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## HIGH SCHOOL BILL PASSED BY SENATORS

### Measure to Regulate Elective Studies Meets Favor in Upper House; Senator Eddy is Praised

## LACK OF FUNDAMENTALS IN SCHOOL WORK RAPPED

### Mental Discipline and Consecutive Reasoning Declared Greatest Need

Declaring that Senator E. L. Eddy, author of the bill regulating elective studies in high schools, will "stand out as a pioneer of education in the land," Senator E. W. Miller made a speech in the senate yesterday afternoon that brought about the passage of the measure.

"When a pupil enters a high school in this state, the first thing that is asked him is 'what can we do for you?' or 'what do you want?' This is wrong—radically wrong. There should be a required curriculum from which no student may vary. The high school classes are not for acquiring culture, or refinement; neither are they conducted for the purpose of social activity. The real object of the course is to train the student to think consecutively, to be able to analyze a situation, to form mental discipline, and to enable him to express himself explicitly and with preciseness.

### Flippancy Rapped

"Discipline is not popular now. This is the age of liberty of youth. I am sorry to see so much time devoted to campus activities, with its high school fraternities and sororities. I know of one high school in this state, where, if a student appears on the honor roll, he is hazed by the others. This spirit of flippancy and synecrism is disgraceful, and it reflects on the teachers and superintendents who talk about standardization, consolidation, and enrichment of the curriculum."

Senator Clark, chairman of the committee on education, spoke against the bill, stating that there was no demand for it. "This is the age of progress," Senator Clark said. "Why should penmanship, for instance, be taught in high school? The typewriter has taken the place of manual writing, and the adding machine has relieved the burden of elementary mathematics. Neither an I in favor of including book-keeping in the high school curriculum."

## AIR SERVICE RANKS FIFTH

### United States Army Air Power Surpassed by Four Other Countries

WASHINGTON, Feb. 4.—Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, today told the house aircraft committee that the United States ranks fifth in air power, being surpassed in this branch by England, Japan, France, and Italy.

Representative Perkins, republican, New Jersey, the committee examiner, remarked that General Mitchell's statement made near the end of today's hearing conflicted with earlier testimony from Brigadier General Drum from the army general staff to the effect that the United States ranked second in aircraft.

This clash of views added to the maze of contradictions the committee has received over the controversy in army and navy circles as to the value of aircraft in war which was further supplemented by General Mitchell's reply to Secretary Weeks' demand for an explanation of recent testimony, "seriously reflecting" on the war department.

The controversy today also reported to the White House where it was made known that General Mitchell, with a representative of a publishing company had held on President Coolidge some time ago to ascertain his attitude toward

## Millenium Postponed; Alibis Established by Followers of Cult

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Feb. 7.—Midnight, February 6, came and went in Hollywood, home of Margaret W. Rowen, without any visible fulfillment of her prophecy that before the stroke of 12 the second coming of Christ would have become a fact.

Mrs. Rowen had told her disciples that before the stroke of midnight, the second coming of Christ would have become a fact and that the elect would have been gathered into their reward.

Her prophecy was interpreted by some to mean that the world would end in one great cataclysmic crash; other followers took a more conservative view and suggested that "a sign in the sky" might be the only evidence vouchsafed the faithful that the modern world had entered upon its last

## VIRGINIA TEAM DEBATES HERE

### Willamette Pair Will Uphold Negative — One Judge Will Return Verdict

Final details have been completed, and every thing is ready for what should prove one of the best forensic battles ever staged in Salem. Tonight, in Waller hall chapel the Willamette university debate team will meet the West Virginia university debate team. The question to be argued is in regard to the limitation of the power of the supreme court. It will be remembered that this question was one of the chief planks in the platform of La Follette during the last presidential election. Willamette will uphold the negative end of the question.

The Willamette team will be led by Joseph Berreman, and his team mate will be Charles Redding. Southworth, a variety man of known ability, will not participate in this debate due to some late changes in the plans of the coach. This does not mean that Mr. Southworth will not be a member of the Willamette debate team during the year, but merely that he is not to be used in this debate. Mr. Berreman and Mr. Redding are both capable and convincing speakers and it is expected that they will uphold the reputation of the Willamette Forensic department in admirable fashion.

