WEATHER Tonight and tosional rain or

ON TRAINS AND NEW PRICE TWO CENTS

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**500 CARLOADS** 

Cars Containing Principally

City During the Day.

CONGESTION BREAKING

Meats, Poultry and Pota-

toes Expected to Reach the

UP, SAY RAILROAD MEN

100,000 Pounds of Meat

Have Been Put in Cold

Storage in 10 Days.

Immediate Inquiry Demanded.

today, demanded an investiga-

tion immediately by the Feder-

Promise of possible senate action came today when Sen-

ator Borah announced he would

opportunity, probably today on the food shortage question and

would make an attempt to break

into the revenue bill discussion

he considers the food shortage

the investigation by the trade

commission into the news print

paper situation shows the value

and necessity of such work as

the commission is empowered and enabled to do," the letter

Representative Borland of Missouri, is author of the let-

ter. The other signers are Rep-

resentatives Kent, California; Dolittle, Kansas; Anderson,

Minnesota: Nelson, Wisconsin

Lever, South Carolina; Lenroot, Wisconsin; Mondell, Wyoming; Garner, Texas, and Stevens,

New York, Feb. 22.-(U. P.)-Five

hundred cars of foodstuffs from the

en up and that food shortage soon wil

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SUBMARINES ARE TO

main committee of the reichstag, ac-

cording to a press bureau statement

The press bureau's statement was as

"In a meeting of the reichstag's

main committee, Foreign Secretary

Zimmerman reviewed the international

situation; reported on the attitude of

expressed firm confidence that by

use of the submarine weapon, Ger-

Von Cappelle, declared that the expecta-

tions which the navy had as to unre-

Japanese Merchant

Ships Will Be Armed

Admiralty Has Volunteered to Supply

terranean it is expected that all Japa-

nese merchant ships plying in those

The admiralty has already suggested

the arming of ships and has volun-

teered to supply the guns and expert

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha, the lead-

ing steamship company of Japan,

turned down the suggestion, but at

French Shipowners to Meet.

Paris, Feb. 22.-(I. N. S.)-A conven-

ners to Man Weapons.

waters will soon be armed.

naval gunners to man them

decision was only temporary,

Arms Needed and Expert Maval Gun-

"The state secretary of the navy,

many would accomplish her aim,

ZIMMERMAN ASSERTS

stag Committee.

follows:

question of gravest moment. "The benefits accruing from

food rioting. He said he

Borah told the United Press

food situation

says in part,

Washington, Feb. 22.—(U.)—Ten representatives, in a

#### IN TIMES LIKE THESE

PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY EVENING,



## SWEDISH STEAMSHIP SUNK BY DIVER HAD AMERICANS ABOARD

west are expected to reach New York today. The cars contain meats, poui- Five Members of Crew of the State Department Remains Mrs. Maude Olson Is Pros-Skogland Said to Hail Railroad men declare congestion in railroad yards is gradually being brok-From United States.

In the meantime, Mayor Mitchel will Washington, Feb. 22 .- (I. N. S.)-Five men claiming American citizen-Swedish steamer Skogland, sunk by a the center of the war stage. Hurst at Barcelona, to the state de- Dears to be at hand. ACCOMPLISH OBJECT

with a full cargo of coal, was stopped by a submarine, the nationality of which was not stated, six miles south Foreign Secretary Reviews of Taragona, Spain, at 6 a. m., Feb-Situation Before Reichruary 18. The 26 members of the crew succeeded in reaching Taragona five hours after the vessel had been sunk by a bomb placed on it by the sub-marine's crew, after all on board had left. No one was injured. The men Fifteen Hundred Bushels Scheduled to Berlin, Via Sayville Wireless, Feb. claiming to be Americans gave their 21.—(U. P.)—(Delayed.)—Firm confidence that by use of the submarine names: James Brenner, Brooklyn, N. Y .; Leo Cartwright, Portsmouth, N. weapon Germany will "reach her aim," was expressed by Foreign Secretary H.; Jack Burke, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jay Zimmerman before a meeting of the Lewis, Uniontown, Pa.; Joseph Brown,

Elizabeth, N. J. The Skogland was of 2740 tons net register, and was owned by Rederlakliebolaget Skogland of Helsingborg.

