

SEVENTY-SECOND YEAR

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## PLAN AGAINST J. A. CHURCHILL IS LAID BARE

### Letter Sent Broadcast Throughout State Charges Superintendent Mentally Unbalanced.

### FEDERAL AUTHORITIES ASKED TO INVESTIGATE

### Doctor Who Signed Propaganda Not Able to Be Found in Vicinity.

Federal authorities will be asked to investigate what is apparently an effort by state-wide propaganda to undermine Superintendent of Public Instruction Churchill with school authorities of the state and to completely discredit the work of his department, come to light here today when friends of Mr. Churchill let the contents of a letter leak out which has been circulated broadcast among educators, school boards and others interested.

No Doctor Found  
The letter charges Superintendent Churchill is laboring under a virulent form of insanity; that he is using an insane influence over county superintendents and teachers, and asks that any evidence to further substantiate the charges included in the letter be forwarded to certain people in Portland. The letter is signed in typewriter by "Thomas Carroll, M. D.," presumably of Portland, but an investigation fails to reveal the existence of any such physician there.

To Ask Investigation  
Incensed at the charges contained in the communication, which they say are so palpably false as to perhaps be the product themselves of an insane mind, friends of the state superintendent will lay the letter and any others at hand before the federal authorities with the demand that the perpetrators of the propaganda be apprehended, if possible.

Superintendent Churchill, himself, declined to give more than brief comment on the letter to-day, although he admitted he has his suspicions as to who may be responsible for it.

Ask Confidence  
Word has been changed in a number of the letters, some of them urging that the matter be treated in strictest confidence, saying "we want to work quietly on this."

Numerous of these communications have been sent in to Mr. Churchill's office from various educators and others in several parts of the state, and it is apparent a studied effort is made to reach every quarter where such a letter would be harmful to the work of the state department.

The letter apparently most generally used is as follows: "A psycho-therapeutic expert has made an analysis of the mental condition of State Supt. John Churchill, and while the report that he is virulently insane has not been absolutely corroborated, the indications are that this is the unpleasant truth. Mental examination will continue for some time; he has been found mentally pernicious, harmful and unsound."

"If you find his mental condition harmful to the teachers or students in your community, report it to a physician in whom you have confidence, and ask him to send the information to City Supt. Groul, to the Central Republican Committee, or to Dr. Alfred Bach, Foster and Spring Roads, Lents, Portland."

"He is manifestly irrational in his boasted mental control of superintendents and teachers; also not sparing the pupils under their charge."

"He is at present in the custody of his family and will probably take a few treatments in a private sanitarium. Very truly yours,  
THOMAS CARROLL, M.D."

### THE WEATHER

OREGON—Sunday fair; moderate winds mostly westerly.

Local Weather (Saturday)  
Maximum temperature 55.  
Minimum temperature 25.  
River, 4.1.  
Rainfall, none.  
Atmosphere, clear.  
Wind, north.

## GRAVE PERIL SEEN IN LATEST ADVANCE OF FRENCH TROOPS

BERLIN, March 3.—(By The Associated Press).—Prime importance is attributed in the Berlin press today to the occupation by the French of Mannheim, Karlsruhe and Darmstadt, and all available dispatches bearing upon the development receive prominent display.

Some quarters see in the extended occupation a grave peril to the south German states and the belief is expressed that Chancellor Cuno's visit next Monday to Munich, stopping off at Stuttgart enroute, may have unusual significance in view of the new advance.

Special dispatches from Karlsruhe report that an official protest has been made by the Baden government which at the same time is urging the populace to remain calm.

Mannheim, Karlsruhe and Darmstadt are the largest and most important cities occupied in the southern Rhineland since the Ruhr action began and the American troops were withdrawn.

## TORNADO HITS MISSOURI CITY

### Eight Persons Injured and Much Property Damage Done by Storm.

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., March 3.—Eight persons are known to have been injured, two probably fatally and property damaged to the amount of \$250,000 to \$750,000 caused by a tornado which struck St. Joseph early tonight.

The tornado hit at the plant of the Collier-Adams Manufacturing company near the union station and cut a path two blocks wide for two miles across the city. Thousands of dollars damage was done.

