

## NATION'S CHILDREN ARE GREATEST CROP

Marshall Dana, Editor, Calls Majority Spiritual Illiterates

## DEVELOPMENT FORECAST

Urges Willamette Valley Farmers to Specialize; Asks "Deep Consideration, Devoted Wisdom" for Reclamation

"The crop of children in America is far more important than any other crop," said Marshall Dana, associate editor of the Oregon Journal of Portland, in addressing the Salem Kiwanis club at their luncheon yesterday.

"Seven out of 10 children are moral and spiritual illiterates," he declared, stating that America is suffering from "growing pains" but that an undernote of merit and faith, "a saving spiritual element in America, will save us."

Striking into the prevailing discussions for the day in Salem, he declared that the study of reclamation in Oregon calls for "deep consideration and devoted wisdom."

"The problems we have before us," he asserted, "are the problems of settlement and of finance. They are the problems of Oregon's growing pains, but their solution will mean the solution of Oregon's future."

Declaring that production in the Willamette valley has reached but 10 per cent of its potential production, Mr. Dana stated that "we have no reason for anything but optimism."

Mr. Dana said that the Willamette valley will never reach the full extent of its possibilities as long as it deals in staple products, declaring that other places in Oregon, reclaimed districts, are able to produce more grain and potatoes and such staples per acre, and at less cost than can be done in this valley.

"We in the Willamette valley, must be specialists," he said. "A farmer has told me that on 10 acres in the Willamette valley, by specializing, he has been able to live better, and live more, than he could on his 320 acre farm in Wisconsin. We can produce dairy products here at from 15 to 25 percent less than in Wisconsin, although they have so far been able to produce more yearly than we have."

"A friend of mine near Estacada has been able to realize \$1 a square foot on his one and one-half acre place near Estacada by growing jinseng, used by Chinese as a medicine for every ailment from a bad cold to rheumatism. He made \$43,000 on his land. As a by-product, he makes about \$2,000 per acre by selling the seed. This man is an object of interest to the income tax collector."

Other special crops that Mr. Dana suggested might be raised here in abundance are roses for rose oil to be used in perfume, mint, cherries and flax. Mr. Dana recommended particularly the latter as one of the crops for which the Willamette valley will become world famous.

As for the growth of Oregon,

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## FLORIDA SUMS UP LOSS DAMAGE FROM DOWNPOUR WILL RUN INTO MILLIONS

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—While the west coast of Florida was still in the grip of a receding storm, on the east coast storm warnings had been hauled down and work of repairs—the damage done was started.

The toll in the vicinity of Tampa stood at four known dead, four missing, and 18 more or less seriously injured, with the property loss expected to run into millions of dollars.

The tempest temporarily paralyzed tropical shipping, but only one steamer sent out a call for assistance, the Munson steamer Red Bird, bound for Havana, ran into trouble in the high seas and with the shipping board steamer West Chalcote standing by, made the government cut at Miami and dropped anchor to await an opportunity to enter.

Three planes were swept out to sea at Daytona Beach, but no one was injured. Communication with principal points cut off by the storm had been re-established to-night. Lakeland, Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Seabring, Avon Park, Sarasota, Fort Myers and other points reported damage by wind.

While the waters have receded from Miami's principal streets, small pools of several inches in depth remained generally throughout the district.

## 'MA' HAS SYMPATHIZER

"DON'T LET THEM BLUFF YOU," MESSAGE STATES

DALLAS, Texas, Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—A woman candidate for governor, Mrs. Edith E. Wilmons of Dallas, has sent a message of sympathy to Governor Miriam A. Ferguson. "Don't let them bluff you," said the message. "Do what you think best. Moody and the rest haven't fooled the public as badly as they think." Mrs. Wilmons is a candidate for governor of Texas in 1926.

## ENTIRE CREW IS SAVED WHEN SHIP IS WRECKED

ALL HANDS ON HAMMOND COMPANY FREIGHTER SAVED

Vessel Breaks in Two at Entrance to Gray's Harbor; Said Total Loss

WESTPORT, Wash., Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—All remaining members of the crew of the ill-fated schooner Halco were removed from the wreck by means of the breeches buoy early tonight and were brought to Westport on the coast guard cutter.

