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Chairman of Shipping Board Is Selected for Vacancy in Cabinet Left by Franklin Lane.

Nomination by President Goes to Senate Today; Appointment Will Be Effective on March 1

Washington, Feb. 12 .- (U. P.)-John Barton Payne today was named secretary of the interior.

Payne, at present chairman of the shipping board, will succeed Franklin K. Lane, who leaves the office

The nomination of Payne will be sent to the senate today by President Wilson, it was announced at the White House

Payne came to Washington with Edward N. Hurley, formerly chairman of the shipping board, and took charge of the board's legal department. Later he went to the railroad administration as When Hurley resigned the shipping board chairmanship Payne succeeded him.

Payne is a Chicagoan and has been active in politics and the civic affairs of that city.

He was born in Fruntytown, Va., in 1855. Before going to Chicago he practiced in West Virginia, where he was special judge of the circuit court of Tucker county and later mayor of King-

Payne went to Chicago in 1883 and 10 years later became judge of the su-perior court of Cook county. I shall accept the nomination be-

cause it was made by the president."

Boy McCormick's Science Is Frail Before Kissing Bug DEATHLESS DAY

Has boxing captured the feminine

addition this is leap year, men are reputed to be scarce, and a kiss in the ring may be worth two in fancy. At any rate, a handsome brunette sat at the ringside of the Boy McCor-mick-Tommy Gibbons match- at Milwaukie last night. With her sat another good-looking dame and her escort Many other women were sprinkled in

The fight was over. The bout had been declared a draw. McCormick, his face slightly gory, his fiery red hair waving, his Irihs eyes smiling, was leaning over the ropes talking to some The brunette, overenthusiastic, too

quick for ring science, jumped to her feet, sprung to the ropes and smacked the Boy on his lurid forehead. Abashed, but pleased, the Boy hopped out of the arena and sought his dress-Today McCormick's mail reminds him this is leap year.

Gaby Deslys Dies At Paris; She Was Friend of Ex-King

Paris, Feb. 12 .- (U. P.)-Gaby Peslys, actress and dancer, died in a hospital here late yesterday following an opera- laden truck passed over Sepe's body. tion for an infection of the throat sev-

Gaby Deslys was widely known to the American theatre-going public, having way and Larrabee street, brought a appeared in many productions in the dozen truck drivers into municipal United States, both on the legitimate court the morning of the accident. On stage and in motion pictures. She gained notoriety about nine years ago when her name was coupled with that broadway bridge. They had jockeyed of Manuel, the deposed boy king of They had been speeding. They had done

Salem Boy Is Killed Under County Truck

Salem, Feb. 12. — Clifford Fitts, 14 years old, son of W. S. Fitts of this city, was almost instantly killed at 10:30 this morning, when he fell beneath the wheels of a county truck to which he was clinging while riding his The boy was on his way to the skating rink at the east end of. State street when the accident occurred.

WILSON, AGAIN ON JOB, DOES DAY'S WORK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—(U. P.)-President Wilson today showed how far he had gone toward recovery by

Taking complete charge of railroad wage controversy. Deciding to preside at the next cabinet meeting.

Appointing John Barton Payne secretary of the interior. Approving the sale of ex-German liners.

Deciding to accept an offer to become honorary president of the American Olympic associa-

NEW SECRETARY OF INTERIOR

UDGE JOHN BARTON PAYNE of Chicago, formerly gen-eral counsel for the railroad administration of the government, who has been named by President Wilson to succeed Franklin K. Lane as a cabinet member in charge of the interior department. He and Mrs. Payne have transplanted in their Washington home a part of their garden plants which made their Chicago home celebrated among horticulturists.



German war guilty to be made a test case as to Germany's intentions toward SPELL IS BROKEN REMAINS UNSOLVED

Record of 82 Days Without Fatal Police Kept on Jump Running French determination to discuss mili-Traffic Mishap Ends When Truck Kills Man.

Portland's long period of deaththe heavy wheels of a truck.

For eighty-two days life has been spared in the collisions of the cars, the ongest deathless period since traffic records were inaugurated in January. December, 1919, in which no lives were snuffed out in smashups — February, 1917, and August, 1918. Motorcycle officers do not hazard a guess when the record of 82 deathless days will be equaled in this city.

