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### THE WEATHER:

Tuesday: Rain; fresh to strong east, shifting to southwest gales.

SEVENTIETH YEAR

## CHECK SHOWS 37 ARE DEAD FROM WRECK

### Bodies of Victims Are Badly Mutilated in Collision of Michigan Central and New York Central.

### SIGNAL OPERATOR NOT BLAMED FOR ACCIDENT

### Telegrapher in Tower Gives Version of Events As Two Trains Clash

PORTER, Ind., Feb. 28.—A complete checkup by railroad officials and the coroner of the bodies in the Chesterton morgue at 9 o'clock tonight revealed that there were not more than 337 known dead in the Michigan Central-New York Central wreck last night.

The discrepancy between this count and the one of more than 40 previously announced by Coroner H. O. Seipel, was found to be due to the mutilated condition of some of the dead. In some cases a body badly mangled had been counted as two.

Bodies are mangled. Coroner Seipel announced the following official tabulation: Bodies in Chesterton morgue—25 to 27.

Bodies removed from Chesterton morgue—5.

Bodies in Michigan City—2.

Metal dead—35 to 137.

Coroner Seipel said that it might never be known exactly how many were killed because of the way in which some of the bodies were mangled.

The coroner said he did not think more dead would be found under the wreckage, but that this was possible. No further identifications will be made until tomorrow.

Engineer Not Hurt.

Only one part of the debris remained to be searched tomorrow, the twisted bulk of the New York Central engine which tore through the wooden Michigan Central passenger coach with such force that it was buried several feet in the earth. This had been partly undermined however.

No word had been received tonight from the engineer of the wreck.

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## Weekly Awards Statesman Classified Ad. Contest

Each week the Statesman will give three cash rewards for the best "stories" about Statesman Classified Ads. The awards will be announced each Tuesday morning: 1st reward, \$2.50; 2nd reward, \$1.50; 3rd reward, \$1.00.

Contestants must see that their "stories" reach the Statesman office before Monday morning of each week in order to be considered.

Last Week's Awards

A number of very interesting "stories" were received last week, and the judges had decided upon the following as the winners:

1st reward, \$2.50, Eugene T. Prescott, 541 Mill St., Salem.

2nd reward, \$1.50, Myrtle Page, 1605 Court St., Salem.

3rd reward, \$1.00, Miss Anna Stine, 1647 N. Front St., Salem.

The story winning first award is published in full today. The others will be published in future issues of the Statesman. Watch for them.

## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

The Only Woman Member of Congress at the Coming Session of the Federal Law Making Body Was Elected Through the Use of Classified Advertising.

The value of an article is, as a rule, determined by the price placed upon it. There being exceptions to all rules, it follows as a matter of fact that price does not always determine quality or worth.

A classified ad is cheap, but in

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## U. S. SEEKS TO SETTLE BOUNDARY DISPUTE

### SENDS NOTES TO PANAMA AND COSTA RICA

### Firm Opposition Expressed to War As Substitute For Arbitration

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Final settlement of the boundary dispute between Panama and Costa Rica to prevent a recurrence of armed hostilities, is sought by the United States in notes despatched to the two governments today.

Under Secretary of State Davis declared the state department had expressed firm opposition to war as a substitute for arbitration.

Cable advices today to the Panama legation stated that the Costa Rican force occupying Coto had surrendered.

Panama's request for the return of arms seized by the Canal Zone authorities, is 1917.

The state department today, will not be complied with, Mr. Davis said. The arms and ammunition, he stated, had been sold and the proceeds returned to Panama.

Four Costa Ricans were killed and nine wounded in an encounter with Panamanian forces at Coto yesterday, said a dispatch to the Panama legation tonight.

## SALEM MAN HEADS RETAIL CLOTHIERS

### C. P. Bishop is Honored By Merchants; Move To Reduce Prices

PORTLAND, Feb. 28.—Co-operative purchasing to reduce the cost of goods may be attempted on a large scale by clothing merchants of Oregon as the result of a plan outlined at the second annual convention of the Oregon retail clothiers' association, held here today.

