

WEATHER

Rain tonight and tomorrow; southerly winds;

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# OF BIG BRIDGE

Interstate Body Awards Contracts Totalling \$1,305,-063.52 for Construction of Bridge Over Columbia.

STEEL PRODUCTS IS GIVEN BIGGEST ITEM

Difference of but \$80 Kept Contract for Iron Work Going to Portland Men.

99.829.00

39,140.50

18,586.50

319,415.00

Bids Awarded. Main river span, steel, U.S. Steel Products Co....

Main river span, erection,
Porter Brothers' Co....
Sloughs, steel, Northwest
Steel Co.... Sloughs, erection, Porter substructure, Pacific Bridge Co...... mbankment, Tacome 119,759.00 Dredging Co. ......

Warren Construction 82,802.92 Contracts totaling \$1,305,063.52 for the construction of the Interstate

bridge between Portland and Vancou-

ver. Wash., were awarded this morning by the Interstate bridge commission. Seventy per cent of this amount will be received by Oregon and Washington contractors, but the largest single item | in the construction of the bridge, that of the steel for the main span goes to the United States Steel Products company, an eastern concern. The bid is \$417,316.20, and of this amount it is estimated that \$150,000 will go to labor

in the manufacture of the steel. There was but \$80 difference between this company's bid and that of the Northwest Steel company, a local

The awards were made this morning at the courthouse in this city in the presence of a large crowd. Representatives of Portland business interests urged that local firms be given every consideration, before (Concluded on Page Two, Column Two.)

## BURGLAR KILLED AT ST. PAUL, OR., AFTER BURGLARIZING STORE

Marion County Sheriff's Office Has Two Others, Probably Pals, in Custody.

(Salem Bureau of The Journal.) Salem, Or., Feb. 27.—An unknown burglar was shot and instantly killed by Dan Girdle, a citizen, at St. Paul, a town about 25 miles north of Salem, at 6 o'clock this morning. -Girdle heard the crash of glass in

Joe Gooding's general merchandise store, and saw three men enter the building. He armed himself with a rifle and secreted himself at a point he believed the men would pass when they came out. When the three came cut, carrying plunder, he called upon them to halt; but they broke into a run and he fired, killing one of them. There was nothing on the dead burglar's person to indicate his iden-

Later in the day Deputy Sheriff Needham arrested Frank Undermeyer in a shop yard near St. Paul. He is neld as a suspect. He refuses to talk. Sheriff Esch received word from Deputy Sheriff Needham at noon that he had captured James Grady, believed to be the third burglar, in a lop yard. Grady had some plunder on him that has been identified as stolen from the St. Paul store.

Grady is an old time yegg, according Eight of Evelyn's to Sheriff Esch. He had him in the county jail here on a charge of vagrancy, after he had been found wear ing four suits of new clothes. No evidence as to whether the goods had been stolen was secured, and he was released about two months ago. The body of the dead man, and the wo prisoners, were brought to Salem

this afternoon

#### Rights of Neutrals on the High Seas

Many and perplexing problems have arisen in this regard during the present war, and the recent notes of protest addressed by the United States to Great Britain and Germany have called additional attention to the uncertainty pervading international law on certain vital points.

In THE SUNDAY JOUR-NAL tomorrow, Charles Cheney Hyde, professor of international law in Northwestern University. will discuss, with the authority of an expert, the law of nations as bearing on the substance of the British and German notes.

The Sunday Journal

# HUGHES IN ONO AT LEAD IN 45TH LAP OF GRAND PRIX EVENT

Barney Oldfield Is Out; Sun Shines After Shower, Making Track Dangerous.

Length of race, 402.2462

Length of course, 3.30 miles. Number of laps, 103. Time-Race started 10:30 a. Finish in about five hours. Number of cars entered, 35. Prizes - First prize, \$3000;

ond prize, \$2000; third prize, \$1500; fourth prize, \$1000 cash; • fifth prize, \$500 cash Trophy, \$5000 Grand Prix Present holder of trophy,

Driver Eddie Pullen. Entrants in the race: Driver Maxwell; Barney Oldfield, Duesenberg; Tom Alley. Tahis; Jack Gable. Mercer; Eddie Pullen. Stutz: Gil Anderson. Mercer: G. E. Buckstel

Edward's Special; Lou Gan-Stutz; Earl Cooper. Peugeot; D. Rosta. Mercer; Louis Nikrent Edward's Special; Captain Kennedy

Simplex; Louis Disbrow. Californian; Caleb Bragg. Delage: C. R. Newhouse. King; Arthur H. Klein. Maxwell; Ed Rickenbacher. Chevrolet; Jack Lucain. Duesenberg; Edw. O'Don-Chevrolet; R. C. Durant.

