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**WEATHER FORECAST:** Rain; mild temperature, southerly gales on the coast. Maximum yesterday, 57; minimum, 33; river, 9.7 and rising; rainfall, 1.59; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, south.

According to John J. Leary, a high authority on labor matters, in the New York World, communist "borings from within" have cost the New York needle trade unions \$30,000,000 in the last year. In labor circles as elsewhere, learning is sometimes expensive but worth it.—Boston Transcript.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

## SPECIAL WORD FROM GOVERNOR COMING TODAY

### Patterson to Make Proposals on Tax Problem at Joint Session

### REDISTRIBUTION HINTED

#### Bill Amending Old Law Relative to Salary Fixing Classified as Wolf in Sheep's Clothing by German

"Watchful waiting" has been the policy adopted by the legislature for the past few days; but this will be brought to an end today when Governor Patterson reads his special message to a joint session of the senate and house this afternoon. Yesterday the general routine affairs were taken care of, but there was considerable speculation as to what the governor would propose as a solution to the financial problem of the state. No hint as to the contents of this message has been forthcoming, and none will probably be given out until he opens his address today.

It was intimated by those in close touch with the situation that one proposal will be relative to the redistribution of the tax burden, and another will be concerning the titling of self-sustaining boards into the general fund as a means of meeting the financial emergency. He will no doubt touch on various other proposals which have been made so far this session.

In the meantime the work continues to pile up in the house and the representatives face many hours of hard labor before they will be able to adjourn.

Things are moving too slowly in the house to suit Speaker Carlin, who attempted to stir the members up a little yesterday by warning them that there were only 15 days left, and the quota of 50 bills was not being turned out.

There are very few bills ready for third reading, and Mr. Carlin has repeatedly asked the committees to hurry with the bills in their hands.

The raising of salaries seems to be about the greatest bone of contention so far in the house. Mr. Lewis' resolution number 13 met with the ill-fate usually accompanying the number.

The resolution provides that, inasmuch as the governor has requested that no salary raises shall take effect during the term to which the officer is elected, and economy being mainly stressed in

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## RIVERS RISING OVER ALL STATE

### WILLAMETTE FLOOD STAGE EXPECTED IN FEW DAYS

Parts of Portland Inundated as Creeks Overflow; Trains Held Up

Following an all day downpour in which 1.69 inches of rain fell, the deluge ceased here for a short time last night, only to resume again at 11 o'clock.

The Willamette river last night was rapidly rising, and had reached nearly 19 feet above normal at a late hour.

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—A heavy downpour of rain, melting snows in the mountains and turning sluggish creeks into raging torrents, has precipitated a near-flood condition in many sections of the Pacific northwest. Unusually heavy rain in Portland caused several floods within the city limits with considerable damage as a result. Train service on the Marshfield branch of the Southern Pacific was held up over night because of the storm and damage of slides.

## BONES OF FOUR VICTIMS DUG UP

### HASSELL'S CONFESSION AFFIRMED BY DISCOVERY

#### The Remains of A Woman and Three Children Found at Charted Location

WHITTIER, Cal., Feb. 1.—(AP)—The confession of George J. Hassell, convicted Texas slayer, in which he admitted the murder here 10 years ago of a family of four, was confirmed today by the finding of human bones buried in the cellar of a house which he formerly occupied.

Hassell is now awaiting execution in Texas as the result of the slaying of his wife and eight stepchildren.

The Whittier victims are believed by police to be Mrs. Mary Vogel, formerly of Pittsburgh, Pa., and her three adopted children, who disappeared from here under mysterious circumstances in 1917.

The bones of four persons were unearthed late today while police were digging beneath the house in which Hassell at one time lived under the name of "G. Baker."

The officers were guided in their search by a chart prepared by Hassell.

In his confession, Hassell declared he had choked and clubbed to death a woman with whom he was living here and then killed the sleeping children, following an argument whether he should go into the army. This happened shortly after the United States entered the world war. After committing the murders, Hassell buried his victims beneath the house.

