

27 KILLED, 100 HURT IN WRECK

One Train Jumps Track Into Another's Path.

PASSENGERS AID RESCUE

Many Victims Dragged From Flaming Debris at Lonely Indiana Junction.

FIRE IS SOON EXTINGUISHED

Telephone Calls Sent Out and Scores of Farmers Hasten to Give Assistance.

PORTER, Ind., Feb. 27.—Twenty-seven persons were known to have been killed and more than 100 injured in the wreck of two passenger trains here at 8:20 o'clock tonight.

New York Central train No. 151, New York and Boston to Chicago, plowed through Michigan Central train No. 20, Chicago to Detroit and Toronto, demolishing a wooden coach, a combination passenger and baggage car and killing or injuring practically every person in it.

The wreck occurred at this lonely junction point, which is about 50 miles from Chicago.

Volunteers Save Injured. It was two hours before the first relief train arrived and only efforts of volunteer fire-fighters prevented many of the injured from being burned to death.

The accident was caused, according to railway officials, when the Michigan Central train crew failed to observe stop signals at the intersection of the two roads and was thrown onto the New York Central tracks from the derail switch.

Engine Plows Into Earth. When the Michigan Central train hit the derailing switch at the crossover, it plowed across the ties for more than 300 feet and stopped with the wooden coach in the path of the New York Central train.

At midnight more than 100 injured had been taken to Chesterton, Ind. The victims were mostly residents of Illinois, Indiana and Michigan.

Porter Man Sees Wreck. Anthony Foster of Porter, who was standing 220 feet from the crossing when the wreck occurred, said he was attracted by the screeching of the brakes on the Michigan Central train.

Rescue Is Quickly Begun. "The work of rescue began quickly, but was hindered by the darkness. Bodies were placed along the right of way as rapidly as they were pulled from the wreckage.

CURRY CHILDREN DIET AND GAIN IN WEIGHT

TESTS SHOW MANY ARE FAR FROM NORMAL.

Mother's Study of Nutrition Said to Have Resulted in Building Up Youngsters' Physique.

OREGON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE, Corvallis, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—Curry county is in a fair way to have all its children who attended the first child welfare conference at Langlois, December 3 and 5, brought up to normal by following the recommendations for nutrition made by Miss Lassie Lane, home demonstration agent for Oregon.

A 14-year-old girl who was ten pounds under weight gained 8 1/2 pounds the first month. Another girl, 13 years old, and also ten pounds under weight, gained six pounds in the same time. Two children, 2 1/2 and two pounds under weight, gained to normal the first month. Eight babies in this time gained 14 pounds, an average of 1 1/2 pounds each. One child that would not touch milk is now drinking four cups a day, having developed a liking for it by taking it through a lemonade straw.

The conference was held at the request of the Northern Curry County Welfare club. Twenty-three children were weighed, measured and examined. Of the children 11 were under weight an average of 1 1/2 pounds, or 3.4 per cent. Six had enlarged tonsils, five diseased tonsils, four adenoids and two delayed teething.

The mothers of the community were so impressed that they asked for another conference two days later. At this conference 46 children were examined.

Sixteen were under weight an average of 5.7 pounds, or 8.6 per cent. It was also found that 17 were over weight an average of 1.7 pounds, said to be quite unusual. Twenty had enlarged tonsils, ten diseased tonsils, three poor chest development, six adenoids and 14 had teeth.

BUS SPOONER'S PARADISE

"Let 'Em," Says New York Sheriff and All Is Joy.

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—Spoonering by young couples atop Fifth-avenue busses was officially recognized today as a legitimate outdoor sport.

Sheriff D. H. Knott, in a statement made in reply to an anonymous correspondent, declared it seemed to him a "man must be either a crabbed old bachelor or one who has been disappointed in love who will seek to invoke official aid in putting an end to a heritage of nature as old as the world."

"Certainly there is nothing clandestine in spooning atop a bus," he said. "Let the spooners spoon. They always did; they always will; why try to awaken them from love's young dream. I want to state, moreover, to designate deputies to stop what you call a nuisance. This statement by you represents only, I think, a conclusion, a state of mind."