Mildred Taylor, two months old negro baby, with its twin, was in its mother's arms. The wind lifted one baby and hurled it across the room. The other was not touched.

The injuries to other persons were slight.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., March 3.—A wind which reached a velocity of 42 miles an hour struck Kansas City tonight. It was accompanied by rain and hail which lasted several minutes. A rapid drop in temperature ensued. From 60 degrees at 6 p. m. the mercury dropped to 38 at midnight. No serious damage was reported.

## WEATHER DURING FEBRUARY VARIED

### Past Month Marked by Snow, Sleet, Rain, Hail and Some Sunshine.

Looking back over the weather figures for February most people, even those with a settled grudge, will be almost glad that they hung on as long as they did. The figures show that Oregon is still a pretty good state to live in.

There were 20 days during the month when the thermometer dropped to 32 degrees or lower. That is almost a record for Oregon. The coldest, however, was only 19 above zero on the 14th. The hottest point was on the 25th, when the mercury registered 61 degrees. The greatest variation in any one day was 29 degrees, from 31 down to 2 on the 25th. On only one day, the 4th, did the mercury stay as low as the freezing point.

There was 7 1/2 inches of snow and a total precipitation of 2.62 inches. The heaviest rainfall in any one day was .90 of an inch on the 12th. Fourteen days were cloudy, 8 partly cloudy, and only 6 were listed as clear. Rain or snow fell on only 12 days during the month and sleet once, on the 16th.

Interviews with local fruit men indicate that the fruit is in almost 100 per cent good condition in the valley so far as winter damage goes. It has been reported that a few loganberries that were trained up last fall may have lost a very few tips by freezing, but it is said that the damage is negligible, if indeed it may not be a good thing to nip off an occasional too-long tip. Nothing else seems to have suffered.

## WILL BRING BATTLESHIP TO PORTLAND

### Six Representatives of Military and Naval Organizations Going to Bremerton.

PORTLAND, Or., March 3.—Six men representing military and naval organizations of Oregon left here today for Bremerton Navy Yard, Wash., to make arrangements for the voyage to Portland of the historic battleship Oregon. The state legislature recently appropriated money for maintenance of the vessel at Portland harbor.

The Oregon committee besides recommending some minor repairs necessary before the voyage is undertaken is to ask especially for retention of the old battle flag carried when the vessel made its notable trip around Cape Horn to join the American fleet in Cuban waters, and the silver service, valued at \$50,000 presented to the officers mess by the state of Oregon shortly after the christening of the vessel.

## CAT SAVES SHIPS CREW

### Feline Warns Sleepers of Fire on Babinda; Boat Reported Total Loss.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 3.—Headed for San Francisco, the steamer Cello, which responded to an S. O. S. call from the motorship Babinda, which was destroyed by fire early today, will arrive here late tonight with all members of the crew aboard.

Just what caused the fire in the engine room of the Babinda has not yet been learned, as reports from the rescue ship have been very meagre. The motorship, however, was reported to have been a total loss. For a while the rescue ship, after taking all members of the crew aboard, stood by but abandoned her vigil when it became apparent there was no hope of salvage.

Soon after the Cello steamed away a fleet of small fishing vessels and other salvage vessels put out to the Babinda, where they stood by in hope of gathering what few valuables might be salvaged from the fire wrecked vessel.

Last reports indicate that the hull of the Babinda has headed in the direction of shore, fanned by a stiff breeze.

Cat Is Heard  
Out of the chaos of fire, out of the destruction of the motorship Babinda, one outstanding figure loomed here tonight as the individual hero of the disaster — it was Jerry, ship's mascot and chief mourner. But Jerry, like most heroes, perished in the flames, the only fatality.

Last night Jerry, members of the crew said when they landed here tonight, promenade back and forth upon the deck, evidently engaged in rendering his nightly concert of meows and cat calls. But, finally, Jerry became restless. Instead of confining his activities merely to a concert, he scratched and tried in every manner to attract attention.