When Hassell's chart arrived Monday authorities located the house and started to spade up the basement. The work had to be carried on in relays, only one man being permitted to dig at a time.

Constable R. B. Way, aiming his spade into the hard clay late today, turned up an adult thigh bone, a few more spadeblows removed and the bones of all four victims were uncovered.

The officers reported the bodies apparently had been dismembered before being cast into the narrow trench.

A cursory examination indicated that the children had been thrown in first and that the mother had been buried on top of them. The position of the bodies was exactly as Hassell declared they would be found. Only the bones were left.

## 'FLAMING' DRESS SHOWN

### Startling Plaid and Gorgeous Colors in Men's Fashions

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—"Flaming youth" will take on an entirely new significance if the startling plaid—black and cover-plaid designs in young men's suits—assume the popularity the merchant tailors of the Pacific coast declare they will. A gorgeous array of color, ranging from navy blue to the browns and tans—cedar shades they call them—and up the scale to the more brilliant hues, marks the advent of a new epoch for the men of the land, the tailors declare. The advance styles of 1928 are now being displayed here at the annual Pacific coast convention.

The assembly formally opened today with Mayor George L. Baker giving the address of welcome.

President John Strain of Sacramento read the annual message.

## GERMAN ARMS DECIDED

### Ambassadors Settle Last Detail of Versailles Treaty

PARIS, Feb. 1.—(AP)—The last important question pending between Germany and France under the Versailles treaty not otherwise disposed of was settled today when an agreement was reached between the German experts and the ambassador's council relative to dismantling fortifications in the region of Cologne.

This agreement has ended a controversy that lasted since allied control of military affairs in Germany began in 1920. It brings to a termination the work of the inter-allied military control mission in Germany and reduces the activities of the ambassadors council to minor odds and ends of the treaty of Versailles.

The senate finance committee approved the alien property bill.

Construction of three cruisers, opposed by President Coolidge, was approved by the senate.

Senate republican leaders staved off a vote on a resolution advocating tax reduction.

The senate voted to delay the shift of immigration quotas to a national origin basis.

Bootleggers invading congressional offices were denounced by Representative Johnson of Kentucky.

The administration's Nicaraguan-Mexican policy was endorsed by the house foreign affairs committee.

## FANATIC KILLS YOUNG SILETZ INDIAN MAIDEN

### Man Chokes Girl at Toledo; Thought Perhaps to Be "Strangler"

### IMPERSONATES CHRIST

#### Alexander Hill Name of Slayer; Meets Girl at Gospel Services; Portland Police Notified

TOLEDO, Or., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Because she refused to follow him in his beliefs, Alexander Hill, said to be a religious fanatic, today strangled to death Minnie Washington, 17 year old Indian girl, on the Siletz reservation. According to Sheriff Horsefall, Hill confessed to the murder. He is held in jail here on an open charge.

The girl's body was discovered in an abandoned house by Ernest Copeland after Hill had appeared at Copeland's house and informed him that he had "sent the girl on" because she refused to follow him.

By humoring the man, Copeland was able to lead him to neighbors where he obtained help in holding Hill until Sheriff Horsefall could be summoned from Toledo.

A possible link with the "dark stranger" murders in Portland and other Pacific coast cities was seen in the murder here today. Women who had encountered the Portland stranger declared he had strong religious convictions and obsessions bordering at times on the fanatical. Authorities here were getting in touch with Portland police tonight to compare descriptions.

Hill, who was employed at a timber camp here, had been attending gospel services at a church at Siletz, and it was there that he was believed to have first met Minnie Washington.

At 8 o'clock this morning he appeared at the home of the Washingtons.

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## BROWN MEETS PRESIDENT

### Salem Man and Son Presented to Coolidge at White House

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Clifford Brown of Salem and his son, Chandler, were presented to President Coolidge at the White House today by Senator McNary, a Washington despatch to the Morning Oregonian says.