RED REVOLT IS REPORTED

Really Serious Attack Against Bolshevik Regime Held Under Way.

LONDON, Feb. 27.—In connection with rumors of a mutiny at Kronstadt, a group of revolutionaries at Petrograd and in the Ukraine, and differences between Lenin and Trotsky, the Daily Graphic today asserted it had "unimpeachable information" that a really serious attack is in progress against the bolshevik government in Russia.

It says the most important factor is in the increasing dissatisfaction of the Russian people against the bolshevik regime which is taking drastic form.

JAPANESE FOILS ATTACK

H. Saloni Jumps 7 Assaulters in Defending Self With Sword.

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—An attack by seven assaulters on H. Saloni, son of Marquis Saloni, ex-premier and head of the Japan delegations at the Paris peace conference, in which he was slightly injured, was announced by the newspapers today. Six assaulters were arrested.

LABOR PORTFOLIO HARD TO DECIDE

Conflicting Interests Met by Choice of Davis.

UNIONS ARE NOT PLEASED

Both Employing and Laboring Classes Seek Prestige.

FINAL AWARD MYSTERY

Who Proposed Man Now Named Secretary Not Clear; Action Believed Compromise.

BY MARK SULLIVAN. (Copyright by the New York Evening Post, Inc., Published by Arrangement.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 25.—(Special.)—The apparent conclusion of Mr. Harding's consideration of the department of labor is the end of a process of pulling and hauling on the part of opposing interests which began immediately after the election.

During the last week one of the candidates, T. V. O'Connor, was at St. Augustine in person, and representations on behalf of two of the others were made by advocates of them.

These personal representations were only a fraction of the pressure which has been brought to bear in many other ways. The official representatives of union labor, while they will not formally endorse any candidate or formally oppose any other candidate, are determined to have it on record that the selection of J. J. Davis will not be regarded as a union labor choice, and will be considered a break in the precedent made by President Wilson when the office was first created of filling it with a union labor man.

Complexities Are Noted. The complexities of this situation and the difficulties that attend it can best be stated chronologically.

The first interest that became active immediately after Mr. Harding's election was a group of manufacturers and employers who are actively and "implacably" opposed to union labor.

Their wish was that Mr. Harding should fill this post not with a union man at all, but with a representative of the employing interests, a capitalist of industry. Their thought can best be illustrated by the fact among the names they proposed was that of Charles M. Schwab.

On the other hand, several other large employers, as well as thoughtful men in public life, a majority of whom Herbert Hoover recommended to Mr. Harding, were in favor of a union labor man.

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REVOLT IS BREWING IN EUGENE CHAMBER

PLAN TO CHANGE QUARTERS AT EUGENE OPPOSED.

Opponents Fear Efforts Gradually to Eliminate Social Features of Organization.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—A large number of the members of the Eugene chamber of commerce oppose the plan of the directors to move the chamber quarters from the Bonnett block on Ninth avenue west to the Elks' temple at the corner of Seventh avenue West and Olive street.

A meeting attended by more than 50 members was held at the chamber last night to take some action against the plan of the directors, and after a thorough discussion adopted a resolution directing the directors not to move the chamber from its present location without a further order of the membership in regular meeting.

Since the announcement of the directors that new quarters had been procured and the chamber would move some time this summer, the members who opposed the proposal recently submitted and voted down to eliminate the social features of the chamber, have been loud in their denunciation of this action of the directors, declaring that it is a move gradually to squeeze the social features out of the chamber, although plans are being made to fit up good quarters for the billiard and card tables and for the meetings of the women's auxiliary and other social organizations connected with the chamber.

There have been threats of organizing an independent social club for men, but whether or not this is done, it is predicted by the opponents of the moving plan that between 100 and 200 of the members of the chamber will withdraw.

HARDING OFF TO MARION

Five Weeks' Visit to Florida Is Ended by President-Elect.