Holt Liner Perseus Sunk. London, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—The Holt state \$4125.

different neutral powers and announced publication of a white book containing diplomatic correspondence.

liner Perseus has been sunk. Three Chinese and one European of those aboard are missing.

The Perseus was a steel screw "Zimmerman then commented in detail on the situation created by the breaking off of diplomatic relations with the United States, and finally She was built in 1908. Her port of ing season. registry was Liverpool.

> Steamship Corso Torpedoed. London, Feb. 22 .- (I. N. S.) -The British steamship Corso, 3242 tons, has been sunk, Lloyds announced to-

stricted submarine warfare were not day. It is believed that she was sunk only fulfilled, but surpassed. He said by a submarine in or near the Medithe English press, on suggestion of the British government, in systematic fashion was concealing the sinking of Sweden Files Protest. Stockholm, Feb. 22 .- (U. P.) -- Swe-

den has made formal protest to Ger-many over the sinking of the Swedish steamer Hugo Hamilton, according to information today.

Paris Reports Craft Lost. Paris, Feb. 22 .- (I. N. S.) -The destruction of four ships by submarine was officially announced here today. They were the Dutch steamer Ambon, Tokio, Feb. 22,-(I. N. S.)-In view of the increasing activity of German submarines in the Atlantic and Meditons, and a British trawler.

> Mail Service Resumed. London, Feb. 22 .- (I. N. S.)-Mail

service between Norway, western Europe and the United States has been clandestine Visit Is tiania today. It had been interrupted by Germany's submarine war.

Australian Transport Damaged. the same time made it plain that the Sydney, N. S. W., Feb. 22.-(U. P.) -It is officially announced that the Australian transport Berrima was torpedoed in European waters on Sun-day. The stricken ship was carried

# ANSWER OF AUSTRIA TO THE UNITED STATES IS EAGERLY AWAITED

Silent as to Plans for the Future of This Country.

By Robert J. Bender.

according to a cablegram from Consul United States broke with Germany, ap-Within 48 hours, it is now generally believed this government will know The message said that the ship, whether the scope of its severed dipbound from Norfolk to Bagnell, Italy, lematic relations is to be extended to Austria-Hungary. The state department and White

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#### State to Ship First Car of Flax Seed

Go Tomorrow to Conrad, Montana; Oregon Receives \$4125 for Product. Salem, Or., Feb. 22.-A carload of 1500 bushels, or 8400 pounds, of flax seed will be shipped by the state tomorrow to the Northern Flax Fiber company at Conrad, Mont., and will be the first carload of flax seed ever shipped from Oregon. The seed was sold by the state at \$2.75 a bushel f. o. b. Salem, thus bringing to the

At a meeting of the state board of control yesterday, the board directed R. Crawford, state flax superintendent steamship of 6728 tons, and was owned to immediately contract with farmers for planting not less than 500 acres, by, the Ocean Steamship company for planting not less than 500 acres Limited, and managed by A. Holt Co. nor more than 750 acres for the com-

Mr. Crawford was also given authority to have constructed a 600 foot tank for water retting the flax straw now on hand from last year's crop. Mr. approximately \$40,000. An offer has been received from an eastern manufacturer of 38 cents a pound for water retted fiber, and 33 cents a pound for dew retted fiber.

#### Dresden Explosion Killed at Least 1000

London, Feb. 22.—(I. N. S.)—At least 1000 persons were killed in the explosion of a German ammunition factory in a dark red coat, trimmed with fur, in Dresden late in December, says a a black plush hat and light dress, Central News dispatch from Chris-tiania, quoting the newspaper Aften-overcoat and dark blue hat. He is 3598 tons; Norwegian steamship Alice, posten. This disaster, it was said, about 5 feet 3 inches tall, and weighs 709 tons; Russian steamer Sigrid, 2194 was the worst of its kind since the 130 pounds. war began. Thirty thousand persons were employed in the plant. On the day following the explosion the kaiser Draw Bridge Crank visited the scene.

