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## SOLDIERS KILL 13 IN RISH FIGHTING

### 8 Civilians Captured in Fierce Encounter.

## TWO OF MILITARY WOUNDED

### Republicans Are Surprised Preparing Ambuscade.

## HOSPITAL PATIENT SHOT

### Victim of Encounter Taken From Bed While Unconscious and Slain by Masked Men.

CORK, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—Thirteen civilians were killed and eight captured, of whom three were injured, in an engagement this afternoon between Lisgoold and Middleton, Cork county, according to a general headquarters report. This was believed to be the largest number of casualties among members of the Irish republican army in any single encounter.

Two soldiers were wounded in the desperate running fight between a detachment of a Hampshire regiment and a large party of republicans. Republicans are surprised. The troops came upon the republican forces preparing an ambuscade, and attacked them.

A detachment of the Hampshire regiment surprised a party of civilians in a house in Middleton. The civilian force split up, some remaining in the house, while the others took to position in the garden. In brisk fighting one soldier was slightly wounded and the civilians were dispersed and pursued. A search of the house revealed concealed arms and ammunition.

Nine members of the Cork corporation and other leading men of South Ireland were among 80 persons sent to the Spike Island internment camp Saturday as political prisoners.

### Hospital Patient Slain.

Ex-Sergeant Neill, who was shot and wounded in Cork Saturday, was taken from the hospital in Dublin today by four armed men and shot dead. He was unconscious when removed to the street.

A laborer was shot dead near Cashel. Another laborer was shot and seriously wounded at Mullah Meath last night.

Twenty armed men yesterday held up a train at Clara, Kings county, and took away the kits of the officers. A freight train was held up on a visit to Cavan and the contents of the car scattered about.

## TRAVELER IS FOUND SLAIN

### "Shadowed From Ireland," Reads Paper Pinned on Body.

LONDON, Feb. 20.—On the arrival of the Fishguard train at Paddington station today George Tilson of Black Rock, County Cork, was found in the lavatory compartment with his throat cut. A paper attached to his clothes was inscribed: "Shadowed from Ireland."

## BELFAST, Feb. 20.—George Tilson

was connected with a firm of wholesale wine merchants. He recently received a threatening letter, charging him with spying in Ireland and ordering him to leave. At first he ignored the threat, but later relatives persuaded him to proceed on a visit to his uncle in Hastings. Relatives denied he had been engaged in political affairs.

## BOMB IS THROWN AT AUTO

### Officer and Three Auxiliary Policemen Are Attacked.

DUBLIN, Feb. 20.—According to a report issued tonight by Dublin Castle, search yesterday in rooms here disclosed evidence that they had been used as headquarters for the Irish republican army. Important documents were seized.

According to the Castle reports, an automobile with an officer and three auxiliary police was attacked today while halting outside Philabore church. A bomb was thrown and revolver shots were fired at the machine from all sides. The occupants returned the fire and then gave chase.

One of the attacking party was seen to have been wounded but all escaped.

## 14 FIRES ARE INCENDIARY

### Damage to Machinery and Buildings Estimated at \$40,000.

MANCHESTER, England, Feb. 20.—Fourteen farm fires occurred near here Saturday night. Damage to machinery, buildings and haystacks amounted to \$40,000.

## TWO FARMERS ARE SLAIN

### Armed Men Kill Protestant in the Presence of His Wife.

## MOTHER, TWO BABES DIE IN STOVE BLAST

### COAL OIL POURED ON FIRE IN PREPARING EVENING MEAL.

With Clothing Burned Away and Only Shoes Left, Woman Braves Flames to Save Offspring.

CASTLE ROCK, Wash., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—Mrs. Dorothy Young, 29, her daughter, 7, and son, 2, were burned to death in their home here Saturday when gasoline or coal oil which the mother poured into the cook stove caused an explosion that blew off the roof and enveloped the dwelling in flames.

A man who was standing several hundred feet away, the only witness, said that Mrs. Young stumbled from the house carrying her dead son. All her clothing had been burned away and she was clad only in her shoes. The mother lived a few hours but did not regain consciousness.

It is believed that Mrs. Young poured gasoline into the stove thinking it was coal oil.

