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## 3 MURDERS, 1 SUICIDE OVER A LOVE AFFAIR

### Rejected Suitor Slays Two Other Men and Sweetheart, Then Turns Pistol on Himself

### AFFAIR HAPPENS AT REARDIN, WASHINGTON

### No Definite Reason Yet Disclosed Why Men Were Shot to Death

REARDAN, Wash., Oct. 28.—Velma Beeman, 19; Dow Lathrom, 17, and J. S. Dueber, 30, all of this city, were shot and killed this afternoon by Ray Sperry, 45, a woodsman, who also took his own life. The girl was said to have rejected Sperry's attentions. No theories have been advanced as to why he killed the two men. Stephen Lathrom, father of Dow Lathrom, was slightly injured by the bullet which pierced his son's heart.

Sperry who had lived here for many years, had been keeping company with Miss Beeman for about a year until recently, it was said. He returned a few days ago from a logging camp where he had been working and tonight walked to the Charles Travis home, where Miss Beeman was working. When she opened the door to his knock, he shot her in the head with a small caliber pistol.

From the Travis home he went to the residence of Steven Lathrom a few blocks away, shot Dow

## BASEBALL DOES NOT FIND FAVOR WITH IRISHMEN

### Giants and Sox Have Crowd of Less Than Twenty Spectators in Dublin

DUBLIN, Oct. 28.—After playing an exhibition game Sunday at Croke Park before fewer than 20 spectators the New York Giants and the Chicago White Sox cancelled today's game and departed for London. The newspapers commented on the lack of publicity given the exhibition game and the fact that it was played when most people were at church. The Sox won 8 to 4, Sunday's game.

### TONGMEN DEPORTED

NOGALES, Sonora, Mexico, Oct. 28.—Deportation of more than a score of alleged Chinese tongmen, arrested in connection with recent street disorders at Guaymas, was begun yesterday when 12 of the men were taken from that city to Mazatlan, where they will be placed aboard a steamer bound for China.

## RECORD RAIN IS REPORTED

### Total of 1.77 Inches Recorded at 7 O'clock; Accompanied by Wind

During the 24-hour period ending at 7 o'clock last night, 1.77 inches of rain fell in Salem, according to the report of Clarence Oliver, official weather observer. This period constituted the heaviest rainfall, though rain continued through the greater portion of the night, probably sufficient to bring the total to two inches.

For once the rain did not fall in its customary manner that is so welcomed by native Oregonians, but came down driven by a heavy wind from the south. There was little damage done by either the rain or the high wind, though it was reported a skylight at Commercial and Ferry was destroyed. Leaves and branches were strewn over the pavement.

One fatality occurred last night as a direct result of the storm. Accidents were kept at a minimum by careful driving and the fact that only those who were compelled to do so, drove out into the storm.

Official reports indicate that just 15 other times since January 1, 1903, has the rainfall in Salem been as heavy as yesterday. On December 6 of last year 2.11 inches of rain fell. In 1921 a record was made by Jupiter Pluvius that probably will not be beaten for a long time. On November 20 and 21 of that year a total of 4.58 inches of rain came down, 2.3 the first day and 2.21 the second.

### DECISION MADE

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Attorney General Stone ruled in an opinion today that the navy department could lease to American manufacturers certain German patents for the manufacture of radio parts held by the department since the war.

### BANK IS ROBBED

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 28.—Two masked men held up a branch of the Interstate Bank and Trust company here in a suburban district this afternoon and escaped with \$12,000.

## Sen. Reed Enters The Political Arena After An Extended Sickness

KANSAS CITY, Oct. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—Senator James A. Reed, of Missouri, who for several months has been out of the political arena because of protracted illness, tonight took the platform at Convention hall here tonight in his first public address since prior to the democratic national convention and pledges his allegiance to the national state democratic tickets.

Still showing the effects of his illness, but with much of his old time characteristic fighting spirit, the senator fired political broadsides at both La Follette and Coolidge, denounced the republican administration for what he termed its "reactionary policies," then launched into a lengthy analysis of issues, including farm relief tariff, the Mellon tax plan, immigration and the Ku Klux Klan.