Case: E. A. Hearne. Mercedes; Ralph de Palma. Parson's Special; Jim Par-Erwin Special; G. C. Berg-

Stutz; Howard Wilcox. Bugatti; J. B. Marquis. Ono; Hughie Hughes. Alco: W. E. Taylor. Case: Harry Grant. Overland; Thomas McKel-

Maxwell; William Carlson. Blankman Special: Francis Blankman. Tomasini; T. A. Tomasini. Gordon Special; Huntley

Exposition Stadium, San Francisco, was leading by less than a minute in the grand prix, international automobile classic, at the exposition grounds. His time was 3:02:4, an average of

56 miles an hour. D. Resta came next, having covered the distance in 3:03:30. The next 10 drivers in the order named were Alley, Wilcox, Disbrow, Ruckstell, Carlson, Pullen, le Cain, Anderson, Grant and De Palma. The latter's time was 3 hours and 14 minutes flat. Hughes was driving a sensational race and going strong. The sun was shining weakly at this stage of the

race.
After several stops on account o engine trouble, Barney Oldfield finally gave up and withdrew from the ce in the thirty-seventh lap. Two cars withdrew in the thirty fifth lap. They were the Californi special car driven by Caleb Bragg, the millionaire racer and the Bugatti iriven by J. B. Marquis. This makes a total of four cars so far to drop out "This race will not be finished until dark," said Bragg, in his pit after his withdrawal. "The course is extremely dangerous, and I do not propose to risk my neck further on it. I'm all

Ralph de Palma, the early favorite irove an exceedingly careful race dur ing a rain storm, while Barney Old-field, on the other hand, increased his omparative speed.

G. E. Ruckstell, who had been fight ing de Palma lap after lap, did not slow down, The speed was again increased to reach 60 miles an hour when to

howers cleared. Drivers who had fallen to the rear ook advantage of the rain to creep up o the leading pack through extreme

# Crew Reported Lost

Minister Van Dyke Cables Report That Some of Crew of American Steamer Blown Up by Mine Were Lost,

Washington, Feb. 27.-Henry van Dyke, United States minister to The Netherlands and Luxemburg, today cabled the state department a rumor that eight members of the crew of the American steamer Evelyn were The Evelyn was the vessel which was sunk in the North sea 10 days ago as the result of striking

two floating mines. Ambassador Gerard, at Berlin, cabled confirmation of reports that three members of the crew of the American steamer Carib, also sunk by a mine, had perished. Minister van Dyke had cabled yesterday that the Evelyn was "unoffi-

## More Submarines Granted by Senate

cially reported safe."

Washington, Feb. 27.—The naval appropriation bill, carrying approximately \$152,000,000, passed the senate esterday afternoon.

The senate unanimously adopted committee amendments increasing the number of seagoing submarines from one to five and of coast defense subines. from 11 to 16.

## D. & R. G. to Ask a Receiver for Its Coast Line

Western Pacific Will Not Pay In terest on First Mortgage Bonds Due March 1, It Is Stated.

San Francisco, Feb. 27.—The direct ors of the Denver & Rio Grande railway which controls the Western Paci fic; announced today at a meeting held in New York that application would be made for a receiver for the Western Pacific after the railway will have de faulted on the interest on its first ortgage bonds due March 1. It is said that the proceedings will of a friendly nature. This course

adjust the financial difficulties of e Western Pacific The following statement was issued ate today by general offices of the Vestern Pacific officials here. "The report from New York that the nterest of Western Pacific bonds fall-

is been decided upon as the best one

ing due Monday will not be paid is orrect. "The amount of these bonds is \$50,-00,000 and they are the first lien or all the property of the company, in luding its railroad from San Francisco

