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### ALL IRISH EAGER FOR SOME ACTION

Either Accept or Reject Terms, Is Attitude.

### MORE OPTIMISM IS NOTED

Sinn Fein Parliament to Delay Issue Two Days.

### BREATHING-TIME IS GIVEN

Opportunity Is Provided for Many Things to Happen Behind Scenes—Opinions Vary.

DUBLIN, Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The pessimism over the Irish situation which today in some quarters in Dublin reached almost the point of hopelessness, yielded tonight to reasonable optimism when the programme of the meeting tomorrow of the Dail Eireann was made public.

Instead of immediately taking up the problem of peace or war, the Sinn Fein parliament will spend at least two days in dealing with the formalities incident to the opening of the new legislative body, thus providing an opportunity for many things to happen behind the scenes.

All Ireland is eager for a decision by the parliament on the British government's terms, whether it be acceptance of them, the expression of a desire for further negotiations, or rejection in order to remove the tension which exists.

### Opinion Is Divided.

The belief prevails that rejection would mean a resumption on an intensified scale when the true ends of the guerrilla warfare that for so long terrified the country.

Dublin castle viewed the prolonging of the sessions of the Dail Eireann in various lights. One section of the British government forces expressed the fear that delay in immediately acting on the troublesome questions at issue might provoke the military, which was declared not to be hopeful of a favorable settlement, into making preparations for eventualities.

The other section, however, advanced the opinion that the longer the members of the Dail Eireann are in debate, the greater will be the chance for acceptance of the imperial government's terms. These persons affect to see a bright spot in a prolonged session, arguing that one day would be sufficient to end the negotiations if the republican cabinet so desired.

### Parliament Members Gather.

From all parts of the country members of the parliament gathered today to attend the sessions of the body, upon the decisions of which so much is at stake. Many of them had been released from prison or internment by order of the British government.

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### MEXICO'S CASE DEBATED

Question of Recognizing Government Argued in Senate.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Advocacy of recognition of the Obregon government in Mexico was debated in the senate today. Senator King, democrat, Utah, declared that no such step should be taken until American rights in Mexico were ignored, and Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, asserted that if any state had suffered at the hands of Mexico it was Arizona whose legislature had unanimously petitioned for recognition.

### WOMAN KILLED BY TRAIN

Mrs. Nattie Reed, 68, Struck by Locomotive at Roseburg.

ROSEBURG, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. Nattie Reed, 68, a native of Tennessee, was killed instantly this morning near the Wilbur depot when she was struck by a southbound freight train. She was returning from the store to her home just across the track from the station building, and was standing on the track before she noticed the train approaching not more than 50 feet away.

### GAS RATES ORDERED CUT

Reduction in San Francisco Result of Cheaper Fuel Oil.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—Cuts ranging from about 2 cents to 8 cents a 1000 cubic feet in the price of gas to California consumers were made effective on meter readings of September 3 by an order today of the state railroad commission.

### DR. F. C. AYER ELECTED NORMAL SCHOOL HEAD

SUCCESSOR TO MR. ACKERMAN CHOSEN BY BOARD.

Ex-Professor of Education at University of Oregon Named After All-Day Meeting.

SALEM, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Dr. Fred C. Ayer, from the year 1915 to 1916 professor of education in the University of Oregon, tonight was elected president of the Oregon State Normal school to succeed J. H. Ackerman.

The election of Dr. Ayer followed an all-day session of the board of regents of the institution, during which 23 applications were given careful consideration.

Although some members of the board originally favored other applicants, Dr. Ayer's selection had the unanimous support of the regents.

Dr. Ayer served as principal in the Wacoma (la.) High school in 1901. The following year he was instructor in the normal school at that place.

In 1904 he was professor of education in a South Dakota normal school, while from 1905 to 1910 he served in a similar capacity in the Arizona State Normal school.

Dr. Ayer then came to Oregon, where he took up his duties as professor of education in the university. He continued in this capacity until 1916, when he returned to Iowa and accepted a position as professor of education in the university of that state.

