

Today Marks Opening of Beautiful New St. Benedict's Monastery at Mt. Angel, First Building to Replace Those Burned in 1926  
Local Hoover for President Club Has Over 300 Members, Including Prominent Men; Important Meeting at Court House Tonight

Weather forecast: Cloudy with rain in west portion; cooler in east portion; strong southerly winds with occasional gales on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 60, minimum 44, river 4.3, rainfall .18, atmosphere cloudy, wind southeast.

# The Oregon Statesman

Judging from the number of all-state basketball teams being picked this year there must be something contagious about presidential politics. The idea is for everybody to select his own favorite and then explain why his selection can't help but be best.

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## HINT DYNAMITE CAUSED BLAST; QUIZ LAUNCHED

### Thorough Investigation Ordered In Destruction of St. Francis Dam

## MUCH EVIDENCE FOUND

### Board of Engineers Will Be Selected to Make Analysis of Situation and Report on Cause of Disaster

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 20.—(AP)—The shadow of a human hand setting dynamite blasts under the shoulders of the St. Francis dam today fell across the spotlight of investigation into the cause of the disaster that had a missing death toll of 277 and a missing list of 173.

History Said Startling  
Officials of the department of water and power bureau admitted today that startling evidence tending to show that the city's second largest dam was dynamited is in the hands of the sheriff.

Federal Probe Starts  
Federal investigation of the tragedy got under way this morning with the arrival here of Dr. Elwood Mead, director of the United States reclamation service.

## SMITH FORMALLY PUTS HAT IN RING

### FIRST OPEN MOVE MADE BY NEW YORK GOVERNOR

### Gives Written Consent to Have Name Entered for Massachusetts Primaries

BOSTON, Mar. 20.—(AP)—Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York has given formal consent to the use of his name for the expansion of presidential preference in the Massachusetts democratic primaries, it was announced at the state house today.

"I hereby consent to the use of my name for the expression of a presidential preference in the Massachusetts presidential primary for the election of delegates and alternates to the democratic national convention and hereby authorize you to file such consent for such delegates and alternates, both at large and district representatives, as you may designate."

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Governor Smith, in giving approval to the use of his name in the Massachusetts primaries, did so with the full knowledge that his action would definitely mark him as a candidate for the democratic presidential nomination, the Associated Press learned tonight from a source of unquestioned authority.

Before replying to the letter from democratic state Chairman Charles H. McGlue, of Massachusetts, requesting his approval, the governor examined the law of that state and found that a person to have his name entered in the primaries, must definitely declare himself a candidate.

## LOST BANKER'S CAR DISCOVERED

### SUSPICIOUS CIRCUMSTANCES IN DISAPPEARANCE

### Head of Butte Falls Institution Walks Out; Waives Respection of Books Made

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Today's search for George W. Barker, missing Butte Falls banker, was unsuccessful although his automobile, abandoned in the hills two miles northeast of Butte Falls, had been found by deputies who, with Sheriff Jennings, are conducting a search of the wilderness of eastern Jackson county for the missing man.

Barker, president of the Pine Belt bank which was closed today by order of the state banking department, was last seen yesterday at 1:30 p. m. when he left the bank with the remark that he was going to lunch. The regular examination of the books of the bank was then in progress.

A search was started when he failed to return. Residents of the town told police they saw Barker driving in a northeasterly direction into the heavy timber and this clue was borne out by the discovery of the automobile.

The affairs of the bank were placed in the hands of the state banking department today at the request of Mrs. Hazel Barker, wife of the missing man, and officers and stockholders of the institution.

A. A. Schram, state superintendent of banks reached Butte Falls today but refused to make any statement in connection with the bank.

In connection with Barker's disappearance it was reported that four members of the state fire

## COLLEGE STUDENT LOST

### Robert Lemon, 22, Missing After Departure on Hike

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Searching parties were organizing this afternoon from Hood River and Cascade Locks to hunt for Robert Lemon, 22, University of Oregon junior and son of Mr. and Mrs. George H. Lemon, who has been missing since early yesterday when he struck out for a hike into the Benson plateau country.

According to Mrs. Lemon, who was advised that a preliminary search this morning, under Forest Ranger Albert Wiesendanger disclosed no trace of the boy. He left his Portland home early yesterday and placed his car in a garage at Cascade Locks.

Young Lemon donned boots and corduroys at Cascade Locks, took a light lunch and struck out, expecting to return last night.