The husband, Loren W. Young, is foreman of the Inman-Poulson, lumber camp and was on his way home from the camp for the evening meal at the time of the tragedy.

Clarence Dodge, brother of Mrs. Young, lives at Forest Grove, Oregon.

## CARUSO SEES SNOW FALL

### Flakes Observed From Window Cause Boyish Yearning.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—Enrico Caruso watched the falling snow today from a window near his sick bed and with the yearning of a schoolboy with the measles declared "It looks fine."

The tenor's physicians in a bulletin indicated his condition was improving.

The bulletin indicated no great anxiety was felt for the patient who a few weeks ago was stricken with pleurisy and hovered at death's door for several days after suffering a relapse Tuesday night. It said: "Mr. Caruso has had a good night and he is quite refreshed this morning. His condition is quite feverish but quite satisfactory."

## WILSON DECLARED GREAT

### Premier of Union of South Africa Predicts Historic Honor.

JOHANNESBURG, Union of South Africa, Feb. 20.—President Wilson was persuaded to the view that the British empire is in reality a small league of nations, declared Jan Christian Smuts, premier of the Union of South Africa, yesterday in addressing a league of nations demonstration.

He expressed the hope that America would soon join the league.

"Hundreds of years hence Wilson's name will be one of the greatest in history. The league, which will be one of the most potential things in the future, came from the hearts of peoples and embodied inspirations born out of the sufferings of the late war," the premier said.

## THOUSANDS FLEEING REDS

### \$20,000,000 in American Stocks Stored at Tiflis.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 19.—The situation at Tiflis, capital of Georgia, is reported today as being more quiet. Thousands of persons are said to have been fleeing before the advancing bolsheviks.

W. E. Griffin of the American foreign trade corporation has arrived here today, expected to be the greatest "barnyard golf" event held in the country, will start tomorrow, with experts entered from nearly every state.

The play's range from 85 years to youths in knickerbockers.

Frank Jackson of Kellerton, Ia., is the national titleholder.

## TRIO BATTLED BY GROCER

### Two Men Shot, One Perhaps Fatally, by Iowa Merchant.

COUNCIL BLUFFS, Ia., Feb. 20.—In a gun battle with three men here late last night George Steinberg, a grocer, shot two of the men, one of them probably fatally. He crumpled to the floor and was carried to a waiting automobile in which all three escaped.

Steinberg was shot twice but not seriously injured.

## URUGUAY MODEL FOR HER SISTERS

### Little Republic Example of Progress for World.

## SOCIALISM IN DEMOCRACY

### State Is Solving Problems That Perplex Others.

## PEOPLE ARE THRIFTY

### Financial Conditions Far Above Many Latin Countries—Public Improvements Being Pushed.

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MONTEVIDEO, Uruguay, Feb. 1.—(Special.)—The oriental republic of Uruguay (about which there is nothing special) is furnishing the world with an example of progress that a good many of the more important nations of the earth might emulate with advantage. In tabloid form the smallest of all the American republics is showing what can be done in the way of providing a government and solving economic, industrial, agricultural and social problems through sheer force of patriotic interest, civic pride, thrift and common sense.

As a whole, the Uruguayan way suggests the frugality of the Dutch, the orderly housekeeping of an American housewife and something approaching the better aspect of a socialism based on justice and equality, free from the cant and hypocrisy of some of the larger so-called democracies, both in the eastern and western hemispheres.

Its enthusiastic and far-seeing president, Dr. Baltasar Brum, does not claim that Uruguay is as yet "the perfect state," but he does claim for it, with justification, that the little republic over which he presides is solving with comparative ease some of the economic and sociological problems that perplex other democratic ventures.

Uruguay is Pocket Size. Fortunately the oriental republic of Uruguay is small enough in area to be handled with convenience and to experiment intelligently without irreparable injury to its interests. In dimensions it is little more than a pocket borough, a sort of buffer state between the gigantic but uncoordinated Brazil on the north and the aggressive and alert Argentina on the west and south. But so meticulous have its relations with both been preserved that it has com-

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## HEAVY SNOW FALLS EAST OF MOUNTAINS

### HOOD RIVER IS BLANKETED WITH 11 TO 30 INCHES.

The Dalles Has 8-Inch Fall During Worst Weather of Winter; Eugene, Portland Have Rain.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The winter's heaviest snow storm has raged here for the last 24 hours and tonight a blanket from 11 to 30 inches, the depth increasing with the altitude of the valley sections, covered the district. Following a fall of four inches yesterday, a rise in temperature melted the snow on the lower levels. A slight rain prevailed last night.