to Salt Lake. "The Western Pacific, while earning fore than its operating expenses, has never earned enough to make the ful interest on its bonds and in the past the amount needed to do this. For this purpose and for the purpose of meeting the cost of completing the construction of the Western Pacific, the Denver & Rio Grande has advanced in the last 10 years over \$16,000,000. The latter is not in a position to do sary that the load of the Western Pa-cific interest be lightened, and at the same time the stockholders be paid. All unsecured claims have already been cleaned up or will be immediately. "In any case, a receivership for the road will probably be necessary for only a short time and only until a satisfactory plan of reorganizing can be

#### Movie Actor Killed In Making Attack

Is Sent Through Man's Head; Pilm to Explain Accident.

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 27.-Clarence handler, 30, is dead today, the result of a too realistic moving picture act. Chandler, with five other actors, "Sonia's Captive," a scenario dealing with the Turkish invasion of Monteegro, when one of the guns was discharged prematurely and he fell dead, a 45-90 rifle bullet ploughing clear

Explanations of the affair differ. Some of the actors believe it was handler's own gun which went off. while others are equally sure that one of the other five shot accidentally. Cal., Feb. 27 .- At the end of the forty- The development of the film is exfifth lap Hughie Hughes in his One pected to show just how the death occurred. Chandler leaves a wife and three children.

#### Favorable Report On Trade Nominees

All of Those Named For Federal Trade Commission Except George Rubles

of New Hampshire Are Approved. Washington, Feb. 27.—Favorable re-orts on all of President Wilson's noinees to membership on the federal ing. rade commission excepting George Rublee, of New Hampshire, were made today by a special substitute committee appointed to investigate them. Fur-

AS GOVERNOR,

LAUSE TO DEFENT

Administration Leaders Decide to Delay Action Looking Towards Pushing Through Till Next Week.

PROGRESSIVES FAVOR

Seven Democratic Senators Still Obdurate: Corporation Plan Adopted.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Washington, Feb. 27.—The conference committee of the house and sen the Denver & Rio Grande has made up ate today reported the compromise government ship purchase bill to both

The administration leaders decided cwever, to delay final action on the bill until next week instead of trying o push it through today.

The conference report will come up in the house next Monday and will probably be adopted. Debate will undoubtedly be limited to one hour there, Then a desperate attempt will be made by the administration Democrats to push the report through the upper house. As amended it is believed that the compromise measure will be acceptable to the progressive Republicans but the seven Democrats who bolted the original measure are still obdurate. If the administration leaders can enlist the support of only two Republicans the vote will be a tie and they will win their fight by the deciding vote of Vice-President Marshall.

The bill, as reported by the confer ence committee, provides for a perma-Rifle Goes Off Prematurely and Bullet nent government ownership through a corporation of the stock of which the government will own at least 51 per cent. It strictly prohibits purchases of ships which would violate American neutrality. The provisions of the Weeks bill, covering operation by the navy department of ships not needed for naval was making an assault upon a cabin in purposes, as mail ships to South America, are retained but as a separate

How Forts Were Silenced. Paris, Feb. 27 .- Daring work by French battleships in the bombard-belligerents contemplates the remova ment of the Dardanelles forts was of floating mines except close to the announce an official statement this afternion. During the bombardment, the state-ment said, three British warships battered the works on the European side of the strait, while the French battleship Gaulois shetled the Kaum Kalessi fort. When the battery on the Asiatic side had been partially silenced two French battleships steamed into the entrance of the strait, Firing from a range of 2000 yards, these two vessels completed the demolition of the Asiatic forts. None of the French

ships was damaged. Chicago Skyscraper Burns, Chicago, Feb. 27 .- The Garland building, a 16 story structure at Washington street and Wabash avenue, is burn

A wind from the lake is fanning the flames and scattering embers, threatening adjoining buildings. Firemen are

"ONLY A SCRAP OF PAPER"

## Suffragettes at Front Will Drive British Motors

German Press Bureau Says Two Battalions of Vote Seekers Will Replace Male Chaffeurs.