Fear was held that he might be lost as the plateau country is rugged and there is heavy snow in the higher ranges.

The boy's father went to Cascade Locks this afternoon to help with the hunt, which is being directed by rangers, Cascade Locks residents and Hood River Crag Rats.

## JONES WEEPS AT BURIAL

### Oregon City Youth Breaks Down at Funeral of Relatives

OREGON CITY, Ore., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Earl Jones, 19, broke down and sobbed today as his step mother and his 10 year old half brother, Harold, were laid to rest in Damascus cemetery, the victims of the discharge of a box of dynamite which Earl had placed under their house. The explosion demolished the house at dawn last Thursday, and severely injured Robert E. Jones, the youth's father, and two girls.

Several hundred persons gathered at the services today and many viewed the bodies of the blast victims. Earl Jones had displayed no sign of emotion during the services until his grandmother kissed him as flowers were being strewn over the two graves.

Then he faltered and sobbed openly as his grandmother held his head against her breast.

## GUIDE IN AIR PERFECTED

### Substantial Aid to Plane Navigation Seen in Invention

WASHINGTON, Mar. 20.—(AP)—The latest aid to air navigation, a radio device to allow the pilot of an airplane to see whether he is on his course was demonstrated today by the bureau of standards and William P. MacCracken, assistant secretary of commerce for aeronautics.

A plane equipped with the mechanism was successfully flown at College Park, Md., near Washington and the new device probably will be in air service regularly in the future.

## SMITH REPLIES UPON SINCLAIR FUND CHARGES

### Statements Made On Senate Floor Monday Rebound In All's Favor

## RIFT SEEN IN COMMITTEE

### Walsh Launches Vigorous Attack On Other Members for Playing Politics with Teapot Dome Oil Quiz

ALBANY, N. Y., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Governor Smith tonight characterized as "demagogic slander" statements made by Senator Robinson, republican, Indiana, on the floor of the senate yesterday that Harry F. Sinclair, a prominent figure in the oil scandal, had been also a contributor to the New York state democratic gubernatorial campaign in 1920.

In a letter to Chairman Gerald P. Nye of the Teapot Dome committee, Governor Smith said that "a careful search of the official records made at my request today confirmed my recollection that Mr. Sinclair never contributed to my campaign fund either in 1920 or at any other time that I ever ran for office; in fact, I failed of election as governor in 1920 and Mr. Sinclair had been appointed to the racing commission months prior to that election, some four years before there was any thought of the oil scandal."

Strong Resentment Voiced  
"do not propose that either you or Senator Robinson of Indiana," the governor continued, "shall escape public humiliation for the infamous insinuations that

## TOURNEY MAKES PROFIT

### Salem Assured of State Basketball Meet Another Year

The question of whether or not Salem would have the state basketball tournament next year, which troubled local promoters for some time before the tourney, can now safely be answered by saying that it will be here again next season. Local basketball fans got behind the event at the proper time, every seat in the house was sold, and the result was a net profit of \$1500.

The receipts totaled \$4541.55, the expenses amounting to \$3000. Despite the increase in prices, more people saw the tournament this year than last, and no donations by local business men were necessary this year to make both ends meet. The tourney was a huge success in every way, which tightens the Capital city's grip on the event for next season.

From start to finish, everything went through without a flaw or dispute. The teams went on the floor acted in a sportsman-like manner, and both winners and losers went off the floor with a smile. Everyone declared that this tournament was the best ever held in this city.

## SINCLAIR BARRED BY RACING BODY

### MARYLAND STATE COMMISSION PUTS BAN ON HORSES

### Connection With Teapot Dome Oil Scandal Given as Reason For Official Act

BALTIMORE, Md., Mar. 20.—(AP)—The Maryland racing commission announced tonight through James F. Hayward, secretary, that it had requested owners of the four one mile tracks in the state to bar the horses of the Rancocas stable, owned by Harry F. Sinclair, oil magnate, because of his connection with the Teapot Dome oil scandal.

The communications were sent to the four leading racing associations in Maryland, including Pimlico, Bowie, Havre de Grace and Laurel.

Stating its cause of action, the racing commission's request added: "In view of the widespread adverse criticism that has resulted from pending court proceedings and the investigation of the United States senate committee regarding the action of Mr. Harry F. Sinclair, the commission deems it advisable for your association not to permit the starting of any horse owned by or to be run under the name of Mr. Sinclair or the Rancocas stable at your coming race meetings, until further action of this commission."