ST. AUGUSTINE, Fla., Feb. 27.—After a five weeks' visit to Florida, President-elect Harding and his wife left tonight for Marion to remain until they go to Washington. A farewell celebration will be held on the famous Harding farm porch.

On the way back to Ohio the president-elect expects to finish preparation of his inaugural address. He will reach Washington Thursday afternoon.

TURKS HOLD BEND WOMAN

Mrs. F. C. Burt, Relief Worker, on Way Home When Captured.

BEND, Or., Feb. 27.—(Special.)—F. C. Burt, Deschutes county rancher, has just learned that his wife, one of the first relief workers to sail for Armenia after the war, has been captured by the Turkish nationalists.

After two years' service abroad, Mrs. Burt was on her way to take passage for America when she, with other American women, was seized by the Turks.

FEEBLE WINTER BOWS TO RADIANT SPRING

NEWEST OF SEASONS TAKES STAGE IN WILLAMETTE.

Pussy-Willow Catkin, Bee and Ant and Red-Wing Blackbird Cue for Valley Debut.

When sunshine, about this time of year, warms the bones to pleasant laziness—as it did during the closing days of the week—it is the custom to move and observe, neighbor to neighbor, "Well, spring is here." And not even a slanting snowfall from the east, such as fell yesterday, serves to dissipate this conclusion.

For it was a spring rain, fit to quicken the tardy crocus and wake the clover.

The reign of the pussy-willow catkins as the true and only prophet of spring is uncontented, but at best the lovely s'ken buds of gray and gold are merely the distant harbingers, the John the Baptists, of the vernal season, and any number of storms and sudden days may follow their blooming.

But the ant and the bee are infallible, and the redwing blackbird is more to be relied upon than any weather bureau. These three have said that it is spring in the valley of the Willamette.

Where the wistful rays of sunshine struck the twig and litter of the red-headed ant colony, heaped about a budding bush of Oregon grape, thousands of fierce little colonists swarmed forth from their winter quarters, and seethed and brawled, and snatched and fought their bloom, and then the sun shone brightly.

And to the sand-pit, where the warmth gathered in a great bowl, brown and golden honeybees drifted in from their first spring flight, and tumbled drowsily down on their fat backs—resting on the sunshine and away the last languid of winter sleep. They rose too early for flowers, but every thigh was thick with the pollen of the pussy-willow.

An Oregon spring was waking, whether the groundhog willed 't or not. From a swaying rush in the slough—an ugly term for rippled water ringed with perfect green—the redwinged blackbird proclaimed it. "Ock-a-le!" he cried. "Ock-a-le!"

EARTHQUAKE IS RECORDED

Scene of Temblor Is Estimated as 4200 Miles From Washington.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—An earthquake described as "rather severe," and at an estimated distance of 4200 miles away, was recorded at the Georgetown university seismological observatory today from 2:18 P. M. until after 4 o'clock.

The temblor reached its maximum intensity between 2:18 and 2:22 P. M.

MORE ARIDITY WANTED

Anti-Saloon League to Seek Rigid Dry Enforcement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—More rigid enforcement of prohibition is to be asked by the Anti-Saloon League.

In a statement today the league said congress would be urged to pass a supplemental enforcement act.

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He added that he cannot see how America can back Germany financially, except by shifting the French and British debts on to Germany and that is not to America's financial interest, as it would weaken the security on which the loans were made.

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FIXED INDEMNITY GERMAN DEMAND

Exports Toll of 12 Per Cent to Be Refused.

COUNTER-PROPOSAL IS READY

Offer to Reconstruct Devastated France to Be Made.

PAYMENTS IN KIND ASKED

Tentons Hope to Prolong Negotiations Until American Attitude Is Definitely Known.

BY ARNO DOSCH FLEUROT. (Copyright by the New York World, Published by Arrangement.)

BERLIN, Feb. 27.—(Special.)—The German counter-proposal will be the refusal to pay the 12 per cent toll on exports and also of any plan involving interest. They have refused to consider the Paris plan on that account. The counter-proposal will be in three parts.