The captain, mate and engineer left by automobile for Hoquiam.

## HOQUIAM, Wash., Dec. 1.—

(By Associated Press.)—The steam schooner Halco, of the Hammond Lumber company, which went ashore on the north jetty at the Grays Harbor entrance shortly before daylight today, will be a total loss, but there will be no loss of life, in the opinion of Captain Chris Olson, tug captain who returned to Hoquiam tonight with the first information direct from the scene of the wreck. The vessel appears to have broken in two and is so far up on the beach that the tug John Cudaby could not approach her, but she has not broken up, and any members of the crew who are still aboard will be able to walk ashore at low water tonight.

The United States coast guard station at Westport is on the south side of the entrance, and it has no direct view from the wreck scene about 5:30 o'clock, when it was reported that six men of the crew of 22 had been taken ashore. Three came ashore in small boats, while three were taken off on a breeches buoy. When the entire crew has been landed they will be taken across the entrance to Westport by the coast guard cutter and brought to Aberdeen by automobile according to officials of the Grays Harbor Stevedore company, local agents for the ship.

## REACH DEBT AGREEMENT

AMERICAN AND ROMANIAN COMMISSIONS IN ACCORD

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—The American and Roumanian debt commissions today reached an agreement for funding the Roumanian debt and the agreement, the eleventh completed, has been approved by the president. Formal signatures will be attached to the past later in the week.

The agreement was based on \$44,590,000 as against a recorded indebtedness of \$46,509,000 carried by the treasury books. In arriving at the terms of the settlement, which follow the British agreement on general lines, interest accrued since the advances were made was recalculated as has been the case with other debts and this accounted for the reduction of the treasury's total.

Roumania was accorded lenient payments over the earlier years of the agreement which extends for 62 years, while the international rate is fixed at three per cent for the first ten years and three and a half per cent thereafter—as in the settlement with Great Britain—the payments start with \$200,000 next June 15 and increase at the rate of \$100,000 a year until 1933 when annual increase of \$200,000 is provided, until the payment on June 15, 1939, reaches \$2,200,000.

## U. S. SHIPS GET ORDER

THREE DESTROYERS SENT TO CHINESE WATERS

MANILA, Dec. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Three more American destroyers left here today for Shanghai owing to the threatening conditions in China.

The destroyer McCormick left Manila on Saturday last for Shanghai. At the time it was said three more destroyers were being held in readiness should it be decided to send reinforcements.

## PEACE AT PREMIUM IN MITCHELL CASE

Stormy Session Held in Court Martial Proceedings Against Officer

## GENERAL GRAVES PLAYED

Mitchell's Counsel Files Violent Protest Against Graves' Retention as Member of Tribunal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Scenes unparalleled in the stormiest of its sessions to date were unfolded by the Mitchell court martial today with startling rapidity.

The court found it necessary three times to move behind closed doors to unravel its tangles. The first move of the sort followed a flareup between Representative Frank R. Reid, Illinois, chief defense counsel, and Major General William S. Graves, a member of the tribunal.

Mr. Reid charged General Graves with interfering with and interruption of his examination of Capt. H. E. Yarnell, a navy witness testifying for the prosecution. General Graves declared he had done nothing of the kind, and in the argument that ensued, order and other semblances of peaceful procedure disappeared for the time and the court retired to its private chambers for consultation.

No sooner had it returned and ordered the trial to continue than the second interruption developed. Mr. Reid challenging General Graves' right to continue as a member of the court. The general, he charged, had "repeatedly interfered by his conduct with my cross examination of witnesses and should no longer be permitted to sit as a member of this court."

That provoked the tribunal to close the doors and move again in executive session to restore peace. General Graves kept his seat at the bench while his colleagues conferred in another room. When they returned, having voted in secret to disregard the challenge against him, he sought permission to make a statement in reply to the challenge. Objections to such a procedure at once were raised and again the court moved into other and cooler quarters to determine what it should do. General Graves accompanied his fellow officers on this occasion. When the court returned, it was announced that he had withdrawn his request to speak.

