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OF CITY WILL

Ministers Representing All **Denominations at Laymen's** Convention Launch City-Wide Endeavor Today.

CAMPAIGN WILL BE UNITED STATES FIELD

Four Strong Speakers Take Part in Program Held This Forenoon.

First fruits of the Laymen's Missionary Movement convention were re-vealed at the close of the morning's session when the ministers of all the lenominations, which are represented in the convention voted to join in a united effort of all the Portland churches in an every member canvass for financial and evangelistic pur-

This will bring all the churches into cooperation and will be the beginning of a fulfillment of the purposes of the series of laymen's conventions which ers being held in 75 cities throughout the United States. Four strong speakers were on the

program at this morning's session. They were J. O. Randall of Philadelphia, Dr. Hugh L. Burleson, head of the editorial department of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary society of the Episcopal church; Bishop R. J looke of Portland and Arthur R

Social Unrest Pictured. If the church does not fulfill its mission in reaching those particularly for whom this life is a struggle the heatre will, declared Dr. Randall. pictured the social unrest that is evident everywhere on the lower strata (Concluded on Page Fifteen, Column Four)

MILWAUKEE CHEF IS ARRESTED IN POISON PLOT OF ANARCHISTS

Letters Found in Chicago Show Widespread Conspir-

Milwaukee, Wis., Feb. 15.—(U. P.)— Acting on orders from Chicago local police today arrested Marco Bonino. ther of the Hotel Pretoria. He will be questioned about the poison banquet attended by Archbishop Muddelein, Governor Dunne of Illinois and other notables at the Chicago University club last week.

Chicago, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Dominick Forte, believed to be an anarchist of the most vicious type, is being hunted by the New York police. They took up this search after John Allegrini had protested that letters, found on him and indicating an international plot against churches and churchmen, were really the property of Forte, roommate of Jean Released Crones, who is wanted in an alleged Limerick

at a recent banquet. tributed to Allegrini said: dogs in Joliet (the state penitentiary). What a wonderful thing it would be if we could free them! It would be hard.

F-'s there, you know." Allegrini was arraigned in municipal court today on charges of attempted back, murder and conspiracy to murder, and ball was set at \$25,000 on each count. The letter, given above, and the fact levee. that the police found in Allegrini's

which he was held. Meanwhile the hunt for Crones as poison banquet plotter and the chain of "reds" believed to be involved in an enormous anti-social and anti-clerical plot, operated out of Rome, is being

Rumors have come here from many points saying Crones has been caught, but up to early this afternoon none of these had developed anything.

An unidentified person today telephoned the Minneapolis police the loeation of a house in which it is belived Crones and Mrs. Bresci, widow of King Humbert's slayer, are living. Mrs. Bresci is wanted as a witness in the alleged anarchist plots.

Ohio Man Arrested.

Piqua, Ohio, Feb. 15 .- (I. N. S.) Eaptiste Serafina, aged 28 years, a respected Austro-Italian resident of Piqua for two years, was arrested here today in connection with the alleged ittempt of Jean Crones to polson 200 Chicago banqueters. Hundreds of letters, guns, ammunition, maps and formulas for poisons and the manufac ture of bombs, were seized, Serafina was silent, but the police believed that he is directly connected with the alleged plot.

Three Lose Lives in

DELIGIOUS LEADERS in home and foreign missionary Work rally in common cause of evangelization. Above, J. O. Randall of Philadelphia. Below, at right, Walling Clark, superintendent of Methodist missions at Rome. Below, center, M. W. Ehnes, editor of missionary publications.



acy Agianst Church, State. LEVEE ON MISSISSIPPI BREAKS; THOUSANDS OF HOMES FLOODED

Men on Horseback Ride to Warn Farms and Towns of Their Danger.