A try-out of the plan probably will be given through the initial purchase of a \$2000 lot of handkerchiefs from an eastern textile center, shipment to be made to Portland via the Panama canal.

From 20 to 40 per cent of present wholesale cost of the handkerchiefs can be saved in this manner, including freight charges and distribution about this state, said merchants present, several of whom agreed to enter into the project.

Officers of the year were re-elected as follows: C. P. Bishop, Salem, president; Ben Sellin, Portland, vice president; J. H. Rankin, Portland, secretary, and Gus Kuhn, Portland, treasurer.

Jared Wenger was retained as assistant secretary and J. D. McClain of Albany was named chairman of the state membership committee.

The next convention to be held the second Wednesday in February, 1922, will be held at Salem.

## Strikers Wreck Homes Of Shipyard Workers

PILADELPHIA, Feb. 28.—Twelve homes of Cramp shipyard employees were partially wrecked tonight by striking shipyard workers and their sympathizers. No one was injured. Two men and a woman were arrested on charges of inciting a riot.

More than 500 men, women and boys surged through the streets in the vicinity of the plant hurling bricks, milk bottles and other missiles through the windows of houses believed to be occupied by Cramp employees. Police dispersed the crowd. A strike has been in effect at the yard for about three months.

## Wilson May Ask Funds For Hoffman Station

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—President Wilson is considering a special message to congress, requesting an appropriation of \$200,000 for improving facilities at the Hoffman quarantine station in New York to deal with the typhus situation, according to word tonight from New York congressmen.

An amendment for the repairs to the station recently was adopted by the senate in the deficiency appropriation bill but was lost in conference.

## January Exports From Portland Reach 3 Million

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 28.—The value of foreign exports from this port during the month ended was roundly \$3,000,000 according to a compilation by commercial agencies. Two thirds of the value of the months shipments was in wheat and flour.

## China Famine Funds Reach \$2,210,758 Mark

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—Funds raised for the relief of famine sufferers in China total \$2,210,758, the American committee for China famine fund reported tonight.

The fund is exclusive of individual contributions, solicited direct by the donors.

## CONGRESS TO ESTABLISH LAND BANKS

### Supreme Court Returns An Opinion Declaring Farm Loan Act Promoting Agriculture Valid.

### HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS IN BONDS TO BE ISSUED

### Tax Exemption Provision Is Necessary; Government Is Upheld

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The farm loan act, designed to assist agricultural development by providing readily accessible credits to farmers through federal land banks was declared valid today by the supreme court.

In an opinion which Commissioner C. E. Lobdell of the farm loan board declared removes every shadow of question as to the legality of the banks or their bonds, the court held congress had authority to establish the land banks and to exempt the bonds from state taxation.

Bonds ready in 30 days.

He announced there would be an immediate issue of farm loan bonds to finance the hundreds of millions of dollars in loans approved by the board.

"It will be at least 30 days before funds are available," he said, but distribution will be begun as soon as possible. The farm loan board is hopeful that the market may absorb the bonds equally to the borrowing demands of the farms.

The case was an appeal from lower court decrees refusing an injunction sought by C. W. Smith, a stockholder in the Kansas City Title and Trust company to restrain that institution from investing funds in land bank securities. The contention was made that the farm loan act was invalid as congress had neither authority to establish banks or to exempt their securities from state taxation.

Government Upheld.

The court, in a practically unanimous opinion, upheld the authority of the government. The power to designate fiscal agencies has been conceded congress since the days of Chief Justice Marshall, the opinion held, and the tax exemption provision was a necessary protection.

Justices McReynolds and Holmes, dissenting, explained they took exception to the court's assumption of jurisdiction, rather than to the findings. The case was within the scope of the Missouri laws and the state courts, they said.

