

## TORNADO SPREADS DEATH AND RUIN

### Arkansas and Texas Life Loss Exceeds 40.

## PROPERTY DAMAGE IS HEAVY

### Scores of Persons Injured, Many Probably Fatally.

## BLIZZARD HITS MIDWEST

### Colorado and Part of Montana Have Heavy Snowfall, Demoralizing Trains, Communication.

## STORM AND TORNADES SPREAD RUIN AND DEATH

Death of 25 persons and injury of many others reported when tornado cuts huge swath in Arkansas. Several persons killed when tornado hits northeastern Texas. Denver, Colo., practically isolated and much damage done by terrific blizzard. Business and other parts of Gallatin county, Montana, swept by heavy snow storm.

## OREGON'S GUARD NOW THIRD BEST IN NATION

### ORGANIZATION INCREASES EFFICIENCY AND STRENGTH.

### Lack of Funds Fails to Keep Citizen Army Jumping to High Place in List.

SALFEM, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Oregon's national guard jumped to third place in the entire United States in strength and efficiency as shown today in the monthly report received at the adjutant general's office from the secretary of war. Oregon continues far ahead of all Pacific coast and western states and in the entire United States is led slightly in relative strength by Rhode Island and Minnesota. The state of Washington has dropped back to 14th place while California has slipped to 35th place in the national procession.

That Oregon would have been in first place long ago except for exhaustion of the state's military funds, is the opinion among national guard officers, who recall that Adjutant General White declined to ask for a deficiency appropriation and pulled the service through last year without going in debt. When this year's appropriations were made available by the Oregon legislature, Oregon was in ninth place. The first jump was to fifth place and the second month puts Oregon third.

## HEARING DENIED MYERS

### Ex-Postmaster's Second Plea for Reopening of Case Refused.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 15.—Senator Townsend, chairman of the senate committee on postoffice and postroads, declined today to grant a committee hearing to Frank Stott Myers, ex-postmaster of Portland, who desired to protest against his removal from office one year ago.

## BLIND MAN TURNS SLEUTH

### Automobile Theft Is Uncovered With Sensitive Fingers.

When a blind man enters the game of recovering stolen automobiles, what chance has the auto thief? Charles Nebergall, clear dealer at the courthouse, was making his way down Prescott street, between Kirby and Northwick streets, yesterday morning, when he sensed an object ahead of him. Investigation proved it was an automobile parked where machines seldom were found.

## MILITARY RULE RAPPED

### Prominent Spanish Protest Occupation of Santo Domingo.

MADRID, April 15.—A protest against the occupation of Santo Domingo by United States forces is contained in a message that has been addressed to President Harding by a group of prominent Spaniards, including ex-Premier Romanones, Francisco Cambon, ex-minister of public works, and Professor Unamuno of Salamanca university. The message says: "A suggestion that the time was propitious for the United States to withdraw its troops from Santo Domingo and restore the regime annulled by the military occupation was contained in an address to President Wilson in September, 1919, by several prominent men of Spain."

## 3 ROBBERIES REPORTED

### Intruder in One Home Gets Nothing; Frightened From Another.

Three small robberies, supposed by the police to be the work of the same party, were reported late last night. Access to the E. H. Lewis residence, 691 East Sixteenth street, was made by a passkey and \$200 in jewelry stolen.

## GOMPERS TO TAKE BRIDE

### Labor Leader Soon Will Marry Woman of New York.

NEW YORK, April 15.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, tonight announced the announcement of his engagement to Mrs. Gertrude Gleaves Neusel of this city. The marriage will take place in the near future.

## WIFE TRICKED HIM, DECLARES STOKES

### Secret Divorce Hearing Spurned, Is Charge.

## OWN STAND HELD GENEROUS

### Everything Except Public Retraction Offered.

## ULTIMATUM IS SPURNED

### Millionaire's Mate Is Declared to Have Refused to Decide on Conditions in 24 Hours.

NEW YORK, N. Y., April 15.—(Special.)—W. E. D. Stokes has sought to disentangle his domestic problem privately at any price except a public retraction of the series of charges against his young wife.

## Verdicts Are Varied

Varied versions of the proposed settlement were advanced by the contestants and their representatives. From Mrs. Stokes came the story that she had received 24-hour notice to agree to sue her husband for a divorce. In return he offered to continue the present alimony of \$1900 a month, grant her the custody of their children and provide for their care.