Natchez, Miss., Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)— Released when the main levee of the Crones, who is wanted in an alleged Limerick plantation unexpectedly plot to poison Archbishop Mundelein broke, the Mississippi river today burst through a mile-wide gap, over-One of the letters previously at- flowing a vast area on the Louisiana "There are many men penned like have been overflowed and 20,000 persons rendered homeless. Limerick is 25 miles north of St Joseph Louisian w Warning of the danger was carried

to interior residents by men on horse The break occurred at the point gen-

erally considered the strongest of the Interior residents tried desperately possession floor plans of some of the largest. Chicago skyscrapers and churches, constituted the evidence on An hour later the waters began re-An hour later the waters began receding at Natchez and this will relieve the pressure to the south. Damage to plantations already has been enormous.

The towns of Tenasas, Concordia, Madison, Franklin, Cathoula and several smaller points already are partly inundated. Among the larger cities doomed to suffer heavy damage are St. Joseph, Newellton, Vidalia, Waterproof and

The Limerick plantation is six miles north of Newellton. The first cre-vasse occurred at 3:20 o'clock, and then crumbling started on each side.

Relief Parties Arranged.

New Orleans, Feb. 15 (I. N. S.) rederal authorities today were arrang-Federal authorities today were arrang-ing for relief parties to go to Newell-willamina river. Immediately after New Haven railroad case was that of ton, La., threatened by the flood waters of the Mississippi. Tenasas and Concordia parishes will be completely submerged within four days, it was predicted. This, however, does not life, as the residents of the parishes were warned in time to leave.

Break at Atchafalaya. New Orleans, La., Feb. 15 .- (I. N. S. The Mississippi river levee at Atchafalaya, near Melville, broke at noon to

Burglar With a "Trilby Foot" Is Frightened Away

A number 7 shoe was worn by the burglar who attempted to enter two west side homes last night, but was frightened away

in both instances.

The first attempt was made at the residence of Mrs. M. A. Kellar, 409 Broadway. The screen of a rear bedroom win-dow was cut, but the appear-ance of Mrs. Kellar frightened

the intruder away. The thief then called at the home of J. P. Rainey of 347 Market street, but did not obtain entrance. The track of a number 7 shoe was found in the mud beneath windows at

Earthquake Shakes

Stuttgart, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—Five villages were severely damaged Sunday by an earthquake in the Swabian Alps, acording to advices received here oday. No casualties were reported.

Long Earthquake Felt. Washington, Feb. 15 .-- (I. N. S.)-Earthquakes lasting for one hour were recorded by the seismograph at George town university today. It was estimated that the vibrations occurred 4500 miles from this city.



BRANDEIS WOULD BE ADORNMENT TO BENCH. SAYS NOTED PREACHER

Dr. Samuel McChord Crothin Boston Lawyer.

After an acquaintance with Louis Brandels, nominee of President bridge, who has been lecturing here, de- the senate foreign relations commitlared this morning that Mr. Brandels tee. because of his ability and his willingness to rise to the questions that confront the high #tribunal.

"I have the utmost confidence in Mr. Brandels' disinterestedness and intelligence," sald Dr. Crothers. is one of the first citizens of Maseachusetts in whom personally I would have the fullest trust. He is a man

at 9:40 this morning returned a ver- of any fixed ideas. dict finding Branson guilty of murder "One cannot say that because he had in the second degree, after being out espoused the cause of the people the since 5 o'clock last evening. Branson. has unfitted himself for a judicial polamina, October 8, 1915. Mrs. Booth, prosecuting the grafters of New York ator Stone. wife of the victim, was indicted with and today he is looked upon as one of Branson, and will be tried the latter the most substantial members of the

part of this week or early next week. bench. According to the state's evidence, William Booth was seen to run across Hughes, except that he possibly reprethe garden at the Yates home, a mile sents the newer element in progres-and a half from Willamins, the day siveness. He has been a leader in the of the murder, and to disappear into direction the people have been comhe entered the brush witnesses said the leader.

they heard the report of a revolver shot. Information of the alleged pres-"In summing up the character of Louis D. Brandeis, I would say he is ence of Branson and Mrs. Booth near an idealist who has tried to live up to the scene of the tragedy, both before his ideals." ife, as the residents of the parishes were warned in time to leave.