In 1918 Dr. Ayer was elected professor of education in the Washington university, a position which he held for three years.

Dr. Ayer will receive \$5000 a year as head of the Oregon State Normal, and his election covers a period of three years. He received his degrees from the University of Wisconsin, Georgetown university and Chicago university.

Regents attending today's session were governor Olcott, Sam A. Koser, secretary of state, A. W. Beardsley, state school superintendent, W. C. Bryant of Moro, E. E. Braggs of La Grande, Leonard Starr of Portland, Cornelius Marvin, state librarian, and Frank Miller of Albany.

### TWO CHILDREN DROWN

Cousins Lose Lives in Skipanon River at Warrenton.

WARRENTON, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—There was a double drowning in the Skipanon river in this city today, the victims being Orville Allen and Elmer Heckard, about 5 and 9 years old, respectively. The boys were cousins and were the only children to be drowned in this river.

Orville Allen, who had been seen with the Coma boy, Sigurdson obtained a pole and soon raised the Allen boy's body.

Mrs. Heckard was working at the Bank of Commerce at Flavel dock, but in the excitement no thought was given to the possible loss of her son.

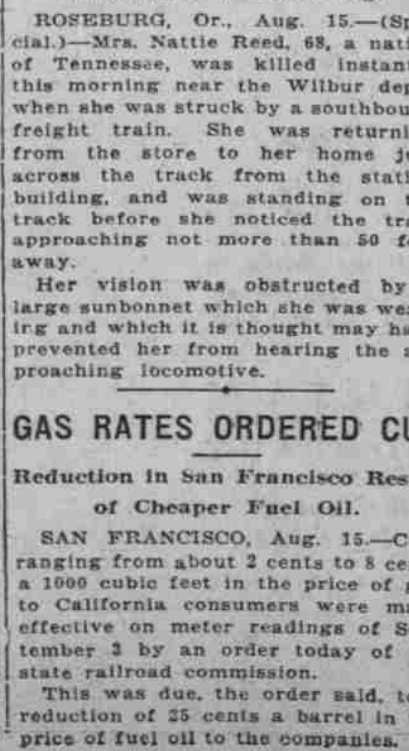
Later the boy was missed and about 4 o'clock when the tide had receded his body was found about 10 feet from where his cousin had been dragged out.

### THE MAIN TOPIC.

### AND THOSE MYSTERIOUS LETTERS—THERE MUST BE A WOMAN IN THE CASE!

AND WHAT SHOULD HE WANT OF A PINK SKIRT AND OTHER FEMININE THINGS—

SAY MA WHEN DO WE EAT?



### RAIL RATES HELD HARD ON FARMERS

Testimony Given Before Interstate Commission.

### PAY ONLY 15 CENTS AN HOUR

Economist Blames Freight for Low Return on Labor.

### BANKERS ARE WITNESSES

Hearing Result of Complaint by Kansas Utilities Body and Is Joined by 19 Other States.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Bankers, economists and farmers, testifying today before the interstate commerce commission, attributed the present plight of western agriculturists in a large measure to high freight rates on grain products and hay.

The testimony was presented in a case growing out of a complaint against present rates by the Kansas public utilities commission and joined in by 19 other state commissions and by various shippers and producers' organizations.

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The last year the cost of packing a case was \$3.50 and the cost of shipping to the mill was \$1.50, but the runs were hardly more than 20 per cent of the usual production packed.

On the sound there was very little salmon of the cheaper grade packed. In south Alaska, where ordinarily from two to three million cases are packed each year, only 500,000 cases were packed. The same ratio will hold good in almost every other salmon fishing locality.

Most of the Alaska reds that were on the market have been sold at prices around \$2.25 a dozen, and medium reds at a price around \$1.50 a dozen.

The bulk of the salmon now in the possession of the Alaska packers consists of the cheaper grades, chums and pink, and these grades are chiefly affected by the strong market.

### TRAIN WRECKER CURIOUS

Boy Says He Wanted to See How Cars Would Pile Up.

