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## SPECTACULAR BLAZE IN S. F.

### Illinois Senator is Denied His Toga

Searchlight to be Turned on Political Record of F. L. Smith by United States Senate.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Frank L. Smith, republican senator-designate, must return to his Illinois home and cool his heels, while the privileges and elections committee turns its searchlight on his past political activities, the senate decided late Thursday when it adopted the Reed resolution by a 48 to 33 vote.

The resolution, introduced by Senator James A. Reed, Missouri democrat, prevents Smith from taking the oath of office, to which he was appointed by Governor Len Small to fill the unexpired term of the late Senator William B. McKinley, republican, and refers his credentials to the senate committee.

### Defense Loses in Trial of Norris

COURTROOM, Austin, Tex., Jan. 20 (U.N.)—A defense move to forestall possible attempts of the state to introduce alleged inadmissible evidence in the trial of Pastor J. Frank Norris on charges of murdering D. E. Chippus, was thwarted temporarily Thursday evening. Judge J. R. Hamilton reserved ruling on two defense motions which forecast that the state would attempt to introduce as evidence previous indictments of Norris, which include one for perjury and two for arson. The jury was taken from the room while the motions were read and attorneys argued.

### State Sanitary Engineer Coming

Word that the state sanitary engineer would arrive in Klamath county soon to investigate condition of waters in the Williamson River that provide drinking water for the Forest Lumber company, Chiloquin and other communities, was announced yesterday by Dr. G. S. Newsum, county health officer.

### Oregon Senators Split on Smith

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Oregon's senators were at opposite poles when the vote came Thursday on the seating of Frank L. Smith as senator from Illinois. Senator McNary joined the progressives in refusing Smith a seat on his regular credentials. Senator Stanfield, absent was paired in favor of seating Smith. Senator Stanfield did not appear in the senate during the day but was present for a time during the opening debate on Wednesday. When his name was reached on roll call Senator Curtis, republican floor leader, announced a transfer of pairs whereby Stanfield was counted as offsetting the vote of Reed of Missouri, democrat, author of the resolution under which Smith was refused permission to take the senatorial oath.

### PUPILS RESENTING BAN ON CIGARETTES

CHICAGO, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Pupils of the Harvard public school here have taken a tip from the flapper sisters. In a petition sent to Corporation Counsel Busch they protest against the city ordinance which forbids the sale of cigarettes in any establishment located within 300 feet of the school.

### Local Terminal Exceeded Million Dollars by S. P.

Original Cost of \$800,000 Was Swelled by Added Improvements and Extra Equipment, It is Stated.

In point of railroad terminal facilities, Klamath Falls is several hundred thousand dollars better off than is generally known. This fact was revealed by local Southern Pacific officials yesterday when it was announced that the cost of the terminal here has reached \$1,000,000.

First appropriation for the Klamath Falls terminal was \$300,000 and it has been in terms of this figure that officials have in the past referred to the project. Additional improvements and extra equipment, however, have made necessary other expenditures, it was learned, so that the Klamath terminal, one of the best between Portland and Sacramento, is a million-dollar project, all of which boosts considerably the aggregate figure for construction development of this city for the past year.

Among the later items whose cost caused the total figure to exceed the original \$300,000, was the laying of considerable heavy steel throughout the yards and track ballasting.

Including the cost of the Klamath Falls terminal, Southern Pacific expenditures during the latter part of 1926, between Grass Lake and Crescent Lake, was nearly \$4,000,000, officials stated. (Continued on Page Five)

### Mrs. Leo Houston Dies in California

Klamath Falls was shocked yesterday on receipt of word that Mrs. Leo Houston had died early that morning in Watsonville, California. Her death was not unexpected, however, as word had reached members of the Houston family Wednesday telling of her serious condition.

Mrs. Houston was about 34 when she died. She is survived by her husband, her daughter Eida, 13, and son Arthur Allan, 5. Her mother, Mrs. Landis, and her brother, Mahlon Landis, formerly of Klamath Falls, now of San Diego, also survive her.

Funeral arrangements were not known at a late hour last night. J. A. Houston, father of Leo Houston, and his sons Fred and Will Houston, left on last night's train for Watsonville to remain for several days.

The Houstons formerly resided in this city where they had scores of friends. They moved to Tillamook last year, and later made their home in Watsonville and San Jose.

### Civic Societies Discuss Lighting

A movement was put under way at the chamber of commerce yesterday when Paul Lambert, representing the new city council, H. L. Newby, the East Side Civic club, and members of the street lighting committee of the chamber, convened to outline a course whereby Klamath will be served with a modern lighting system.