This, however, does not the scene of the tragedy, both before and after the shot, together with other morning train today. During his stay in Portland he was the guest of Dr. William Trufant Foster, president of Read college. Reed college.

prise, most of those hearing the case expecting a verdict of either acquittal Max Cohen Would

Plot to Blow Up Kentucky at Vera Cruz

Attempt Alleged to Start War Between United States and Mexico; Americans Involved.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—Car fanzistas, according to reports today, notified the United States that a plot to blow up the battleship Kentucky at Vera Cruz had been foiled by Carranza's agents.

The story went that the alleged plot-ters were unknown. No information concerning the report was obtainable from either the state department or the Mexican embassy. Mexican Ambassador Arrendondo i

with the state department. It is reported these charged that not only Mexicans, but also Americans, were involved in the plot, the alleged pur-Alpine Villages pose of which was to involve the United States in war, as did the blowing up of the Maine in Havana harbor. It is understood that the navy department has wirelessed the Kentucky to be on the lookout.

It was reported, too, that Carran-zistas had declared Consul Canada at Vera Cruz was involved in the alleged plot, though just what part he was supposed to have was not made clear

RURAL CREDITS BILL IS FAVORABLY REPORTED: FIXES LOW INTEREST

Senate Committee Favors Measure Guaranteeing Per Cent Loans.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (U. P.)-The The bill provides for a nonpartisan would charter local farm loan banks, ers and issue bonds on them. These understood a site is under considerawould be exempt from taxes, and tion and it is expected that steps will

counts.

Loans may be for as long as 36 500 men.

years and payable in instalments. If enough local banks are not started, the

The committee reporting the bill claimed that it will standardize farm loans and provide a system seriously needed for the development of the nation's agricultural resources.

Suffrage to Wait Long. Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)—The nouse judiciary committee today, by a vote of 9 to 7, postponed until after December 14, 1918, consideration of any proposal for woman suffrage. This means that this congress will not vote on the Anthony amendment. By a tie vote the committee declined to postpone consideration of the prohibition amendment to the same

Government Ownership Plan. Washington, Feb. 15 .- (L. N. S.)-By a vote of 39 to 23, the senate today adopted Senator Borah's proposal for an investigation to determine the D. Brandeis' supreme court nomination advisability of government ownership hearings that he had no knowledge of of railroads, telephone, telegraph and ers Has Utmost Confidence other facilities. It was submitted as Haven case and no papers about it. A ure creating a commission to investi-

Laugh at German Rumors.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (I. N. S.)-Re-Wilson for associate justice of the tempts to gain a foothold in Latinports that Germany is making new at-United States supreme court, Dr. America were branded as "poppycock" Samuel McChord Crothers of Cam- today by Senator Stone, chairman of

He gave it as his belief that the reports were based on old stories of Ger many's offer to Nicaragua for canal Senator Lodge of Massachusetts echoed Senator Stone's statements.
"Interesting, if true," was the way Senator Sutherland of Utah character-

ized the reports. It was charged by some Republi McMinnville, Or., Feb. 15.—The jury of intense intellectual activity, of high can senators opposing the Nicaraguan the William Branson murder case no danger that he would be a victim of Germany's \$9,000,000 offer to Nicaraguan to danger that he would be a victim of Germany's \$9,000,000 offer to Nicaraguan to danger that he would be a victim of Germany's \$9,000,000 offer to Nicaraguan to danger that he would be a victim of Germany's \$9,000,000 offer to Nicaraguan to danger that he would be a victim to describe the first that the story circulated to day to describe the first that the story circulated to day to describe the first that the story circulated to day the first that the story circulated the first that the story circulated t agua, was inspired by Democrats to gain support for the treaty.