Something new in the line of judging is to be tried in this debate; new at least on a Salem platform. That is the use of only one expert judge. Professor Fred S. Bale, coach of debate at Albany College, will fill this responsible position. Mr. Bale is a former chautauque lecturer, and has served as juvenile court judge in an eastern city.

Due to the illness of one of the West Virginia men it was necessary to substitute at the last minute a graduate team in the place of the one that originally intended to make the trip to the Pacific Coast. The team is composed of veterans of considerable repute, and no doubt the contest will be full of fire from the start to the finish. The visitors are due to arrive in Salem some time tomorrow evening.

## CONVOY OF POLICE GUARD PRISONERS

### Alleged Slayers of Officer Are Rushed to Jail to Avoid Lynching

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 6.—With a convoy of police and deputy sheriffs armed with rifles, "Babe" and "Will" Lawrence, fugitives from Oklahoma and alleged slayers of Policeman Haze Murch of this city, were tonight taken from the county jail here and loaded into waiting automobiles and started for the state penitentiary at Florence for safe keeping. It was feared that the men would be taken from the jail and lynched if allowed to remain here. The automobiles in the party, which took the men to the penitentiary, were given the right of way on all streets and sped through the city at a high rate of speed to avoid being stopped before leaving Phoenix.

The state prison at Florence is

## SALEM PASTOR RECEIVES CALL FOR NEWFIELD

### Rev. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick Accepts General Secretaryship of Epworth League Department

## ASSUMES NEW DUTIES IN EAST ON MARCH 1

### Successor for First Methodist Church Is Not Yet Named By Bishop Shepard

General surprise and regret will greet the announcement that Dr. Blaine E. Kirkpatrick, for the past four and one-half years pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal church of this city, is to leave this important field to accept an administrative position in the church.

The board of education, which closed its session in Chicago yesterday, announces the election of Dr. Kirkpatrick as the general secretary of the department of Epworth Leagues. This is one of the most important administrative appointments made by the church since the general conference of May, 1924.

Dr. Kirkpatrick comes to the leadership of the young life of Methodism represented by the Epworth League more than three-quarters of a million strong. The League has been developing its program for the past 35 years until it is now operating throughout America and in 32 foreign countries with paid secretaries in India, China, Germany, Mexico and South America. The general offices are located in Chicago where a field and administrative staff of approximately 20 young men and women are employed.

### Is Well Prepared

The new leader comes to his position with unusual preparation through the large responsibilities of the past and with the full confidence of the young people of Methodism. For more than 10 years he has been prominent in the development of the Epworth League institute program having served on the faculties of 20 institutes in eight different states. During the past four years as president of the Oregon State

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## TRAFFIC HELD UP BY FLOODS

### Swollen Streams Cover Roads and Highways in Many Parts of State

PORTLAND, Feb. 6.—Swollen streams held up highway traffic in numerous districts, railroad tracks were inundated, interfering with passenger and freight service and lumber operations were halted at Oregon points today. Vale, which was struck by a flood late Thursday after Bully creek dam, 19 miles away, had broken, was recovering rapidly.

The Oregon Electric tracks leading into Corvallis were covered with three feet of water, and train service was halted.

The company attempted to transport its freight by truck from Albany to Corvallis, but water over his highway prevented this.

## NAVAL BASE WANTED NEAR TONGUE POINT

### Representatives Memorialize Congress for Funds to Develop Project

The 33rd session of the legislature, in House Joint Memorial No. 11, is seeking to have congress appropriate funds for the erection of a naval base at the mouth of the Columbia river and further develop the Tongue Point base, near Astoria, for the protection of Oregon.

## TRAPPED MAN MAY BE DEAD REPORT SAYS

### Miners Using Every Possible Means to Reach Collins; Shaft Is Sunk Through Top of Cave

## EXPLORER HAS BEEN IN TOMB OVER 175 HOURS

### Volunteer Workmen Prove Heroics; Extra Precautions Are Taken

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 6.—(By the Associated Press).—If Floyd Collins still clings to life after more than 175 hours in his sand cave prison he must wait until Sunday night or longer before his freedom comes. It will be that long before the shaft now being sunk can reach the level where Collins lies, it was agreed here tonight.