Meanwhile the general had spoken loudly in defense of his right to comment on the court's procedure, expressing with emphasis belief in his ability to continue on the court and reach a "proper and impartial conclusion." He insisted that the remark he had made to Colonel Blanton

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## GERMANY IS WELCOMED BY EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

CONSUMMATION OF LOCARNO PACT BRINGS REJOICING

German Delegates to Council Are Greeted With Enthusiasm By London Crowds

LONDON, Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Germany really got back into the European family today when Chancellor Luther and the German foreign minister, Gustave Stresemann, signed the Locarno pact. It was a pleasant little family party in the reception room of the British foreign office with only 300 persons present.

The black gowns of Lady Chamberlain, Mrs. Stanley Baldwin and the other ladies who attended reminded the gathering of the death of the queen mother Alexandra, which made it impossible to have a ceremonious signing. The London crowds welcomed the German delegates everywhere with enthusiasm.

There was no empty chair for Russia, but M. Briand expressed the hope that Russia might soon decide to enter the league of nations and speed Europe in the restoration of normal economic and political conditions. The nations affixing their signatures and their representatives were: Great Britain, Austen Chamberlain and Stanley Baldwin; Germany, Chancellor Luther and Gustave Stresemann; Belgium, Emile Vandervelde; France, Aristide Briand; Italy, Vittorio Scialoja; Poland, Count Skrzynski; Czechoslovakia, Eduard Benes.

Only the nations signatory to the Locarno pact attended the signing, but Alanson B. Houghton, United States ambassador to Germany, it was thought, might appropriately have had a seat beside Lord D'Aberton, as they had greatly influenced the German government in the negotiations which made possible the adoption of the Dawes plan—the first real step toward peace between Germany and France.

The disarmament spirit was in the air and there seemed to be a general feeling that a disarmament conference must be held.

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## CHRISTMAS SEALS

JEFFERSON QUOTA DISPOSED OF ON FIRST DAY

Setting a new record for the rapid sale of Christmas seal stamps, for the tuberculosis fund, Jefferson disposed of the city's quota of \$20 worth in the first day, and demanded another \$10 supply, according to Mrs. John A. Carson, president of the Associated Charities.

Marion school is also among the most efficient units, reporting complete sale of its \$10 supply. Sale of stamps throughout the city and the section show unusual support of the work being advanced by the National Tuberculosis Association.

## FARMERS OPPOSED TO RATE INCREASE

Organizations File Protest Against Raise in Railroad Freight Rates

## BURDEN SAID TOO HEAVY

Montana Man Declares Farmers in That State Already Unable to Stand Reverses and Failures

ST. PAUL, Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Representatives of various farm organizations went on record today as "not being against railroads," but against any increase in freight rates which would further jeopardize the financial standing of the agricultural industry. This stand was taken at a hearing before an interstate commerce commission examiner on the application of 74 western railroads for increased freight rates.

W. L. Stockton of Clarkston, Mont., said that a higher rate on freight would be an additional load on the farmers and that even though the farmers of his state are not against railroads, they should at least share in the benefits of the industrial prosperity.

He said that farmers are worse off now than they were in 1920 and as argument, said that many districts in Montana are today entirely depopulated because of agricultural failure.

In many districts schools are vacant because there are no children, the parents having moved to other sections of the country and have abandoned their land," Mr. Stockton said. "There are more than \$11,000,000 in delinquent taxes in the state, which shows conclusively that the farmers are unable to meet their obligations."

O. B. Shay, representing western fruit growers, including organizations in Washington and Oregon, and Miles Clark, assistant chief of department of public works, also testified.

These two pointed out that although the freight rate increase applied for does not affect the transportation of agricultural products, they are seeking a reduced freight rate on these commodities. Like the representatives of various farm groups these witnesses pointed out that the fruit growers of the western states are in financial difficulty and cannot stand the burdens of high freight rates.

## SHIP WRECKED, 6 DEAD

NEGRO SEAMEN DROWN; 2,000 CASES OF LIQUOR LOST

DAYTONA BEACH, Fla., Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Six negro seamen were drowned, 2,000 cases of fine liquors lost and three men were rescued today after the wrecking of a schooner from the Bahama islands, south of Flagler Beach, according to reports.