# Cause of Tragedy

Covington, Ga., Feb. 22.—(I. N. S.)
—Paul Greer and Mrs. Tom Conner
were killed and Tom Conner fatally in-

# STEPDAUGHTER MAY ALSO BE CLAIMANT TO CLARK'S MONEY

Gateman's \$30,000 Estate

Affection kept alive in the heart of Washington, Feb. 22 .- (U. P.) -The the late Charles Clark, the philan- aid if this had been necessary. ship were members of the crew of the Austro-American situation today held thropic aged ferry gateman, for his deceased, brings out another prospecwhich has been going on since the tive heiress to his estate, Mrs. Maude Olson, 888 East Thirteenth street, North, stepdaughter of the decedent, Although divorced, Mattle B. Clark, the former wife, was named in the will of Clark as one of the four residuary legatees. The others were: Miss Ella Pearson, Miss Leyon, of Silver-

ton, and James N. Wheeler.

Mrs. Clark died a little over two years ago, but the will remained without codicil or change. Surviving Mrs. Clark is her daughter Maude, now married to Cecil Olson, a chauffeur. So far no steps have been taken by Mrs. Olson to claim her mother's a prisoner. fourth interest in the estate. Twenty-

Another Lucky Stenographer. Yesterday brought a pleasurable surprise to another Portland type-writer when Miss Anne G. Leon, employed by the Pacific States Telephone company, realized that she was the Anna Leyon of Silverton named by Clark as a participant in his estate.

Like Miss Ella Pearson, the acquaintance of Miss Leon with the kindly old (Concluded on Page Eleven, Column Two)

#### Daughter Missing, Also Her Sweetheart

Making the threat that he would either marry the girl or would kill her and commit suicide, Ernest D. Ellis, 20 years old, disappeared at 2 o'clock this morning, taking with him Thirtieth street. Mr. Fearing shortly afterwards reported the affair to the police, and an active search was being ant Harms that he believed the young preference to combat. people have gone to Astoria, and wired the county clerk there not to issue a the second class, "the kind that has to marriage license.

Ellis was said to have been with the president. girl at her home last night. The Fearing girl is described as being 5 feet 2 inches tall, and weighing

# Beats Man to Death

George E. Waldron was beaten to death by a whirling crank today while his wife stood a few feet away. He was in change of the jack-knife bridge at Bay were killed and Tom Conner fatally in-fured early today when Conner, coming home unexpectedly, found Greer in company with his wife. Conner opened The first blow broke Waldron's jaw.

## Two U-Boats PNR ReportSinking Of 36 Vessels

FEBRUARY 22, 1917.—EIGHTEEN PAGES

Tuesday They Destroyed 24 Steamers, Three Sailing Ships and Nine Trawlers.

Berlin, Feb. 22 .- (I. N. S.) - Via Sayville Wireless.—Two German subma-rines that returned from the barred tone waters on Tuesday sank 24 steam ers, three sailing vessels and nine trawlers during their voyage, it was officially announced today through the Overseas News Agency.

The text of the announcement fol-

"Two submarines that returned on the 20th sank, during their raid in enemy waters, 24 steamers, three sal." ing ships and nine trawlers. Among the vessels sunk were the following: One of 9100 tons, carrying coal; one of 3000 tons, carrying iron; one of 3500 tons, carrying food, chiefly bucter and oleomargarine; one of 2000 tons, carrying wheat; one of 2700 tons, carrying war materials to Italy; one of 400 tons, carrying tin; one of 80. tons, carrying general cargo; one of 00 tons, carrying horseshoes.