An added precaution to miners who have worked with the ever present knowledge that the bottom of the shaft might drop out the moment it neared any underground cavern was taken today when a drill began sinking its narrow bit into the ground near the mine.

Despite all precautions which may be taken for safeguarding miners no one has yet found a method of hastening the mining. The depth attained this evening stood at 18 feet and solid rock had not at that time been encountered. Boulders twice as large as a human head were encountered but none were of greater size.

Volunteer workers have yielded their places to experienced miners from the Kentucky coal fields and from various parts of the country. Frequent changes in the shifts were ordered.

Around the surface of the mine the labored rescue work progressed orderly if slowly. A glance into the little valley or a trip to the hill top revealed a strange contrast. The rescue camp offers an unrealistic picture of order and disorder.

Brigadier General H. H. Denhardt, placed by Governor Fields in supreme command of the situation at Sand Cave, where Floyd Collins is entombed, tonight held a conference with John Gerald, who undertook the rescue work independently early in the week, and Collins' family.

General Denhardt did not disclose what had transpired at the meeting.

General Denhardt later ordered Gerald to keep entirely away from the cave. He did this, it was understood, because Gerald was criticizing the relief measures under way and because of his persistent attempts to re-enter the main passage of the cave. No action was taken in the case of Homer Collins, who was said to be in a highly nervous state.

## MAN QUESTIONED ON GIRLS' DEATH

### Watchman Suspected of Murdering Children in Los Angeles; Is Held

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 6.—S. O. Stone, private watchman, was arrested by deputy sheriffs tonight for questioning in connection with the slaying of May and Nina Martin, 12 and 8 year old sisters found dead in a shallow grave from some other project now having a right to take water from the Deschutes river.

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## APPROPRIATION MEASURES GREATER THAN AVAILABLE FUND; FIGHT IS EXPECTED

Two weeks of the 33rd session of the legislature remain and so far practically no measures for appropriations have been up for passage in either the house or senate, as the ways and means committee has not yet returned recommendations that may or may not help out the appropriations across.

## US DELEGATES WITHDRAW AID

### International Opium Conference in Weakened Condition; Some May Sign

GENEVA, Feb. 6.—(By the AP.)—Undermined by the loss of its main prop, in consequence of the withdrawal today of the American delegation, the international opium conference still stands tonight, but in a terribly weakened condition.

Nobody even attempts to conceal this view. The conference, however, will continue and presumably many of the delegations in attendance will sign the convention. But despite the assurance given in the communication of Stephen G. Porter, chief American delegate, that the United States will not cease its efforts through international cooperation for suppression of illicit traffic in opium and other dangerous drugs, the fear is widespread that American withdrawal from the conference will have the effect of taking the punch out of that body's efforts to conduct anti-narcotic warfare.

Mr. Porter, who will go to Paris tomorrow and sail from Cherbourg for New York on the steamer President Harding, Feb. 12, tonight sent a note to Hertuf Zahle, president of the conference, that he is leaving Geneva because he is convinced that the purpose for which the conference was convoked, cannot be achieved because there seems no likelihood of limiting the growth of opium to medical and scientific needs, because the possibility to attain the suppression of opium smoking in the Far East serves only to increase the difficulties of getting opium production restricted.

The American chief delegate was careful in his communication not to cast upon the league of nations any aspersions, and careful not to hold the league in any way responsible for the conditions leading up to the decision to withdraw from the conference.

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## BEND WATER BILL VETOED BY PIERCE

### Measure Not Properly Drawn Is Reason Given; in Sympathy With City

Governor Pierce yesterday vetoed SB No. 65, which attempts to provide Bend with a right to take water from Tumalo creek, giving in exchange water to be required from some other project now having a right to take water from the Deschutes river.

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Governor Pierce said he was in sympathy with Bend's attempt to obtain a pure water supply and would sign a bill granting the land board to approve of the transfer of water under proper terms. All of the water from Tumalo creek has been appropriated for use on the Tumalo project or other lands, he declared. The senate has spent \$450,000 on the project and the district another \$650,000 in its development.