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 15.—"I have always wanted to wreck a train just to see how the cars would pile up," was the startling confession of Frank Walters, 18-year-old boy, now in the county jail, charged with attempting to wreck a Rock Island passenger train.

### DISASTER IS AVERTED BY SALMON INDUSTRY

SOARING OF PRICES PREVENTS COLLAPSE IN ALASKA.

Canners and Bankers Financially Interested in Pack See Ruin Dispelled by Market.

Hopes of Alaska salmon packers and the banks interested financially in the industry, well skyward yesterday when word was received here that the prices that had been set by the packers' association on chums and pinks had been boosted by a strong market.

When the announcement was made Sunday that the opening price on chums would be \$1.05 a dozen and on pinks \$1.15 a dozen, men who are interested in the packing business gave sighs of relief. It was the best news that they had received in a year.

Prices had been 60 cents a dozen on chums and 75 cents a dozen on pinks. Banks of the Puget sound district had advanced money in large sums to the packers, and with the exceedingly low prices saw nothing but ruin for the packers and incidental losses for themselves. With the advanced prices, while profits may not be large, the packers will have an opportunity to prevent heavy losses.

"The advance in prices is the best news that we have had in a long time," said F. C. Barnes last night. "During the last 90 days there has been the greatest demand for salmon ever known in an equal period. The remarkable part of it all is that the demand has been for consumption and not for speculation. I doubt if there is enough salmon in packs this year to last until after the first of the year. This fact should be indicative of a still greater advance."

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### INLAND EMPIRE HIT BY RAIN, DUST AND WIND

ELECTRIC STORM IS ONE OF WORST SINCE 1913.

Considerable Fruit Is Reported to Have Been Blown Down in Ritzville District.

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Although the Inland Empire and Spokane were struck last night with one of the worst dust, wind and electric storms since 1913, few reports of material damage were gleaned today.

Heavy showers fell from below Walla Walla on the Oregon-Washington line as far north as the Canadian boundary. Washitona, Hooper and Lamont appear to be the west line of the rain, which fell in Lincoln county in generous quantities. At Ritzville the wind blew down considerable fruit and put the electric light plant out of commission.

Creston, in Lincoln county, had no wind, but had a rain that began at 4 P. M. yesterday. Rain is reported along the San Poil river up to Republic in intermittent sections. Colfax and the Palouse country came in for their share of the storm, but the rain will not delay harvest and threshing for more than a few days. In most cases the rain will help spring wheat, some of which is not yet cut.

LA GRANDE, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—Some damage was done by wind, rain and hail storms in Union county yesterday. The heavy winds damaged grain to some extent but so far as can be learned, the loss is not great. Hail in the vicinity of Elgin caused slight damage. Reports reaching here from Wallowa county indicate heavier damage in the southern end of the county.

BEND, Or., Aug. 15.—(Special.)—General stormy conditions through central Oregon Sunday, coming as a violent driving hail at East Lake and elsewhere as a heavy rain accompanied by lightning and thunder, were reported this morning.

In Bend one-tenth of an inch of rain fell late in the afternoon, and in the alfalfa country to the east the precipitation was so heavy as to obviate the need for irrigation and in the Lapine section extending down to Fort Rock, the rain is believed to have greatly lessened the forest-fire hazard. Rain was also reported from the Ochoco project.

### FARMERS' RIGHTS AVOWED

Same Consideration in Tariff as Manufacturers Demanded.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—American producers must "oppose any effort on the part of the interests to place farm products on the tariff free list," said a telegram sent today by five senators from western states to the Southern Tariff association, meeting at Greensboro, N. C.

The telegram was signed by Senators Gooding, Idaho; McNary, Oregon; Capper, Kansas; Johnson, California; and Nicholson, Colorado, and said it must be made clear to leaders of both political parties "that agriculture and its affiliated industries are entitled to the same consideration as the manufacturers."

### NEW TAX MEASURE PUT UP TO HOUSE

Reductions to Aggregate \$350,000,000.

### FINAL VOTE DUE SATURDAY

Western Members Lead Fight on Retroactive Repeal.