"Among the destroyed ships was a tank steamer of 7000 tons; one cannot

## LINER CELTIC STRUCK IS WORD BROUGHT BY PHILADELPHIA

Former !s Believed to Have Reached Safety; Carried Freight but No Passengers

nearly two score Americans she had nearly every door. brought safely through the German liner Philadelphia docked this afternoon, bringing a story of the White Star liner Celtic, having struck a mire

vessels had sailed under convoy. The morning following their departure, passengers reported, they learned that the Celtic was missing. It was first reported she had been sunk. Officers were silent, but later passengers and members of the crew understood the Celtic had been damaged. She put sireets, with D. Solis Cohen the speakback to port and, with assistance which pective Heiress to Aged was believed to have reached safety

Liner Brings Survivors. The Philadelphia picked up the "S O. S." call of the Celtic and some of the passengers declared Captain Candy slowed down and prepared to go to her The Philadelphia carried 241 pasdivorced wife, Mattle B. Clark, now sengers. They declared many who had originally booked as passengers backed out at the last minute. No sub-

marines were sighted. More than a score of survivors from various ships torpedoed recently who were passengers, told stories of narrow escapes from death. Edward Jackson, a survivor of the White Star Liner Afric, sunk on February 10, declared 29 shells were fired at his vessel by a submarine before

she finally went down. Ruse Saved Captain. The captain, Jackson said, put on a steward's cap and, taking his place Despite the personal appeal of Secre-in a lifeboat along with other members of the crew, escaped being made

Twenty-six Americans, survivors from the steamer Japanese Prince. were also aboard the Philadelphia. All agreed that the vessel was torpedoed without warning. They said their steamer had sighted and halled a British destroyer, and had the warship as a convoy for a time. Only a short time after the destroyer left the Japanese Prince a submarine appeared. The steamer was torpedoed amidships and

# Taft Puts Pacifists

Super, Ultra and Plain, Describe Qua kers, Bryan and American People, Respectively, Says ex-President.

Baltimore, Md., Feb. 22 .- (I. N. S.) pacifists, ultra-pacifists and just plain ordinary pacifists. The Quakers, he said, belonged in

William Jennings Bryan belongs to be kicked into war," said the former

In the category of plain ordinary pacifists, Mr. Taft placed the American people-who will make war for a just cause, who believe in preparing for war and who think that only by

preparedness can the right kind of

peace be preserved. The ex-president spoke this after-noon before Johns Hopkins university students. Tonight he will address the League to Enforce Peace.

### 100,000 Sacks of Spuds Held, Charge

San Francisco, Feb. 22 - (P. N. S.). One hundred thousand sacks of potatoes are being held for higher prices by George Shima, known as the Japa-nese potato king, according to C. W. Hunt of a local wholesale produce

Paris, Feb. 22.—(I. N. S.)—A convention of French ship owners has been called to meet in this city to consider will be made for government action.

Paris, Feb. 22.—(I. N. S.)—A convention of Feb. 22.—(I. N. S.)—A convention of French ship owners has been the stricken ship was carried and the crank flew out of his hand. The stricken ship was carried company with his wife. Conner opened fire, killing Mrs. Conner and fatally and declared been injured in food riots in Piracus, steamer Cuzco of the Grace line, from wounding Greer. Greer, firing as he apulp. His wife saw it all but was wounding Greer. Greer, firing as he apulp. His wife saw it all but was heard of the crank flew out of his hand. The stricken ship was carried for company with his wife. Conner opened fire, killing Mrs. Conner and fatally fire, killing Mrs. Conner opened fire, ki

# TOWASHINGTON

Many Business Houses and Offices of Professional Men Closed in Observance of First President's Natal Day

SONS OF REVOLUTION TO BANQUET TONIGHT

Other Societies and Organizations Celebrate Day With Suitable Ceremonies.

States, is paying all honor today to the memory of George Washington first president of the United States, A legal holiday, the one hundred and eighty-fifth anniversary of his birth finds public buildings and banks losed, flags flying and many celebra tions planned. Many business houses arranged, too, to close for the entire day or half a day. Most professional men were absent from their offices. Only one delivery of mail was made and holiday office hours hold good at the postoffice.

