

## Today

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White Womes Hanged.  
Real Air News.  
Dangerous Little Girls.  
Big Wages Mean  
Prosperity.

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Friday the state of Louisiana for the first time hanged a white woman, Mrs. Ada Bonner LeBouef. The woman's four children appealed to the governor in vain.

In a cell close to the gallows the woman listened to preparations for her killing. She died first, out of politeness. Her accomplice followed her to the gallows.

When the sheriff and the priest, Father J. J. Rousseau, stepped into her cell, Mrs. LeBouef was hysterical. At the last moment she cried: "This is murder itself. I hope Jesus can love my soul. The rope is so tight around my neck."

Not a very pleasing spectacle in civilization.

The woman deserved her fate. That is not the question.

Does a great state deserve to have on its record the first hanging of a white woman, or black woman, either?

Interesting flying events. Colonel Lindbergh starts for Miami to inaugurate United States air mail to Panama, preliminary to air mail distribution from Alaska to Terra Del Fuego.

President Coolidge and Postmaster General New are to be congratulated on that.

London issues an Imperial Airways time table, covering a regular weekly 5000-mile passenger and freight service from London to India.

Here in the United States, under the auspices of the National City Bank, biggest of all, there is being organized what Wall Street calls "A General Motors of the Air."

Dear young ladies and older ones, in a New England branch of the Daughters of the American Revolution, tried to stop an exhibition of young girl dancers from Russia, brought over by a sister of Isadora Duncan.

The little girls dance nicely, but don't preach bolshevism, and they ARE from Russia. The D. A. R. feared that encouraging them to dance might "encourage the reds."

It would be too bad to do that, and it is fortunate that grandfathers of those daughters were not so easily frightened. Were it otherwise, the tea might not have gone overboard, and we might all be singing "God Save the King."

Following increase in wages of \$3,500,000 for ship employes, the Pennsylvania railroad Friday added \$450,000 a year to the pay of men working in the maintenance of way and structures department.

This is a big country and rich. General Atterbury, of the Pennsylvania, sets a good example for other employers.

Letting workers as well as stockholders share in prosperity increases that prosperity, and, incidentally, puts a stronger foundation under big enterprises wisely managed.

Professor Albert A. Johnson, returned from Russia, says divorces in Russia are few, compared with the United States. And in Russia you get a divorce as easily as you get a package of cigarettes in this country.

You simply say, "I want a di-

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## ASSEMBLY TO TACKLE BIG BILLS

### Money Measures Out of Committees Late This Week—Ways and Means Board Back Tracks As Usual—Prison Congestion Relief Assured—Clip Costs By Fee Plan.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Once a state department is established there is little chance that it will be abolished according to the action of the joint ways and means committee on the state board of curricula.

At a recent meeting of the ways and means committee there was considered an appropriation of a few hundred dollars for the board. Some members of the committee thought the department was unnecessary, while others expressed the opinion that it should be retained. A vote of the committee counted the death knell to the board, and its appropriation was refused.

True to the predictions of Senator Strayer a motion was made on the following night that the appropriation be taken up. An identical motion was taken in connection with the effort to abolish the state board for vocational education and the state sealer of weights and measures. Both of these appropriations were refused by the ways and means committee, early in the legislative session, but were authorized before final adjournment was taken.

The operations of the ways and means committee at this session of the legislature are no different than at previous sessions other than the work is not so far advanced. The committee has held two and one-half weeks of the session were devoted to consideration of reports of sub-committees, studying the budget as prepared by the state budget director, and considering the various state departments, boards and institutions.

With this work completed last Thursday night, Senator Kiddie became impatient and requested that the committee get down to business. The suggestion was gladly accepted by Senator Strayer and other legislators who have worked on the ways and means committee for a long period of years.

Within the next two hours the committee had approved a large number of appropriations considered related reports of the sub-committees and passed on a number of bills, carrying legislative allowances. In event the committee maintains this pace, the appropriation bill should be dumped into the legislative hopper late next week.

One of the important bills that will come before the ways and means committee next week is one now being prepared by J. D. Mickle, state dairy and food commissioner. This bill will provide for an annual license of \$10 for all restaurants, bakeries and other places under the jurisdiction of the dairy and food department. It was estimated by Mr. Mickle that this license fee would raise approximately \$19,000 a year. The additional cost conducting this department would be \$14,000, Mr. Mickle said.

The proposal to make the state sealer of weights and measures department self-sustaining probably will go by the board. It was said that in order to make this department self-supporting it would be necessary to charge a fee for the inspection of store scales and other small weighing and measuring appliances. Several members of the ways and means committee have expressed opposition to such a plan.

For the first time in many years the ways and means committee is not confronted with any substantial requests for capital outlay appropriations. This situation was made possible through a conference called by Governor Peterson and attended by all just.