## COOLIDGE HAS CONFIDENCE IN OWN ELECTION

### Republican Candidate For United States President Has No Plans for Continuation of Campaign

### CHOICE OF PEOPLE ASSURED, IS BELIEF

### Stand Has Been Defined on All Phases of Administration Is Claim

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Confident of the outcome of the election, President Coolidge has no further plans for active participation in the campaign.

He told friends today he had defined his attitude on all important phases of government administration in his speech of acceptance of the nomination and the address he delivered here last week before the eastern division of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, and did not consider specific replies necessary to any charges which may be made against either himself or the various departments of the government in the last week of the campaign.

Meanwhile Mr. Coolidge made it known he was making all his plans in accordance with indications to him that the republican national ticket would be elected. Information reaching the White House can lead to no other expectation he told visitors.

The president has not taken up the question of the vacancy in the cabinet caused by the death of Sec'y Wallace of the department of agriculture and will not do so, it was said at the White House, before burial services have been held for the secretary tomorrow. Some persons with whom he desires to confer in regard to the vacancy are out of the city, it was said, and no appointment is expected before election day.

After a busy morning at the executive office Mr. Coolidge left the White House this afternoon for a short stroll, going down one of the main downtown streets for a little "window shopping."

## MAN HAS MANIA FOR MURDERING HORSES

### Peculiar Derangement Discovered in Alexander Norvath, of Nebraska

GRAND ISLAND, Neb., Oct. 28.—The arrest and confession of Alexander Norvath, 40, here today, has cleared up the mystery of the intermittent killing of thoroughbred horses in this vicinity for the last two years, county authorities announced.

Kicked in the head when a child by a mare, there was created in Norvath a hatred for horses, Sheriff Palmer said. From time to time, he continued, the choicest horse in a field was found dead, shot in exactly the same spot in the head. Suspicion finally was directed toward Norvath, who, after repeatedly denying the killings, confessed. His mentality will be examined.

## HORRORS! GOBS NOW ALLOWED TO TAKE DRINK

### Secretary Wilbur Issues Order Revoking Daniels' Pet Regulation

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—Secretary Daniels' famous "pre-prohibition bone dry" navy is to be modified by Secretary Wilbur—but only to an extent which will permit thirsty gobs to partake of soda pop aboard ship.

Mr. Daniels included bottled soda water in his order against drinks on navy vessels, taking the view that ship storekeepers had no sufficient storage space to make the carrying of soft drinks practicable.

Bottling concerns have been exerting pressure for a revision of the Daniels' order, and after receiving assurance from government experts that the health of the navy will not be jeopardized by the change, Mr. Wilbur has decided to lift the soda water ban.

## HUGHES WARNS AGAINST BOB

### Third Party Platform Said to Constitute a Menace to Government

CHICAGO, Oct. 28.—(By The A. P.)—Secretary of State Charles E. Hughes, in a campaign speech tonight in behalf of the republican national ticket, told a large audience that "the best assurance of prosperity in this country is to secure on November 4 the election of Calvin Coolidge."

Secretary Hughes, devoting a large part of his address to a consideration of proposals of the La Follette-Wheeler independent platform, placed emphasis upon "the most dangerous aim of the third party—its attempt to destroy our system of government by its assaults upon the jurisdiction of the supreme court in the interpretation of the constitution."

"The question, then," he said in summing up to the point, "is whether we desire to maintain our system of government, whether we wish to have any constitutional limitations."

### Coolidge Praised

Secretary Hughes lauded the accomplishment of the present administration in fiscal affairs, in the realm of foreign relationships, and for its determined attack upon the cost of government.

"Most important of all undertakings of the republican administration," he said, "has been its determined attack on the cost of government."

Both Senator La Follette and John W. Davis, the democratic presidential nominee, were answered in Secretary Hughes' discussion of foreign affairs.