## PENSIONS ARE PROPOSED

### Ex-Presidents and Aged Persons Provided For in Measures.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—A proposal that ex-presidents be paid annual pensions of \$10,000 was introduced in the senate today by Senator Calder, republican, New York, and in the house by Representative Dyer, republican, Missouri.

## LAUNCH LOST AT SEA; 1 DROWNED, 1 MISSING

### SURVIVOR RELATES TALE ON REACHING SHORE.

### J. Gander, of San Francisco, Dead; F. Caray Gone; John Sancelco Lands in Life-Preserver.

HOQUIAM, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—Deserted early today by the three men who took her out from Portland, Or., Tuesday, an unidentified fishing launch was said to be drifting at sea off Grays harbor tonight. One of the men, identified as J. Gander, 21, of 321 Eddy street, San Francisco, was drowned in an attempt to swim ashore with a life preserver; F. Caray, another, was missing; and John Sancelco, the third member of the crew, was lodged in jail here pending the coroner's inquest over Gander's body.

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Sancelco, a Mexican, spoke broken English, and gave but a fragmentary account of the disaster. He declared that the engine balked off Copalis beach. The waves were running high. Gander, he said, lost his nerve, seized a life preserver and tried to swim ashore. He reached the shore all right, but the waves pounded him against the rocks until he sank and was drowned.

The others, finding themselves unable to start the engine, got out the launch's dory and made the shore safely. Sancelco wandered for hours before obtaining help. The coroner here was called to the scene after searchers had discovered Gander's body. He returned late tonight with Gander's body and Sancelco, who was locked up as a material witness in the case.

The search for Caray was continued until late tonight. The land inside the beach is wooded and rocky, and there was but little chance of finding him until daylight.

Gander's body was identified by a receipt for \$21,000 found in his pocket. Sancelco was not sure of his name, although he identified the body as that of his companion in the launch.

## SOMEbody's APT TO GET HURT.

### WE'VE GOT ANOTHER ENGAGEMENT

The local harbor patrol said last night that they had no record of the missing launch. Failure of the Hoquiam authorities to obtain the name of the craft, they said, made it impossible to identify it.

## BOY, 12, SLAYS MAN ATTACKING FATHER

### RAY STRATTON EXONERATED BY CORONER'S JURY.

### Dick Logsdon Said to Have Dragged Cripple From Buggy and to Have Been Beating Him.

CORVALLIS, Or., April 15.—(Special.)—Ray Stratton, a 12-year-old boy, last night shot and killed Dick Logsdon, after Logsdon had attacked the lad's father and had beaten the elder Stratton.

A coroner's jury here tonight brought in a verdict to the effect that young Stratton was justified in killing Logsdon.

Logsdon attacked Stratton while the latter and his son were driving down the road to the Dawson post-office, about 20 miles southwest of Corvallis, according to the testimony.

Logsdon beat Stratton almost into insensibility two months ago and had threatened to kill him.

Stratton had been advised by an attorney that he might carry a gun for defense purposes.

The attack in the first instance was the result of some plovling Stratton was doing on what Logsdon declared to be a place he had rented from Stratton. Stratton denied ever having rented out the place, having merely given Logsdon permission to live in the house till he could erect a cabin of his own on a homestead he had taken up.

Yesterday afternoon Logsdon came to the road and accused Stratton, who is partially crippled, with having accused him of stealing a plow. He jerked Stratton from the buggy, knocked him to the ground and was choking and beating him when Ray climbed down out of the buggy, loaded a small rifle and ordered Logsdon to get out.

When he failed to do so, the boy pulled the trigger. The bullet passed through Logsdon's head, killing him instantly. Logsdon formerly lived in St. Helena, Rainier, Portland, Pendleton and Dayton, Wash. A widow and small child survive him.

## MILK AGREEMENT FAILS

### Some Dealers Refuse to Cut Price From 13 to 11 Cents.

Efforts to bring about peace in the milk war now in progress in Portland and get all milk dealers in the city to agree to deliver milk on the basis of the new 11-cent price established by the Oregon Dairymen's Co-operative league proved a failure, according to M. S. Shrock, organization manager of the league, yesterday. The result, he said, is that some of the larger dealers are still delivering milk at 13 cents.

## HICKERS TO TOUR OREGON

### Olympia Councilman and His Wife Start on 500-Mile Stroll.

OLYMPIA, Wash., April 15.—(Special.)—City Councilman Drahan and Mrs. Drahan have left for a 500-mile stroll through Oregon on foot.