Berlin (By Wireless to Sayville, L , Feb. 27.—English suffragettes have aken their places at the side of their men folk in the allied armies, the official press bureau here asserted today. wo battalions of vote-seeking Eng lish women have arrived at Havre, the bureau's statement declares. They will swell the actual fighting force, it was said, by driving motorcars, thus enabling the males to go to the battle-

# BILL AS IT IS AMENDED SECRECY STILL VEILS **NEGOTIATIONS** ENGLAND, GERMANY

Published Advices Regarding Great Britain's Attitude Do Not Lend Optimism.

(United Press Lessed Wice.) Washington, Feb. 27.-Administration officials were still secretive today ilians in belligerent countries. It is published advices regarding the atitude of Great Britain do not lend optimism to the situation.

Talk of the raising of an embargo against the exportation of any foodstuffs continues. That such action may have been considered by the president and his cabinet was strongly indicated by the reticence today of one official who ordinarily would deny if such discussion had not occurred It is certain that the administra-

tion officials, whether formally or not are giving the subject a good deal of thought and that no step will be taken in the matter except in an extreme mergency until the negotiations with the European countries have proceeded further. Although no officer of the govern

ment would discuss the matter for publicity, it is generally accepted that the latest American proposal to the asts and a system be sent in unrestricted measure to civilians of belligerent countries.

A high official this afternoon disclaimed knowledge of a secret German agreement to protect American commerce but it was said that the admin-

istration felt that extreme care would be taken by the German commanders. Excepting at night, it will not be difficult for them to recognize American ships, officials declared.

## Seamen's Bill Is Passed by Congress

La Pollette Measure Is Adopted by Upper House Without a Bolloall; It Had Already Passed the House.

MOSER SPONSMEKS BILLY

WITH EMERGENCY CLAUSE

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Washington, Feb. 27.-The senate taking extraordinary precautions to today passed the seamen's bill with ther hearings on the qualifications of prevent the spread of the fire across out a rollcall. The bill has already Rublee will be held Monday. passed the house.

Several Hundred French Soldiers Burned by Flaming Liquid; Which Sets Cloth-

TROOPS QUIT TRENCHES IN FACE OF NEW HORROR

ing Afire Instantaneously.

rench Second Line Recaptures Trenches, Says Official Statement.

The War Lineup. Turkey-Anglo-French fleet ontinues attempt to force Dandanelles and capture Constantinople; sultan prepared to flee. Poland-Czar launches new, powerful offensive; Germans take 1100 prisoners while repulsing savage assaults on Skroda; Slavs continue attacks there; battle on in swamps east of Augustof.

France-Crown prince's army assaults French positions at Perthes and Verdun.

England-Two German aviators, wrecked in the North sea. rescued; say they were part of aerial patrol to signal ships' positions to submarines. British ship reported torpedoed or

Washington - Minister van Dyke cables rumor eight of steamship Evelyn's crew missing. Ambassador Gerard cables confirmation three Carib's crew perished. Officials secretive regarding British-German-Amercan situation,

New York-Federal grand jury may investigate threats mailed to Mrs. Richard P. Stegler in passport fraud case.

By Henry Wood, United Press Staff Correspondent. Paris, Feb. 27 .- Liquid fire is being used by the Germans as an instru-

ment of war against the French, French war office this afternoon. It declared that this weapon of death had been thrown on the advance French several calls by telephone warning het trenches near Bors de Malcancourt be- to "keep her mouth shut." She asserts iquid, which was dropped by bombs hrown up by German mortars. clothing of the troops was set afire trip from Washington yesterday of and they ran from the trenches Count von Bernstorff, the German am-

A determined advance by the French second line, however, forced the enemy (Concluded on Page Two, Column One)

# GERMAN AEROPLANES ARE USED TO HUNT SUBMARINES' QUARRY

British Pick Up Two Half-Drowned Germans, Learn of Naval Cooperation.

By Ed L. Keen, United Press Staff Correspondent.

London, Feb. 27 .- The Germans ordered Taube aeroplanes and hydroplanes to patrol the waters of the British coast, hunt out British vessels and aid the German submarines in their campaign on enemy merchant-

This fact was learned this afternoon when two German aviators were found in the North sea off Lowestoft. They were half dead from exposure and said they had been clinging for two days to the floating wreckage of their aeroplanes.