"Please take such steps," the request continued, "as are necessary to give effect to this order."

## ARCTIC AVIATORS SAFE

### Fears Dispelled for Safety of Flyers Heading Over Ice

FAIRBANKS, Alaska, Mar. 20.—(AP)—Fears that Captain George H. Wilkins, Australian air explorer, and Lieutenant Carl Ben Eielson, Alaskan pilot, may have crashed in landing at Point Barrow from Fairbanks yesterday, were discounted here tonight.

The possibility that their plane might have crashed was feared when attempts to get into radio communication with Wilkins were unavailing. Before leaving here, however, Wilkins had said that he would not send radio messages on the night of his arrival.

## SPAFFORD COMING SOON

### National Commander of Legion to Be Feted Here April 9

The national commander of the American Legion, Edward E. Spafford of New York, will be in Salem April 9, and will be welcomed here with an elaborate reception, it was announced last night by local Legion officials.

The meeting of Capital Post No. 9 on that evening will be attended by the national commander, and preceding the meeting, a banquet will be held, at which the Oregon department officers will be present, and to which representatives of all other posts in the state will be invited.

This will be followed by a parade participated in by the Salem Legion drum corps and the post members. The Portland and Minville drum corps and the Albany and Sheridan Legion bands will be invited.

## WISE CRACK NOT SO WISE, FOUND

### COMEDIAN GIVEN FIVE DAYS TO THINK UP NEW ONE

### Musical Comedy Star Sentenced For Contempt of Court By Los Angeles Judge

LOS ANGELES, March 20.—(AP)—Wise cracking with a court room as his stake, today cost Will Morrissey, musical comedy star, a five day jail sentence for contempt of court.

Daniel Leonardson, formerly manager of one of Morrissey's shows, was on trial on a charge of issuing worthless checks.

The jury had been drawn and the prosecutor was preparing to call witnesses when Morrissey entered the courtroom with a flourish.

"That's all right judge, don't get up, it's only me," he said jovially. "I want to put a bug in the ear of this gang that's going to try Danny—meaning the 12 men and women good and true."

"Listen, folks," he addressed the jury, "don't be hard on Dan. He's a good guy. His foot just slipped that's all."

By this time the bailiff had reached Morrissey. On motion of the defense, a mistrial was called and the jury discharged.

"You're drunk," snapped Judge Ruben Schmidt, turning to Morrissey.

"You're not so dumb," said Morrissey. "Right. I am drunk."

"You're in contempt of court," declared the judge.

"Another bulls eye," cried Morrissey. "Take him to jail," concluded Judge Schmidt. "Five days."

## CAPITAL POST HONORED

### Portland Votes To Make This City Host To Commander

PORTLAND, Mar. 20.—(AP)—Because of Salem's outstanding record in membership this year, Portland post, American Legion, today voted to award to the Salem post the position of host to Edward E. Spafford, national commander, when he arrives in Oregon by airplane April 9.

Plans call for the entertainment of the national commander here at noon. At Salem there will be a big mass meeting at which he will speak. Portland post expects to send a large delegation to attend the session.

It also will contribute its drum corps and the kiltie band will be invited as well. Governor Patterson is expected to be on the program at the Salem meeting.

## LOWDEN, SMITH BACKED

### North Dakota Delegates Given Instructions; No Contest

FARGO, N. D., Mar. 20.—(AP)—Thirteen votes for Frank O. Lowden in the republican convention and 10 for Governor Alfred E. Smith in the democratic were pledged by the North Dakota electorate in today's state wide presidential preferential primary.

These two presidential possibilities were unopposed and their endorsement was a mere formality, incident to the selection of delegates to the two national conventions and naming of presidential electors.

## GENEVA HEARS BRITISH SCORE SOVIET'S PLAN

### Criticism Voiced By Lord Cushendun, Representing Great Britain

## FLAYS RUSSIA'S MOTIVES

### English Representative Expresses Distrust of Visiting Delegation Before League of Nations Group

GENEVA, Mar. 20.—(AP)—The Soviet disarmament plan submitted by Maxim Litvinoff, for consideration by the preparatory commission on disarmament came up today for a round rating by Lord Cushendun, who succeeded Viscount Cecil's Great Britain's representative at Geneva. The British delegate plainly declared that during all the efforts of the League of Nations for the past seven years, the Moscow government had reviled it, and in his opinion the Soviet delegates were at Geneva to show their scorn for the league and do it all the damage they could.