LIFE CRUSHED OUT Reports on Sepe's death indicate that he was at work, bending over the railat noon Thursday was dissipated by way tracks of the Portland Railway, the investigation of Deputy Sheriff Lee approached. Another machine is said to have obscured the view. The lumber-He was pronounced dead shortly after he reached the hospital. He leaves a wife and three married daughters.

Officer Leavens, stationed at Broadtraffic regulations, most of them on all manner of things that cause collisions, and mutilations, and deaths. TRAFFIC LAW NOT READ

They were, for the most part, foreignors. Their speech was difficult to understand. Many could not read. lations. One did not know what traffic regulations were. He said he knew how to keep out of trouble, and that he usually obeyed the rules. But he did not know what the rules were.

Trucks are heavy vehicles. They are not easily stopped, and in collisions are comparatively safe against damage. Knowing that, and realizing that their monstrous frames usually preserve night of way for them, truck drivers often become "hogs of the road." CAUTION IS URGED

Truck drivers are in charge of dangerous vehicles. They can wreak tremendous damage. With such a weapon operators should be even more careful and more conversant with traffic regulations than the pilot of a lighter car they sweep through intersections at high speed regardless of all other traffic, when they endanger the lives of all driven by William J. Young at Vaughan others on the street, it is time for the street between East Twentieth and authorities to seriously consider revocation of licenses under the recently enacted licensing drivers' act.

The coroner's inquest into the death night in room 446 courthouse building.

Suffrage Is Turned Down in Maryland

Down Reports of Finding Clues; surrender of the accused Teutons. Descamps Still Missing.

Wild goose chases and rumors less days from automobile accidents, this morning featured the search for 1917. Since that date only two periods out addition of new facts whereon to of a month each had passed prior to base any definite solution of the mystery.

What at first appeared so be a most important lead, to the effect that Ernest Descamps, missing Frenchman, had been seen near his Beaverton ranch Light & Power company. The truck Mollenhour, who accompanied a representative of The Journal to Beaverton

today. Mrs. Harry McCloud, living near Aloha, was reported to have said she saw Descamps riding in a small car with two strangers one half mile south Walkout Being a Felony, of Aloha Thursday, some time after was last seen in Portland at the Yambill street market. Mrs. McCloud today said it was Wednesday noon, not Thursday, that she had met Descamps on the Aloha road and he had spoken to her. She had no idea with whom Descamps was riding.

County Judge J. W. Goodin of Washington county has appointed J. W. Day of Beaverton caretaker to take charge a man in the state of Kansas will of the Descamps property near there until the mystery of the Frenchman's disappearance is cleared or an adminis-Questioned, they invariably admitted trator for his estate has been named by the court.

The last time Descamps was seen Portland, as far as has been learned, was at 10:30 o'clock Thursday morning, when he left the Yambill mar- the Chicago Bar association. ket with a black mesh-bag full of provisions for his ranch at Beaverto The little ranch house of Descamps,

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Andrew McGuire and Run Down by Autos Hays Comes Out

Andrew McGuire, 17, 1039 Fifty-ninth avenue, a delivery boy for the Model dairy, was struck by an automobile Twenty-first streets Wednesday afternoon. McGuire ran around the back of the delivery truck into the path of the machine, according to the report made to the traffic department. He was taken to the emergency hospital where it is reported he suffered cuts to his head and hands. A machine driven by J. M. Erb. 8826 East Seventy-third avenue southeast

St. Louis, Mo., Feb. 12 .- (I. N. S.)-Will H. Hays, chairman of the Republican national committee, came out in opposition to the league of women voters, planned to supersede the Women's Suffrage league, speaking at a luncheon before the Republican women's city committee at the Hotel Statler this af ternoon as part of the Missouri G. O. P. knocked down Iva Cleveland, 5716 East Lincoln day activities. "A weman belonging to the league of

Public Library FURINE Comes to Aid of Citizens Whose PUTS SUSPECT ITO Memories Lapse

PORTLAND, OREGON, THURSDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 12, 1920. -TWENTY PAGES

