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## PRESIDENT WILSON DELIVERS FUNERAL ORATION OVER DEAD AMERICANS FROM VERA CRUZ

### Seventeen Sailors and Marines Who Fell in Mexican City Reach New York and Are Taken Through the Streets on Gun Carriages to the Brooklyn Navy Yard, Where the Services Are Held.

### WILSON SAYS HE FEELS TOUCH OF ENVY FOR THOSE WHO WERE ALLOWED TO ACT SO NOBLY.

### "When They Shoot at You They Can Only Take Your Natural Life; When They Sneer at You They Can Wound Your Heart."

(United Press Leased Wire.)  
New York, May 11.—With President Wilson representing the nation, more than 1,000,000 people turned out here today to do honor to the 17 bluejackets and marines who fell at the capture of Vera Cruz.

In all the streets through which passed the rumbly caissons on which the coffins rested, dense crowds were banded on either side, heads craned from every window. All were bared as the flag-draped caissons rolled by. Up Broadway the procession moved to the city hall. There it paused while Mayor Mitchell, deeply affected, made a short speech and laid a giant wreath of orchids and bayleaves on one of the caissons. "The Tribute of the City of New York," it was inscribed.

**Mitchell Speaks for New York.**  
"The people of New York," said the mayor in part, "pay solemn respect today to these heroes dead. To their stricken families their loss is irreparable. Nothing we can say, nothing we can do, can mitigate the grief which has befallen them."

But to the American people these men's loyalty and sacrifice give new inspiration. They gave their lives, not to war, but to the extension of peace. "The highest tribute we can pay at this hour to the Vera Cruz dead is a renewed pledge of loyalty to the nation. His honor and his life are inspired by their brave deaths, which have heightened our people's resolution to enter, whenever need arises, the path of patriotic service these men followed so faithfully."

**President Wilson in Procession.**  
President Wilson's appearance in the procession was a surprise, as it had been expressed by his secretary that he would not attend the funeral. The bluejackets and marines standing at ease at the Battery sprang to attention as his automobile appeared.

A detachment from the First artillery, New York National Guard, was in waiting with 17 draped caissons, but it was the bluejackets who flashed their rifles upon them for the march. Four "jacksies" stood at attention as each coffin was brought ashore and placed in line on the pier. There were ashore and the yacht Mayflower's launch was just landing. Secretary of the Navy Daniels as the president arrived. He and the secretary exchanged greetings and the president, during which the coffin was being placed upon the caissons and the jacksies and marines stood at attention. At last the "Wyoming's" hand struck up "The Star Spangled Banner," the troops sprang to attention.

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## YEGGS MAKE HAUL FROM DAYTON, OR., POSTOFFICE SAFE

### Strong Box Blown Open Soon After Consignment of Stamps Is Received.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Dayton, Or., May 11.—Robbers blew the safe at the local postoffice late last night or early this morning and made away with \$1250 worth of stamps and \$275 in cash and checks. The safe in the store of the Miller Mercantile company was also dynamited. Blanks and clothing being that the same men did both jobs and that they were frightened away from the store before completing their search of the safe. Only a few razors were taken from the store. Sheriff Hutchinson of Yamhill county is working on the case, peace officers throughout the state have been notified and the federal department at Portland is in possession of the facts so far as determined.

A number of burglar tools were scattered about the floor in the store building. The safe, the front door of which had been left unlocked, was shattered. Blanks and clothing being wrapped about it before the "soup" was exploded. A horse and buggy was found tied in the rear of the store, and in this it is the belief of the officers, the robbers intended to make their get-away, had the appearance of someone from that direction not frightened them away. With the horse and buggy as a clue, Sheriff Hutchinson hopes to catch the thieves before nightfall. Because the local postmaster had on Saturday received a new shipment of stamps, it is believed that the job may have been done by persons familiar with the office. As near as can be learned from scattered reports of persons living nearby the thieves started work about 2 o'clock this morning. E. C. Clement, postoffice inspector, was detailed to the Dayton case early this morning.

## UNITED STATES SAILORS SKIRMISHING WITH MEXICAN SNIPERS IN FRONT OF THE VERA CRUZ CUSTOM HOUSE



## BURNING AUTOMOBILE SLOWLY COOKS TWO MEN PINNED BENEATH

### Machine Skids Over Bank, Gasoline Tricking to Tail Lamp Causes Explosion.

Planned on an overturned automobile, two men were slowly burned to death last night at a point two miles west of Sylvan on the Canyon road, when the gasoline from the fuel tank ignited from the oil tail light of the machine. Two others had miraculous escapes from a similar end.