First—A fixed sum as indemnity on the basis of international credit which will permit the immediate liquidation of French debts.

Second—The Germans to reconstruct France.

Third—Payments in kind. This is a definite proposition, but really it is meant as a basis of negotiation which the Germans hope to prolong until the American attitude is known. The plan necessitates America as the banker.

Burden Would Be on America. The only way to accomplish this is by America agreeing to stand behind the financial arrangement. Whether this takes the form, as suggested by the Frankfurter Zeitung, of international gold certificates or in simple America shouldering the immediate burden. Economists said the negotiations in London will be futile until America expresses herself.

Although the delegates left for London today, the guesses were still about the amount of money in gold marks they were going to offer as indemnity. Figures, arrived at through the ministerial estimates that were available, indicated that the amount will be 58,000,000,000 marks, but there was no assurance that other considerations will not change this amount.

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Perhaps a dozen men in Germany know the exact number of billions of gold marks Germany is going to offer and they are not talking. Fifty billions (normally \$12,000,000,000) is probably near the mark. If the allies refuse to hear the proposal, Foreign Minister Simons is prepared to resign and with the growing rumors of a reactionary "putsch" (uprising) the Germans believe the entente will not place Dr. Simons in an impossible position.

If France is willing to come to terms with Germany on a money basis only, the government believes it can bring the negotiations to such a point in London that a fixed sum will be named by which France's financial burden will be lifted and which at the same time will convince the English that German manufacturing competition will not hurt them.

Simons Feels Strong. If France is determined to break Germany, and the conviction is general that France intends to do so, the negotiations will lead to nothing. Foreign Minister Simons feels strong. The putsch talk by the reactionaries is being overplayed by the newspapers, considering the small evidence sustaining it, and it gives the impression of holding up specter to the entente, if they will not be reasonable.

When I told a reparations expert today that I heard the number of

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JAPAN WILL INSIST ON CONTROL OF YAP

KNOWLEDGE OF ORAL RESERVATION BY WILSON DENIED.

MANDATORY BASED ON FINAL DECISION OF SUPREME COUNCIL WHICH GAVE ISLANDS TO ORIENTALS.

TOKIO, Feb. 26.—(By the Associated Press.)—Japan will insist on its mandatory to the island of Yap, according to authoritative Japanese opinion. The protest of the United States to the league of nations council has aroused interest in Japan as a new move.

Japan bases her mandatory on the final decision of the supreme council in May, 1919, which handed over the German islands north of the equator to Japan without reservation. If President Wilson made oral reservations regarding Yap at previous deliberations, it is declared Japan was not represented and has no official cognizance.

Japan will hold that the mandatory means control of the cables on the same status as Germany prior to the war. During the war Japan diverted the Yap end of the cable from Shanghai to the Loo-Choo islands, between Japan and Formosa, for administrative purposes. Therefore, cable communication from America to Shanghai by way of Guam and Yap does not exist.

It is understood Japan has suggested to the United States to lay a cable to Shanghai from Guam as a substitute for the Yap route. The Nishi Nishi declares that the United States is in no position to interfere because it has not ratified the peace treaty. But, it adds, considering America's share in winning the war, it would be immoral not to consider her contentions.

WORLD'S END IS RE-DATED

Self-Styled Potentate of Heaven Changes His Opinion.

DENVER, Colo., Feb. 27.—Joshua Jehovah Sykes, self-styled potentate of heaven and head of the Tabernacle of David, left Denver tonight for San Francisco, to begin serving an 18-month sentence for obstructing the draft during the war.

Sykes had started for San Francisco last Thursday, but upon his arrival at Cheyenne, Wyo., he declared he had a vision in which he was told by an angel that the world was coming to an end immediately and that there was no use of his proceeding. He thereupon returned to Denver.

He said this afternoon just before boarding a train that the end of the world had been postponed until the end of the week.

Sykes will arrive in San Francisco just in time to comply with a court order which gave him until March 1 to appear before the federal authorities.