"Senator La Follette says that our diplomacy is secret and imperialistic. It is neither. We have no secret diplomacy in this country or in the ordinary sense of the term, as treaties must be submitted to the senate."

### No Secrets, Claim

"The department of state is always ready to give information to any senator who will take the trouble to come to the department to get it."

"It is charged this government is engaged in negotiating concessions for our citizens. This is untrue. We maintain the people of the open door or equality of commercial opportunity to the end that our citizens shall not suffer unjust discriminations, but shall have the fair opportunities to which they are entitled. With this opportunity they make their own contracts on their own terms."

"Senator La Follette has said two or three times lately that he would take our troops out of Santo Domingo."

"Our troops have been taken out of Santo Domingo. This has been publicly announced." "Taking cognizance of Mr. Davis' attacks upon republican foreign policy Secretary Hughes asked what the democratic party proposed in regard to the league of nations."

"When the question arose at the democratic convention, the democratic party ran to cover," he said.

### Decker Will Speak on La Follette Tomorrow

H. C. Decker will address a La Follette meeting in the Salem armory tomorrow night, Mr. Decker is a Portland man, and is said to be prominent as a sociologist and writer. The meeting will begin at 8:00 p. m.

## OPPOSITION OF GENERAL FENG GET TOGETHER

### Christian Leader Who Seized Peking and Became Dictator Over President Is Denounced

### WU PEI-FU GETS STRONG SUPPORT

### Many Governors and Most of Fleet Now Arrayed Against "Traitor"

SHANGHAI, Oct. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—In a proclamation issued today, Marshal Shieh-Yuan, military governor of Kiangsi, denounced the military governors of Kiangsu, Kiangsi, Anhui, Cheeking Fukien and virtually the entire Chinese fleet have decided to support General Wu Pei-Fu.

The proclamation denounced General Feng Yu-Hsiang, the "Christian general" and former governor of Honan province, as a traitor.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 28.—The diplomatic corps in Peking has decided to address identical communication both to Wu Pei-Fu and to the Chinese foreign office invoking the protocol of 1901 regarding rail communication between Peking and Tientsin and protesting against any destruction of rolling stock or permanent way.

The decision was reached the state department was advised from Peking today after a letter from Wu Pei-Fu was received by the dean of the diplomatic corps in Peking in which the General after condemning General Feng Yu-Hsiang the Christian general, as a traitor, said that he would go to Tientsin to reestablish order. He stated that he would take this course of action under special instruction from the president, who, he said, was coerced by Feng.

After saying he soon would have collected over 100,000 troops "to rid the country of Feng and I hope, to restore general peace and order." Wu added that he would guarantee absolute law and order upon his entrance into Peking and that no disturbance to foreign lives or property would result from his operation.

The dispatch further says that both Peking and Tientsin are quiet and that communications between the two cities apparently have been re-established.

## CARAVAN PLANS ARE COMPLETE

### Final Arrangements Made by Republican Committee Last Night

Plans for the entertainment of the Coolidge-Dawes caravan which will arrive here Thursday noon were completed last night by the committee on arrangements. Members of this committee are Mrs. F. B. Southwick, Mrs. C. P. Bishop and Paul F. Burris, chairman of the Marion county republican central committee. The chief

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## Hot Political Fight Reaches Its Climax In English Election

LONDON, Oct. 28.—(By The Associated Press.)—The people of Great Britain will provide themselves tomorrow with their third parliament within two years.

What kind of a parliament it will be after the votes of the nation are counted no prominent politician or political observer has been audacious enough to predict publicly. That the labor government will go the way of all governments seems, however, to be the opinion held almost everywhere but some of the laborites still appear confident that their party will be given a mandate to remain in office.

Whether the conservatives can recoup their losses of a year ago and return to the house of commons with a majority over all parties and thereby put themselves into office without the assistance

## BRITISH LABOR LEADER WHO TODAY FACES CRITICAL POINT IN CAREER



The recent political campaign in England, though short, has been very strenuous, and marked by considerable bitterness on all sides. The laborites, taken out of power by the liberals and conservatives who, together, held a majority in the house of commons, have been attempting to win increased support of the people and come back to parliament stronger than ever. The election being held today will determine to what extent these efforts have met with success.