## USED CLOTHES PARTY NETS 3,500 ARTICLES, 600 SHOES

Shirts, Suits, Overcoats, Dresses Are Piled High; Report States Needy Are Assured Adequate Supply

Over 3500 articles of clothing and 300 pairs of shoes were received by the Associated Charities of Salem as a direct result of the Used Clothes party given by the Oregon Theater and the Oregon Statesman, last Friday.

This word was received from Mrs. Mae Young, secretary of the organization, who has been checking up on the articles turned in by the children that packed the theater for the occasion.

"Included in this number are men's shirts, suits, overcoats, working pants, and coveralls such as men need for garage work; ladies' coats, dresses, suits, and sweaters; children's clothes; boys' suits, waists, trousers; girls' dresses, suits, raincoats, and coats.

"In fact, we received from this party the best assortment of boys' clothes we have ever had. In former times we have had trouble keeping the little boys of needy Salem families in proper garb, but we feel now that we have enough to take care of most of the wants for the entire winter.

"Before this party was given by the Oregon Statesman and the Oregon theater, we never had enough shoes on hand. Now we have plenty. We have been able to fill all of the needs on hand at the present time, and will be able to keep the poor of the city in shoes for most of the winter, just from this supply we have received."

As to whether or not these clothes donated to charity for the needy of Salem are being put to immediate and worthy use, Mrs. Young states that practically half of the cases in Salem are those of widows' families, who have been relieved already as a result of the Used Clothes party.

The biggest demand is for clothing for children, according to Mrs. Young. Mothers and fathers write in asking that they not be considered but that their children be given clothing so they can continue in school. Mrs. Young announced that one of the most pleasing gifts of the party was a large box of children's hose, articles that are very much in demand.

There are three cases of small pox which the association is caring for, according to Mrs. Young. One is a case of a widow who has three little tots, one of which has a small pox. Another is a case of a man and wife who have the malady and are unable to care for their family.

Another woman is suffering from an affliction, believed to be consumption, and the association is giving her milk every day. Mrs. Young states that several people are willing to help in the work of charity for the city by contributing a month's milk supply to some worthy person in need.

Another interesting but pathetic case was brought to the attention of the Association Tuesday. This case is of a man and wife who have twelve children. They have been living in Salem for six months, but this is the first time they have sought aid.

The man, according to Mrs. Young, was formerly on a police force in Colorado. He is a butcher by trade, but being slightly deaf, he has been unable to find work in this capacity. Nine of the children are now at home, and three of these have been forced out of school because they have no shoes. The three are coming to the association's office today, where they will be fitted with shoes obtained in the Used Clothes party.

Another case the bureau is caring for is that of a wife and mother with 4 children under six years of age. These are being outfitted by the Association from

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## DETECTIVE KILLS SELF

SPOKANE OFFICER SUICIDES; WORRY SAID CAUSE

SPOKANE, Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—While Chief of Police Wesley Turner was waiting for him in another room of his apartment here late this afternoon Chester Edwards, a member of the Spokane police force for 30 years and known over the country as a detective, shot and killed himself.

Edwards had been worrying, Chief Turner announced, over the loss of some evidence in the case of Isador Delstein, held in jail here on a charge of robbery of the Paulsen building vaults here of about \$25,000. Edwards recently returned from a trip through the middle west in connection with the case.

Turner telephoned him this afternoon to tell him that a part of the missing evidence had been found and Edwards asked the chief to call at his apartment. When he arrived there Mrs. Edwards informed him that her husband was threatening to take his own life.

He consented to leave with the chief and while Turner was waiting his return with his hat and coat, he shot himself.

Edelstein who has a prison record, was brought back from San Francisco last fall following his arrest there. He is to go to trial later this month. The missing evidence, it was declared is not necessarily material to the state's case.

## PICTURE MERGER FAILS

TWO PRODUCERS ABANDON PLAN TO FORM AFFILIATION

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Proposed plans for the merger of the United Artists and the Metro-Goldwyn Mayer moving picture producing corporations were "permanently abandoned by mutual consent" of the principals here late today, Joseph M. Schenck, executive head of the former concern announced.