Fred Fleet is the director in charge of the committee, with R. E. Orego as chairman. Other members include Joe Macdonald, J. H. Martin, A. R. Wilson, Bruce Dennis and T. W. Delzell.

The delegation discussed the possibility of putting in a modern system in the business district to be followed by the residential sections, and later the new additions to the city that are without any facilities of this kind.

### Uncle Sam Holds Key to Chaplin Treasury

Liens Call for Payment of More Than Million and Wife Cannot Get Alimony Allowance.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Government liens filed against property and accounts of Charlie Chaplin because of his alleged failure to make correct income tax threatened tonight to prevent Lita Grey Chaplin, his young wife, from collecting two months back alimony at \$4,000 a month, ordered paid today by Superior Judge Walter Guerin.

S. W. McNabb, United States district attorney, after a conference with internal revenue department representatives and counsel in the divorce and receivership action brought against the famous film comedian, declared that the government will not lift its lien of more than \$1,000,000. And unless the lien is removed it was said that receivers for the Chaplin properties could not touch the \$17,000 in the personal accounts of Chaplin. (Continued on Page Five)

### New Stamp For Airplane Mail

Announcement of a new 20-cent air mail stamp has been received at the local post office from Postmaster General New, with the word that while sale of the stamp will be confined to the east at present, specimens will be forwarded west as soon as possible.

Necessity for the issuance of the new stamp arises from the new rate of air mail postage of 10 cents a half ounce for the transportation of mail over all air lines in the United States, effective February 1, 1927.

Existing stamps of the 5, 10 and 21-cent denominations used under the present zone system, will be recalled. The 15-cent stamps will be retained until exhausted as they can be used in pairs to cover one and one-half ounce packages. It was stated.

### Oratorio to Sing St. Cecelia Mass

With the organization of an oratorio society well under way here, rehearsals for the finest musical presentation that has ever been offered to the public of Klamath Falls, the famed St. Cecelia Mass, will commence next week.

Membership in the society will consist entirely of singers who will assist in presenting the mass. The chorus will comprise 50 of the best voices in the city, selected from the various local church choirs and the city at large, and will be under the direction of Ruth Akers Holloway.

Election of officers who will head the society, is expected to take place Monday night of next week, when first work will be done on the beautiful but highly difficult mass. The mass will be the first oratorio ever presented in Klamath Falls, and the Christian church has been selected as the place where it is to be given. Admission will be free with an offering. (Continued on Page Five)

### Irrigation Bills Filed in Senate

SALEM, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Two new irrigation bills found their way into the senate Wednesday, sponsored by Senator Miller, of Josephine. With the exception of one provision the Miller bills are duplicates of the irrigation congress measures, already in the house.

In his bill, Miller provides that the reclamation board shall consist of five members, the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer, attorney general and one other appointed by the governor, with the approval of the other three officials.

### BRIDESMAID MANY TIMES TO BE BRIDE

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—The engagement of Miss Marie Clarkson, who has been a bridesmaid at 13 recent weddings, to Robert Prince Casey of Los Angeles has been announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Halmer Clarkson.

### Rebel Losses in Jalisco Reported As Being Heavy

Tepatitlan is Scene of Most Serious Religious Uprising in Mexico; Many Wounded and Taken Prisoner.

JUAREZ, Mex., Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Characterizing rebel losses as "terrible" in fighting in the interior of Mexico, newspapers here today said that at least 120 rebels had been killed.

Accounts said many others were wounded or taken captive in the battle which was said to have taken place at Tepatitlan, Jalisco. This section is the scene of the most serious religious uprising in Mexico. The newspaper account stated that the revolutionary forces were "smashed in a bloody fight."

Other accounts reaching here today said that 19 revolutionists were killed in two battles in Durango. The slain rebels were said to have been identified as high officials of the personal staff of Nicholas Fernandez. Ammunition, horses and guns were said to have been captured by the federals.

### No Designs by U. S. on Nicaragua Says President

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—The United States has no imperialistic designs in Nicaragua, nor any desire to dictate internal affairs there, President Coolidge said in a formal reply when Dr. Alejandro Cumar, the new Nicaraguan minister, representing Diaz, presented his credentials at the White House.

The president said that American forces would not remain in Nicaragua longer than necessary. "Although American forces have, with the consent and at the request of your government, been landed in order to safeguard the legitimate interests of the United States and the lives and properties of its citizens, this state of affairs should not continue longer than is necessary," the president said.