**The Dead.**  
Martin McNicholas, aged 24, single, longshoreman, 516 Albina avenue. George W. Betz, 23 years old, single, painter and part owner of George Betz & Son, florists, 699 Williams avenue, residence same.

Howard Franklin, a steam shovel fireman, and Walter James, colored, porter in a barber shop at 26 1/2 Russell street, occupied the rear seats in the machine, but both extricated themselves without injury.

**Victims Know Fire Coming.**  
The fuel tank of the automobile, which belonged to Betz, was nearly full. For five minutes the pinned down men, according to Franklin, one wedged between the frame and a huge rock, the other held under the steering wheel, awaited for the trickling gasoline from the broken tank to reach the blazing oil lamp. The noise of the exploding gasoline was heard for half a mile.

The destruction of the machine was complete as far as fire could make it so. Aluminum parts were melted into globules of metal and the seats and everything else inflammable were consumed. A tree against which the automobile rested was burned to its top-most branch. The noise of the exploding gasoline was heard for half a mile. The light rain was just sufficient to allow the unguarded wheels to skid. Going around a short and almost into the sod. Then we suddenly dropped and the wheels of the machine slid out onto the sod and ran that way for 200 feet before a sharp drop at the side of the road was reached. Then the machine turned over.

**Party Visited Morgue.**  
Betz had been to Vancouver in the machine yesterday afternoon and about 5:30 stopped at the Russell street barber shop. There he proposed a ride and the other three joined him. He had lost the machine's tail light during the day, and a stop was made to procure another one just across the street from the morgue, where four hours later the bodies of himself and his companion were taken. While securing the light the light paid a visit to some friends at the morgue.

Franklin relates the details of the accident, as follows: "We were going west about five miles out and the first I knew of anything wrong was when the machine tipped and we went bumping along the sod. Then we suddenly dropped and the car turned over on us. I guess I laid there half a minute. Walter James crawled out through a side door. The floor of the car was above me, and I pushed up two or three times and it came loose. I pushed the brake rods to one side and crawled out.

**Both Men Were Screaming.**  
"The back light was flaring way up and we couldn't put it out. I tried to kick it off. Then I signaled some other automobiles just coming over the hill and we all ran down and tried to lift the car. Betz's legs were sticking out, but I couldn't pull him out, even when the car was lifted. Both

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## BOY ROASTED ALIVE IN FIRE WHICH GUTS GROCERY EARLY TODAY

### Lad Gets Head and Arm Through Window but Cannot Squeeze Body Out.

With his head and one hand thrust through a small window into the open air, unable to squeeze his body through the narrow aperture, Willy Finkelstein, 16 years old, was roasted alive in a fire that gutted the grocery shop of A. Boxer, First and Porter streets, at 6:20 o'clock this morning.

How the fire started or what made it spread so quickly is not known. Finkelstein, who served as Boxer's assistant in the shop, came to his employer's house about 5 o'clock this morning for the keys of the store in order to open up for the early morning trade and set the vegetables and fruits out on the sidewalk.

Just what he did this morning is not known. The vegetables and fruits were placed out in front of the store windows as usual, but about 6:30 o'clock the place burst into flames. The boy was seen to reach the door once and then disappear in the building.

**Lad Evidently Confused.**  
Evidently confused, he went back into the cellar which is hollowed out of the side of the hill on which the store stands. Instinctively he made for a window at the back part of the basement, crawling over a number of bags of salt to reach it. The window opened out into a little hole in the ground and was entirely below the surface of the earth.

Finkelstein had one arm and his head out of the window when engine No. 5, headed by Captain L. N. Riley, arrived. The fire captain grasped the boy's loose hand and endeavored to pull the lad through the window. One jerk loosened the other hand, which was seized by a spectator at the fire. The jerk on the lad's body caused a tremendous draft, shooting a flood of flames into the faces of the rescuers. Not until a line was stretched into the rear of the basement was Captain Riley able to get the body of the dead boy into the street. Holes in Riley's coat thrown over the face of the burned boy testify to the intense heat of the body, which was later taken to the morgue.