After Captain Harry Maland retired Jerry jumped upon his bunk tugging at the covers. Somewhat irritated, Captain Maland flung Jerry outside and closed the door. Not content with having disturbed the captain's repose, Jerry wandered into the officers' quarters, where he "did his stuff." Again he was relegated to the outside.

Unable to Save Ship  
Whatever rebuffs the crew gave him, Jerry paid no heed to their warning but instead attempted to warn them. Finally, they say, Jerry engaged in a veritable caterwauling party alone, which he continued until the fire was discovered at 3:45 o'clock this morning.

Efforts to stem the fire's advance were futile, however. All men donned gas masks but several were overcome by the smoke and they were forced to give up the fight. The cause of the fire, which originated in the engine room was said to be unknown. No one was seriously injured in the rescue.

ATTEND KKK BANQUET  
PORTLAND, Or., March 3.—Governor Walter M. Pierce and Mayor George L. Baker of Portland were guests and speakers tonight at a banquet given by the Ku Klux Klan in honor of Fred L. Gifford, grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan of Oregon.

## LIQUOR GOOD FOR SOLDIERS GENERAL SAYS

### Light Wines and Beer Helps Much to Maintain Discipline Army Man Thinks.

NEW YORK, March 3.—Major General Henry T. Allen, commander of the American army of occupation, came home on the steamship George Washington today, the last of America's generals to return from the World war.

With him came his wife, two more Henry T. Allens—his son, a captain of cavalry and his grandson, born on the Rhine 15 months ago to Captain Allen's French wife—a score of staff officers and 54 casual enlisted men.

Modified prohibition—allowing the troops light wines and beer—General Allen declared has proved most effective in maintaining discipline among the men.

## ACTIVE YEAR IS FORECAST

### Many New Improvements Being Made; Manufacturers Increase Capacity.

One wouldn't have to travel very far through the manufacturing section of Salem to be assured that this year is going to set a new record mark for all kinds of manufacturing.

Down at the Spaulding mills a considerable increase in the box department is to be made. Last year there were not enough boxes on the coast to handle the fruit trade properly. Many fruits waited well past their proper time for picking or shipping because boxes were not available. The Spaulding factory is one of the largest in the state. It uses 35,000 feet of lumber daily or approximately 800,000 feet a month, and at only 10 months a year this would require an annual supply of 8,000,000 feet of lumber. This capacity is to be largely increased for the coming season.

More Wood Needed  
The paper mill is starting some new improvement almost every day. The recent factory addition called for a bigger wood supply. Heretofore they have hauled in much of their wood by truck or by rail in cordwood form. With the new wood house on the river bank they now float the huge hemlock and white fir logs into two or three-foot sections by a giant swinging cut-off saw and then run them through a gigantic steam splitting machine that, with a 1000-pound steam axle splits the sections into portions ready for the maceerator. They have two of these huge steam axes that have the splitting ability of 100 men.

The big new Fourdrinier paper machine is about ready to set up in the new part of the mill and it will require a vast addition to the pulp supply. Everywhere the mill calls for

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## EX-KLAN OFFICIAL AGAIN AT LIBERTY

### Charge "Imperial Giant" With Violating Mann Act; \$1,000 Bond Given.

ATLANTA, Ga., March 3.—Edward Young Clarke, former active imperial wizard of the Ku Klux Klan, was tonight at liberty on bond of \$1,000, following his arrest here today by federal authorities on a warrant charging him with violating the Mann act. The warrant grew out of an indictment returned against Clarke by the federal grand jury at Houston, Tex.

A certified copy of the indictment reached here early today. Clarke was notified that a warrant had been issued and voluntarily surrendered. No date has been set for Clarke's appearance in Houston.

The true bill charges the former Klan leader with having transported a young woman from Houston to New Orleans for immoral purposes. Recently Clarke, while holding the rank of "imperial giant" retired from the organization.

## FILIBUSTER IN CONGRESS DELAYS BILLS

### Resolution for Purchase of Fertilizer Is Held Up by Orators Who Tie Business in Knot.

### MINOR BILLS ABLE TO SQUEEZE THROUGH

### Tariff Lead Declared Only Administration Triumph Achieved Thus Far.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The waning hours tonight of the 67th congress which expires by law Sunday noon, were troubled with a pre-adjournment wrangle that gave an extraordinary touch to the final session of "swan songs" and farewells to men and measures.