Conference Activities, Shifted

From Paris to British Center,

London, Feb. 12 - (U. P.) - Lon-

ture allied attitude toward Russia,

Article 228 of the treaty of Ver-

of Nations meeting to bring about

organization of the world society,

London had become for the moment

George, Millerand and Nitti-was con-

questions that have come up since the closing of the main peace conference

that have been sidetracked time after

One of the first questions to come be

fore the premiers, it was believed, will

be Germany's virtual refusal to deliver

the list of war guilty whose surrender

for trial by allied tribunals is demand-

ed, and her delinquency in delivering

Great Britain, it is said, is reluctant

sition that drastic measures must

o allow the demand for surrender of

were called into the premier's confer-

of Constantinople also was indicated.

the French foreign affairs committee he

favored permitting the Turks to remain

in Constantinople with possible interna-

TURKISH ISSUE UNSETTLED

mier Nittl will side with France.

STATE OF KANSAS

Troubles Can't Reach State,

Governor Déclares.

a labor lockout in that state. Gov-

"When I ordered the attorney gen

eral to proceed under the new law

against the miners who walked out

In Opposition to

A wide split in plans for disposition

"big "wee"-Premiers Lloyd

The matters included many

WEIGHTY PROBLEMS LOOM

time because of their delicacy.

VIEWS AT VARIANCE

Method Found to Issue Books to Persons Who Leave Their Cards at Home.

To facilitate the issuance of books Tackles Weighty Problems. when one may have loft his library 'Big Three" Premiers to First tem was adopted by the library Capture Effected Because of board Wednesday night, involving Consider Germany's Refusal to the substitution of a smaller identi-Give Up War Guilt Leaders. fication card for a regular library

This identification card will bear the individual's name and number. When a book is checked out it will be stamped in the back as is done under the presion today has replaced Paris as the ent system, but the other stamp will be seat of deliberations to settle prob- placed on a card kept in the library to that of the individual's identification With the "big three" conference card. The individual card will never of premiers in session to decide fu- be stamped.

Should a person forget his card, can nevertheless check out a book, the matter being quickly adjusted by the between Italy and Jugo-Slavia, dis- librarians. The new identification cards will be about one third the size of the present library cards. ures to force Germany to live up to

The method of charging books temain the same. Overdue notices will the Atlantic to the Pacific. sailles and the council of the League be sent and collections made just as at present. If a person returning an overdue book leaves it on the table the fines will run on until the book is found girl. Miss Esther Field, who is declared by one of the librarians.

The system is the latest in library methods and is meeting with promethods and is meeting with pro-nounced success in Detroit, where it is being tried car It will take several

coal to France, as provided by the

treaty. Germany already is far behind Rich Aunt in Illinois Leaves Hand-in these deliveries, French officials have some Bequests to Stratton Family in Portland.

Momence, Ill., Feb. 12.-The late the peace treaty, while France takes Cecelia Wikstroms will divides sev be used, if necessary, to force Germany eral hundred thousand dollars among The presence of Marshal Foch, who arrived late yesterday with Premier heirs. Thomas H. Stratton of Portlate yesterday with Premier land, Or., gets \$20,000; Laura Strat-Millerand, was taken to indicate the ton Hewitt and Gladys Stratton Young, also of Portland, Or., both tary measures if necessary to enforce daughters of Thomas Stratton, are Marshal Foch and General Weygand bequeathed \$5000 each. All three also share in the estate's residue.

Mrs. Laura Stratton Hewitt this morning had received no word of the contents of the will of her late aunt, Mrs. Cedella Wikstrom, although she had Before leaving Paris, Millerand and word from her father, Thomas H. Stratton. Wednesday night that her aunt had

tional control of the city and port, Stratton had been with his sister in Lloyd George, on the other hand, re-Momence since last May, when she first became ill. He owned a ranch near cently told parliament that the Turk cannot be allowed to remain in Europe. Portland which he traded for property in In this controversy, it was said, Prethe Mount Tabor district before going East. Theodore Hewitt, husband of Conflicting interests in the Near East Laura Stratton Hewitt, is chief probaalso were expected to cause trouble. France, it was said, will insist upon Stratton Young the other niece who reher full rights under the treaty of ceived \$5000, resides also in Portland.

Fined, Sentenced To Jail for Driving IS STRIKE PROOF Car While Drunk be brought out and both sides heard.