"The statement that documents have been filed with the senate bear-23 years old, was charged with shoot-ing and killing William Booth at Wil-Justice Hughes made his mark in America is poppycock," declared Sen-

Nine Known Dead in Fire in Butte Mine

Seventeen Others Are Missing, but It Is Hoped Some Are Alive-Live Morses Still Are in Mine. Butte, Mont., Feb. 15 .- (U. P.)-Nine

persons were known to be dead this afternoon as a result of a fire that for hours flamed in the Pennsylvania mine of the Anaconda Copper Mining company. The presence of live horses in the lower levels led, too, to the hope that of the 17 missing men, believed to be entombed, some are still alive. Reports that most of the missing men had probably gone home with

President of Pacific Coast Steel Company at San Francisco Announces Establishment of Steel Plant.

known to have filed certain affidavits EMPLOYMENT FOR 500 WORKERS IS LIKELY

> Plant Would Cost at Least \$400,000, According to Wilson's Explanation. world conflict.

San Francisco, Feb. 15 .- (P. N. S.)-E. M. Wilson, president of the Pacific was practically a reversal of the gen-Coast Steel company, announced to- eral view as heretofore expressed, day that the company is planning Under the international law, it was the construction of large rolling mills and a complete steel plant at Portland, The cost of the plant will reach

dent Wilson said the details of the deal explaised, would embody a change of were not completed. The Portland international understanding which the plant will be open on the same scale United States could not indorse at this as the company's plant at Seattle, stage of the war unless the newly which is being enlarged. In addition to these great expansions, due largely to the great increase in the shipbuilding industry which the

cisco will be nearly doubled, at a cost of about \$600,000. The plants are being placed in shape to manufacture structural iron of all tonic sea campaign,

The Portland Chamber of Commerce Hollis rural credits bill, proposing through its trade and commerce buloans to farmers at 5 per cent inter- reau, has been working to secure a est, was favorably reported to the sen- plant of the Pacific Coast Steel comate today. Non-partisan support for pany for some weeks, and announce-it promises favorable action on it. ment in San Francisco of the company's intention to build in Portland farm loan board with the secretary of indicates that success has crowned its the treasury as a member. This board efforts. No definite details have been re-

who would take mortgages from farm- ceived in Portland as yet, but it is moreover, the banks would charge no be taken toward the erection of the commissions, renewal fees or dis- plant in the near future.

government would aid in establishing MELLEN REFUSES TO AID IN ATTEMPTS TO DISCREDIT BRANDEIS

Former President of New Haven Says He Knows of No Plot to Wreck Railroad.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (U. P.)former President Mellen of the New hearings that he had no knowledge of Brandels' connection with the New Boston financial writer had told the committee Mellen could throw light on gate the need of further railroad leg- Brandeis with relation to the New Haven case and claimed Brandels sought to wreck the road.

Brandeis was charged by Hollis Bailey, Boston attorney, with failure to guard scrupulously the interests of his clients while connected with the D. Warren estate. Bafley admitted however, that the complaint had been tried in court and resulted in a compromise.

President S. W. Winslow of the United Shoe Machinery company charged that Brandels helped to form that company, was a director therein, and drew clauses whereby the concern leased its machinery to patrons, but that later he attacked the company as a victous trust and its leases as invalld. Winslow will be cross examined

Another Warship Is Claimed by Germans

Statement Says Additional British Arabis on Dogger Bank. Berlin, Feb. 15 .- (I. N. S.)-That an-

other British warship, in addition to the Arabis, was torpedoed and sent to the bottom in the Dogger Bank enstatement issued by the admiralty here today. Details were not included in the announcement.

"A new type of English ship was put into commission in January," the statement added. "They are constructed for mining purposes and for air defense, and are built along the lines of a small cruiser. They are capable of a speed of 16 knots hourly, and carry a crew of 78 men," Torpedo Boat's Loss Indicated.

Copenhagen, Feb. 15 .- (U. P.) -Tha torpedo boat may have been lost in the North sea was indicated today by Danish fishermen's discovery of a box with 11 German letters inside and a card on which was written; "Torpedo boat now sinking, 36 aboard."

Protests German Decree.