They declared they had been sent

from the Belgian coast with instruc-tions to watch for British vessels and to signal their presence to German submarines. Many other German airmen are known to be engaged in similar servce and their work has been of a very effective character

A message from Dieppe received here today says the crew of an inbound steamer had reported sighting a British merchant vessel in distress. apparently the victim of a mine or torpedo, 20 miles out from that place. A French destroyer is searching for Body of Soldier

# Income Tax Reports Must Be in Monday

Monday is the last day for filing income tax reports, according to a warning issued by Milton A. Miller, collector of internal revenue, this morning. Failure to file reports as required by law subjects negligent persons to a penalty of from \$50 to \$1000. Mr. Miller reports that the statements are coming in large numbers, but calls attention to the fact that Monday is the last day.

## Special Trains Ready to Assist Sultan in Flight

Two of Inner Forts in Dardanelles Being Subjected to Warships' Fire Today; Vessels Hurt.

Athens, Feb. 27 .- With part of one f the land batteries along the Dardanelles alone destroyed, the attempt of the Anglo-French fleet to force the strait guarding Constantinople continued today, according to dispatches from the Turkish capital. Two forts inside the strait are being subjected to terrific fire.

Although several vessels of the allied fleet have been hit, advices indicate that the damage to them has been slight. The aim of the Turkish gun-ners has been very poor. They have been utterly unable to force the retirement of the allied fleet, and at last reports the bombardment was increasing in intensity.

The common people of Constantinople have been kept in ignorance by the authorities of the Porte of the attempt to force the straits. The leading families, however, and the mem bers of the nobility have been informed. That the Turkish imperial families fear the forts may fall and Constantinople itself may be menaced is indicated by messages asserting that three special trains are held with steam up, in constant readiness to take the sultan and his court out of Constantinople at the first hint of personal danger. All of the prominent families are also declared to have made similar preparations for flight.

# MAY CAUSE FEDERAL

Woman Warned to Keep Her Mouth Shut in Alleged Spy Plot Case.

New York, Feb. 27 .- An investigation by the United States grand jury is expected today to follow the sending Indiana corporation, now operating s through the mails of a letter threatening Mrs. Richard P. Stegler because her husband had confessed a plot to obtain a fraudulent American passport for use by him as a German spy in England.

The letter, which was anonymous, warned her not to talk, and told her official statement issued by the have to go to jail for many years, and will always be a look-at scoundrel" In addition to the letter, Mrs. Stegler declared today that she had received ween the Argonne and the Meuse the typing of the letter resembled that Several hundred French sol- on letters Stegler received from Capliers were burned by the flaming tain Boy-ed, naval attache of the Gorman embassy at Washington. Boy-ed The refused today to discuss the hurried Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, who visited Boy-ed's office. nected in any way with the passport

He denied, however, that it was concharges. Boy-ed was named by Stegler as the man who had arranged for his fraudulent passport, and who gave him instructions regarding work as a spy abroad Further examination of Stegler by fficers of the United States department of justice today brought out

statements that he had been instructed by Boy-ed to go first to Belfast, Ire-land, and inspect the British shippards. It had been reported, Stegler said, that a number of British merchantmen were being repainted there to resemble German battleships. These were to be sent out to be sunk at the mouths of the Elbe and Weser rivers, blocking those channels. Stegler was to get all possible facts regarding them, and to go later to Liverpool, to ascertain what chance there was for German subma-rines to raid the ships in that harbor.

#### Insane Hospital Patient Attacked

Thomas B. Waldo, 71, Committed From Multnomah County, Victim of Assault by Thomas Dawson, 75.