"Congress declared it necessary to create these fiscal agencies, and to make them authorized depositaries of public moneys. Its power to do so is no longer open to question."

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## TWO COSTA RICANS KILLED ON FRONTIER

### 50th Day of Washington Legislature Passes

OLYMPIA, Wash., Feb. 28.—Today, the fiftieth day of the session of the Washington legislature and the last for filing new bills, brought out 27 measures introduced, 19 in the house and 8 in the senate. The total for the session is 548 bills, 314 in the house and 234 in the senate.

## Americans Guard Presidential Palace Against Demonstrations

PANAMA, Feb. 28.—Two Costa Ricans were killed and nine wounded and two Panamanians were wounded in fighting at Coto, on the Pacific side of the Costa Rica Panama frontier. The Costa Rican force which occupied Coto was captured.

Thirty-five additional prisoners were taken when a Costa Rican launch was captured. Their arms and a machine gun also were taken.

It is not known whether the casualties occurred when Coto, seized a week ago by the Costa Ricans, were retaken by the Panamanians or whether they resulted from the engagement today.

Coto was occupied by the Panamanians headed by the cavalry. Other demonstrations against President Porras took place this afternoon.

Americans are still guarding the presidential palace.

## TONG HEARINGS HELD.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 28.—Preliminary hearing of 14 Chinese, said to be members of the Bing Kong tong, held on charges of murder in connection with the slaying of a Hop Sing man, was continued today until next Monday. Hearing of the Hop Sing danger and branding communism as "ignoble fraud", the ambassador said he regretted to leave.

## REPEAL OF WAR TIME LAWS IS FAVORED

### BOTH BODIES ADOPT HOUSE RESOLUTION

### Liberty Bond and Trading With Enemy Acts Given Exemption

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The house resolution providing for general repeal of war-time laws was adopted tonight by the senate and sent to conference.

Virtually all laws passed during the war would be repealed by the resolution except a few given special exemption, including the trading with the enemy act, the Liberty bond act and the act creating the war finance corporation.

Among the laws which the legislation would repeal are the Lever food and fuel acts, parts of which were declared unconstitutional today. The senate judiciary committee had recommended that the Lever law stand but the senate tonight adopted an amendment including the food and fuel law among those to be repealed.

The senate also adopted a resolution by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, providing that prosecution be brought under laws to be repealed, should not be affected by the repeal.

The resolution would restore the original espionage act of 1917, repealing the amendatory statute of 1918.

Another provision of the resolution declares that it shall not operate to prevent prosecutions of army and navy deserters or persons charged with violating the draft law.

## FRENCH TROOPS ARE ASSEMBLED

### Secrecy Maintained as to Penalties Should Germans Decline

PARIS, Feb. 28.—Military activity among the French was not ad today near the Mayence bridgehead. Artillery was brought up and the airplane camps at Bourget and Villacoublay were active. It is reported that the movement of colonial troops arriving at Marseilles the last few days has greatly increased.

Marshall Poch is expected to return from London tomorrow with General Weygand and proceed to Mayence, to await the decision of the London conference, probably Friday or Saturday.

Secrecy is being maintained as to penalties should the Germans decline to accept the allied reparations demands, but the Associated Press learns on good authority that a great naval demonstration by the British has been decided on at Kiel, Hamburg and Bremen, while Belgian and French troops will operate on land.

The Ruhr region, it is said, probably will not be occupied, as the French desire to demonstrate that any movement taken by them is directed against the reactionaries, nationalists and imperialists.

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## BRITISH ROYALTY HONOR AMERICAN

### John W. Davis Called One Of Most Illustrious Ambassadors

LONDON, Feb. 28.—British royalty and statesmen tonight honored the retiring ambassador, John W. Davis at a dinner of the Pilgrims society. Among those present were the Prince of Wales, Lord Desborough, Earl Curzon, Earl Reading, Viscount Bryce, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Admiral Sir David Beatty.