Lord Cushendun at the outset looking straight at M. Litvinoff, said he was going to be frank. He carried out his promise.

Criticism Strong  
"The Soviet delegation is not here to help the league solve the disarmament problem," said the British delegate, "and we have the right to ask what the real motive of the Soviet is?"

He then referred to M. Litvinoff's attack yesterday on the work of the league, when the Soviet assistant commissioners of foreign affairs asserted that the only material proposition the league had considered would allow men under arms, and had decried the league generally.

Civil War Cited  
Before proceeding to dissect the Soviet disarmament plan, Lord Cushendun declared: "The purpose of the league is to preserve peace. We must assume that that is the object of the Soviet proposal. But what kind of peace? There are international wars and there are civil wars. We are justified in asking whether the Soviet wants to put an end to the latter, as well as the former."

"We are justified in doubting it, because they solemnly announce their intention of fomenting rebellion in every country where they can exercise influence."

Cushendun quoted from the official Soviet organ, which declared in a recent issue that the Russian delegation "was going to Geneva to snatch the mask from the fact of capitalist countries."

He remarked that that was not indicative of spirit of cooperation. Nevertheless ever yitem of the

## REQUISITION REQUESTED

### Kansas Executive Forwards Papers to Governor of Oregon

TOPEKA, Kas., March 20.—(AP)—Governor Paulen today issued a requisition on the governor of Oregon for extradition to Kansas of Herman Lemp, wanted in Shawnee county for the murder last August of W. F. Sherman, a railroad special agent.

Lemp, who was reported in custody at Salem, Ore., was implicated by the confession of Vincent Williamson, who is under sentence to the state reformatory at Hutchinson for an attempt to wreck a train in Leavenworth county several weeks ago. Both are charged with the slaying but Williamson signed a statement in which he declared Lemp fired the fatal shot, county officers announced.

## FLIGHT RECORDS BROKEN

### Trip Made From San Francisco to Portland In 4 1/2 Hours

PORTLAND, March 20.—(AP)—Lieutenant Tommy Fowler, piloting the West Coast Air Transport plane the "Cascadian" today made what was believed the fastest trip ever recorded between San Francisco and Portland when he covered the distance in four hours and 35 minutes flying time.

Only one stop was made, at Corning, Cal., for fuel. Soon after leaving Corning the plane picked up a tail wind which continued all the way to Portland. The trip from Eugene to Portland, an airline distance of 106 miles, was made in 45 minutes.

The plane carried seven passengers, one short of its full load capacity.

## UNIONISM URGED TO AVERT STRIKE

### COLORADO INDUSTRIAL COMMISSION MAKES REPORT

### Non-Company Organizations Declared Only Feasible Method of Curbing I. W. W.

DENVER, March 20.—(AP)—Non-company unions to carry on collective bargaining with the mine owners was advocated as a means of eliminating future coal strikes, by the state industrial commission in a report made public today after a ten weeks' investigation of the strike in the coal fields of the state the past winter.

Colorado coal mines, with the exception of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company mines, have been operating on an open shop basis since 1922. The Colorado Fuel and Iron company has had the Rockefeller plan of employee representation or "company union plan" in effect at its mines since the strike of 1913 and 1914.

Felix Paglano, secretary of district number 15 of the United Mine Workers of America would not comment today on the bearing that the report would have on the future activity of that organization in Colorado. He pointed out, however, that the commission in referring to non-company unions could mean but one thing—the United Mine Workers of America.

The industrial commission also advocated the establishment of "inspection or pit committees" for the presentation of grievances by employees.

Both recommendations formed planks in the demands made by the Industrial Workers of the World in presenting a plan for settlement of the strike after it had been in progress for two months.

In commenting on the I. W. W. leadership in the recent strike the report said:

"During the strike we were confronted with an organization that seemed to have no respect for any law, state or national."

The causes for the strike were set forth by the commission as follows:

Lack of organization of their choice among the miners with the I. W. W. promising "everything"; dissatisfaction with the two wage cuts during 1925; intimidation; interference with the election of check weighmen; bad air and lost time in waiting for tools and other necessities.

## PATIENT GETS VIOLENT

### Willamette Sanitarium Witnesses Reign of Terror, Report

A miniature reign of terror was instituted at the Willamette Sanitarium by a patient who suddenly became violent at about 10 o'clock last night, according to reports originating at that institution.