## PIERCE VETO ON PORT BILL TURNED DOWN

### Both Houses Over-Ride Executive Friday; Only Three Oppose Passage in Senate and House

## REPRESENTATIVE LEWIS' MEASURE IS NOW DEAD

### Attempt to Revive Bill Fails; Many Minor Statutes Meet Approval

Well-oiled and tuned almost to perfection, the political machine of the 33rd legislature rolled up the hill of the governor's veto at full speed Friday and with only six negative votes in both houses, passed SB No. 86, otherwise known as the Port of Portland measure taking the appointive power out of the hands of the executive and placing it with the board of control. Senators Joseph Zimmerman and Flak and Representatives Mott, Shrock and C. A. Hunter sought to apply the brakes and bring the machine to a standstill. The vote in the senate was 27 to 3 and in the house 54 to 3.

## MOVIE CENSOR BOARD SOUGHT

### Nine Bills Introduced Into House Before Session Adjourns Over Week-End

Creation of a board of movie censors is sought in HB No. 409, introduced yesterday by Representative Tucker. The measure provides for a board of three, for one, two and three year terms, at a salary not to exceed \$2400 a year. Reviewers may be employed by the board at a salary not to exceed \$1,000 a year. All films shown publicly must be reviewed by the board, which will charge \$1 for reels not longer than 1,000 feet, and \$2 for reels over 2,000 feet. Films reviewed are to be stamped and numbered by the board. Violation of the law is covered in a penalty clause of fines from \$500 to \$1500, 30 days to one year in jail, or both.

Seeking to increase the salaries of Lincoln county officers, HB No. 406, by Fuller, made its appearance yesterday. Other bills introduced were HB No. 407, by Bailey, amending the inheritance tax and exempting law notwithstanding the governor's veto; HB No. 408, by Gordon, requiring all ocean going vessels whose home ports are in Oregon to be taxed at only 1-20 of the rate of the state tax on buildings and improvements; HB No. 410, by German, creating a commission to study and report on possible simplification of the local government in Multnomah county and for the state; HB No. 411, by Hercher and Fisher, substitute for HB No. 175, relating to inspection of infected orchards, storage houses and fruit packing plants.

Three bills were introduced in the afternoon, substitute bills for earlier measures. These were HB No. 412, substitute for HB No. 146, providing for the keeping of a permanent record of tests of milk and cream; HB No. 413, providing revenue for the use, maintenance, repair and construction of public highways, substituted for HB Nos. 19 and 59; and HB No. 414, prohibiting the sale of adulterated feeding stuffs, a substitute measure for HB No. 147.

Representative Harry Tucker opened the morning session with prayer. The house adjourned at 4 o'clock to convene again at 11 o'clock Monday morning.

## PRICE OF WHEAT SUFFERS DECLINE

### Parachute Drop Taken; Exporters Are Chief Beneficiaries of Slump

CHICAGO, Feb. 6.—Landing as if from a parachute, the wheat today came down almost a vertical line to \$1.85 a bushel for May delivery, 3-4c under prices which had been touched less than an hour before.

Unusually heavy selling accompanied the fall in the market and no unusual amount of buying to uphold values. Then price rallies followed and the close of the day left the market about 1 1/2c up from the new low level or nearly 20c above the recent record 1 1/2c price of \$2.05-7-8.

Exporters were the chief apparent beneficiaries of the latest big setback in wheat prices. Estimates put the amount of wheat they were able to acquire today at relatively low figures, as being at 1,000,000 bushels.

## FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

### The amended McFadden banking bill was reported to the senate.

It was announced that President Coolidge approves the postal bill drafted by the house postoffice committee.

Congressional conferees agreement on Muscle Shoals legislation was said to have the approval of President Coolidge.

Arguments were concluded before a house commission on charges against Federal Judge Baker of West Virginia.

Investigation of an alleged agreement to control the tobacco market was proposed by Senator Ernst, Kentucky.

The senate passed the house bill appropriating \$165,000,000 for road construction and forest road improvements.

Brigadier General Mitchell reaffirmed his statements on government aircraft policies before a house committee.

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