The Prince of Wales and Lord Curzon, Reading and Desborough paid tribute to Mr. Davis as one of the most illustrious of the American ambassadors in the last quarter century.

After declaring recent events had proved militarism to be a danger and branding communism as "ignoble fraud", the ambassador said he regretted to leave.

## GERMANS TO PRESENT MEMORIAL TO ALLIES

### WILL TELL WHY CONDITIONS CANNOT BE MET

### German Officers Arrive in London To Discuss Reparations With League

BERLIN, Feb. 28.—The German delegation will present a memorial to the allied powers in London tomorrow explaining wherein it is impossible to meet the reparations conditions. The memorial will not include any counter proposals.

LONDON, Feb. 28.—For the first time since 1914, London today became the temporary abiding place of a small army of German officials, a German delegation of about sixty coming to discuss reparations, disarmaments and the trial of war criminals with the allies. The conference will open tomorrow.

The German foreign secretary, Dr. Simons, will be asked to give his views of the Paris decisions in the morning and in the afternoon Premier Lloyd-George and Brian Italian Foreign Minister Sforza, with Lord Curzon and the Belgian representatives will consider the German statement. On Wednesday Mr. Lloyd-George will reply to Dr. Simons.

According to tonight's information, as a result of the chequers court conference, where Lord D'Abernon, British ambassador to Germany, gave the premier the latest news on the situation in Germany, the allies are in complete agreement and while willing to listen to the argument and proposals by Dr. Simons, will not grant any considerable concessions.

The German foreign secretary, upon his arrival here, declined to discuss his counter proposals. He was tired and like most of his conferees, retired to the apartments reserved for him.

## YOUNG KRIESEL CAPTURES AUTO

### Quick Work by Boy Recovers Automobile Stolen From Father

When the son of R. C. Kreisler, 330 South Fourteenth street, saw his father's automobile pass the Kreisler home Sunday with two strangers in possession, he jumped into another auto and started in pursuit. He overtook the fleeing car on North Capitol street and called to the thieves to stop, which they did, leaving the car and escaping to the east along Mill creek.

The Kreisler automobile had been stolen the day before and had been reported to the police. Yesterday the elder Kreisler reported that it had been recovered.

The thief says the thieves appeared to be boys. Their identity is not yet known.

## M'CUMBER REPORTS ON COST OF BONUS

### Interest on War Loans To Allies Would Care For Obligation

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Adjusted compensation for former justice men, as proposed in the amended house bonus bill presented today to the senate will cost between one and a half billion and five and a quarter billion dollars, Senator McCumber, Republican, North Dakota, estimated in his report.

Senator McCumber said the interest on war loans to the allies would "more than take care of the obligations."

The plan to distribute the cost of the bill over the next 20 years, Senator McCumber said, would prevent its being burdensome.

If all war veterans took the cash bonus, Senator McCumber said, the estimated cost would be \$1,547,904,395. If all took the 20-year deferred certificates, the cost, he said, would be \$5,251,364,000. All cash claims would require the treasury to pay out \$909,000,000 in 1923, \$600,000,000 in 1924, and \$38,500,000 in 1925. If all veterans took the certificates the 1923 requirements the figures showed would be \$44,256,000, increasing up to \$56,000,000 in 1942.

## U. of O. Wins First Of Series From W.S.C.

EUGENE, Or., Feb. 28.—University of Oregon defeated Washington State college at basketball tonight by a score of 23 to 27.

The game was fast and interesting. The same teams will play a second game here tomorrow night.

## WEEKS NAMED HEAD OF WAR DEPARTMENT

### Harding Confirms Appointment of Massachusetts Man to Cabinet; Six Are Now Certain.

### PRESIDENT TO DELIVER ADDRESS IN PERSON

### Is Favorable to Newspaper Men; Plans Conferences With Them

ON BOARD PRESIDENT-ELECT HARDING'S TRAIN, Feb. 28.—Definite confirmation of the selection of John W. Weeks of Massachusetts to be secretary of war was given by President-elect Harding tonight as he neared Marion on his return from Florida.