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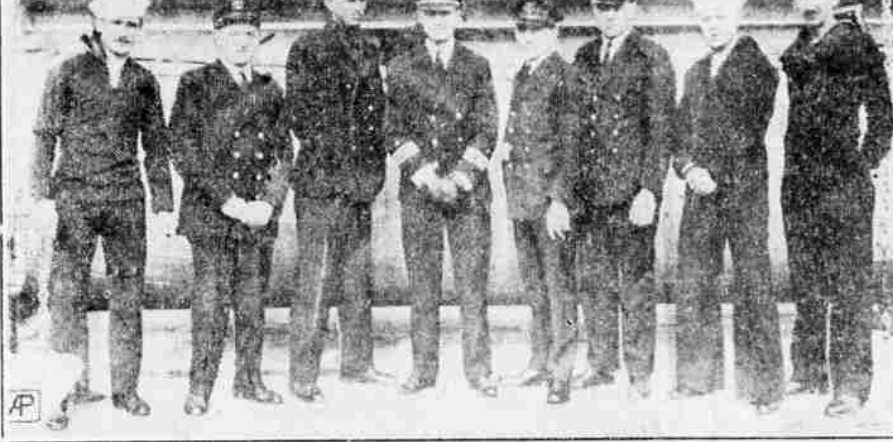
## TERMINAL RATES GRANTED TO BEND

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—The Southern Pacific company has notified the public service commission that on and after March 14 direct terminal rates will be in effect on farm products between Redmond and Bend and Calico points. Under this rate shippers will be relieved of the additional charge by way of Portland.

## FLORIDA CREW AND THEIR HEROIC RESCUERS



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WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Admiration and appreciation for the heroism displayed in the rescue of the crew of the Florida from the storm tossed Atlantic on January 23, were expressed to Captain George Fried of the America today by both houses of congress, the navy department and the shipping board.

## BANANA TARIFF WIERD EFFECT FAMED GRANGE IS HELD AID TO OF PHONE UPON LECTURER WILL FRUIT GROWERS PORTLAND CAT SPEAK IN CITY

### Apple and Pear Raisers of Northwest to Meet at Portland Wednesday—Von Hoevenberg To Appear Before Congressional Committee.

The question of recommending to congress a tariff to be placed on bananas to encourage the production of fruit grown within the United States is the subject of a telephone ring in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Myers here, Tarro, the year-old feline, emits a vociferous yowl until someone answers the phone.

## JACKSON COUNTY VOTE FOR HOOVER THIRD IN STATE

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Personally autographed photographs of President-elect Hoover were awarded officials of the Benton county, Ore., Republican committee today after tabulation indicated that county cast the greatest percentage of votes for Herbert Hoover on the basis of total registration.

Photographs were sent to Geo. Schuman, chairman; Carl W. Schloeman, secretary; A. T. Griggs, treasurer; W. H. Savage, state committeeman and Jay M. Reynolds, congressional committee.

### James C. Farmer, Comes as Good-Will Envoy to Farmers and Merchants February 14—Elaborate Program Is Scheduled by Valley Grangers.

James C. Farmer, well known lecturer for the national granges, will arrive in Medford February 14, according to George Hilton, member of the Central Point group, and one of the committee in charge of the program to be held here in honor of the visitor.

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## KEYES TO FILE PLEA FOR SELF IN BRIBE CASE

### Closing Oratory of Trial Flung at Jury; State Gives Figures in Sale of Justice—Verdict Expected Last of Week.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Chief Deputy District Attorney Robert Stewart, after the superior jury trying former district attorney, Asa Keyes, Ben Getzoff and E. H. Rosenberg a problem of alleged bribery mathematics from the evidence here today.

"We have certain facts," he said. "Fact 1—the \$5000 year salary of the district attorney. Fact 2—the \$15,000 paid for Keyes' house in 1928. Fact 3—the \$8881 worth of gifts admitted or proved by the state's testimony."

Stewart maintained in his address to the jury, which was begun Friday and closed today, that the testimony of Jacob Berman, the state's star witness, that he said \$40,000 to Getzoff to bribe Keyes to obtain dismissal of the Julian Petroleum corporation charges against him, not only had not been impeached but that much of it stands corroborated.

"Let your verdict be a warning that a jury will not barter with the honor of Los Angeles county," Stewart said in closing.

## EXONERATE GUARD IN PRISON DEATH

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—A coroner's jury today returned a verdict that Wilson Fish, convicted to his death by a gunshot wound inflicted by Hubel Young, in line of his duty as a guard, to prevent Fish from making his escape from the state penitentiary.

The shooting occurred at the penitentiary last night when Fish broke away from a guard who fell to another in the bull-pen. He succeeded in mounting the roof of the bull-pen and was about to climb up the side of the building when he was ordered to halt.