J. C. Peters, 679 Multnomah street, received the heaviest penalty for violation of traffic law meted out by Judge Rossman since the famous Sorensen and Mielke cases when he was fined \$200 and sentenced to 20 days in fall in municipal court Monday afternoon. He was convicted of driving while intoxicated.

Chicago, Feb. 12. - (I. N. S.)-Peters was speeding 45 miles an hour The entire country can be held in on Linnton road, Motorcycle Officer Anthe grip of a railroad strike, but not derson testified, and the officer, with other witnesses declared that Peters was intoxicated. No notice of appeal was go on strike, according to Governor Henry J. Allen of Kansas, in dis-

Wood Favors Lodge makes it a felony to strike or create Plan for League of ernor Allen is in the city to address Nations Settlement

Chicago, Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—Replying to Senator Borah's request for comseveral days, they saw that business was meant and called the strike off ment on the League of Nations, Genimmediately," said Governor Allen. eral Leonard A. Wood said today:
"We should accept the League of Na-"Strike chairmen of the threatened railroad walkout next Tuesday have tions as modified and safeguarded by notified us they have asked the broththe Lodge reservations.
"I believe that America should be left absolutely free and untrammeled to follow the will of her people in all questions of foreign and domestic poli-

Prominent Astoria Women's League Sportsman Is Dead

known sportsman and proprietor of this morning. He was taken suddenly

Mexican Ambassador

Arrest in Portland Bares Trail of Alleged Nation-Wide Gang of Railroad Pass Fakers. Queer Conduct of Passenger

Had not Theodore W. Powell, alias S. R. Powell, alias S. R. Weath- Dixon of the Estes-Dixon company in erby, given a quick, all-surveying glance when he alighted from a files, bearing a number corresponding streetcar at Union avenue and Killingsworth avenue late Wednesday afternoon, department of justice agents today might not have been holding a man alleged to have engineered wholesale bogus railroad pass frauds over the United States. His arrest bared an alleged scheme that employed scores of persons from

PRETTY WOMAN CONCERNED Included is a beautiful young Chicago to have fled from Los Angeles when Powell did.

The glance Powell gave as he got off the car, the agents declare, told them being tried Cor. It will take several he feared arrest and was "looking weeks to inaugurate it in the Portland around" before walking to his rooms at the Reidt apartments, 1162 Union avenue north.
'How are you, Weatherby?" affably asked Inspector Price, as he grasped the hand of the astonished Powell and shook it in token of friendship, the while "frisking" his man for possible

> Special Agent William Bryon and Agent Russell Bryon of the department of justice closed in from sheltering store fronts and telephone poles and took Powell to their office. For hours Wednesday the operatives sought Powell without knowing who he was or what he was wanted for. Their

> only clew was a telegram from government agents in Los Angeles asking the arrest of "T. J. Del Mae Jo Hotel Port-Through error in telegraphic trans mission or some other mistake, the man's

S. R. Powell, alias S. R. Weatherby, wa-

MYERS LIKELY TO BE GIVEN HEARING

Oregon Senators Tell Committee They Have No Objection to Airing Matter.

Washington, Feb. 12 .- (WASH INGTON BUREAU OF THE JOURtion officer of Portland. Mrs. Gladys McNary today joined in a letter to Her husband is connected with the Pa-cific Asbestos company. senate committee on postoffices and stand that requests have been presented asking for a hearing in be- I vote for a tried man and true fighter half of Frank S. Myers, recently removed as postmaster at Portland, so McAdoo. that charges made against him may

"We have no objection to such a hearing and are entirely willing that it shall be given," says the letter. Belief is expressed that the postof-fice department will be willing to sub-says a Portland independent. "A thing Belief is expressed that the postofmit all charges and reports of in- that makes me sick is a party cureall spectors to the committee if an in- for political ills. I am so disgusted quiry is ordered.

sultation between the two Oregon sen- present time, simply on general prinators regarding telegrams and letters ciples." they have received complaining that Myers is not being fairly treated, son. He says: "I am a Democrat and Chamberlain has declared that while have been for 52 years; but at this time. he knows of no precedent for a hear- Johnson of California is my choice above ing in such a case, he is entirely ready all others."
to have the entire matter gone into. "I have been a staunch advocate of have the entire matter gone into. this afternoon and will be in his inaugurated the Plattsburg camp," says hands before tomorrow. Whether the committee will investigate the matter voting for him as my first choice. But if cannot yet be told. Townsend having indicated that he would hesitate to enter upon such an inquiry, but in view of the unusual circumstances and the letter of the Oregon senators it is thought the inquiry may be ordered.