Schenck's announcement declared that the abandonment of the proposed merger plan was the result of a "storm of protest from exhibitors all over the world, whose protests were based on the mistaken premise that there was to be something in the nature of a trustification of the motion picture industry."

"Nothing could have been further from the facts; but realizing our inability to dispel the impression," Schenck said, "we have decided that our independence and integrity before the exhibitor is paramount to any economy we might effect in the face of adverse, if mistaken, criticism. Both companies are now in complete accord with this decision."

## RAIL COMMITTEE TO MEET

NEW YORK, Dec. 1.—A meeting of the rules committee of organized baseball will be held this winter for the first time in five years.

## SAVE RECLAMATION IS CONFERENCE PLEA

Urges Irrigation and Drainage Work Be Put on Business Basis

## BODIES PLAN MERGER

Oregon Drainage Association and Oregon Reclamation Congress Join Efforts to Promote Agricultural Interests

Naming of a state-wide committee to present to the legislature ways and means of rescuing present reclamation projects from disaster, putting the work on a business basis, and the vote to amalgamate the Oregon drainage association with the Oregon reclamation congress, marked the eleventh annual session of the Oregon drainage association at Salem yesterday. The formation of the Oregon reclamation congress will probably be completed the next regular session.

Delegates from throughout the state were present, being addressed at noon luncheon by Governor Walter M. Pierce. Committeemen appointed to prepare a report to be presented to the legislature are of broad business experience and include Rhea Luper, state engineer; Senator W. Lair Thompson, Portland; Judge N. G. Wallace, Prineville; Percy Cupper, Ivan Oakes, Ontario; Whitney Boise, Portland; Senator Sam Brown, Gervais, and Ralph Cowgill, Medford.

This committee will proceed on plans for the immediate rehabilitation of reclamation work in Oregon, along lines suggested by Wilford Allen, president of the Oregon reclamation congress, and Senator W. Lair Thompson, and in keeping with the eight resolutions adopted before the session adjourned.

Directors to sit in with the Irrigation congress this year were named by Wilford Allen, president of the Oregon reclamation congress. They are J. O. Elrod, Portland; E. E. Wist, Scappoose; E. E. Chadwick, Eugene; Ed A. Geary, Klamath Falls; O. D. Teel, Echo; Colon E. Eberhard, La Grande, and Ivan Oakes, Ontario. The two organizations will work effectively together.

Senator Sam H. Brown presided at the sessions. Wilford Allen in his morning talk outlined a program of reclamation for Oregon, including three points, land settlement, a plan for developing, reclamation and finance, and new projects, stating that the federal bureau should return land funds to Oregon and that the joint session should urge on congress immediate carrying forward of reclamation in Oregon. Picturing irrigation problems as ones primarily of finance, Senator W. Lair Thompson said:

"If the several men who will become candidates for governor would join in a pledge to appoint a non-partisan committee to study the district problem and suggest treatment, and thus bar the matter from politics, they would be really serving their state."

He held that the Bancroft bonding act may hold the solution for helping irrigation districts, by assessing land proportionate to the value received from the water.

"I wish to stress these three points," said Governor Walter M. Pierce, in addressing the delegates at luncheon. "The increasing eating world, the fact that producing valleys are not increasing, and that the solution lies in reclamation and drainage."

"We are fast drifting into years

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## FRATERNITIES MERGE

TWO WILLAMETTE HOUSES ARE CONSOLIDATED

The most surprising turn in the annals of fraternity history at Willamette university came to light Tuesday morning when the Alpha Phi Delta and Phi Kappa Pi fraternities announced they had consolidated. News came as a complete surprise to the campus.

Reason for the consolidation lies in the fact that the university's reduced enrollment does not permit the existence of five fraternities, the former number.

The new fraternity is to retain the name of Alpha Phi Delta, the older of the two. The Alpha Phi Delta house, at 840 Union street, will be used by the consolidation.

Alumni members of both organizations will be alumni of the new body. Pledges of both houses are also to remain as pledges under the new regime.

