

SEVENTY-FOURTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, MARCH 22, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

## CHICAGO TRIP GOAL REACHED BY HI SCHOOL

Total of \$1800 Subscribed  
Late Saturday With Dance  
Proceeds Yet to be Added  
This Week

## CAMPAIGN BROUGHT TO SPEEDY CLOSING

Minimum Amount Necessary  
to Finance Basketball Was  
Set at \$1700

So far the "On to Chicago" fund for the Salem high school has reached \$1800, not counting the \$400 expected to be raised by the dance in the Crystal Gardens Tuesday night. Without much difficulty the goal has been reached by the students in their fight to get the funds, and within the time limit specified by the business men, the total amount has been secured.

The tag sale on the street netted the neat sum of \$250, and with the funds, which are to be turned in by other organizations, it is expected the Salem high boys will have a little extra money to get back to the national interscholastic basketball meet.

The bare minimum which can be used to carry the championship basketball team to Chicago is set at \$1700, a few hundred dollars less than the sum required to take the Medford champions to the meet last year. It is the opinion of the local business men that a fund of several hundred dollars be organized to defray the incidentals that necessarily arise on such a project. It is not desired to get the students back in Chicago and have them held there because of the lack of funds.

Due to the strenuous efforts of Salem high school students to get the money, several of the team have not been able to report to the gymnasium. As a result they are losing out in their training and will have to get into the harness immediately. To enter the national competition without the team in the best of condition is suicidal to even winning the first game of the contest.

## HOPE IS LOST BY OFFICIALS

Rescuers Abandon Theory  
That Entombed Miners  
May Yet be Alive

FAIRMONT, W. Va., March 21.—Removal of four bodies from the Bethlehem Mines corporation's mine at Barrackville today brought the total number of dead taken from the property up to 11. All were found in the left roadway of the property which was the scene of an explosion last Tuesday night entombing 33 miners. Mine officials in a check today said there were 11 men in this part of the workings and that the remaining 22 who are missing were in the right roadway at the time of the blast. Hope that any escaped death has been abandoned.

Ray Willis, a member of one of the rescue crews late today found the body of his brother. Willis came here from another camp and did not know that his brother was working at Barrackville, until he stumbled across his body. Searchers tonight continued their explorations of other sections of the mine and, with improved air conditions encountered underground, expected to find additional bodies within a few hours.

Fairmont tomorrow will bury Leonard Saunders whose charred body was first to be brought out. Governor Gove, who has been on the scene since Wednesday aiding rescue work, will attend the services. Saunders' mother, critically ill, has not been informed of her son's death.

## Engine of Destruction Creates Much Mystery; Proves to be Innocent

Small engines of destruction have been sent through the mails on numerous occasions. Bert Macy, a local attorney, is aware of that fact, of course. By a complicated system of hair-triggers, wires, levers and insidious what-nots, the innocent appearing contraptions explode with, in many cases, disastrous results to the recipient.

Again, evil minded persons have contrived to seek retaliation for a real or fancied grievance by dispatching tarantulas, poisonous lizards or insects, or other forms of low and vicious life. To a rather shrewd and ripe intellect, the possibilities seem unlimited.

Mr. Macy, like the majority of us, is blessed with some imagination. He is not one of your cold, matter-of-fact men. And then, too, he has been the recipient of several unkind letters from a

neighborhood crank. It didn't prey on his mind to any noticeable extent, but he remembered it. An insured package arrived yesterday. A small, extremely interesting package, done up in brown paper. Mr. Macy unwrapped it nonchalantly, as it is said he does all his packages. The result—a tobacco tin! Not an unusual tobacco tin; in fact it differed in no respect from the one nesting in Mr. Macy's southwest hip pocket.

People as a usual thing do not send tobacco cans by insured mail, and besides, the seal was broken, and it was too heavy for the ordinary full tin. Conjectures immediately arose. The attorney's thoughts turned to the mean letters. Was foul work afoot? A reading glass was brought into

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## SPEEDY ACTION IS FEATURE OF STORM RELIEF

Expeditions Rushed Into Afflicted Area as Soon as Word of Disaster Arrives; Planes Commanded

## SURGEONS AND NURSES FLY TO WRECKED ZONE

Three Days of Continuous Effort Clear Debris of Tornado's Path

CHICAGO, March 21.—A summary of events shows how rapidly events came for the storm center. The cyclone sweeping from the Pacific gradually increased its strength until it moaned through the Ozark mountains in Central Missouri.