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## A FAREWELL PLEA FROM DEATH CELL

### Dr. Dreker Pens Letter To World Protesting Innocence and Hopes His Doom Will Mean End of Barbaric Hangings—Doomed Pair Forgive All.

FRANKLIN, La., Feb. 2.—(AP)—A farewell message to the world from Dr. Thomas E. Dreker, who was hanged here yesterday, with Mrs. Ada Bonner LeBouef for the murder of her husband, was brought to light today by Eugene Dreker, his nephew.

His body and that of Mrs. LeBouef, his alleged paramour, were buried today, Dr. Dreker's at Clinton La., his boyhood home, and that of Mrs. LeBouef at Morgan City.

Dr. Dreker's letter was written on the eve of his execution and was entrusted to a reporter with the request that it be given to the Associated Press.

"As I sit here in my sad and lonely death cell tonight with an aching heart, I want to write my last message to the living people of this world who knew something of this tragedy," the message said.

"I wish they could be given the same prominence in the press and over the radio as our trial was given.

"This is my message: "Poor Mrs. LeBouef and I go to our doom tomorrow. Two innocent souls.

"I may not have a chance to say anything tomorrow before they hang me. Mrs. LeBouef, I believe, is too sick to be able to say anything. That is why I am writing this.

"Neither Mrs. LeBouef nor I fear death. We do not fear death because we have made our peace with God and we will soon be where suffering and punishment are no more, safe at home with Jesus. Thousands know, as well as Mrs. LeBouef and I know, that we are innocent.

## MR. HOOVER CONSIDERS PORTFOLIO

### Secy Jardine Assured of Place, All Others Mere Guess Work—M'Nary Bill Foe Advises—Col. Lindbergh To Be Guest Today of President-Elect.

LONG KEY, Fla., Feb. 2.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover, having finished his second fishing expedition in this vicinity, prepared late today to give his attention for the next few days to a series of conferences with party leaders and friends concerning cabinet appointments and political and legislative matters.

With this in mind, he has invited to his vacation home on Belle Isle, Miami Beach, to which he returned tonight, Senator Smoot of Utah, chairman of the senate finance committee; Henry W. Anderson of Richmond, Va.; Mrs. A. T. Hert, national committeewoman for Kentucky; Charles Barrett of Union City, Ga., president of the Farmers' Union, and John Hays Hammond, of Washington.

Mr. Barrett, who has been one of the chief opponents among farm organization officials of the McNary-Haugen idea of farm relief, will recommend the re-appointment of William M. Jardine as secretary of agriculture. He will urge this selection on the ground that Mr. Jardine has made a capable and efficient official and is favored by many farm leaders.

With Mr. Anderson, the best chief executive was expected to discuss the political situation in Virginia, one of the four states of the solid Democrats south which cast its electoral vote for Mr. Hoover, thus turning Republican for the first time since reconstruction days.

Mr. Anderson is one of the leading Republican of Virginia, and not only was a candidate of his party for governor of that commonwealth, but also has been in the running for the vice-presidential nomination on several occasions. He is thoroughly familiar with conditions in his state and is expected to be able to give Mr. Hoover verbal information as to the future outlook for the party there.

Mrs. Hert, who as a vice-president of the Republican national committee, had charge of women's work in the last campaign, has announced that she seeks the McNary-Haugen position of secretary of the interior. She is spending the winter at Palm Beach and will be a luncheon guest of the president-elect and Mrs. Hoover tomorrow, along with Mr. Anderson, Senator Smoot and Mr. Hammond, who also is staying at Palm Beach.

Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, who is in Miami to open the air mail service to Cristobal, Panama, Monday morning, also will be a guest of the president-elect tomorrow, but whether for lunch, or dinner, has not yet been decided. He and Mrs. Hoover are friendly, and the president-elect unquestionably will talk to him about the possibilities of establishing an air service to the west coast of South America. This is a subject in which the next president became intensely interested during his good will tour to Latin-America.

Mr. Hammond, who is an outstanding engineer, has been an adviser of Republican presidents in years gone by and is known to have declined offers of a cabinet post made by President Harding. Mr. Hoover has known him since his young days as a struggling engineer and places much confidence in his judgment.

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## SPAIN IN THROES OF NEW REVOLT

LONDON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Telephone advices from Madrid indicate a serious revolt has again broken out in Spain. The commanding officer at Valencia is reported to have refused to obey orders and to have defied Primo de Rivera. The premier has left Madrid by airplane to check the revolt.

The palace of King Alfonso is surrounded by loyal troops and police. Newspapers have been barred from the vicinity.

No confirmation of these reports have been received here from any other sources.

## RAINS PREDICTED FOR NEXT WEEK

Unsettled Sunday with rains in southwest portion; Monday rains in west and snow in east portion; not much change in temperature; fresh east and southeast winds on the coast.