They will start from Vancouver walking up the Columbia highway, from which they will branch off, and for the next month will tour through Oregon where their fancy chooses.

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## TRIPLE ALLIANCE SPLITS ON STRIKE

### British Miners Deserted by Other Workers.

### NATION INTENSELY RELIEVED

## Railway and Transportation Withdraw Support.

### DECISION IS HELD NEAR

## Walkout of Coal Diggers Continues.

### Will Hodges Retain Control Seems to Be Issue.

LONDON, April 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—A tense day, replete in surprises, closed tonight with an air of quietude.

There was intense relief over the knowledge that the contemplated strike of the railway and transport workers had been called off and there was renewed hope of industrial peace.

The situation tonight was that the strike of the miners continued and that everything depended on the extent to which Frank Hodges, general secretary of the miners' federation, would be able to maintain his authority over the rank and file of the miners.

National Conference Called. It was said that Mr. Hodges threatened to resign, but that the miners' federation refused to listen to him. A national conference of delegates of the federation has been called to discuss the whole question.

The breaking away from the triple alliance of the railway men and the transport workers on the miners' rejection of the moderators of the house, secured by Mr. Hodges with a view to securing a temporary adjustment of the wage dispute seems to have brought matters to a crisis where it was imperative to make a decision one way or another.

Hodges Severely Criticized. Mr. Hodges, it was declared, was severely criticized by his colleagues for having made what was termed a peace offer to members of the house of commons without authority. He was said to have immediately tendered his resignation.

Although the general situation was considered to have greatly improved, the government had not relaxed its measures, military or otherwise.

The mine owners issued another statement tonight repeating their previous stated opinion that the wages of the lower-paid men ought to be adjusted and declaring they still were ready to meet the miners in conference.

Not since the war was declared has the house of commons witnessed more drastic fluctuations of hope and anxiety than were experienced today.

Last night everything looked black, but after it became apparent that the mine owners were prepared to consider a revision of their original position, the miners' executive against Mr. Hodges, the miners' secretary, that he was prepared to discuss the question of wages, leaving the question of a national pool for future settlement, hopes rose and they still were high when the commons met at noon today.

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Conference Is Called. The calling of a conference of representatives of the miners from all the coal fields at a date to be fixed tomorrow was decided upon by the executive committee of the miners' federation tonight. It took this action after hearing the decision of the railway men and transport workers to cancel their sympathetic strike.

Frank Hodges, the miners' secretary, when questioned regarding this decision, said it meant that the miners' strike would continue.

"If I had resigned (as he was reported to have done) I should not be giving this report," he added.

Announcement that the railway workers would not join the strike was also reported.

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## RESOLUTION URGING DISARMAMENT IS UP

### INVITATION TO ALLIES PRESENTED TO HOUSE.

### Harding Would Be Asked to Bid Britain, France, Italy and Japan to Conference.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—A resolution urging President Harding to invite Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan to a disarmament conference here was introduced today by Representative Rogers of Massachusetts, ranking republican member of the house foreign affairs committee. It also would declare that "until a programme for the reduction of armaments is agreed to by the principal nations of the world, including the United States, it is hereby declared to be the policy of the congress that the United States should have a navy second to none."

"If work stopped on the present building programme," Mr. Rogers said, "we would in five years have a navy decidedly inferior to Japan's."

Prohibition against the shipment of arms and munitions to any country where they might be used for revolutionary purposes has been asked of congress by the state department. Specifically the department requested an amendment to the act of 1912, which prohibits such shipments to South American countries. The senate foreign relations committee considered today the department's request, designed primarily, it was said, to stop munitions shipments to China. Early enactment of an amendment is proposed.

Some of the foreign powers, it was explained, have requested the United States to join in the effort to prevent munitions shipments to all countries where revolutions are in progress. Members of the foreign relations committee said, however, that it was not indicated that conditions in Ireland were a factor in the proposed revision.

## McALEXANDER IS LAUDED

### Bravery in Action Cited in Promotion to Brigadier-General.

THE OREGONIAN NEWS BUREAU, Washington, D. C., April 15.—(Special.)—In a statement issued today relative to the promotion of Colonel Glyses G. McAlexander, formerly stationed at Oregon Agricultural college, to brigadier-general, the war department paid a flattering tribute to that officer.