### Clutch of Winter Pounces on City

Klamath Falls again felt the icy clutch of winter when the mercury in downtown thermometers at 12 o'clock last night took a sudden drop to six above zero. At this hour, other sections of the city reported slightly colder temperatures and it was generally predicted that the indicators would continue their downward slump throughout the night.

Below zero temperatures in all parts of the city, were anticipated before daybreak this morning. The cold weather of Wednesday night continued throughout the day yesterday and in mid-afternoon was holding closely to the 20-above mark.

The rapid mercurial decline commenced early in the evening. Barometer readings gave promise of continued clear, cold weather.

### Mexico Accepts Yaqui Surrender

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Ending a constant siege against the Yaqui Indians in Sonora, which has continued for almost four months and has at times involved as many as 15,000 federal troops in action, the Mexican government tonight accepted their conditional surrender.

Guarantees that the lives of the Yaquis would be protected were contained in a message sent by Secretary of War Amaro, to General Manzo, federal commander in Sonora.

General Manzo represented the government in peace negotiations which began Tuesday.

WEATHER FORECAST OREGON: Fair, continued cold. East and northeast wind.

### Another Mexican Problem Bobs Up

Alien Land Law, Companion of Oil Statute, Considered Confiscatory by State Dept.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Additional differences with Mexico appear inevitable with the Mexican alien land law, companion statute to the oil law which has provoked the present controversy, going into effect at midnight Thursday.

This law has the same retroactive features as the oil law, which President Coolidge has said amounts to confiscation of private American property.

The land law prohibits aliens from acquiring lands, or being shareholders in Mexican companies owning land within sixty miles of the boundaries and 20 miles of the coast. It also requires that aliens agree to consider themselves Mexican citizens so far as litigation is concerned, and not appeal to their own governments. Permits cannot be granted to aliens owning a majority interest in Mexican companies owning agricultural lands. It is (Continued on Page Four)

### Junior College Planned in Bill

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 20 (U.N.)—A plan for dividing Oregon into 13 junior college districts, with county superintendents and county judge to compose a board of regents in respective districts is provided in a bill which Representative Roberts, Wasco county, introduced by request Thursday.

The bill provides that no junior college shall be established without a vote of the people in the district. The purpose of such institutions, it was said, is to make educational advantages more widespread and general and to relieve the congestion in the senior colleges. A summary of the provisions for the formation of the 13 districts shows that Klamath would be in district No. 9 comprising Lake and Klamath counties.

### Weed Man Shoots Wife Many Times

WEED, Jan. 19—Her body riddled with seventeen bullet wounds, Mrs. A. C. Cochran, 35, is in the hospital here at the point of death as a result of a shooting orgy staged by her husband, A. C. Cochran, in the home of a neighbor in the colored section here this morning at 8 o'clock. The husband is in the same hospital suffering from three self-inflicted bullet wounds. Cochran and his wife are colored people.

Mrs. Cochran had been in Oakland and yesterday returned to Weed to stay with a friend. She was at the home of the neighbor woman when Cochran called there just after getting off from work on the night shift at the box factory.

Cochran called his wife to the door and as she appeared, coming from her bedroom, he opened fire. The frenzied husband emptied his revolver at his wife as she fell to (Continued on Page Five)

### O. E. Rae Proud Being Naturalist

O. E. Rae, naturalist, and one of the greatest students and admirers of wild life, especially game of all descriptions, but who delights in shooting them with a kodak, but who has never yet killed even so much as a waterfowl, has returned from a visit to Mt. Pitt.

Mr. Rae was depleted on January 15 as having killed a large sized goose, but it happens that it was another man bearing that name who was the successful slayer of the fowl.

### MYSTERIOUS DEATH OF FLOWERS SOLVED

LAKE FOREST, Ills., Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Chrysanthemums and carnations have been dying in I. C. Shell's greenhouse at the rate of \$100 worth a week since Christmas. Seeking the reason he has learned the flowers were asphyxiated by gas from a leaking main.

### Solons Have Plan To Get Increase In Compensation

Resolution Introduced in Legislature for Amendment to Constitution to Secure \$10 Per Diem Instead of \$3.

SALEM, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—A resolution providing for the submission to the people of a proposed constitutional amendment increasing the compensation of the members of the legislature from \$3 to \$10 per diem has been prepared and will be presented by Senator Joseph to the senate Friday morning.