### JANUARY 1, 1922, IS BASIS

Settlement of Claims for Back Taxes Totalling Billion and Half to Be Speeded Up.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—(By the Associated Press.)—The administration tax revision bill was laid before the house of representatives today after the republican membership of that body in conference had changed it so as to make repeal of the excess profits tax and the income surtax rates in excess of 32 per cent effective next January 1 instead of last January 1.

This change, on the basis of previous treasury estimates, would result in the corporations and individuals with large incomes paying to the government in the next calendar year something like \$200,000,000 more than they would have paid had the administration plan of making the repeal retroactive prevailed.

Total tax reduction for this fiscal year under the bill as revised were estimated by some majority members of the ways and means committee at \$250,000,000, as against approximately \$150,000,000 of the committee republicans, and the total tax yield at about \$2,200,000,000. As a result of the changes made by the republican conference, majority committee members further amended the bill before its presentation in the house so as to make the corporation income tax 12 1/2 per cent after next January 1 instead of 15 per cent, as originally planned, and the manufacturers' tax on certain beverages 6 cents a gallon instead of 12 cents.

### WESTERN MEMBERS LEAD FIGHT

Under plans adopted by the party conference, the bill will be taken up in the house at 11 o'clock Wednesday morning under a special rule, calling for a final vote on the bill on Saturday. Two days will be given for preliminary debate and two days to consideration of amendments under the five-minute rule, with amendments of committee members given preference.

Democratic members of the house plan to hold a caucus tomorrow afternoon to decide upon a course of action while the measure is under consideration. They also are expected to determine whether democrats on the ways and means committee shall file a minority report. Meantime the full committee will meet to pass finally upon the bill, but this is expected to be a mere formality.

### STABILIZED EXCHANGE AIM

International Congress of Financiers at Capital Proposed.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Assembly of an international congress of financiers in Washington, possibly coincident with the disarmament conference in November—to discuss stabilization of foreign exchange is under consideration at the treasury, officials said today. The purpose was to evolve a program by which, by stabilizing exchange rates, would pave the way for a revival of confidence between nations.

An appropriation by congress would be necessary to permit the holding of such a meeting, officials asserted, but they added, the expense would not be great.

### THREE JUDGES NOMINATED

Charles A. Johns One of Trio to Serve in Philippines.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—Manuel Azaula and Norberto Romualdez, both of the Philippine islands, and Charles A. Johns of Oregon were nominated today to the Philippine supreme court. It is understood that Justice Azaula is to be designated an chief justice on his confirmation.

J. G. Lomen was nominated today to be district judge, second division, Alaska, and Arthur G. Shoup and Sherman Duggan were nominated respectively as district attorneys, first and third divisions, Alaska, and Morrin W. Griffith, marshal, second division. All are residents of Alaska.

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### PRESIDENT INDULGES IN SHOPPING SORTIE

FEW RECOGNIZE MR. HARDING IN DOWNTOWN STREETS.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Aug. 15.—President Harding went shopping late this afternoon, making his way practically unrecognized through the downtown streets at their busiest hour, and taking home a tiny tissue-wrapped package purchased in a jewelry store.

Accompanied by Secretary Christian, the president set out on the expedition unannounced. A few recognized him and as he and Mr. Christian leaned across the jewelry counter making a selection a group of girls who were passing by halted for a moment to look on.

"Oh, it's the president!" exclaimed one. "I'll just bet he's buying a wedding ring."

What the president did buy was known only to himself, his secretary and the jewelry store proprietor and they would not tell.

### W. C. T. U. TRAIN DELAYED

White Ribbon Special Expected to Reach San Francisco Today.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 15.—The White Ribbon special train bearing national officers and delegates to the annual convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance union, which opens August 18 in San Francisco, has been delayed by a railway washout in Colorado, and will not arrive here until tomorrow, according to word received by the convention committee here today.

The special, which started at Evanson, Ill., national headquarters, with six coaches, has been augmented en route and is expected to bring at least 500 prominent figures in the total. It is expected to arrive at the Woman's Christian Temperance union.

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