United States Sides Against German Policy Ul

International Law Will Not Countenance Attacks on Merchantmen Armed for Defense.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (I. N. S.) Opposition by the United States to Germany's plan to attack without warning all armed merchantmen after March 1, was indicated today by Sec retary of State Lansing in a statement which is regarded as one of the most vital from the American standpoint since the war began,

Secretary Lansing indicated that un less the entente allies accept Ger-many's proposition to regard all armed merchantmen as auxiliaries of their several navies, the United States must, under international law, side with the garded as defintely stifling Germany's announced plans for a new campaign of sea raiding. It was believed the principle, if adhered to, would practically align the United States with Great Britain and her allies during the

The decision of the administration was reached at today's cabinet meeting. It occasioned surprise because it explained, all merchantmen have the right to carry a certain amount of Germany's proposition, armament. Germany's proposition, which stated that any armed mer-chantmen would be subject to attack \$400,000, it is believed, although Presi- without warning after March 1, it was enunciated principle was agreeable to bare text of the report, without all the combatant nations.

The decision of the adminstration

was regarded as definitely announcing war has started on this coast, the the stand to be taken by the United company's plant at South San Fran-States regarding the announcements of States regarding the announcements of Germany and Austria, and as, in ef fect, placing the United States in di opposition to the proposed Teu-

WOULD GIVE UP POST

Handling Affairs of U. S. and CARRIES MILLION FOR Teutonic Allies In Russia Proves Too Much.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (I. N. S.)-American Ambassador Marye, sta-tioned at Petrograd, has decided to resign on account of illness, according to confidential advices received here

Marye is reported to have broken under the war strain and has decided

to retire. Marye's confidential secretary, Ray Baker, reached the United States yesterday and hurried to Washington today. He declined to discuss a report that he was commissioned to present Marye's resignation to Presi-

dent Wilson. Marye's home is in San Francisco. Since the war the American embassy officials have been compelled to work night and day in the interest of the United States and the Teutonic em-Haven railroad today wired the senate pires. Ambassador Marye has remained subcommittee in charge of the Louis at his post continually since his ap

> ported that Ambassador Mary planned to resign but these rumors proved incorrect.

Northwest Rates On Lumber Remain

Interstate Commerce Commission Dismisses Complaint of Big Basin Company Against Bates on Pine.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(WASHING TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.) -Complaints of the Big Basin Lumber company and other firms, operating in California and Oregon, against lumbe rates established by the Southern Pa-cific and other railroads from California and southern Oregon to the east were dismissed today by the interstate commerce commission. The lumber-men complained that present rates gave Washington and northern Oregon the advantage.
The Big Basin Lumber company was

the plaintiff and the West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' and Eastern Oregon Lumber Producers' associations Ship Was Sent to Bottom With the intervened to protect the presen northwest rates. Pine lumber and its products only were involved. The com mission's decision says the northwest rates were sustained by the supreme court, and holds they are not relatively lower than those from California gagement, was claimed in an official and the pine districts of southern Ore-

> The California lumber manufacturers, contending that the rate adjustment prevailing from their plants to eastern points were unreasonably high of themselves and also higher proportionally than the corresponding rates prevailing out of Oregon and Washington, instituted the action more than two years ago. The West Coast Lumber Manufacturers' association in-tervened because it wished to protect the rate fabric already established by supreme court action,
> Hearing was had at San Francisco
> early February, 1914, and the commission has had consideration of the matter ever since.

Asks Penrose to Explain.
Washington, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—
Senator Boies Penrose of Pennsylvania

partment of Agriculture to Be Printed as Senate Document to Inform Public. SENATOR SMOOT TRIES

HARD TO PREVENT IT

Information Gathered by De-

Be With Us.