Brown, prominent in American Legion activities at Salem, is visiting several eastern cities, the despatch adds.

## PRUNPORT VALUE SHOWS INCREASE

### SPECIAL MEETING PLANNED TO BOOST NEW INDUSTRY

#### Vick Reports 80 Stockholders in Company and Wants to Double Number

Several of the business men have begun to appreciate the value of Prunport as an industry to Salem, and for that reason are backing the meeting to be held at the chamber of commerce Thursday night at 8 o'clock, according to George F. Vick, chairman of the chamber agricultural committee.

"Prunport will be of huge importance to the public market, in spite of the fact that it is only a five cent drink," Mr. Vick said. "I predict that in five years 50 per cent of our oranges will be marketed as bottled products."

"As an example of what Prunport can do for the prun industry, I can cite what happened to the orange industry in California. They had a hard time marketing the small oranges, until they conceived the idea of making a drink from orange juice. Now there are five different orange juice drinks on the market."

"I think that Prunport is a better drink than these orange juice drinks, and will have more success."

"For this reason we want to get as many out to the meeting Thursday night as possible. We now have 80 stockholders in the company here, and want to double the number. Even if one has no money to invest, we want him to come to the meeting anyway, as we want information as much as money."

R. L. Holsclaw, president of the Prunport company, has issued a prospectus concerning the new product. This prospectus says in part:

"Upon the completion of its present plans the company will have in addition to its present bottling plant, syrup manufacturing equipment adequate to manufacture 100 gallons per eight hour shift, giving a possible capacity of 300 gallons every 24 hours."

"During the past four winter months, the low tide of the beverage business, more than 700 cases or 16,000 bottles were sold in Salem and vicinity."

## FIRE WRECKS HOSPITAL

### 200 Patients at Michigan University Saved From Flames

ANN ARBOR, Mich., Feb. 1.—(AP)—Two hundred patients confined in the old hospital at the University of Michigan here were rescued tonight when fire partially destroyed the institution. The patients, mostly convalescent, were removed to a new hospital at the university.

Five minutes after the alarm was sounded, officials at police headquarters received a report that the fire had gained such headway that the building appeared to be doomed. Tuesday morning the hospital at the university is located on the outskirts of the city. The hospital is one of the oldest buildings at the institution.

## COURT UPHOLDS RAILROAD RATES

### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION ORDER HELD JUST

#### Circuit Tribunal Affirmed in Rail Case Decree of Marion County

Railroad rates affecting the agricultural products within the state of Oregon, as fixed in orders issued by the public service commission, were upheld in an opinion handed down by the state supreme court here yesterday.

The opinion was written by Justice Rand in a suit brought by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company and other carriers operating in the state to set aside the order of the public service commission. The opinion of Justice Rand affirmed the decree of Judges Percy R. Kelly and L. H. McMahan of the Marion county circuit court.

"It is impossible to say to what extent, if at all," reads the opinion, "the earnings of the carriers has been decreased through the putting into effect of the new rates. Outside of the traffic over branch lines, most of the grain reached the Portland market, at a rate less than that fixed generally by the commission. There is, therefore, nothing in the record which would entitle this court to set aside or vacate these rates."

"The year 1922 was not a good year for railway carriers. Since that time, however, there has been some improvement in the railway business. The inability of railway carriers to earn adequate revenues is one of the most serious problems which now confronts the American people, but relief to the railroads, if it comes at all, must come through legislation and not through judicial action."

"If these or any other rates, are found to be inadequate for the services rendered, it will become the duty of the commission, upon a proper showing, to make such changes in the rate as the exigencies of the case may require."

Lon L. Parker, Portland attorney, was suspended from the practice of law for a period of one year as the result of disbarment proceedings filed against him by the Multnomah County Bar association. He was accused of wilful deceit and misconduct in the practice of his profession. The court held that the conduct of the defendant did not warrant disbarment, but that less drastic action would serve a better purpose.