Swirling northeastward, first one and then many tornadoes, or vicious whirlwinds of stupendous might, developed within the cyclonic wind and these twisters struck the earth here and there, smashing all before them.

The first tornado blast was felt at Annapolis, Mo., about 1:30 Wednesday afternoon. A veritable army of twisting vortices swirled through southern Illinois about 3 o'clock and a couple hours later others hit Indiana with a few less violent outbursts snatching a toll of lives and property in sporadic places in Tennessee and Kentucky at nightfall.

Within a couple of hours after the devastation had passed, survivors managed to get word to unaffected towns telling of the disaster and asking for help. At once relief expeditions began to form.

First help had to come from neighboring cities but by Thursday morning, special trains and airplanes had carried willing hands from as far as Chicago, Indianapolis and St. Louis to the zone.

Survivors had worked all night seeking relatives and friends and fighting fires that broke out in the wreckage. All day Thursday the search for lost was continued, while tented cities sprang up to shelter the homeless and the injured were conveyed to the nearest town with hospital facilities.

By Thursday night nearly all had been found and some order with the help of the state troops had been established. Friday saw the care of the hurt perfected and the billeting of the houseless completed, so that by today, time had been given to the burial, reunion of separated families and distribution of food and bedding.

And this tonight, with many of the lost still to receive the last rites, plans were afoot for the reconstruction of destroyed buildings.

## GYRO CLUB NOW BEING ORGANIZED

Membership is Limited to 25  
Young Men All Under 35  
Years of Age

Organization of a Gyro service club will be perfected Monday night at 8 o'clock at a meeting at the home of Walter Zosel, 1695 South Commercial.

Membership in the organization is limited to 25 and an age limit of 35 years has been placed upon all members. The club has as its purpose the boosting and sponsoring of various civic enterprises. Only one young man of any line of business will be invited to join.

Several Portland men were in the city recently in the interest of the Gyro club and set the machinery in motion. There are at present two other clubs in the state, one in Portland and the other at Astoria.

Meetings will be held at a noon-day luncheon each week, probably Monday noon, according to present plans.

BLIZZARD HITS CANADA  
WINNIPEG, Man., March 21.—One of the worst blizzards within the past 10 years swept over the prairie provinces yesterday, badly demoralizing railway transportation service, telegraphic communications and vehicular traffic generally. Many towns were completely isolated by the blocking of the roads and trails by enormous drifts.

## PREPAREDNESS IS UPHELD BY REAR ADMIRAL

Bradley A. Fiske Declares  
Probability of Foreign War  
in Next 20 Years is Increasing

## DOCTRINES OF PACIFISM ARE SCORED IN ADDRESS

United States Said to Have  
Bullied Into Undignified  
Position

NEW YORK, March 21.—"There will be increasing probability of a foreign war," during the next 20 years and therefore the United States "must always maintain a state of reasonable preparedness for war," Rear Admiral Bradley A. Fiske retired, declared tonight in an address before the politics club of Columbia university. He explained that in his opinion, the increasing foreign trade for the next 20 years "means increasing liability of conflict, with competing nations because of the enormous amounts of money involved," for the same reason he said he considered it "probable that wars on the ocean will be much more frequent in the future than they have been in the past."

Pacifism Rapped  
He said the United States "has never been able to maintain a state of reasonable preparedness for war because the doctrines of pacifism have an undue hold on the people, especially the women."

The latest example of this, he said, was during the first two years of the world war, "during which the United States was whittled and bullied into certain undignified positions by certain naval powers that culminated in the sinking of the Lusitania and the torpedoing of our merchant ships although the United States was neutral country. Had Theodore Roosevelt been president instead of Woodrow Wilson it is inconceivable that this could have occurred."

Wilson Conduct Explained  
Admiral Fiske told, for the first time he said, a story which, in his opinion, explained the "basic cause of Mr. Wilson's conduct as commander in chief of the army and navy."

He said that in 1913 President Wilson accepted an invitation to witness navy target practice in Chesapeake bay. Later President Wilson wrote the secretary of the navy that he would fulfill the engagement, but he added he was looking forward to it with the greatest possible dread.

Therefore, said Admiral Fiske, the request for the president's presence was withdrawn and he never went to the target practice.