**Store Completely Gutted.**  
The lower part of the building, a two-story frame structure, with store on the ground floor and two living rooms above, was completely gutted. Engine No. 5 is only three blocks from the scene of the fire, but the place was a mass of flames when it reached the corner of First and Porter.

Several firemen on meal leave, who were not supposed to be on duty at the time, rendered able assistance in putting out the fire. The fire chief spoke but a few words of English. He is survived by a sister 25 years old. They made their home at 230 Gibbs street. Frank Fiebigler, who ran a shoe repair shop in the burned building, owned the structure. Boxer, the proprietor of the store, had his stock fully insured.

**Sovereigns Direct Work of Relief**  
Rome, May 11.—The king and queen of Italy today were directing the work of relief for the earthquake sufferers and may go personally to the scene. Latest reports indicate that 150 persons were killed, 500 injured and 14 villages destroyed.

## Booth Has Spent \$1136 in His Race

### Contributions of Senatorial Aspirant Include \$500 Each From Two Eugene Men, \$250 Each From Portland Men.

(Washington Bureau of The Journal.)  
Washington, May 11.—R. A. Booth filed his campaign expense statement today, showing the following contributions: S. H. Friendly, Eugene, \$500; William Kuykendall, Eugene, \$500; Wallace McCamant, Portland, \$50; Phil Metcham Jr., Portland, \$250; John F. Logan, Portland, \$250.

The expenditures total \$1136.45, including preparing petitions \$120.70, rent \$142, office expense \$17.75, press clippings \$6, cuts \$15, advertising in 27 papers \$565.50, salaries and traveling expenses of employees \$274.20.

Senator Chamberlain today filed with the secretary of the senate statement of his recent expenditures in the primary campaign for reelection. He received no contributions. His expenditures were: Printing, petitions, \$26.15; telegrams, \$7.70; circulating petitions, \$41.30.

## Atlanta in Hands of Fez-Topped Men

### William Irwin, Imperial Potentate, Arrives and Fortieth Convention of the Shriners Officially Begins

Atlanta, Ga., May 11.—With 21 guns firing a greeting, William Irwin, imperial potentate of the Shriners, arrived here today to open the lodge's fortieth convention. The sidewalks were choked with thousands of strangers, and the visiting members were cheered as they marched through the streets to the lodge rooms.

Seattle and San Francisco are seeking the 1915 convention.

**Fatal Storm Visits Madison, Wisconsin**  
Fifty barns demolished in vicinity about Madison, woman killed and \$100,000 damage done.  
Madison, Wis., May 11.—One person was killed and four injured in a terrific rain, hail and windstorm which struck this section of the state today. A Miss Olson, of Kievlinville, was instantly killed.

## YEARS OF NEEDLESS DELAY EAT ESTATE LEFT GERMAN WOMAN

### Fruitless Appeals for Assistance Made to Judge Cleeton; Fine Still Uncollected.

Mrs. Anna H. Steckmann, of Newark, N. J., has strong reason to complain of the manner in which justice is sometimes administered in the courts of Oregon. Through more than nine years have passed since the death of her brother, Otto J. Fannler, a laborer who was drowned in the Willamette, his estate is still pending, unsettled, in the probate court, over which Judge T. J. Cleeton presides.

The estate amounted to \$4538.40, but all that Mrs. Steckmann has received to date is \$1893.70, all the rest—\$2644.70 having been absorbed by lawyer's fees and court costs.

**Administrator Withheld Money.**  
For more than three years the administrator's attorney was allowed to keep in his own hands the \$4538.40 cash which constituted the estate, despite repeated appeals by Mrs. Steckmann to Judge Cleeton. She was finally obliged to employ an attorney, who induced Judge Cleeton to impose a fine of \$200 on the delinquent administrator and his lawyer, but the fine was never collected. Judge Cleeton says it was overlooked.

Judge Cleeton promised to give this \$200 to Fannler's wife, Mrs. Steckmann, but the money was never paid and the fine never remitted. Believing that Judge Cleeton would carry out his order and his promises, the woman's attorneys notified their client that she would receive the additional sum.

The client has never been able to understand why it was not paid, but attorneys she believed, had mysteriously made away with it, much as the balance of the estate more than half melted away. Here, as well as in the east where this heir lived and where a corps of attorneys had been hired, they were threatened with public exposure on embayment charges and paid proceedings that would place their right to practice in jeopardy, through disbarment.