Salem, Or., Feb. 27.—Thomas Daw-son, aged 75 years, stabbed and probably fatally wounded Thomas B. Waldo, aged 71 years, at the state hospital for the insane today. Daw-son, who was committed from Clatsop county in 1905, suffered with the de-lusion that Waldo, who was committed up cargoes that totaled in value \$2. from Multnomah county in 1891, 023,693. planned to harm him, and while they were exercising in ward six attacked of 322,570 bushels, valued at \$289,560 him with a peeling knife, which he for February of last year, the increase says he had concealed on his person is tremendous for the past eight years for the ex-press purpose of defending himself against Waldo. Waldo's wound is located below his heart and between two ribs. At the hospital it was stated at noon that he

overpowered by attendants immediately, was locked up in a separate cell.

might recover. Dawson, who was

## Found in Slough Description Corresponds With That of

Private Waish of Pancouver, Who Is Missing. The body of a soldier was found floating in Columbia slough north of

Kentor, this morning by an old couple who were out fishing. It corresponds with the description of George Walsh, private in Company C, of the Twenty-first regiment, stationed at Vancouver. Walsh disappeared from the barracks January 6. The body had the appearance of being in the water from of the past year. four to six weeks.

Frank Menefee, President: F. M. LeMonn, Salesmanager; O. A. Campbell, Eugene, T. Bilyeu Named.

FRAUDULENT USE OF MAILS IS CHARGED

Misrepresentations of Facts Regarding Assets, Patents, Business Alleged.

Charging gross fraud and the use of he United States mails to promote it. several former officers and stock salesmen of the defunct United States Cashier company of this city were indicted by the federal grand jury today and will be arrested immediately. Bail in each case was fixed at \$2500.

Those indicted are Frank Menefes, resident and general manager, of Portland, F. M. LeMonn, sales manager, now in California; Thomas Bilyeu, of Hillsboro, director and inventor of the five machines which the company was organized to manufacture: Oscar Campbell, a director and a wealthy retired business man of Eugene, and five stock salesmen, B. F. Bonnewell, H. M. Todd, Joseph Hunter, O. L. Hopson and P. E. Muraine.

In the indictment it is alleged that the company was at no time solvent and that the 4000 owners of stock for which they paid no less than \$1,200,000 n cash, hold stock which is practically vorthless. Moreover, it is charged that the so-called inventions which were or the books as assets worth about half a million dollars were not patented at all, as the company and its salesmer represented.

The company was organized in Sep tember of 1910, and operated until Jan. uary 31, 1914, when it sold out to ar plant at Terre Haute, which Menere played an active part in organizing Under the provisions of this sale the United States Cashier Co. was to receive \$750,000 in stock in the new cor poration for its "patents" and assets. and later to receive \$150,000 tional stock to meet its old obligations - Prior to that time the company pur on it a two story concrete manufatcur ing plant, where the experiments were

Manufacturing on a commercial scale was not attempted, however. Mean while hundreds of thousands of dollars were taken in cash in exchange for stock on representations, such as the following, which the indictments charge

"That the company owned patents or five machines, namely, the change com (Concluded on Page Two, Column Three.)

# ACTIVITY IN BANKS SHOWS SUBSTANTIAL GAIN DURING MONTH

Export of Grain to Europe Is Heavy and Value Increase Is Large.

With bank clearings showing a substantial gain over February, 1914, and with the volume of export trade three and one half times as great as that for the same month last year, commercial and business statistics for the month just coming to a close show great improvement of business conditions in Portland in many lines of activity.

As in January the export of grain easily predominates over all other commercial lines, demand for wheat in Europe makes February another banner month Vessels leaving Portland during the month carried away wheat to the amount of 1,344,020 bushels making

of 322,570 bushels, valued at \$289,560

February 1915 shows an increase in bank clearings of \$126,039.72, the total clearings being \$42,423,416.92 and \$42,-297,377.20 for 1915 and 1914 respec-Indicative of increased financial ac-

tivity and volume of business are the figures for the week ending today where bank clearings for 1915 exceed those for the same week in 1914 by \$546,356.08. The total value of Portland's ex port trade for the month amounts to \$2,298,072 as compared with \$631,669

for February, 1913, an increase of over 200 per cent.
During the month 847 building permits were issued for work that aggregates \$311,740. This is a considerable falling off from February, 1914, when 573 permits to the amount of \$505,526

With the anticipation of doing sev eral thousand dollars' worth of bustness this afternoon, postoffice officials were unable to approximate this morning the total receipts of the month although it is expected the volume of business for the month will equal that

Increase in bank clearings is deemed when Walsh disappeared he was well supplied with money. The pocket-book in the clothing on the body found today was empty. The watch was also missing.