"Some time after that," continued Admiral Fiske, "I spoke of this incident to ex-President Roosevelt. He said: 'The man is a physical coward.' I answered that it seemed to be that it was merely a matter of nerves."

BEAVERS TAKE GAME  
SAN JOSE, Cal., March 21.—Portland won a slugfest from the Olympic club of San Francisco here today 9 to 5. Crosby of the Beavers got a home run, as did Kelly and Gerlack of the Club team.

## SHEPHERD CASE STARTS MONDAY

Preliminary Hearing on  
Question of Bail Expected;  
is Now in Jail

CHICAGO, March 21.—William D. Shepherd, charged with the murder by poison of William Nelson McClatchy, his millionaire orphan ward, returned to his cell tonight until Monday at least, when attorneys will continue to fight out the question of his admission to bail in the criminal court of Judge Jacob Hopkins.

Meanwhile, chief justice Harry Olson of the municipal court announced he would subpoena several unnamed witnesses to appear at the inquest. Judge Hopkins asked both sides to present authorities to him on Monday on the question of bail for a capital offense.

Kenewick, Wash., will be the

## Tiny Town, Plaything of Tornado, Bends to Task of Burying Dead

DE SOTO, Ill., March 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—De Soto the tiny town of southern Illinois which was made the plaything of the wind, today buried her dead.

The little village which was practically obliterated by last Wednesday's tornado, jealously guarded from intrusion, the outside aid so freely offered in performing the last rites for her dead. Sixty-five grave diggers recruited from the men of the town opened the long rows of graves. De Soto women comforted bereaved neighbors as their loved ones were consigned to De Soto's earth and De Soto captain placed sprays of flowers on the new mounds. Tomorrow night upward of 50 freshly made mounds representing one-tenth of the town's population, will bear mute testimony in the little cemetery to the town's disaster.

## WOMAN WIELDS RAZOR ON SELF

Mrs. Gamble Attempts  
Suicide When Officers Present  
Warrant

When Deputy Sheriffs Bert Smith and Roy Bremmer went to the home of Mrs. C. Gamble, 64, at 758 North Commercial Saturday morning to apprehend her on a warrant for examination as to her sanity, the woman, in the presence of the officers, slashed both her wrists and throat with a razor in an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide.

Mrs. Gamble was removed to the state hospital, where it was stated her injuries would not prove fatal. So sudden was the move that the officers were unable to overpower her before the injuries were inflicted.

Mrs. Gamble, the officers said, is deaf, and they handed her a note asking her to put on a coat and hat and accompany them. It was then that she turned, grabbed the razor, and used it upon herself.

Recent actions upon her part led to the issuance of the warrant. About two weeks ago she left her home near the fairgrounds, declaring that a groceryman was endeavoring to take her life. Friday night she telephoned to the police station the information that a young couple in an adjoining apartment were endeavoring to kill their baby. A police investigation revealed that the couple in question had no child.

An examination as to her sanity will be made at the state hospital. Mrs. Gamble is said to have a daughter at Cottage Grove.

## WILLAMETTE GIRLS START TOUR TODAY

Glee Club to Appear in Cities  
Through Oregon and  
Washington

The Willamette University women's glee club is scheduled to leave here at 8 o'clock this morning on an extensive tour of Oregon and Washington. This year's program will include a large variety of selections such as classical music, solos, and stunts. The program will be featured by college songs, including the winning song of this year's freshmen glee. One of the other interesting features is the musical stunt, "Dutch Courtesy," to be put on by Trista Wenger and Aileen Smith.

The initial concert of the trip will be given at the First Methodist church of Portland this morning. At 5 p. m. the club will sing in connection with the men's club from the Oregonian radio station KGW. In the evening the women will furnish special music at the Sunnyside Methodist church in Portland.

The students and friends of Arlington high will be entertained by a regular concert Tuesday evening.

The following evening the club will sing at Athena high.

The next jump will take the girls to Walla Walla, where they will sing in the afternoon at the home for disabled veterans and will give the regular concert at the Pioneer Methodist church.

## SINGLAIER CASE STARTS AGAIN

Concluding Arguments Open  
Monday; State Must  
Prove Contentions

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 21.—(By The AP.)—The contention of the government that the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve lease was given to Harry F. Sinclair's Mammoth Oil company without sufficient authority rests wholly upon legal argument which will be presented before Federal Judge T. Blake Kennedy beginning Monday, Owen J. Roberts of government counsel said today. The government will argue, according to Mr. Roberts, that the lease provisions under which the reserve was transferred from the navy to the interior department by executive order of President Harding, and the ensuing contract for the Teapot Dome development were illegal in that they provided for the acquiring of an expenditure of money by the navy department without an appropriation from congress.