Washington day windows are to be found in many of the leading stores, pictures of Washington and the Stars and Stripes givng place to the usual displays of merchandise Old Glory in Evidence.

Not only is Old Glory prominently displayed from office and public buildings but throughout the residential districts it is to be found hanging over The city hall museum was opened submarine zone aboard, the American this afternoon that visitors might inspect its historical relics and curios. Many patriotic exercises are planned

for tonight. At the Lincoln high school, Judge when 12 hours out from Liverpool s Frank G. Murasky of the superior court of San Francisco will make a patriotic address at a meeting held under the he Philadelphia in a dash through the direction of the Knights of Columbus. danger zone. With the Canada the He will be introduced by Judge Guy C. essels had sailed under convoy. The Corliss, formerly of the North Dakota

# SENATE'S JUDICIARY **WOULD NOT ENLARGE** POWER OF PRESIDENT

Personal Appeal of Secretary of State Lansing Is Not Heeded by Committee.

Washington, Feb. 22.-(U. P.)the bill which Senator Hitchcock and others believe would have given the president power to handle the international situation after congress adjourns without recourse to a war,

Substitute Bill Proposed, Washington, Feb. 22 .- (U. P.) - A substitute for the general spy bill. conscript material as well as men, was

the legislative committee of the Amer-

ican Federation of Labor.

## In Three Divisions Carranzistas Guard Line Near Columbus Supt. L. R. Alderman Bernstorff Party

San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 22 .- (I. N. S.)-Carranzista commanders have sta-Ex-President William Howard Taft tioned patrols along the border near Miss Phyllis Fearing, 17-year-old divided the nation's pacifists into Columbus to prevent possible raids by Crawford estimates the crop will bring daughter of C. E. Fearing, 18 East three separate groups today—super- Villista bandits under General Salazar, Colonel Sickle reported to headquarters mish between Villistas and Carranzisthe first class, believing so implicitly tas near Rudiosa. Two wounded Carmade for the couple by the police to-day. Mr. Fearing told Police Lieuten-in peace that they accept death in rangistas were brought to American

General Pershing, new commander of the department of the southwest, will arrive here tomorrow.

Californians Ordered Home. San Antonio, Texas, Feb. 22,-(U .)-Company A. California Engineers, were today ordered to leave Nogales for Sacramento March 1.

### Ambassador Gerard Arrives at Madrid

Madrid, Feb. 22.—(U. P.)—American Ambassador Gerard arrived here today official reception, many representa-tives of the government and King Alfonso being present.

#### Food Riots Cause Trouble in Greece

W. PRICE, Washing-ton Evening Star re-porter, with J. Fred Essary of Baltimore Sun, held responsible for leak.



# TWO REPORTERS ARE BLAMED FOR LEAK IN COMMITTEE REPORT

Administration Officials Exonerated Completely; Report Is Nearly Finished.

Washington, Feb. 22.-(U. P.)-Admpletely from responsibility for the leak on the president's note of December 20 and two newspaper reporters by the fact that long standing com who gave information of the note to plaint against the food served the batstockbrokers are blamed in the report of the house rules committee, which among the men was that the food alwill be finished tomorrow or Saturday. The newspapermen blamed are: W. Price, who "covered" the White House for the Washington Evening Star, and J. Fred Essary of the Balti-

#### Rats" Sign Annoys Motor Car Manager

duces Unlooked for Result on Wash-

When a business man spends time, money and energy to put out an at-tractive display of automobiles and some other ambitious advertiser casts "reflections" on his display and de-risively spells "RATS" in letters a foot high across his display windows, he has a right to be angry. So thinks the manager of C. L. Boss & Co., automobile salesmen, of 615 Washington Coquille Mill, Cutting Spruce street.