A hurry call was sent to the state hospital and another to the police station, according to the reports. When police officers arrived the patient, whose name was not made public, was locked in a room and was being held down by several desperate nurses.

Handcuffs were utilized, and the man later removed to the state hospital. He was to be examined this morning by hospital authorities to determine whether he is a candidate for that institution.

## CARPENTERS WALK OUT

### Dosen Men Not Satisfied With Wages On Dormitory Work

EUGENE, March 20.—(AP)—Twelve union carpenters of Eugene working on the new men's dormitory which is just being started at the University of Oregon walked out on the job this morning as a protest against the wages being paid. Although the walkout was not official, it is declared to have the sanction of the carpenter's union here.

Ben Osburn, secretary of the state federation of labor, was here today attempting to work the matter out without official action by the union. He announced tonight that union men here will not work for less than \$8 a day. Contractors handling the job will pay only \$7, he stated.

## ALBERT FALL STILL ILL

### Physician Recommends Against Appearance at Trial

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 20.—(AP)—A report that the condition of Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior, is such that it will not be advisable for him to attend the Sinclair-Fall trial which opens at Washington, April 2, was made in a telegram late Monday to government counsel in charge of the case, the El Paso Times learned tonight.

## HOOVER'S NAME ON BALLOT WILL BE ASKED HERE

### Petitions To Be Signed At Tonight's Meeting of Candidate's Friends

## SUPPORT GAINS RAPIDLY

### Membership List Reaches 321 Total Without Solicitation; Governor and Other Officials Join Movement

In addition to the election of permanent officers, important business directly connected with Herbert Hoover's candidacy for the republican presidential nomination in Oregon will be taken up at this evening's meeting of the Salem Hoover for President club at the courthouse. It was announced last night by B. C. Miles, temporary president of the club. The meeting is scheduled for 8 o'clock in the circuit courtroom for department No. 1.

Petitions asking that Hoover's name be placed on the ballot in Oregon will be in the hands of the club's officers at this meeting, and they desire to secure as many signatures as possible, in order that this detail of the campaign may be attended to as early as possible.

Buttons Will Appear  
The officers have also received a supply of Hoover label buttons, and these will be distributed to the Hoover supporters attending the meeting, as long as they last. Election of permanent officers for the club has been announced as the principal business of the meeting. There will also be several speakers. One of these may be Fred E. Kiddle, manager of the Hoover campaign in Oregon. Dr. George H. Aiden of the Willamette university faculty will be one of the speakers, and Mr. Miles will speak briefly.

Three to Be Elected  
Other temporary officers chosen at a meeting several weeks ago were Ray L. Smith, secretary, and C. E. Phillips, treasurer. These offices as well as that of president are to be filled permanently.

The strength that the Hoover campaign has been gaining in Salem and vicinity is thoroughly demonstrated in the number of signatures which have been affixed, entirely without any solicitation, to the membership blanks left in the banks, book

## NEW MONASTERY TO BE DEDICATED

### FIRST BUILDING AT MT. ANGEL COMPLETED

### Ceremonies Consecrating New Church at 10 o'clock This Morning

MT. ANGEL, March 20.—(Special)—The beautiful new St. Benedict's monastery building, the first to replace the group destroyed in the conflagration of September, 1926, will be consecrated with ceremonies conducted by Archbishop Edward Howard of the Oregon City diocese here tomorrow at 10 a. m. Pontifical high mass will be sung by the archbishop in the monastery church, and Father Bohan, pastor of the Holy Rosary church of Portland, will preach the dedicatory sermon.

For the last few days the monastery, just completed, has been open to visitors, and many have taken advantage of this opportunity to view the attractive interior, which after tomorrow cannot be entered except by the fathers and brothers who will make it their home, and other officials of the church.