Mr. Roberts said that the entire scheme under which the navy was to dispose of the crude oil in exchange for oil storage tanks which was one of the terms of the contract, was illegal because provision for the purchase of tanks should be made in the naval appropriation bills.

Government counsel spent the day working on its arguments but the defense, which had its case prepared, took a rest.

Newspapermen, attorneys and others attending the trial were guests of Brig. Gen. John M. Jenkins, commanding officer of Fort D. A. Russell, near here, this afternoon. They attended a review of the famous "Black Horse" troop of the 13th United States cavalry in which the horses executed the maneuvers to the sound of music and without verbal commands.

While few more bodies are likely to be found among the ruins a number may die of injuries. But it is probable that some errors have been made in the checking of the dead owing to the wide extent of territory covered and the overlapping of reports from nearby towns. Rescue workers are agreed however, that the final total will be close to 800 for the five states affected, or only 50 under the estimates made by the Associated Press, the night of the disaster. The disaster will go down in history as the greatest in the history of America and the relief work that made almost as fast time as the wind itself sets a record, owing to the use of airplanes and radio in carrying supplies and sending out calls for help. Something like a million dollars was raised in three days to aid the stricken and subscriptions for relief are pouring in hourly to increase the total.

## HOBO 'BAROMETER' INDICATES SPRING

Intinerants Are Swarming  
Through Valley Declares  
Officer Victor

"Spring is here," declared Officer Victor Saturday. "The hoboes are traveling back and forth on the railroad in great numbers. Recently I saw 40 men in a box car which was traveling north, and on the next train south I counted 15 men clinging to the train at various places."

"When the hoboes begin to move, it is a sign that the spring garden must be made. The bees come with the first bird of the season. Yesterday I read about the first swallow being seen in this locality, but that is nothing. The hobo is the sure indicator of the passing winter," philosophized the officer.

Many men are traveling along the railroad and along the highways, according to the reports of the travelers and railroad workers.

Spring officially arrived Saturday and was evident from the balmy air. For the first time this year many people were downtown last night without their overcoats, while summer apparel was noticeable during the day. The maximum temperature Saturday was 61 degrees, the warmest day this year.

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## TORNADO PATH IS CLEARED BY HEROIC EFFORT

Survivors of Catastrophe  
Bend to Task of Rebuilding  
Their Homes From  
Twisted Wreckage

## TRAGEDY HELD WORST IN AMERICAN HISTORY

Every Homeless Person Now  
Housed; Dead Buried in  
Hasty Graves

CHICAGO, March 21.—(By The Associated Press.)—Saddened but undaunted by the havoc of Wednesday's tornado, survivors of the catastrophe in the storm belt of Illinois and Indiana tonight appeared to emulate the Phoenix which regenerated from its ashes.

With only half the 800 dead consigned to hasty graves and hundreds of the nearly 3000 injured still in the care of doctors and nurses, plans were announced for rebuilding the devastated areas as soon as possible.

Workers Desperate  
Three days of heroic endeavor by thousands of willing workers, spurred to their task by the desperation of the conditions brought about by the tornado in its 200-mile sweep from the Missouri Ozarks through the Ohio valley had wrought wonders when darkness settled over the scene tonight.

Every homeless person had been housed in some manner. Food had been supplied for the helpless, medicines and other comfort had been made available for the wounded and some had been afforded the bereaved. Probably all the slain had been recovered from the debris of the hundreds of homes destroyed and the death total tonight was 808, with almost as many dead identified.

Total Nearly Complete  
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16 Towns Are Hit  
Sixteen Illinois towns were hit by the tornado and in those municipalities and their rural surroundings 642 lives were taken, while 2110 were hurt, many severely. Murphysboro was the worst sufferer with half its area devastated, 189 persons killed and 700 injured. West Frankfort came next with 123 slain and 500 maimed.

## SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

Vice President Dawes departed  
for his home at Evanston, Ill.

Anti-toxin to fight gangrene was ordered sent into the mid-west storm area.

Expressions of sympathy for storm sufferers continued to pour in from abroad.

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