## ARRANGE DENTAL CLINIC

### Examinations to Be Made Under Supervision of County Unit

Establishment of a dental clinic for the Salem public school pupils, in a portable building which is now located on the grounds of the old Washington junior high school building, has been arranged for, it was announced, Tuesday from the office of Superintendent George W. Hug. The dental examinations will be made under the supervision of the Marion county dental unit.

## CANTON TELLS ENGLAND ARMY MUST STAY OUT

### Unless Warlike Preparations Cease, No Treaties Will Be Entered

### BRITAIN READY TO YIELD

#### Termination of Negotiations Between O'Malley and Eugene Chen Comes as Big Star-prise to Watchers

HANKOW, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Great Britain was told today by the Cantonese government that until the British ceased their heavy concentration of troops and warships at Shanghai the nationalists of China would not enter into negotiations for a new treaty.

Plans of the British to land 20,000 soldiers in the international concessions of Shanghai, with dozens of warships floating in the river and war airplanes circling overhead, were held incompatible with moves toward peaceable adjustment of the differences of the two nations as to British influence and holdings in China.

Eugene Chen, foreign minister of the nationalist or Cantonese government, terminated the preliminary discussion with Owen O'Malley, British chargé d'affaires, after stating his views in regard to the forthcoming British warlike concentration at Shanghai.

The termination of the negotiations by the Cantonese was a surprise. Great Britain was prepared to yield to most of the demands by the Cantonese for the elimination of British administration of zones in China, and to grant other rights sought by the Chinese. It has been authoritatively stated that O'Malley was instructed to agree to the relinquishment to Chinese jurisdiction of the control of the British exercise in numerous concession districts of Chinese cities.

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## M'NARY BILL WINS MIX

### Effort Made to Link Measure With McFadden Bank Proposal

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Unsuccessful efforts were made today in the senate to link the McNary-Haugen bill and the McFadden branch banking measure in an unanimous consent for a time for voting on each.

Chairman McNary of the agriculture committee, who is co-author of the farm measure, asked unanimous consent for votes, accepted suggestions for changes of the dates originally proposed and then ran into objections by Senators King, Democrat, Utah, and Harrison, Democrat, Mississippi.

As a result, both measures continue in their present status with no limitation on their discussion, but new efforts will be made later to reach an agreement for disposing of them.

## FLOOD HITS ARKANSAS

### Vast Area Submerged; Drowned Man Found; 1500 Homeless

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Feb. 1.—(AP)—A vast area in Woodruff county, northeast of here, was submerged tonight while relief organizations provided food and shelter for 1500 persons who fled their homes before the waters which poured through breaks in the White river.

While more than 100,000 acres have been swept by the muddy tide and livestock and remnants of ungathered crops have suffered damage, reports of losses of lives in the White river lowlands have been unconfirmed or denied.

The body of Harold Summers, 22, who was drowned near Blytheville Sunday night when a row-boat capsized, was recovered last night. Blytheville is experiencing high water from local streams and lakes.

## CROISAN TAKES OFFICE

### Salem Man Given Oath as Collector of Customs for State

PORTLAND, Feb. 1.—(AP)—E. M. Croisan of Salem today took the oath of office as collector of customs for the Oregon district, the 15th official to hold this position.

Mr. Croisan, a native of Marion county, received a recess appointment August 24, 1926, filling the post made vacant by the death of Dr. East C. McFarland. The senate confirmed the appointment on January 31.

Mr. Croisan was born on a homestead in Marion county and in 1883 was appointed chief deputy sheriff of that county. For year later he succeeded John W. Minto as sheriff and was re-elected in 1890. In 1903 he was named state senator from Marion county.

## SALARY QUESTION PASSES SENATE

### REJECT IDEA OF CONFERENCE ON INCOME TAXES

#### Bill Proposes Establishment of State Motor Vehicle Department

The question of salary increase for the legislators of the state is going to rest with the voters at the next general election according to a resolution, which was approved by the senate yesterday. The proposed increase would raise the salaries from \$5 per diem to an amount not to exceed \$10. No legislator would receive more than \$400 for his services during a session. The resolution provided for four pages in the voters' pamphlet, which were to be used for argument in favor and in opposition to the increase.