Joseph voted against the resolution, allowing \$5 per day expense money to the members because, he contended it was not in accordance with the present constitution. He does not believe that the present \$3 stipend is insufficient under present day conditions.

Senator Butts, of Yamhill county, opened the attack on the expense bill when he declared it to be unconstitutional and urged that the legislators stand in the position of "law makers, not law breakers." Senator Banks supported the resolution, declaring that it "involved no violence to any part of the state constitution."

Salaries of the governor, secretary of state, state treasurer and members of the supreme court, he said, have all been increased by legislative action in spite of the constitutional provisions fixing the pay of those officers at figures far below those now in force.

### Freight Experts On Rates Gather

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Over 200 representatives of shippers, carriers and state commissions of the middle west are in conference here to determine how to proceed in a series of freight rate investigations on grain and grain products in the western territory.

The conference is being conducted by the interstate commerce commission examiners, Arthur C. Mackley, attorney examiner; Warren H. Waggoner, assistant chief examiner and George J. Hall, examiner, and an attempt will be made to decide in what cities to hold hearings that will investigate the entire rate structure.

The investigations were brought about by petitions of southwestern grain and flour interests and the corporation commission of Oklahoma, it was said.

The territory involved includes all that west of the Mississippi river. Rate experts attending include Seth Mann, San Francisco, merchants exchange.

### Excursion Desired For Skiing Event

With plans for the big ski tournament from Port Klamath to the rim of Crater Lake fast materializing, the Port Klamath commercial club is considering a proposition to interest the Southern Pacific in running an excursion train from Portland for the event.

Wide interest in this ski race, the first event of this nature ever held in this part of the country, is being evinced throughout the state and already inquiries from ski experts in Northern California are coming in relative to dates, prizes and other details of the tournament.

Whether or not an excursion special will be operated out of Portland for the affair, is said to depend upon the number of persons signifying their intentions of attending the race.

Men identified with the promotion of the race point out that those interested in winter sports and specifically the big race, could board the special train at points between Chiloquin and Portland and while getting returns on the ski race could divert themselves with skis and toboggans in the hills near the starting point.

### Auto Row Damaged to Extent \$300,000

Series of Explosions of Gasoline Make Fire Visible from all Sections of Big City.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Fire, made spectacular by a series of explosions of gasoline, swept a portion of automobile row on Van Ness avenue today, causing damage estimated at \$300,000.

Two men were injured. The fire broke out in the S. B. Sargent company building, spreading to the repair shop of Eugene Miner, T. E. Essery's accessory shop, the Vilt cigar store and the George Parker garage.

These buildings were completely destroyed. Structures of the Ritchey Auto Maintenance company and the Webber Auto Top company were damaged.

A. G. Wachter, night watchman, and E. D. Lamb, a fireman, were injured. During the height of the blaze flames soared 100 feet in the air being visible from the northern section of the city.

### Insanity Caused By Being Goaded

MARTINEZ, Cal., Jan. 20 (U.N.)—A man who is little in stature may be goaded into insanity by the continual taunts of his associates.

A jury in superior court here reached a verdict to this effect today when considering the case of Donald L. Streeter, 110 pound youth of 24, who shot and killed Clifford J. Bosanko, strapping oil worker.

"Since childhood Streeter has been tortured by his abnormally small stature," testified Dr. Joseph Catten. San Francisco alienist.

"Self defense by physical effort was impossible and he nursed a grievance against all who tormented above him."

The jury deliberated five minutes and ordered Streeter committed to the Napa insane asylum.

### Trades Council Election Shortly

Election of officers to serve for 1927, will be held early next week by the Building Trades council and Central Labor union of this city, it was announced yesterday following nominations of the officers.

The Building Trades council election will be held Tuesday night, January 25, while that for the Central Labor union will occur the following evening, Wednesday, January 26, it was stated.

Delegates from the various unions will select the council and central union leaders. Officers of the various local unions which go to comprise the parent bodies, were elected in December and earlier this month.

### Chancellor Marx Gets New Appeal

BERLIN, Jan. 20 (U.N.)—Urged a second time by President von Hindenburg to form a cabinet, acting Chancellor Marx tonight received information that the democrats and possibly the centrists would not support him in his efforts, if he included a nationalist in the new group.

Minister of Defense Geisler, whose alleged permission to store German arms in Russia was a chief factor in the recent overthrow of the Marx government, will be ousted if the acting chancellor puts him in a new cabinet, democrats asserted.