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## ENGINEER DIES, 20 HURT IN NP WRECK

Northern Pacific Passenger Train Piles Up in Ditch Near Olympia

## MEDICAL AID DISPATCHED

Relief Train With Doctors and Nurses Speds to Scene of Crash; Cause of Accident Is Unknown

TACOMA, Wash., Nov. 17.—(By Associated Press)—Engineer E. M. Putnam of Tacoma was killed, three persons were critically injured, and 20 others were slightly hurt when Northern Pacific train 424 Grays Harbor to Tacoma went into the ditch two miles east of Olympia shortly before 7 o'clock tonight. According to P. X. Simpson, a bridge tender who was aboard the wrecked train, the locomotive was on its side over an embankment with the baggage coach piled on top. Simpson, despite a badly injured arm, ran to Olympia with news of the accident and a relief train bearing doctors and nurses was started for the scene.

A partial list of casualties given out by the Northern Pacific dispatcher here tonight follows:

E. M. Putnam, Tacoma, engineer killed.

R. H. Whitman, Tacoma, fireman, badly bruised.

Baker, messenger, scalped.

George Kephart, brakeman, badly bruised.

Mrs. Hahn, seriously injured, in Olympia hospital.

Fifteen other persons, more or less injured.

All equipment and man power available at Northern Pacific headquarters in Tacoma was rushed to the scene of the wreck. Superintendent W. C. Albee was in charge of operations.

A relief train as well as the wrecking train was hurriedly organized as soon as the meager details of the accident reached headquarters here.

The train, consisting of two passenger cars, a baggage car and the locomotive, jumped the track on a curve and traveled about 75 yards on the ground before the engine turned over.

Rescue workers sent out immediately after the wreck found the engineer pinned under his cab with only his hand protruding.

Mrs. Laura Hahn of Aberdeen lies in an Olympia hospital in a serious condition from the injuries she suffered in the wreck, but fate spared her year-old baby who sat in her lap when the crash came. Although the mother is probably the most seriously injured of any of the victims, the tiny baby came through without a scratch.

At the hospital tonight it was stated Mrs. Hahn had but a slight chance for recovery. All of the other injured persons, with the exception of Mrs. Joe Ryan, were removed to hospitals in Tacoma.

Conductor John T. Foster of Tacoma was in the rear coach when the crash came. He tells a graphic story of the disaster. "The first idea I had of anything wrong came with a sudden slowing down of the train," he said. "Then I heard the engine wheels bumping over the ties and knew she was off the rails. I braced myself for the shock but when it came I was powerless to help myself. Before I knew it our coach was hurled over on its side and we all went down in a confusing crash and mixture of seats and passengers. Then everything went black."

"The shriek of a locomotive whistle cut through the stupor in which I was lying. Although my head was reeling with pain, that whistle brought me to my senses. My immediate thought was that another train was tearing down on us and would crash into the wreckage. I fought my way free of some wreckage and climbed out a window. The scene was one of indescribable confusion. I immediately set about to organize the situation and sent men in both directions to summon help. It is remarkable that more were not killed. The train was going, I would judge, between 30 and 35 miles an hour. There was nothing to show what made the engine leave the rails."

Fireman Whitman was found clear of the wreck, where it was believed he had crawled after being severely scalded by steam from the boiler.

N. W. Baker of Seattle who was employed in the baggage car, was found by rescuers in the front of the car, where he had suffered severe burns from steam which had forced its way into the wrecked coach.

## PROTEST IS REGISTERED AGAINST FREIGHT RAISE

NORTHWEST GRAIN GROWERS AND STOCKMEN HEARD

Application of 74 Roads for 5 Percent Increase Meets With Barrier

SAN FRANCISCO, Nov. 17.—(By Associated Press)—Livestock and grain growers from Oregon, Washington and Idaho, today added their protests against proposed freight rate increases to those previously voiced by California agricultural interests at the hearing here of the interstate commerce commission. Documentary evidence in support of oral arguments against any increase in rates and in favor of freight rate reductions on certain commodities, continued to pile up as the commission completed its second day of taking testimony.

The hearing is on the application of 74 western railroads for a five per cent increase on a lengthy list of produce from points of origin to specified designations, mostly in the intermountain region, and the application of certain of the shippers for rate reductions, principally on California deciduous fruits.

Wheat growers of the northwest were pictured by Fred Benison of the Oregon wool growers' association of Pendleton as facing a struggle to make ends meet—and in many instances failing in the attempt. The cattle and sheep industries, he said, were in better shape than the wheat growers, but were not enjoying such prosperity as would warrant their paying additional freight rates.