The announcement puts into the class of certainties six of the ten selections Mr. Harding has made for his cabinet. His choices for the other four places have been published but he made no formal statement confirming them tonight.

Senator in 1919.

Mr. Weeks is a senator and in 1919 was a candidate for the Republican nomination for the presidency. In the last campaign he served as a member of the Republican executive committee of five. He was a banker and graduate of the naval academy and is understood to have been considered for secretary of the navy.

Mr. Harding also let it be known he is thinking seriously of following the example of President Wilson in delivering his messages to congress in person rather than by messenger.

To Confer With Wood.

The president-elect said he was very favorably disposed toward oral addresses because he felt they might help promote co-operation.

Replying to questions, Mr. Harding said he expected to keep himself accessible to newspapermen and hoped to work out a plan for conferences with them.

The president-elect about completed preparation of his inaugural address today.

Tomorrow in Marion he will confer with Major General Wood, generally understood to be under consideration for governor general of the Philippines.

The Harding train is to reach Marion early tomorrow.

## FINDING OF GUN MAKES SUICIDE THEORY STRONGER

HILLSBORO, Feb. 28.—Officers investigating the death of Robert Self, Aloha station newspaper carrier, whose body was found at 3 o'clock Sunday morning on Rock Road Creek bridge, today found in the creek bed a 38-caliber revolver belonging to the lad's father, George M. Self.

The gun contained two unexploded cartridges and showed that one shell had been fired. Sheriff Alexander said this discovery strengthened the suicidal theory.

## FIVE SOLDIERS KILLED BY CORK CIVILIANS

DUBLIN, Feb. 28.—At least five soldiers were killed and 11 wounded this evening in Cork when they were attacked by armed civilians, says a military communication tonight.

The soldiers are declared to have been unarmed and walking along the street.

## ROCKEFELLER GIVES TO EUROPEAN RELIEF

### Another Gift of \$2,000,000 Is Announced By Council

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—An additional gift of \$2,000,000 from the Rockefeller fortune was announced today by the European relief council.

The gift, divided between the Rockefeller Foundation and the Laura Spellman Rockefeller memorial fund, is to be used for the starving children of Europe.

Sunday John D. Rockefeller Jr. donated \$250,000 to the relief fund for China's starving millions while an equal gift from the memorial fund was reported. Previously Mr. Rockefeller had subscribed \$1,000,000 to the relief administration.

## GILLETT RENOMINATED AS SPEAKER OF HOUSE

### REPUBLICANS UNANIMOUS FOR PRESENT HEAD

### Candidates for Offices in Sixty-Seventh Congress Are Named

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—Speaker F. H. Gillett of the house was re-nominated without opposition tonight by republicans to serve as presiding officer during the sixty-seventh congress, which will meet in extraordinary session in April.

Representative F. W. Mondell of Wyoming, republican leader, also was named to succeed himself. The new house will elect a speaker, but as the choice of republicans, with a majority of over three to one, Speaker Gillett's nomination was equivalent to election.

Representatives Towner, of Iowa was chairman of the conference, attended by many members of the new house.

Other nominations included: W. T. Page of Maryland, clerk of the house; J. C. Rogers, Pennsylvania, sergeant at arms; B. M. Kennedy, Michigan, doorkeeper, and Frank Collier, Wisconsin, postmaster.

There was a spirited contest for chaplain, five candidates being placed in nomination. Dr. J. S. Montgomery, native of Mount Carmel, Ind., and pastor of Calvary Methodist church, Washington, won.

The roll call showed 257 of the 301 republicans elected to the next house in attendance. Miss Alice M. Robertson of Oklahoma, the only woman elected, was given a rousing cheer.