Night sessions were held by both senate and house to clear away the last real legislative business on the calendars. Tomorrow's sessions will begin at 10 o'clock, giving a two-hour period for the final formalities. President Harding will go to the capitol to sign the eleventh hour bills, and sharply at noon the congress will pass into history.

The congressional books virtually were closed early tonight with only one major measure, the farm credits bill, caught in the turmoil and jam of the closing hours.

Small Bills Get Through  
It was held waiting most of the day while a double-headed filibuster in both senate and house raged over the senate resolution providing \$10,000,000 for purchase of fertilizer. House leaders had held up the resolution, and its supporters retaliated by provoking a filibuster of hours that tied house procedure in a knot. Then a sympathetic filibuster was started in the senate, southern senators threatening all legislation in an effort to force action on the fertilizer measure.

In the course of the day, however, and during the evening hours scores of minor bills managed to squeeze under the wire, and others received their death blows. The debate turned on many subjects. Many statements praising the two year's record of congress were made by Republican leaders while opposite views were voiced by their political opponents. Revision of the tariff and internal revenue tax laws with reduction of expenditures and army and navy forces were claimed by the Republicans as outstanding achievements, but Senator Robinson of Arkansas, the acting Democrat leader, issued a statement declaring that the tariff was the only "administration triumph." Other important bills, he said, were by-partisan, and he declared the present administration was "reaping a harvest of condemnation and repudiation."

Houses in Nasty Humor

Both branches of congress went at high speed on their last working day until the filibustering developed.

Among the measures put through were the \$156,700,000 deficiency appropriation bill, the Sweet bill for war veterans relief, a senate resolution ordering an investigation of the gold and silver industry and a resolution continuing the \$240 bonus for government employees.

The fertilizer filibuster threw both senate and house into a nasty humor and there were bitter clashes in both. House leaders were charged with "tyranny" and senators quarreled over the usual pre-adjournment situation in which members' minor bills were snarled in the jam.

Crowds of spectators overflowed the galleries tonight and the lobbies and corridors swirling with those urging action on various pet bills. Members scurried back and forth for conferences in the efforts to save legislation from destruction.

For more than 100 members this was virtually their last day of service and good-bye greetings were numerous and sometimes touching. The house halted its filibuster for a half hour to present a large chest of silver to Representative Mondell of Wyoming, retiring Republican leader.

Nominations Sent  
During the day the administration proposal for American representation on the world court was definitely laid to rest until the new congress convenes next December.

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## CIGARETTE CASES DON'T WORRY JUDGE

### Newspaper Man Smokes Cigar in Restaurant, but Calendar Already Swamped.

SALT LAKE CITY, March 3.—When the cases of A. N. McKay and seven others charged with violation of the state anti-cigarette law came up before City Judge Pool Pratt today they were indefinitely postponed. Too many serious cases are on the calendar the judge ruled.

Mr. McKay, general manager of the Salt Lake Tribune, is charged with having smoked a cigar in a restaurant thus violating that section of the anti-cigarette law which prohibits smoking in public places.

The attention of Salt Lake City residents has switched from the trial of alleged violators of the cigarette law to the state legislature where efforts to pass a substitute cigarette measure are under way.

## HEADS WOULD CUT SALARIES

### Superintendents of Institutions Willing to Make Personal Sacrifices.

With \$25,000 cut by the legislature from the salary list for the Oregon State Hospital by the last legislature, and a cut in maintenance of over 15 per cent made at the boys' training school Superintendent Steiner of the hospital and Superintendent Kuser of the training school not only declared to the board of control today they would remain within their appropriations, but further asserted if salary cuts were necessary they each would voluntarily inflict on themselves salary reductions in proportion to that made on other employees.

Economies Under Way  
Superintendent Steiner told the board that with the conditions the institution is facing this year it will be carrying a population considerably in excess of the legislative appropriations provided, based on a reasonable per capita cost. But, he asserted, economies already were under way which by force of necessity would bring the expenses down to meet the situation. He further said he had discussed the matter with his professional staff and all of them had agreed to suffer salary cuts if necessary.

