks at mills, and selling values anywhere from 30 cents to \$2 under the prices prevailing in April, 1913, which market was considered normal.

Another feature of the meeting was the unanimous report of a log scarcity in all districts labor was reported higher. A number of mills represented advised of having listed the trade, or intending to list the trade, at what is equivalent to a horizontal advance of 50c on all fir items.

Columbia River and Willamette Valley mills were facing a prospective shutdown on account of high water, it was reported. L. J. Wentworth, of Portland, and E. D. Kingsley and Willson Clark, of Linnton, spoke of the seriousness of the water situation.

The weekly trade barometer of the West Coast Lumbermen's Association issued yesterday shows shipments exceeding cut by about 19 per cent and orders exceeding cut by 17 per cent.

Apprehension was expressed over the outlook of a railroad tie-up should a strike develop. Tidewater mills are feeling the scarcity of bottoms more keenly than ever, it was reported.

## RANCH BRINGS \$185,000

### Robert N. Stanfield Buys Sheep and Land Near Caldwell.

PENDLETON, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Robert N. Stanfield, prominent Umatilla County sheepman, has closed a deal at Caldwell, Idaho, for the purchase of the McLeod & Hodgson holdings.

Included in the deal, which represents a purchase price of \$185,000, are 20,000 sheep, 1250 acres of patented land and 3000 acres of leasehold. The ranch and leasehold is about 20 by 60 miles in area.

## TEEL BONDS ARE SOLD

### Henry J. Kaiser Secures \$1,100,000 Irrigation Issue.

ECHO, Or., April 26.—(Special.)—Financing of the Teel irrigation project was completed here yesterday when directors of the district awarded \$1,100,000 6 per cent construction bonds to Henry J. Kaiser, the highest bidder.

The Teel project embraces 20,000 acres adjacent to Echo. Water will be taken from John Day watershed. Mr. Kaiser is president of the Kaiser Construction Company, Vancouver, B. C., with a Portland office at 1118 Northwestern Building.

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## CONFERENCE WILL EXCLUDE CANNERIES

### Welfare Revision Body Makes Concession.

## TENTATIVE PLANS ADOPTED

### Commission Itself to Decide Packing-House Problem.

## REASONABLE WAGE ISSUE

### Effects Upon Industry of Raising Salaries of Girl Apprentices Three Times in Year Subject of Long Debate.

Fruit and vegetable canneries operating in Oregon are to have special consideration at the hands of the revision conference of the Industrial Welfare Commission, which now is aiming to recodify the regulations governing the employment of women.

This conclusion was reached at a meeting of the conference yesterday afternoon, when tentative plans were adopted for each of the several divisions into which women workers have been classified.

Canning Season Short. Canner operators previously had requested the Welfare Commission itself to consider the specialized nature of their industry. The canning season is short, the raw material is extremely perishable and women sometimes must be employed longer than nine or ten hours a day if the business is to be operated successfully.

The Commission already has held a number of conferences with canner people. This subject also was debated in various committees of the last Legislature. At the conference meeting yesterday, it was reported that a number of Oregon canneries have planned to remain idle this summer on account of severe regulations of the Commission.

Canneries Are Excluded. So the conference determined to exclude canneries from their present recommendations, with the expectation that the Commission itself will establish new regulations in time to accommodate the work of the coming Spring and Summer.

Regulations governing employment of apprentices in mercantile establishments were the subjects of chief consideration yesterday. The conference, at a previous meeting, had ruled tentatively that the present apprenticeship period of one year be broken into three periods of four months each, with a graduated advance in wages at the end of each four months. Thus, an apprentice would work the first four months for \$5 a week, as at present; the second four months for \$7, and the third four months for \$8. At the end of the year she would get \$9.25 a week, the present minimum wage for adult workers.

Detail store proprietors were advised of this plan, and were requested to be present yesterday. Some, however, had not appeared as the representative of several of the large department stores.

Mr. Joseph said that the department stores did not propose to enter objection to the new schedule; first, because they did not oppose the advance on its own merits, and second, because they realized it would do no good anyway. But they wanted to object informally, he said, and these informal objections he proceeded to state.

Attitude Is Stated. "The stores take it," began Mr. Joseph, "that they can make no showing that will affect this case. It is a matter in which the evidence that might change the opinion of this body cannot be produced. If I were a member of this Commission I would not change my mind, and I don't expect you to."

He insisted, however, that the recommendations of the conference will have a lasting effect on the future developments of the whole state, yet he did not urge a withdrawal of the suggested recommendations.

"If we were to bring the books of all concerns affected by this ruling and show that they are losing money," he continued, "I would not expect it to have an effect. The rulings would be made all the same.

"But so far as the stores are concerned, any advance that is made for the benefit of the inexperienced or the inefficient help must be made at the expense of the efficient and the experienced help.

"I know that you are getting ready to suggest that we charge this increase to the general public, but the stores that are in competition with places employing men can't increase their prices. Under present conditions no store can afford to pay higher salaries."

Lower Rents Cited. Mr. Joseph answered the argument of members of the conference that the cost of living has advanced since former rulings were made by declaring that in one important item—rents—the cost of living has been reduced from 30 to 50 per cent.

He explained that he was a member of the Legislature that enacted the law creating the Industrial Welfare Commission and that he voted for it.

"But," he asserted, "the object of the law was not to give the Commission power to regulate the whole scale of wages. It was only to fix a minimum wage. It was only to fix a minimum wage. It was only to fix a minimum wage." (Concluded on Page 4, Column 7.)