L. P. Campbell of the Oregon state highway commission added his voice to the volume of protestants with the claim that contemplated highway work in his state would be curtailed if the proposed freight rate increases went into effect. He explained that increases on such commodities as gravel and surfacing oil would cut down the mileage of roads which the state plans to build and for which funds are limited.

## CHARITIES VOICE PLEA

YEAR'S MEMBERSHIP CARDS ARE PLACED ON SALE

Requesting that the attention of business men be called to the Associated Charities annual membership cards, at present on sale at the Buster Brown Shoe Store, Mrs. John A. Carson, president of the organization, last night issued the following statement:

"Forecasts point to a cold winter. Money with which to buy food for the poor must be secured. Our source of income lies in the sale of these membership cards which guarantee no other solicitation will be made during the year. Immediate response is needed that adequate funds may be on hand. Food prices are rising, and the poor have little with which to buy."

## YOUNG RHINELANDER ADMITS FALSEHOODS

Son of Aristocracy Confesses to swearing to Five Untrue Statements

## GRILLING IS UNMERCIFUL

Intimate Details Are Laid Bare Before World in Suit to Annul Marriage With Young Negro Wife

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Nov. 17.—(By Associated Press)—Comedy and pathos chased each other across the stage of the Rhinelander annulment suit today interspersed with moments when the crowded courtroom gasped at frank testimony on the art of love making.

It was a day of mental torture for Leonard Kip Rhinelander, the younger son of an aristocratic family, who seeks to win freedom from his wife, Alice Beatrice Jones, negro maid servant and daughter of a hack driver.

Subjected to a merciless cross examination, young Rhinelander admitted swearing to five falsehoods, admitted that he had been infatuated with his wife and that he had taken the initiative in love making.

Stammering and hesitating, he waded through a series of intimate questions concerning his relations with her and his own love life. Yet when the day had ended almost his last statement was that he wanted to go on with the suit.

The comedy note was struck this morning when Al Jolson, blackface comedian, took the stand to deny that he had ever met Alice as she had intimated in one of her letters read several days ago.

Jolson protested that he had never met her, that his life had been made miserable since her letter was published and that his wife doesn't talk to him because of it. "I'm glad this is straight now," he said. "Maybe I can eat breakfast at home tomorrow. Everytime I walk from my dressing room, the orchestra plays 'Alice, Where Art Thou'?"

It was in the bill of particulars that Rhinelander admitted to five falsehoods, all of them concerned with the time when he first began to suspect Alice had negro blood. At first he said he suspected in 1922, long before the marriage, then he said it was in March 1925 when he was shown her birth certificate.

The latter time he finally admitted was correct. The bill of particulars, he admitted, was sworn to by him, although he knew it was false in several paragraphs.

Today marked the beginning of the introduction of Leonard's love letters to Alice. Only nine of them were read and none con-

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## SALEM TO BE REPRESENTED IN THANKSGIVING ROSE SHOW

Local Business Men Ask That This City Enter Grown-In-the-Open Blooms in Portland Display on November 23

"Let Salem help tell it with Roses," an article printed in yesterday's Statesman has, as an echo, a demand that Salem actually be represented in the Thanksgiving Rose Show to be given November 23, in Portland, under the auspices of the Progressive Business Men's Club.

Among smaller Oregon cities, Albany, Marshfield and Roseburg last year sent roses to show that flowers bloom in November as truly as in June. Salem, with her gardens and blossoms, should do no less than send her late flowers to add to the annual display. Such was the sentiment expressed by Gideon Stoltz, yesterday.

"Anyone having late roses suitable for display need only phone 380," said C. F. Breithaupt, florist, last night. "Our wagons will be sent anywhere within the city limits to collect the flowers which we will see are forwarded, in good condition to the Portland authorities.

This cooperation makes possible the collection and forwarding of Salem's roses, that have been spared by the weather. Hot house flowers are not to be shown. Real grown-in-the-open beauties are wanted.

## OFFER SCHOOL BUDGET TO COMMITTEE DEC. 8

### DATE SET BY SCHOOL BOARD IN SPECIAL MEET

American Legion May Use School Gymnasium for Basketball Practice

Reports from the various communities that held individual corn shows preliminary to the big corn show to be held in the Armory Thursday, Friday and Saturday, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce indicate that the exhibits for the big show will be better this year than ever before.

The Salem show will open at 10 o'clock Thursday morning, and will be held each of the three days from 10 o'clock in the morning to 10 o'clock at night. By noon today the framework will be erected. It is reported that the following will be exhibitors at the annual Marion County Corn Show and Industrial Exhibit: Valley Packing company; H. E. Rideout; Capital City Cooperative creamery; Giese Powers Furniture company; Salem Brick and Tile company; Capital City Bedding company; T. M. Barr; C. F. Breithaupt; Brink Brothers; The Spa; F. H. Berger; Salem Baking company; Marion Creamery company; Peary rothers; Cherry City Baking company; Gunnell & Robb Studio; Cherry City Milling company; Western Dairy Products company; Lloyd Lee; J. W. Maruny; Willamette Valley Prune association; Salem Fluff Rug Works; Hull Top Shop; Oregon Gravel company; Willamette Grocery company; Salem Furniture company; Fred Browning, Route No. 3; Middle Grove Nursery.