The snow storm was resumed at daybreak today and tonight continued unabated. If tonight's snow is as heavy as that of today, the Columbia river highway will have its first winter blockade tomorrow.

"It is the worst siege of winter we have experienced throughout the season," said Homer A. Roger at Mount Hood lodge. "With old snow remaining from early storms, we now have a blanket almost three feet."

The weight of the wet snow clinging to power and telephone lines has caused slight trouble here today. Orchardists welcome the fall, which they declare will be beneficial in keeping fruit trees dormant.

THE DALLES, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The heaviest storm of the winter struck The Dalles today, covering the entire city with an eight-inch blanket of snow. Snow started falling at 5 o'clock in the morning, continuing during the entire day.

The Dalles was virtually isolated from other sections of Wasco because the roads were impassable because of the storm. Eight automobiles were reported stuck on Seven-Mile hill, west of the city.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 21.—(Special.)—Heavy rains last night and this morning caused the snow on Spencer butte and the hills south of Eugene to melt rapidly, with the result that the Amazon slough overflowed and several hundred dooryards in the southern part of the city were flooded. The Willamette river was rising steadily tonight and the local weather observer looks for a height of over ten feet. It was eight feet tonight.

Rain for Portland and vicinity today was predicted by the weather bureau yesterday. There will be westerly winds. Rain fell all day yesterday with little intermission. The precipitation for the 24-hour period ended last night was 1.14 inches.

Storm warnings were ordered out at coast stations. The storm, however, apparently did not materialize, as later reports were that the wind was light and the sea comparatively calm.

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## SMITH SLAMS BAKER, PRESS, 'N EVERYTHING

### CENTRALIAN OF ARMISTICE DAY FAME SPEAKS TO 150.

Major Clears Hibernia Hall of Chairs as Safety First and Women Recline on Floor.

Elmer E. Smith of Centralia, Wash., spoke to standing room only in Hibernia hall yesterday afternoon, but the reason was that Mayor Baker and the police were enforcing a fire ordinance which prohibits loose chairs in any place where public addresses are made, and all seats had been removed so that none were left to sit on. Smith's subject was announced as "The Feast of Belshazzar," but neither that well-known character nor any of his thousand lords got any attention from the speaker.

Smith is chiefly known for his connection with the armistice-day murder case, growing out of the killing of four American Legion men, and was himself a defendant in the action which followed, but was acquitted. He was "tame" in his version of that affair yesterday, for about a dozen husky young men who looked like members of the American Legion stood on one side of the hall toward the front, evidently much interested in what he might say regarding the Centralia affair, so when he came to that part he put on the soft pedal. He did, however, admit his own innocence of any crime.

Coming to Portland to hammer old man Belshazzar, Smith found that Portland's mayor had been making an investigation of Columbia hall, Second and Oak streets, where the "wobbly" meeting was advertised to be held. The mayor and Chief of Police Jenkins found that the meeting place was unsafe and they, feeling lest some innocent persons might by chance go there, notified the owner of the defects. These chains, the authorities said, in loose chairs and insufficient fire escapes. Hence the meeting could not be held there.

"Wobbly" agents got busy in an effort to rent some place and, after considerable skirmishing, hired the Hibernia hall, across the river. About 150 men and women, not more than a dozen of the latter, paid 25 cents to hear Smith berate the American government and extol his own bravery. The bureau of police sent a representative in the person of Patrolman Schuyler "framed" the occasion.

Smith, apparently not fully understanding Mayor Baker's action in enforcing the fire ordinance in the Columbia hall case, spoke unkindly of him. Chief Jenkins also came in for slighting remarks and even the Oregonian "got in" in fact, the "proletarian press" came in for considerable adverse comment, as did the schools, Governor Hart of Washington, et al.

It looked for a time as though Smith would have no place to speak, as police headquarters sent Lieutenant Robson over to the Hibernia hall management with a message concerning the ordinance against loose chairs, but it was finally decided. Smith would talk while his audience stood. Several women placed their overcoats on the floor and reclined on them.