The award of a distinguished service cross to Colonel McAlexander was declared to be:

"For extraordinary heroism in action near Jaujonne, France, July 22, 1918, displayed by going ahead of the most advanced elements of his command and in full view of the enemy, leading a successful assault of Jaujonne. His brilliant leadership in expelling the Germans from Mezy, south of the Marne, in July, 1918, also was cited.

## RUMANIAN ENVOY NAMED

### Peter A. Jay, Minister to Salvador, Shifted to Balkans.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 15.—Peter A. Jay of Rhode Island, now minister to Salvador, has been selected by President Harding to be minister to Rumania.

He has been in the diplomatic service since 1902 and was counselor of embassy in Rome in 1914, after having served previously as secretary of the embassy at Paris, Constantinople and Tokio, and as agent and consul general at Cairo.

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Some Declared Bootleggers. While many of the for-hire car operators not only refuse any illegal trade and are satisfied merely to operate their for-hire vehicles from their stands, there is a certain percentage of the for-hire men who have become known to be constantly engaged in the "bootlegging traffic."

Time to Complain Lacking. The for-hire car operator who desires to overcharge the police a decided advantage over the police when it comes to the handing of travelers from one depot to another. This is because, in the majority of cases, the traveler has but a few moments in which to make his train connections, and cannot afford to stop to press the complaint for the overcharge.

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## PARKING FOR-HIRE CARS STUNTS CITY

### Congestion Increases as Traffic Grows Rapidly.

### TIME TO ACT HELD HERE

## Planning Consultant Cites Other Large Cities.

### LIQUOR EVIL CHARGED

### Many Drivers Are Accused of Taking Patrons to Source of Supply or Supplying Moonshine.

Portland streets must return to public use, at least so far as the congested area is concerned, or the growth of this city will be stunted, according to the statement issued yesterday by Charles H. Cheney, consultant to the city planning commission.

Cheney, who has made a study of traffic conditions in the principal cities of the country, contended that Portland has grown to such an extent that there is no reason for the city council to continue the policy of permitting for-hire automobiles and taxicabs to usurp downtown streets.

"Portland has taken to such an extent," said Mr. Cheney, "that its streets in the downtown section must be returned to public use. While driving the for-hire vehicles from the congested area may be extremely painful for the men engaged in the business, they are but a part of the 'growing pains' of a large city. The time has come for the for-hire cars to leave the congested area and nothing can stop this move."

"Other cities are taking the same step and the 'day-hire' garages are fast becoming the vogue in many of the large eastern cities. More of these garages must be erected and it is probable that the for-hire cars must use such establishments for the storage of their cars when not in use."

Bribes Reported Offered. The value of for-hire stands on Portland streets ranges from \$100 to \$1500, according to Motor Bus Inspector Gill. While there is no barrier for stands, because of the fact that the permits are granted by the city council, it was declared that on a number of occasions for-hire car owners have offered bribes to city officials in an effort to have recommendations made to the city council favorable to certain interests.

Scores of complaints and not a few arrests have been made as the result of some of the for-hire operators dealing in the sale of illicit liquor in defiance of the federal and state prohibition laws.

It has been generally recognized, by persons who seek to purchase "a bottle" that the quickest service can be obtained by dealing with certain for-hire car operators. It also has been generally recognized that for this service the highest price procurable is charged by the automobile drivers.

Some Declared Bootleggers. While many of the for-hire car operators not only refuse any illegal trade and are satisfied merely to operate their for-hire vehicles from their stands, there is a certain percentage of the for-hire men who have become known to be constantly engaged in the "bootlegging traffic."

Some of these deal directly with the purchaser and others simply use their machines to carry the prospective customer to a bootlegger's lair, charging a handsome price.

Another cause for complaint has been the overcharging of tourists who visit Portland. This charge has been made by dealing with certain for-hire car operators who carry passengers from the union passenger station. Strangers have frequently been charged from \$1.50 to \$2 for a trip of but four blocks from the union station to the North Bank station.

This trip is worth, at the established rate, only 50 cents, and an effort by the police to enforce this fare has not been entirely successful.

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While it is because of the attitude of many of the for-hire car operators in refusing to permit private automobile owners to park in open spaces within the congested district, and because of their dabbling in liquor sales and other law infractions, that public hostility has arisen against them, the business men of the city are not making a personal fight against the for-hire men.

It has simply come to a case where the streets of Portland are required for the use of the public and the concessions granted to the for-hire and taxicab companies are seriously interfering with the conduct of legitimate business in the downtown district.

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