CHAMP CLARK IN RELAPSE

Physicians Say Democratic House Leader Is Seriously Ill.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—Champ Clark, democratic leader of the house, was described as dangerously ill tonight by a physician's bulletin. His condition was described as worse than yesterday.

Mr. Clark, who is suffering from complications resulting from an attack of pleurisy, showed a decided improvement yesterday, but a turn for the worse developed last night.

The bulletin issued tonight said, "Mr. Clark is seriously ill. He has fluid in the right pleural cavity and an irregular heart."

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PORTLAND VESSEL SINKS DESTROYER

Steel Inventor Cuts U. S. Craft in Two; 16 Lost.

STEAMER AND CREW SAFE

Crash Comes Off Pacific Coast of Panama.

WOOLSEY GOES TO BOTTOM

One Enlisted Man Known to Be Dead; 15 Are Missing and Two Are Injured.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 27.—One naval enlisted man is dead, 15 are missing and two are injured as the result of a collision yesterday morning between the American destroyer Woolsey of the Pacific fleet and the American steamer Steel Inventor off the Pacific coast of Panama.

The Woolsey, one of the navy's most modern destroyers, was cut in two at the after tank and sank at 4 A. M. while in tow of the destroyer Aaron Ward, which, with the destroyer Racer, have 112 of the Woolsey's survivors aboard.

The collision was reported to the navy department late today by Admiral Rodman, commander of the Pacific fleet.

Steamer Little Injured. The damage to the Steel Inventor was slight and no casualties occurred among her crew. She was reported proceeding to Balboa, convoyed by the destroyer Buchanan.

Admiral Rodman's report said Tem Steel Woolcock, first-class engineer, was killed by the collision and his body was placed on the Buchanan. The missing were reported as follows: D. T. Blakey, fireman, first; Floyd Coltingen, fireman, second; Roman Pieckis, blacksmith; John Joseph Galcher, machinist, mate, first; George Joseph Zibello, fireman, second; Elbert Jessa Harson, fireman, first; Henry George Hancock, engineer, second; Emerson Floyd Long, storekeeper, first; Leo Norwardaky, fireman, third; Harold Reed, fireman; W. M. White, fireman, first; Walter Stubbfield, fireman, first; George Elmer Wochman, electrician, third; Charles N. Yost, fireman, first, and Emerson Dale Waight, fireman, second.

Destroyer Sinks, Reported. The Steel Inventor arrived in Portland from New York with a general cargo about February 1. She later proceeded to Puget Sound and on her return voyage touched at St. Helena to load lumber. The Steel Inventor sailed from St. Helena for New York on February 9, loaded with lumber and a general cargo.

The Steel Inventor is one of the Isthmian line of steamships operating between New York and Portland and other Pacific coast ports. She was completed early in 1920 and was on her second trip on the Portland run. She is of steel construction and of 3450 tons.

A sister ship, the Steel Worker, arrived in the Columbia yesterday and is expected in Portland today. Another sister ship, the Steel Maker, sailed for New York from Portland on February 24.

The Isthmian line operates a number of ships between New York and Pacific coast ports. Norton, Lilly & Co. of San Francisco, with branch offices in Portland, are local agents for the line.

THIRD ACCIDENT IS FATAL

Destroyer Woolsey in Two Mishaps Before Sinking.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 27.—The United States destroyer Woolsey left this port January 7 with the rest of the Pacific fleet when it started south for maneuvers with the Atlantic fleet in Central and South American waters. Shortly before that time the destroyer had been in two accidents, one of which was of a fairly serious nature. About a month before the Woolsey was sunk, it started in collision in San Diego harbor, the Woolsey being badly damaged amidships. Repairs, however, were made in plenty of time for the craft to leave with the rest of the fleet.

The roster of officers of the Woolsey, according to the latest navy directory, is as follows: Commander H. C. Gearing Jr., commanding; Lieutenant P. F. Shorridge, executive officer; Lieutenant D. R. Knapp, Ensigns M. A. Barber,

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