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Mr. Mudge was proceeded on the stand by Owen Mills and James Speyer, New York, who are counsel for the Rock Island. Mr. Mudge, a director on the Rock Island who holds a million dollars worth of stock and represents the holdings of large blocks of the Rock Island company, said he did not have time to go into the details of the affairs of the road. He admitted that possibly he had too many iron in the fire. He opined that the holding companies connected with the Rock Island are not detrimental to its interests.

Banker Is Interested. Mr. Speyer termed as an "insulting question" the question of "consolidation" if Mr. Speyer's firm ever had agreed to buy securities from the Rock Island and later had declined to keep the securities. The witness stated that his banking house handled Rock Island securities to the extent of \$170,460,500 and that the profits therefrom had been only \$1,135,719, or less than one per cent.

Commissioner Clements asked Speyer if the person who had been induced to buy stock of the Rock Island company had not lost heavily. Speyer took exception to the term "induced." The witness stated that he had bought the stocks which subsequently proved practically worthless. Speyer said:

"Several times in the history of this country the people have been anxious to buy almost anything without intelligent consideration. John J. Quinn, president of the Rock Island company of New Jersey, testified that the purchase of the Erie, which resulted in a book loss of \$35,000,000 to the Rock Island, was a wise move. Asked why by Commissioner Clements, he said at the time of the purchase rates were higher and expenses low. Reverses Cause Loss. Altered circumstances later reversed this order, resulting in loss.

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Baker Building  
Has Fire Mystery

Department Responds Quickly and Flames Are Extinguished by Use of Chemicals. Baker, Or., Feb. 27.—The fact that Dr. H. J. Horton, a dentist, who has offices in the new Sommer building, was busy last evening, is the only thing that prevented Baker's latest and modern office building from being a mass of ruins today. Fire starting in the basement was discovered by Dr. Horton in time to prevent its gaining headway. He went from his office to accompany a friend to the elevator. It is an automatic affair and when it reached the fourth floor and the door was opened, a volume of smoke rushed out. Without waiting to investigate, Dr. Horton turned on the fire and the fire department successfully extinguished the blaze with chemicals. It had burned through the first floor, the second floor, and the third floor in a millinery store and barber shop on the ground floor.

ALLIED FLEETS  
PUSH WAY UP  
DARDANELLES

(Continued From Page One.) was terrible. The reply of the Turkish gunners was generally wild and ineffective. This is on a par with the other forts during which action the allies were severely touched.

Defenders Suffer Severe Losses. On the other hand, a dispatch from Sofia states that the defenders of the outer forts suffered severely, 600 under the Turkish soldiers having been taken from the ruined fortifications. While the larger vessels of the allied navies were battering their way towards Constantinople, a French squadron of the allied fleet cruised under what remained of the entrenched works and completed the runs. Landing parties sent to investigate the forts at the entrance of the straits, found that three of the forts were completely destroyed, while the fourth was partly ruined. The forts are at Sedd-el-Bahr, the cape Helles battery, the Orkanlihe Tabia and Kum Kull.

Narrows to be Attacked Next. Bombardment of the Narrows fortifications is expected to begin within the next few hours. The fortifications are the very backbone of the entire plan of the Dardanelles works. The narrow passage is guarded by 12 forts, the most important of which are the Asiatic. The fortifications were laid out under the direction of German army engineers and in addition to the forts there is a long series of trenches and earthworks which will have to be taken by landing parties.

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OBJECTS OF THE NEW  
COMMERCE CLUB  
CLEARLY SET FORTH

Merger of Present Chamber and Portland Commercial Club to Solve Problem. A statement made yesterday by the new Chamber of Commerce will be a truly representative of Portland's aspirations for world commerce and of determination to help her citizens expand their trade territory.

MISTAKES POINTED OUT

Unanimity of Action Urged as Way in Which to Build up City's Trade in General. Portland has many big men—men who have wrought mightily in the upbuilding of her commerce and manufactures. Most of what these men have accomplished has been the result of individual effort, part of it is due to the community and the cooperation it has given through its business organizations.

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FREAK PLAYED BY BULLET

A clip of British cartridges, transfixed by a German bullet while in the cartridge belt of a British soldier. The bullet had struck the clip and had driven through it, but the clip itself was not damaged.

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WHIRLWIND FINISH  
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A. CONTEST TUESDAY

Result Yesterday Brings Portland Total Up to 309 Men and 45 Boys. The Y. M. C. A. membership contest was checked up yesterday afternoon, it was found that 309 men and 45 boys had been added to the roster, for the five days since the competition was inaugurated.

SEATTLE SLIGHTLY AHEAD

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Public Baseball  
Grounds Donated

Montgomery Tract at Larrabee and Goldsmith Will Be Out Up Into Diamonds and Athletic Field. By the Phoenix Land company donating the baseball diamonds and athletic field, negotiations for the use of the property are to be closed tomorrow by George Brown, president of the company and W. L. Brewster, commissioner of public affairs.

THREE GERMAN DRIVES  
THREATEN RUSSIANS IN  
POLAND NEAR WARSAW

Von Hindenburg Outwits the  
Czar's Troops and Expects  
to Control Poland Soon. Berlin, via Amsterdam, Feb. 27.—Von Hindenburg has again outwitted the czar's advisers. Less than a week after his great victories east of the front, the German general has executed two sudden strokes that may sweep the Russians out of Poland.

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32 CANDIDATES CROSS  
HOT SANDS ON ONE OF  
GREATEST PILGRIMAGES

At Kader Temple Scene of  
Ceremonial Session with  
Many Shriners Present. BUFFET LUNCH SERVED. Visiting Nobles From Various Parts of State Amused by Stunts for Their Edification.

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Bennett's Villa Robbed.

Nice, Feb. 27.—Jewels valued at \$5000 were stolen from Bennett's Villa, owned by James Gordon Bennett of the New York Herald.

COUPON!  
Bring this coupon and get 20 extra "S. & H." gold and silver stamps on your first \$1 cash purchase and a double stamp on every \$5 purchase. Good on first three floors Monday, March 1.

TOMORROW!  
The Evening Telegram opens wide the doors of its new home across the street. Good neighbors they will be and we note the day with

Double Stamps--and a Coupon  
ALL DAY TOMORROW ON OUR FIRST THREE FLOORS  
Celebrate this new addition to Portland's True Shopping Zone, and visit our modern DRUG EMPORIUM--The Mecca for careful buyers.

WOODARD, CLARKE & CO.  
ALDER AT WEST PARK WOODLARK BUILDING