Senator Joseph, author of the resolution, said that while as a general rule he was not in favor of salary increases, he considered the present compensation for legislators ridiculously low and not commensurate with the services performed.

"The voters of Oregon are liberal," declared Senator Joseph, "and I am of the opinion that they will approve this resolution."

Senator Butt questioned the constitutionality of such action on the part of the legislature. Senator Joseph replied that the voters and not the legislature would pass on the salary increase.

Under a bill introduced by Senator Dunn a tax of three-fourths of one per cent would be levied on the gross premiums of all fire, theft, burglary and accidents insurance corporations operating in the state of Oregon for the benefit of the policemen and firemen pension fund. It was estimated that the tax would raise approximately \$60,000 annually, and would be used to pay the pension fund.

The money collected from this tax would be remitted to the state treasurer, and later apportioned among the towns and cities having the pension fund system in operation. The apportionment would be based on population.

The purpose of the tax, it was said, was to minimize fire hazards, reduce fire waste, crime and accidents.

## MARINE FORCE READY TO SAIL

### WILL AFFORD PROTECTION TO SHANGHAI RESIDENTS

#### Coolidge Does Not Anticipate Evacuation of City by Americans

WASHINGTON, Feb. 1.—(AP)—Sailing orders under which 1300 marines now at San Diego, Cal., will be moved closer to China as a precautionary measure, coincided today with disclosure that President Coolidge does not anticipate that it will be necessary for Americans to be evacuated from Shanghai, although the government is taking all possible precautions to assure their protection, or, if necessary, transportation.

The marines are scheduled to sail Thursday on the transport Chaumont, bound for Asiatic stations. It is expected that detachments will be left at Gunm to replace marines ordered from there to Manila. They will be held available for use in China if called for by Admiral Williams, commanding American naval forces in the Orient.

President Coolidge is still awaiting some intimation from China that an agreement can be reached between the warring Chinese factions under which negotiations of new treaties with China can be taken up.

While no move toward direct conversations with the two major factions had been made, it was intimated at the White House today that in the event of negotiations, the Washington government probably would be reluctant on the subject until it had some accomplished fact with which to deal with. The president feels that it is proper that general policies should be announced, but that negotiations with other governments should be conducted in an orderly and more or less confidential way until a conclusion can be reached.

The president called Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations committee.

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## HOT ARGUMENT MARKS HEARING ON FISH PROBE

### Senate Resolutions Committee Hears Ugly Personalities Passed

### JOSEPH DEMANDS ACTION

#### Special Investigation Committee Has Failed to Act, Is Charged Made in Asking Ousting of Norblad

The senate resolutions committee yesterday listened to personal attacks and "hot verbal battles" at a meeting to consider a resolution offered by Senator Joseph, asking that Senator Norblad be removed from the special committee to probe affairs of the state fish commission.

Senator Joseph opened the argument by a demand for action "on this investigation."

"The committee appointed to probe the fish commission has held only two meetings," the senator declared, "and no verbal battles at a meeting to consider a resolution offered by Senator Joseph, asking that Senator Norblad be removed from the special committee to probe affairs of the state fish commission."

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"I charge that you, Senator Norblad, represent the fishing interests of the lower Columbia river and that you lobbied for pay at previous legislative sessions."

"Where did you get that information?" queried Senator Norblad directing his question at Senator Joseph.

"I gathered my information from affidavits," retorted Joseph, "and from a statement made by you that you lobbied and received pay for it. You have a strong animosity against Representative Mott, and you have not allowed him to testify. You are not following any one, but you are attempting to hold up this investigation. If we are to have an unbiased probe you should retire from the committee. It is apparent that you are attempting to smother this investigation, but you will not succeed if I have my way."

Senator Norblad, in replying, said he "had been goaded enough."

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