Would Cut Salaries  
"While the superintendent of the Oregon Hospital receives \$100 a year less than that paid to any other superintendent in any of the other coast states," said Dr. Steiner, "nevertheless I wish to volunteer the information if any cut is made in salaries the superintendent will

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## PRISONER'S FATE UP TO GOVERNOR

### Executive to Be Called Upon to Decide Sentence of Walters.

Governor Pierce will be called upon next Tuesday to say whether life or death shall be accorded to a human being when he will hold a hearing to determine the fate of Husted Walters, who is now doomed to die on the scaffold at the penitentiary next Saturday.

He expects a delegation of members of the American legion with legal representatives to make the appeal for Walters, an ex-service man.

Walters is sentenced to die for the murder of Jerome Palmer, a Portland policeman, on November 17, 1920. Behind that crime is a term served in the reformatory in Granite, Okla., to which he was sentenced for five years in 1916.

Since his incarceration in the penitentiary prison officials have stated Walters has shown a low degree of mentality and apparently prison life has affected him somewhat, although he has the reputation of being a model prisoner and maintains a cheerful disposition.

Governor Pierce is expecting practically an all-day hearing.

## FARM CREDITS IS APPROVED BY CONGRESS

### Bill Is Now Ready for Sub- mission to President Harding—Issue in Doubt Until 11 P. M.

### DEMOCRATS ARRAIGN REPUBLICAN RECORD

### Robinson Asserts Adminis- tration Reaping Harvest of Condemnation.

WASHINGTON, March 3.—Both the senate and the house approved the conference report on the farm credits bill tonight and the measure is ready for submission to President Harding when he visits the capitol prior to sine die adjournment tomorrow to sign bills.

It was not until 11 o'clock that the safety of the legislation was assured through the adoption, without a record vote, of the conference agreement by the senate. The house a few hours previously had approved it, 77 to 34.

Managers on the party of the house explained in a formal statement to the house that the bill as agreed to in conference would create two distinct rural credit organizations, the federal intermediate credit banks and the national agricultural credit corporations. The former would be placed under the control and management of the federal farm loan board and the latter under the supervision of the comptroller of the currency.

Banks Held Necessary  
"While the two systems will furnish relief to the agricultural interests of the country," the statement said in part, "the federal intermediate credit banks will more particularly take care of the needs of certain classes and might come nearer than would the national agricultural corporations in taking care of the entire needs of the general agriculture public; the national agricultural credit corporations will make certain the earning for in a national way the livestock and cooperative marketing requirements."

WASHINGTON, March 3.—An arraignment of the Republican party's record was made by Senator Robinson of Arkansas, acting Democratic floor leader, in a statement tonight, reviewing the administration's policies and acts, foreign and domestic. President Harding and Secretary Hughes were criticised for alleged failure to adopt a helpful international policy and the Republican congress was assailed for alleged failures.

"The present administration," said Senator Robinson, "is now reaping a harvest of condemnation and repudiation. The legislative and executive policies advanced by President Harding have broken down. This is attributable to the reactionary character of the policies and to the irreconcilable factions existing within the Republican party."

No very important legislative achievements can be awarded the 67th congress "with a single exception of the Fordney-McCumber tariff act," Senator Robinson declared, adding: "All other important measures enacted during the congress now expiring have been of a non-partisan nature and have received the support of Democrats in both houses of congress."

Policies Criticized  
"The president's policies respecting the most important subjects presented by him, excluding the British debt settlement act, have been openly repudiated by the congress. I refer to the ship subsidy bill and the message recommending membership for the United States in the permanent court of international justice."

"The administration's foreign policy," Senator Robinson continued, "is incomprehensible even to those responsible for it. The United States in former administrations took advanced positions in the promotion of arbitration; now we are in the humiliating attitude of facing backward and standing still while European peoples, in the maze and confusion of financial and economic problems which threaten their understanding, are stumbling and staggering forward."

Secretary of State Hughes' management of foreign affairs was charged and deplored by Senator Robinson, who said that Mr.

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