The firm had just completed, after much labor, what it considered a most attractive display window. After dinner, they came down to see how the display looked at night. To their astonishment, the automobiles could hardly be seen but on the glass in huge red letters were the words "RATS," completely covering the dis-

Investigation disclosed that the Fos ter & Kleiser billposting firm had just installed new illuminated billboards directly across the street from the automobile firm. At the top of each board, in huge letters, was the name of the Star theatre. The illumination caused a reflection in the automobile firm's windows and in reflecting, the let- an order for spruce, he leased and giving the president unlimited power in ters were reversed so instead of "S-t-started a second mill which had been time of national emergency or war to a-r," they spelled "r-a-t-s." It took closed. It is owned by the Robert the billposter some time to convince Dollar company, proposed to the house judiciary com-mittee today by Arthur E. Holder of whole matter had not been inspired whole matter had not been inspired and the damage has not been estiby spite and was in reality only a mated. theatre, the illuminated board was big one which was expected to keep moved further down the street.

# Off for Kansas City

of schools, left this morning for Kansas City to attend the annual meeting of the department of superintendents of the National Education association, today. Colonel Gaston reported a skir- to be held from February 26 to March 3. He is to address the meeting on the Portland two-group plan. Other Portlanders who plan to attend the today, gathering are: Dr. J. Francis Drake, It school director; R. H. Atkinson of the of the passengers and cargo of the O-W. R. & N. Co., and D. C. Freeman of the S., P. & S. Co. J. A. Churchill, state superintendent of public instruction, will also attend. The Oregon delegation is to work in the interest of the National Education convention to be held here in July.

### Thief Steals Pouch Of Mail at Denver

rederal authorities are making efforts to run down the thief who yesterday, about 2 o'clock, at the Santa Fa rail en route home. He was accorded an road station in Albuqerque, N. M., stole a pouch of registered mail said to contain anywhere from \$5000 to \$10,000, consigned to banks in San Francisco.

#### Steamer Cuzco of Grace Line Ashore

# MUSTERED OUT

Discharge and Paying Off of Men Who Spent Over Half Year on Border Takes Place Early Today.

SOLDIERS COMPLAIN AT TOO SHORT RATIONS

Officer Declares Unwillingness to Submit to Army Regimen Cause.

George A. commander of Troop A, announced on his return that he proposed to resume charge of the entire Oregon National Guard as adjutant-general this afternoon. There has been dis-pute as to whether he ever was legally appointed and, since his transfer to the Oregon militia, whether he is eligible to reappointment, Major W. W. Wilson will probably resume his former position as inspector

Return to Portland today of th ronzed and sturdy cavalrymen and artillerymen of Battery A and Troop from an eight months' sojourn along the Rio Grande was greeted with en thusiasm by friends and by the soldiers themselves. The special train that brought them from Vancouver barracks was nearly an hour later in arriving than had been anticipated. however, and when the party reached nistration officials are exonerated the armory there was much noise and

The situation was not improved any tery was drawing to a head. Sentiment lowance was not administered as ad

vantageously as might have been. Captain Helme declared the com plaint had its source in the fact that the men of the battery had to work harder than did the cavalry or the infantry. While soldiers of the other divisions of service were loafing, their

# Beverse of Theatre Light Display Pro- OREGON PLANT, AIDING IN AEROPLANE MAKING, DAMAGED BY FLAMES

for English Aviation Service, Has Big Orders Ahead,

Coquille, Or., Feb. 22 .- One of the ills at Coquille operated by E. E. Johnson, and recently opened to out spruce lumber for English aeroplanes,

caught fire this morning. Part of the mill has been destroyed, but it is believed the fire is under con-

Johnson owns and operates a mill in Coquille and when recently he secured The origin of the fire is unknown,

The order for spruce lumber was a

# Relieved of All Gold

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 22 .- (U. P.)-Passengers aboard the liner Frederik VIII are being relieved of any gold they may be carrying. Gold, being contraband, the British authorities are furnishing the passengers with other money of equal value, it was learned

It was expected that examination Frederik VIII will be completed this week, and the ship bearing Count von Bernstorff back to Germany will then be permitted to proceed.

#### EXPERT HELP **FURNISHED** QUICKLY

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Put an ad in tomorrow and the next day you'll be busy interviewing as many capable men and women as you care to see.
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