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Arrangements will be made to bring within the purview of German jurisdiction certain categories of cases which are now within the competence of military courts. Finally the ordinances in force will be revised in the same spirit of confidence and appeasement.

The high commission, it is declared, has been authorized to define the views of the interested governments and take all measures necessary to bring this new regime into force and it is added that the German government will doubtless afford the commission the fullest cooperation in the execution of these measures.

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## ALLIES PREPARE TO EVACUATE COLOGNE

Completed Exodus Planned According to Foreign Office Correspondence

## CONFIDENCE EXPRESSED

Signing of Locarno Treaty Said to Demonstrate German Republic Is Willing to Cooperate

LONDON, Nov. 17.—(By Associated Press)—Important correspondence issued by the foreign office tonight, embodying the substance of recent conversations of the ambassador's conference with Germany shows that it has been decided not only to complete the evacuation of Cologne, or the first zone, by February 20, but also to reduce the occupying forces shortly in the second and third zones to conform with the pre-war strength of the German garrisons, to vacate the land and buildings and abolish many war ordinances and restore the jurisdiction of the German courts, except in cases of a pronounced military nature.

The documents emphasize that the allies in thus showing confidence in the good will of the German government and people are anticipating reciprocation of such confidence and good will. The principal documents are two notes signed by M. Briand, French foreign minister in behalf of the conference dated November 14 and November 16. The former states that the conclusion of the Locarno agreements testifies to the desire to introduce a spirit of good will and confidence.

Confident that the German government will reciprocate these sentiments, the note announces the decision to introduce into the occupations alleviations compatible with the treaty of Versailles.

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## TOLL BRIDGE APPROVED

OLYMPIA, Nov. 17.—(By Associated Press)—The state highway commission today announced formal approval of the construction of a toll bridge across the Columbia river between Longview, Wash., and Rainier, Ore. Cost of construction is estimated at \$2,000,000.

## HOSPITAL IS STARTED

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Nov. 17.—Ground will be broken tomorrow for the new Walla Walla general hospital, which is estimated to cost \$200,000.

## PRINCIPALS OF COUNTY WILL GATHER SATURDAY

WILL ADOPT CONSTITUTION FOR ASSOCIATION

Notices Mailed by W. W. Fox, Rural Supervisor; Entire Membership Wanted

A meeting at which the school principals of Marion county will adopt the new constitution of the association, and also elect a delegate to the Oregon State Teachers' association convention in Portland, will be held in the Salem public library on Saturday, Nov. 21, at 2 o'clock. Notices were mailed yesterday to all principals of the county by W. W. Fox, rural school supervisor and secretary of the association.

The meeting promises to be one of the most important ever held, and a one hundred per cent attendance is expected. There are 67 principals in the county.

Mr. Smith, assistant state school superintendent, will address the association, and other speakers have also been secured for the day. A special musical program has been obtained by Lloyd O. Miller, principal of the Middle Grove district.

Much has been done by the principals' association in promoting inter-relationship between the schools of the county and this has been demonstrated by declatory contests and various athletic events. At the meeting on Saturday steps will be taken to encourage social activities between the schools.

W. A. Davenport, principal of the Lincoln school in Salem, is president of the association.

## COOLIDGE'S FATHER ILL

COLONEL'S CONDITION IS NOT BELIEVED CRITICAL

PLYMOUTH, Vt., Nov. 17.—(By Associated Press)—The condition of Colonel John Coolidge, father of the president, has taken a turn for the worse, and is now serious, his physician, Dr. A. M. Cram of Bridgewater, said today. The "heart block" from which he has suffered, became more pronounced yesterday and today and he has been ordered to abstain from all unnecessary activity.

Dr. Cram said that Colonel Coolidge, although not in a critical state was less well than he has been at any time since last summer. The physician is making two calls daily to the Coolidge home and will go there again tomorrow morning.

Dr. Cram has as yet taken no steps to call in the advisers who were in consultation with him last spring, including the president's physician, Major James F. Coupland.

"I don't think it is serious enough yet," he said. "I have ordered him to take a complete rest for the past few days because he has not been in the best of health. His old trouble seems to have returned but although there is no way of forecasting what turn it may take, I do not believe there are as yet any critical developments in sight."

## FLAX MEETING SLATED

AUMSVILLE CLUB WILL BE ORGANIZED TONIGHT