They Declare It Is Actually and Truly Bound for Bottom Senators Confirm

Chicago, Feb. 12.-(I. N. S.)-The high cost of living is actually on the Prices of eggs, butter and potatoes are going lower weekly, price comparisons secured today by the International News Service show.

And flour is also coming down-s markedly that the return of the 10cent loaf of bread in the not too distant known sportsman and proprietor of future was predicted today. A 50-cent Bob's restaurant and pool room, died drop on a barrel of flour was recorded today in the wholesale market, carload lots selling for \$12.50 instead of \$13. Eggs that retained today at from 59 to 62 cents a dozen were selling a few weeks ago at \$1 or over. Butter.

which last December sold at 75 cents To Leave for Home a pound, is today quoted at 66 to 70 cents, while the wholesale price of spuds

Holland Sends P Representative To Market Dutch SEE RA INTO CUSTODY Butter in Oregon

Local Merchant Opposes Plan as Being Ruinous for Both Seller and Buyer.

Holland wants to sell butter to Portland as well as other Pacific Coast states.

Instead of being compelled to depend upon this country for its own requirements, the Dutch governas He Stepped Off Streetcar. ment has sent a special representative to this city in an effort to interest the trade in its offerings. This representative visited E.

an effort to have him act in the matter to bring these supplies to Portland. "There is no need at all for Dutch

butter in Portland or on the Pacific coast," said Dixon, " and so I told the representative of the Holland government. We have a surplus here during period of greatest production and the bringing in of this foreign stock early today. Tuniulty obtained would ruin the trade here. "The Dutch government claims to be

able to land this butter here, even after paying the high freight rate, at lower prices than the American markets, and likewise claims that its average quality is better than ours.

"The reason why Holland would be able to do this is because foreign exchange is so low and our money is much more than theirs. "I don't believe it good policy for anyone to bring in these foreign offer-

lngs, because our dairymen have had strike order effective Tuesday, alreads enough troubles heretofore. If addi- sent to 300,000 members of the United tional supplies are brought forward this would mean still lower prices that would Employes. Vice President Malloy sale not only hurt the Holland shippers, but today. would likely ruin our own industry."

Palmer Has Received Slight Support So Far in Presidential Straw Vote.

In response to requests, citra ballots for the presidential poll are printed on the editorial page. Some in order to obviate the scarcity of ballots, have been making type written copies of the coupon, placing a cross next the name voted for and sending them in.

A feature of the voting is the poo showing made by Poindexter, Palmer and Sproul. Palmer received his first vote yesterday, but added more today. The very small support of Poindexter indicates that he will not be in the running in Oregon. He has received only two votės all told.

In the count this morning, Johnson and Wood received the same number of votes, though their combined strength is still short of the Republican votes cast for Hoover. The ballots counted today were distributed as follows: Gerard, 3 Harding, 0; Hoover, 165; Johnson, 9 Lowden, 0; McAdoo, 71; Owen, 0; Palmer. 3: Pershing, 3: Poindexter, 0: Pomerene, 18; Sproul, 0; Wood, 9; Bryan, A Hillsboro Democrat writes: "Know ing that men like Governor Edwards will make the fight of their lives for liquor I feel like that issue tops all others and the commonest great commoner of the all. W. J. Bryan. My wife votes for Mr. A Portland Republican writes: "My

choice for president is Hiram Johnson of California. He is a Pacific coast man and 100 per cent American. "One of the main reasons for casting my vote for Hoover is that he has not with the whole mess that I am going to This action was taken after con- vote against every one in office at the A Marshfield Democrat votes for John-

The letter to Townsend was mailed preparedness ever since General Wood Wood should fail to get the Republican nomination and Hoover should be nominated by either party or run as an independent. I would vote for him in the belief that the nation would be safe in his hands. Gerard 19 Palmer
Harding 9 Pershing
Hoover 669 Poindexter
Johnson 96 Pomerene
Lowden 16 Sproul
McAdoo 422 Wood