Next to "Uncle Joe" Cannon, Speaker Gillett has been in the house longer than any other member, his record being 28 years. Mr. Cannon is rounding out his 44th year. Mr. Mondell has been the lone representative from Wyoming for 24 years.

## CONDITION OF CHAMP CLARK IS CRITICAL

### Democratic Leader in House Worse As Crisis Is Neared

WASHINGTON, Feb. 28.—The condition of Champ Clark, Democratic leader of the house, who has been ill ten days, was described as critical tonight. Fears were expressed that he might not live through the night.

Physicians stated early in the evening that a turn for the worse had developed and as the evening drew on, Mr. Clark's condition was described as growing more critical with the crisis expected before morning.

## JAPANESE COURT HOMES GUARDED

### Members of Secret Society Seized For Attack on Ex-Premier's Son

TOKIO, Feb. 28.—Residences of cabinet and court dignitaries are being guarded, as a result of the attack on H. Saionji, son of Marquis Saionji, former premier, in which M. Saionji was injured slightly. His assailants are alleged to be affiliated with a secret society, of whose members seven more have been arrested in addition to the first six taken.

A grocer who attempted yesterday to submit a written appeal to the crown prince while he was driving through the street by attacking it to the end of a bamboo pole was arrested and a man who tried to enter the home of Prince Kanin of the supreme military council last night was seized.

Daily prayers are being offered at the shrines, against the departure of the crown prince to Europe.

## SOLDIERS SHOT AND CIVILIANS WOUNDED IN CORK

LONDON, Feb. 29.—Cork was in a state of terror from 7 until 9 o'clock this evening, according to the correspondent of the Central News. Soldiers were first attacked in St. Patrick's street and also were sniped in various parts of the city. Several civilians were wounded.

The military governor has ordered curfew from 6 p. m. to 3 a. m. beginning Tuesday.

## Mrs. Hamon Pleads Not Guilty to Murder Charge

ARIMORE, Okla., Feb. 28.—Mrs. Clara Smith Hamon, charged with murder in connection with the death of Jake L. Hamon, pleaded not guilty when arraigned today.

## PAY MEASURE FOR GOVERNOR BECOMES LAW

### Olcott Files Measure With Secretary of State Without Signature and Ends Speculation.

### RAPPORTIONMENT ACT LIKEWISE DISPOSED OF

### List Signed Yesterday Completes Task Left With Executive

Governor Olcott has put an end to speculation as to what disposition he would make of the Lachmund bill providing an increase in the governor's salary from \$5000 to \$7500 a year by filing the bill with the secretary of state without his approval. This means that the bill, though not signed by the governor, will become law regardless.

The governor made the same disposal of the famous reapportionment bill which was introduced by the special committee on reapportionment and was passed after amendment. Likewise he filed without approval the new motor vehicle code which contains the new schedule of license fees.

Among important bills signed by the governor yesterday were the \$7,000,000,000 road bond bill and the Kubli terminal measure, house bill 310, which authorizes cities and towns in any port district to vacate streets, alleys and commons to construct buildings and trackage for terminal purposes.

The following list of bills signed yesterday, completes the governor's work of passing on measures enacted by the recent session:

144, by Sheldon.—Exempting Oregon road bonds from taxation.

312, by joint committee on roads and highways.—Authorizing the state highway commission to change the location of roads.

234, by Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam.—Providing for roads and highways. To provide for the grading of state highways in counties.

324, by Jackson county delegation.—Relating to Southern Oregon county station.

325, by Wheeler, Sherman and Gilliam.—Exempting station for arid land agriculture.

336, by Korell, Pierce, Johnston, Hammond, Marsh, Leonard, North and Wells.—Relating to medals for legion soldiers, sailors and marines.

344, by Hurd.—Relating to condemnation of lands or water rights by the Oregon fish commission.

346, by joint committee on roads and highways.—Authorizing and empowering the highway commission to construct or pave the streets of cities or towns and providing for payment of cost.

352, by McFarland.—