The bitterness of feeling, increased by the unexpected publication of a note from an alleged Russian source, mounted to such a height that in some cases it became necessary to call out the police in order to maintain order at political gatherings.

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## DRIVER KILLED IN AUTO WRECK

### George Wolfbrandt Victim of Storm While Returning Home From His Work

George R. Wolfbrandt, about 60 years old, was a victim of the storm last night in an automobile accident which caused his death. The accident occurred about 6 o'clock a half-mile east of Salem on the Silverton road. Mr. Wolfbrandt lived on Route 7.

Apparently the light automobile skidded on the wet pavement, plunged into a ditch and up the bank into a tree where it turned over. When discovered a short time after the accident Wolfbrandt was found still behind the steering wheel and dead. A severe gash over one eye and internal injuries contributed to his death. Efforts to ascertain where he worked were unavailing last night. He had a lunch pail in the machine and it was presumed he was returning from work. He was not employed at either the paper mill or at Spauldings.

When his body was discovered a telephone call to the police station was relayed to Lloyd Rigdon, county coroner, who took charge of the remains.

Wolfbrandt is survived by his widow.

### WILLARD FARM SOLD

TOPEKA, Kans., Oct. 28.—Jess Willard's 640 acre farm near here was sold at public auction today to R. F. Hodgins of Topeka, for \$151,650.

## BOURBONS SEE OPPOSITION BY KU KLUX KLAN

### Leaders of Democratic National Campaign Become Agitated at Apparent Movement by Society

### WILL "CUT" NOMINEES. IS REPORT CIRCULATED

### Klan Article Said to Accuse Davis of Appealing to Negro Vote

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 28.—Officials directing the presidential campaign in behalf of Davis and Bryan Tuesday were considerably exercised at what appears to be a movement of the Ku Klux Klan to lead the vote away from the democratic party nominees," the Atlanta Constitution says in a story that will appear in its issue tomorrow morning.

"It has been rumored for some time," the Constitution's story says, "that word had been sent to Klan leaders of various counties to 'cut' the democratic presidential nominees and that there is some basis for the report appears to be substantiated by receipt this week of clippings from last Saturday's Searchlight, official organ of the Ku Klux Klan, being sent from all parts of the state, indicating that the paper has been broadcast on the eve of the election with a view of injuring the democratic nominee."

Negro Made Issue  
"This issue of the paper contains conspicuously on the front page a heavy headlined article charging in a recent address at Indianapolis that John W. Davis, in appealing to the negro vote of that state, declared for 'complete equality, regardless of race or creed.'"

Major John S. Cohen, democratic national committeeman and Mrs. Edgar Alexander, democratic national committee woman from Georgia, issued the following statement:

"Our attention has been called to a publication of Saturday, Oct.

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## BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETS NEXT MONTH

### Requirements for Schools to be Considered by Board November Fifth

The school budget committee was appointed last night at the regular meeting of the school board and are to act on Wednesday, November 5, when the school board meets with the citizens' budget committee.

Members elected last night were W. H. Daney, U. G. Shipley, Frank Perry, Ed. Schunke, and Frank Neer.

The budget is about ready to go into the hands of the committee, and will be close to the 5 per cent limitation figure. The estimates will be based on the growth of the schools and the probable requirements of the schools for 1925-26.

## Only 4 Days More of The Bargain Offer

The Statesman's Great Bargain Offer positively closes at 9 p. m. November 1, 1924, and will not be renewed. It is Now or Never.

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## THE WEATHER

### OREGON: Rain; no change in temperature; fresh to strong southerly gales along coast.

### LOCAL WEATHER

(Tuesday)  
Maximum temperature, 58.  
Minimum temperature, 47.  
River, —8; rising.  
Rainfall, 1.77.  
Atmosphere, cloudy.  
Wind, south.