**Friend Named Administrator.**  
Pannier was drowned December 28, 1904, when the barge Monarch, loading coal on the steamer Arabic, suddenly capsized. A sister, Anna H. Steckmann, Newark, N. J., was paid only \$1000. Pannier's estate consisted of \$1000 and the claim against the corporations owning the barge.

**Friend Named Administrator.**  
County Judge Webster approved of the agreement between Straul and Attorney W. C. Benbow, who later represented Mrs. Steckmann in collecting on embayment charges and paid proceedings through Straul's life-long friendship with Jay H. Upton, then clerk of the county court.

The case was non-suited in Circuit Judge Cleeton's court, appealed to the state supreme court, reversed and removed to the federal court on grounds of jurisdiction. In that court, on May 25, 1908, a judgment in favor of Straul was rendered for \$4538.40, including a principal of \$3600 and interest, was returned. Then came a long lapse of time in the records.

Mrs. Steckmann's back in Newark, N. J., has been aching ever since she was appointed and that she had something coming out of the estate of her brother. Growing impatient at the delay, she has written to Judge Cleeton.

## CLUB WOMEN NAIL ANOTHER OREGONIAN LIE

### Truth Distorted Story of Club Meeting at Pendleton Arouses Storm of Indignation Among Members.

### DR. C. J. SMITH IS STRONGER THAN EVER

### Morning Newspaper's Glaringly False Statements Prove Boomerang.

(Special to The Journal.)  
Pendleton, Or., May 11.—Dr. C. J. Smith was a candidate for governor in 1912. His former local people by he has been before since he announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination, and the Oregonian's campaign of misrepresentation is making him votes.

This is the verdict of Smith supporters here. All doubts that may have been raised by reports that were removed by the publication in the Oregonian yesterday of what purported to be an account of the meeting of the Pendleton "Smith for Governor club," and of the simultaneous appearance in The Journal of a true account, together with resolute and unanimous adoption of the latter, have been removed.

No glaringly false and so utterly without semblance of foundation in fact was the Oregonian story that it acted as a boomerang and many who were heretofore unwilling to believe the Oregonian deliberately unfair to Dr. Smith are now convinced that such is the case.

Never in the history of Pendleton have women been so much wrought up over a political story as they were yesterday when they read in the Oregonian that the Pendleton "Smith for Governor club" had given him the most glowing endorsement it was in their power to give. The indignation and indignity of the thing astonished them beyond measure. All day yesterday indignation meetings were held all over the city, and last night Mrs. G. M. Rice and Miss Jennie Parry, president and secretary, respectively, of the "Smith

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## SUPPORT FOR ALASKAN STEAMER LINE ASKED BY LOCAL CHAMBER

### Citizens Urged to Aid in Putting Portland on Steamship Map; Subscriptions.

In connection with the announcement of the securing of approximately \$9000 additional stock subscriptions to the Portland Steamship company, the Portland Chamber of Commerce today issued a formal statement covering the necessity for concerted action on the part of the business interests to make the line a permanent adjunct of the city's outside trade and to encourage other shipping projects. The statement follows:

All people of Portland who want to increase the number of ships coming to this port should be made to handle the entry into the port of the Panama canal lines are solicited to make part of the business interest to make the line a permanent adjunct of the city's outside trade and to encourage other shipping projects. The statement follows:

**WANTED**  
"Offer \$4000 cash and \$1400 equity in improved suburban acreage near electric trolley, for 100 shares in rail or river." Class 38.

"Wanted—Acre tract near river, between Milwaukie and Clackamas, on Oregon City carline." Class 21.

"Wanted—Wagon, double harness, in good condition." Class 5.

"Will pay cash for lot with small house in good location; must be bargain." Class 11.

"Wanted—To buy bird dog, not over 1 year old." Class 46.

"Wanted—5 pass. 12 or 14 model; must have electric lights and starter and be in good condition." Class 44.

"Wanted—Second hand baby buggy. Must be good and price right." Class 5.

"Wanted—A large size second hand incubator; state year made and lowest cash price." Class 37.

These items appeared yesterday (Sunday) in The Journal Want Ads. The number of the classification in which it appeared follows each item.