Washington, Feb. 15 .- (WASHING TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL.)-Information gathered by the department of agriculture regarding the water powers of the United States, the ownership and state of developmen is to be made available for use o members of congress and the public

being printed as a senate document Senator Smoot of Utah made a fig on several successive days to preve the printing of anything best diagrams and maps. He did this the ground of expense, but it noted that most of the senat group that feels as Smoot feels cerning federal control of th maining water-power resources of country followed his lead, w prominent champions of the Fe

bill wanted the full report printed Show Where Monopoly Lies. Smoot contended that the dray were of no value, anyway. It dove oped during the debate that one of the chief purposes of these drawings is the bring graphically before the eye of the reader the devious chain of more control of the (Concluded on Page Two, Column Pive)

BECAUSE OF HEALTH RIVERS AND HARBORS

Willamette River, Coos Bay and Yamhill River Down for Various Sums.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(U. P.)"Anti-pork" congressmen indicated to
day that they will fight for reductio
of the rivers and harbors bill appropriations. The measure, carry nearly \$40,000,000, was booked priations. final consideration in committee day, with an early report to the house

tions asked are:
Oregon and Washington-Colur river. \$1,200,000 Washington-Waterway je Lake Union and Lake Washingto with Puget sound, \$348,000. Oregon — Columbia and lower Wil lamette rivers below Portland, \$360, 000; Coos Bay, \$70,000; Yamhili rive and Willamette river above Portland

Surveys with possible later improv ments, were authorized for these le itles: California-Black John slough,

river, Venice. Washington—Baker's bay from nain ship channel of the Columbia Ilwago. Oregon—Channels in the St. Helen and Rainier rivers; Hoquarton slough Siuslaw river; Willamette fiver by tween Eugene and Corvallis, California—Humboldt harbor ar bay, \$450,000; Sacramento and Fee rivers, \$115,000, with \$75,000 if \$75.00 is contributed locally; Oakland harbors \$106,500; San Pablo bay, \$105,500; Lon Angeles and San Francisco harbors

\$75,000 and \$15,000. Fire on Battleship. Philadelphia, Feb. 15 .- (I. N. S. the battleship North Fakota last nigh caused a fire which was extingul after doing slight damage, & wa

THE man who loans thousands and the man who seeks your old clothes or junk, advertise side by side in The Journal's classified columns. Want ads serve all classes. See pages 13 and 14.

MIDDLE AGED housekeeper wants work; economical cook

\$1000 or more, private money, to loan on improved Portland real estate. Phone—

Swap Column 28 13 law books from La Saile Ex-tension university; will trade for good camera. THE daily circulation I The Journal, in Po land and its trac radius, exceeds the mornipaper by several thousar and is practically 50 per cer greater than its nearest aft ernoon contemporary.

or manslaughter.

The attorneys for the defense were given 60 days in which to prepare a transcript and bill of exceptions. out registering proved erroneous.

The company forced water down the air shafts, while a rescue crew tried to penetrate the smoke filled levels. day. The break, the dispatch received here said, is 1000 feet wide. Regain Citizenship Alaska Snowstorm Cozard Is Named Mine Sinks Tergestea.

London, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—The
Austrian steamship Tergestea, registering 4398 tons, sank in the North Sea tering 4398 tons, sank in the North Sea term of the striking a mine according to the striking according to the striking a mine according to the striking a mine according to the striking a mine according to the striking according to t Some of the dead men were horribly burned, while others were suffocated Ketchikan, Alaska, Feb. 15 .- (P. N. Register at Burns Register at Burns and two Mexicans are dead today, victims of the severe snow storm which Sattering 4398 tons, sank in the North Sea after striking a mine, according to a resident persons are missing to reach the air.

Washington, Feb. 15.—(I. N. S.)—The Austrian steamship Tergestea, registering 4398 tons, sank in the North Sea after striking a mine, according to a feer the coast of southeastern by the coast of southeastern the coast of southeastern than the feer of the feer and during the feer of the fee)-Adrian Asperen of Ketchikan and we Mexicans are dead today, victims in struggling to reach the air.

sulting in a hung jury.

The verdict this morning was a sur-

GUILTY OF

MURDER OF BOOTH AT

WILLAMINA LAST FA

Jury, After All-Night Delibera-

tion, Returns Verdict of

Second Degree Homicide.