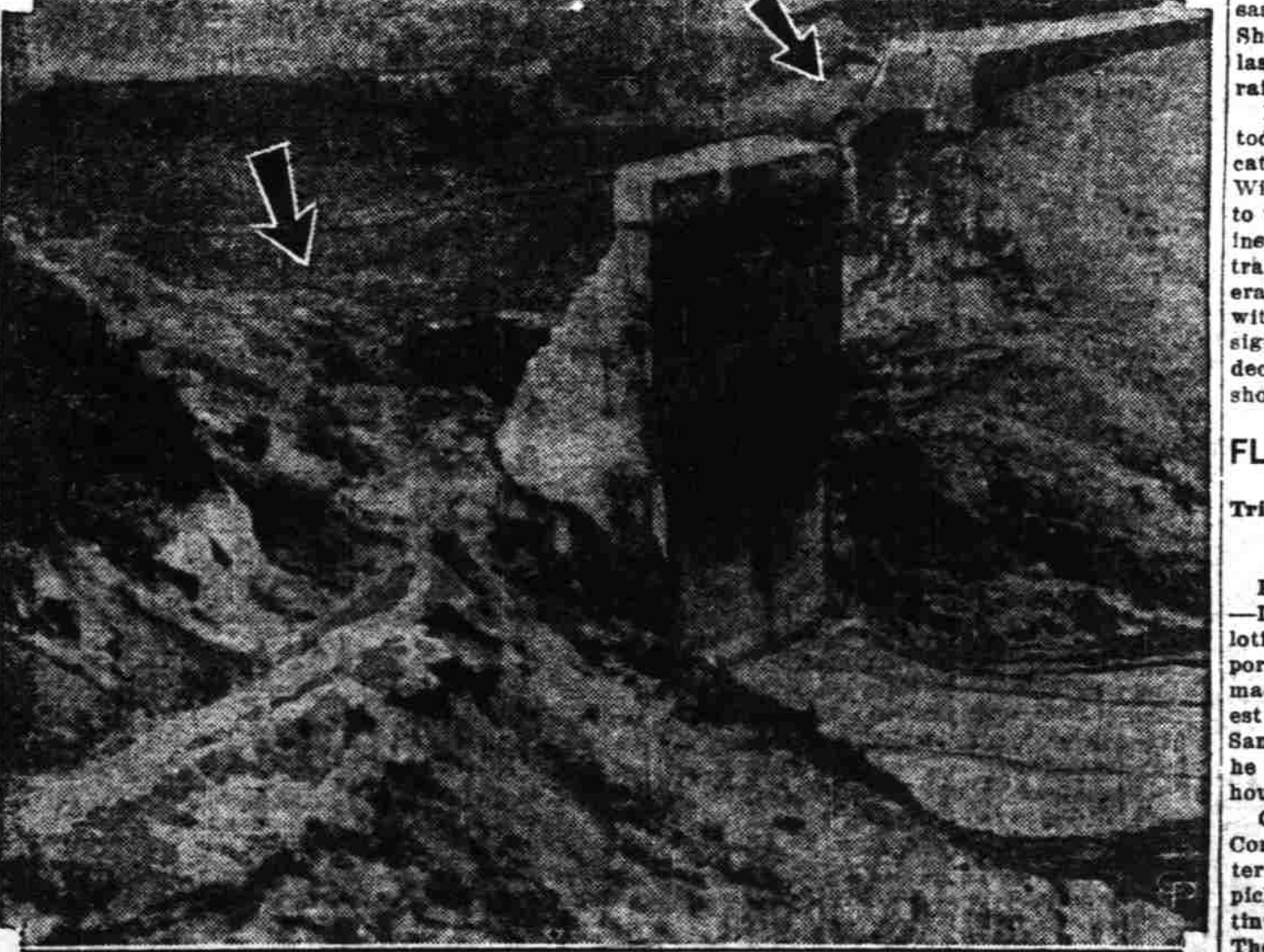
For the present, the seminary will occupy the south wing of the building, and classes will be held there Thursday for the first time. Furnishings were being moved in today.

The Benedictine fathers and brothers, who have been "in exile" here since the fire 18 months ago, moved into their new quarters.

Sunday afternoon the four new bells were blessed by the Rt. Rev. Abbot Bernard Murphy, O. S. B., assisted by the clergy of the monastery. They were christened "Holy Family," "Saints Rita and Theresa," "Saint Benedict and Saint Scholastica" and "Saint Michael." They were purchased through the efforts of Peter Meyer.

The monastery occupies the easterly portion of the site where

## BIRDSEYE VIEW OF DEATH DEALING DAM



Central Press telephoto, showing birdseye view of entire wrecked structure of the huge St. Francis Dam, California, showing how the great concrete slabs were swept aside by torrents of rushing water pouring into the canyon beyond, carrying death and destruction. Arrows point to break. Photographer had to reach scene by airplane, all roads being washed out. Photo looks down stream.

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