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## NEW DISTRICTING BILL IS PLANNED

### Ritner, Kay Call Confab to Draft Measure.

## AIM IS TO SATISFY ALL

### Many of Alleged Inequalities Already Eliminated.

## SECOND PARLEY TODAY

### Compromise Will Be Sought When Multnomah Delegation and Others Return to Salem.

STATE HOUSE, Salem, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—When it became apparent yesterday that there was little or no hope of passing the bill now before the senate providing for a reapportionment of the legislative districts of Oregon, President Ritner of the senate, Representative Kay and other legislators hit upon the idea that a compromise might be effected which would insure the approval of a measure satisfactory to the voters of practically every section of the state.

Following out this idea, President Ritner and Representative Kay, together with a few other lawmakers, went into conference here today in an effort to work out a bill that would give the entire state fair representation and meet the approval of the legislature.

It was made plain by Senator Ritner and Representative Kay that this conference was called without the authority of either branch of the legislature and was merely a move to unravel the present reapportionment tangle and whip into shape some concrete offering acceptable to the voters of the state.

Plan Partly Worked Out. At the conclusion of the conference tonight neither President Ritner nor Representative Kay would divulge any information other than that they had given the bill now before the senate careful consideration and had partly devised a plan whereby many of the alleged inequalities could be eliminated.

Immediately upon return here tomorrow morning of the members of the Multnomah delegation and other legislators who are passing the week-end in Portland, a second conference will be called for the purpose of giving the proposed compromise measure further consideration. Should the senators and representatives in attendance at this conference be able to reach a compromise, many hours of debate probably will be eliminated.

Under the proposed compromise it is not believed that Marion county will lose any of its senatorial representation although one house member will be eliminated.

It also was reported that no change would be made in the representation of Jackson county, which now has one senator. Under the bill now before the senate, it was proposed to link Jackson and Josephine counties in a senatorial district, but this met with strenuous opposition on the part of Senator Thomas of Medford.

Similar objection also was voiced to the plan by Senator Smith of Clatsop county, who charged that the adoption of such a programme would rob his county of all its senatorial representation.

While not in a position to speak officially for either house of the legislature, President Ritner and Representative Kay said that they believed progress had been made toward a solution of the reapportionment problem. The extent to which the proposed amendment will satisfy the state at large will not be known until tomorrow's conference.

All Interested in Bill. The reapportionment measure occupies a unique position in the legislature and probably is the only proposed law in which every member of either house has a personal interest. Because of this, several lawmakers here today said they did not believe it would be possible to introduce a measure that would not develop some opposition.

With the constitutional 40 days' period of the legislature at an end last night the legislators will reconvene here tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock with a view of cleaning the slate as quickly as possible. There yet remains considerable legislation to be disposed of and few of the lawmakers believe that adjournment can be taken before Tuesday night.

The motor vehicle code, moving picture bill, road bond issue measure and terminal development proposed are among the most important matters yet to receive consideration of the senate. In addition to these there are more than 100 bills of less importance, any of which may develop a debate and carry the session far into the week.

Tenure to Governor Today. It was said here tonight that opponents of the teachers' tenure of office bill which passed the senate Friday, passed most of yesterday in conference with relation to recalling a debate and offering amendments. Nothing official occurred in either house with regard to this law, however, and it is expected that the bill

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## BETROTHAL TROUBLES OF PRINCE SETTLED

### 'INTRIGUE' IN JAPANESE COURT IS AT END.

Engagement of Hirohito to Princess Nagako Confirmed; Baron Makino Household Minister.

TOKIO, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press.)—A statement issued today declared that the "intrigue" in the court had ended with an official confirmation of the engagement of Crown Prince Hirohito and the Princess Nagako. The statement said that the question merely concerned blood and inheritance. It added: "Politicians and mischief-makers tried to make it appear that the questions involved intrigue connected with jealousy of the engagement of Crown Prince Hirohito and the Princess Nagako. The statement said that the question merely concerned blood and inheritance. It added: "Politicians and mischief-makers tried to make it appear that the questions involved intrigue connected with jealousy of the engagement of Crown Prince Hirohito and the Princess Nagako. The statement said that the question merely concerned blood and inheritance. 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