Postmasters for

Washington, Feb. 12. - (WASHING-TON BUREAU OF THE JOURNAL)were confirmed by the senate Wednes-

Boring-William Morand. Dufur-David S. Young. Freewater-William D. Hardesty. Harrisburg-Jason T. Anderson Hood River-Thomas A. Reavis. Merrill-Leona C. Ady. Myrtle Creek-Orrin A. Kirby. Oregon City-John J. Cooke. Redmond-William I. Smith. Sheridan-Andrew J. Flynn. Silverton-John H. Brooks. Waldorf-Aria Head. Prosser, Wash,-Horson & Hunt

Meanwhile, Brotherhood Leader Asserts Conference Will Not Cancel Strike Call Issued.

Says 300,000 Men Will Walk Out Tuesday According to Order Unless Demands Are Granted

By Ralph F. Couch Washington, Feb. 12.-(U. P.)-

President Wilson will meet a delegation of three railroad union officials at 10:30 a. m. tomorrow, if was announced at the White House, Secretary Tumulty conferred with Rail Director Hines in Hines' office Hines' statement of the railroad wage controversy to lay it before the

President W. G. Lee of the Brothers hood of Railroad Trainmen telephoned Director General Hines' office early today and asked for a conference. Le union wishes to terminate its present contract February 23.

Tutting the wage question up to Will son will not cause cancellation of the Brotherhood of Maintenance of Was

"The only thing that will avert our strike is the granting of our demands," said Malloy. "Mr. Hinen decision to confer with the president will not cause us to cancel or defer the beginning o the strike. A cash wage advance if Malloy this morning sought a con

ference with Hines to deliver a letter framed yesterday by the strike com-mittee of his union. The letter is in-tended to give Hines one more chance to meet the demands of the union, Male loy said. Bert M. Jewell, head of the Americ can Federation of Labor railway de-

the committee of three to meet President Wilson. (Concluded on Page Two, Column Six)

partment, today was named chairman of

Forest Patrol Flyer Leaves California on Trip Via Portland

Riverside, Cal., Feb. 12 .- (U. P.)the flying field shortly after 9:30 a. m today for a flight from Riverside id Puget Sound by way of Portland. He will remain in San Francisco overnight, leaving tomorrow for the North.

Major Smith is flying north to begit arrangements for a forest patrol which will work in the states of Oregon, California, Washington, Montana, Wyocharge of one corps of the patrol which it is said may consist of 90 De Havi-

Rose Pastor Stokes Must Be Extradited

Albany, N. Y., Feb. 12 .- (I. N. S.)-Jovernor Smith granted the request of Chicago authorities for the extradition of Rose Pastor Stokes, millionaire Socialist, who is wanted to face an indictment charging her with advocating "reformation or overthrow of government by force or other unlawful means."

The Journal Presidential Straw Ballot Vote for one, placing X before name. **GERARD** HARDING

HARDING
HOOVER
JOHNSON
LOWDEN
McADOO
OWEN
PALMER
PERSHING

Offices in Oregon POINDEXTER POMERENE

SPROUL Bend-Wilbur H, Hudson. WOOD My party affiliation is

Eighty-fifth street at the intersection of Foster road and East Eighty-second women voters would be like a pea in a silo,". Hays declared. "She would be per 100 pounds is now \$4.65 to \$4.85 as street Wednesday afternoon. The child Annapolis, Md., Feb. 12.—(I. N. S.)—

An unfavorable report was made today by the federal relations committee of the Maryland legislature on the Susan B. Anthony woman suffrage amendment.

Street wednesday arterhoon. The child with office a few with other children, and ran into the rattling around with no objective. Women suffrage amendment.

Silo,". Hays declared. "She would be rattling around with no objective. Women should affiliate with one of the political parties and work for some definite aim." against \$5.25 to \$5.75 two weeks ago. Washington, Feb. 12.—(1. N. S.)—
Mexican Ambassador Bonilias will leave
Washington for Mexico within the next
few weeks, it was learned today.

The bottom has not been reached on
those commodities, dealers declared today. Fifty-cent butter is predicted
within two weeks,