

## DEFENDS PANAMA ACTION

### Fairbanks Thinks National Honor Compelled the Course

### Senate Committee Recommends Loaning St. Louis Exposition Nearly Five Millions

Washington, Feb. 2.—In the senate today Fairbanks warily defended the administration on the canal question. He believed a majority of the criticisms had been inspired by politics; thought the subject ought to be above politics and upon the high level of national duty and honor. He charged Colombia with attempting to hold up the American and French canal company, making the action of the Panamanians perfectly natural and right. There was no other course in honor than revolt. The charges that the administration was a party to the revolution had been shown by the records to be based only on vague suspicions, unsupported assertions and wild conjectures. The senate committee on appropriations today decided to report the urgency deficiency bill, including the authorization to the St. Louis exposition to borrow \$4,600,000, to be repaid from the gate receipts.

## WAR IS ALMOST CERTAIN

### Czar Orders All Eastern Traffic on Siberian Road Stopped

### Road Will Be Used Solely for Military Purposes—Russia Is Now Ready for War

Paris, Feb. 2.—News was received here this afternoon of sinister import. It is that Japan has increased her demands on Russia.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—Schlesische Zeitung, a conservative newspaper, asserts today that war between Japan and Russia is certain, and the outbreak imminent. The paper adds that at a recent council, where the president, orders were issued to stop the traffic on the trans-Siberian railroad from Moscow eastward, save the trains for military use. Goods awaiting dispatch at Moscow were returned to the senders. The paper states these facts created excitement on the St. Petersburg bourse. Because of the Zeitung's high reputation for veracity business circles in Berlin are alarmed. The foreign office has not notice of the crisis. The state railway manager (Continued on eighth page.)

## WANT TAXES RAISED

### Omaha City Council Compelled to Hear Testimony

### Citizens Ask Valuation of Railroad Terminal Company Be Raised Fifteen Thousand Per cent

Lincoln, Neb., Feb. 2.—The supreme court this morning granted permission to members of the Omaha real estate exchange to file application for a writ of mandamus compelling the Omaha city council to hear the evidence in support of their contention that the Omaha railroad terminal tax valuation should be raised from \$150,000 to \$22,000,000.

### Opened With King High.

London, Feb. 2.—The king opened the last session of the present parliament in a speech today from the throne. He dwelt at length on the progress of arbitration. When the speech closed the scene in the house of lords was brilliant, the floor and galleries being packed with the nobility in full regalia. The king and queen left Buckingham at 1:30 and passed from the robing room at 2 o'clock. He expressed the hope of peace between Japan and Russia, after friendly utterances regarding the United States.

## TO AID CATTLE RAISERS

### California Stockmen on the Verge of Bankruptcy

### No Rain for a Year and Ranges Are Brown and Barren Wastes

Sacramento, Feb. 2.—The governor has received a letter from the secretary of agriculture saying he may consent to the abrogation of the quarantine law across the center of the state, to give relief to the cattlemen in the southern part of the state, now in such a desperate condition on account of lack of rain. He thinks, though it is inadvisable to allow the importation of cattle into other states, which might quarantine against the entire state, and seriously inconvenience the cattlemen of Northern California.

## COTTON PRICES TUMBLE

New York, Feb. 2.—There was a sensational break in cotton this afternoon. It dropped 120 points. Sully is reported to be unloading. It is currently reported that the big shorts made private settlement with him last night. It is announced that Sully will take a short vacation, having liquidated his holdings at many millions of profit.

## HAS LEASED THE TAYLOR GREENHOUSES

Prepared to Furnish People of Salem With all kinds of Cut Flowers.

Carl Ruel has leased the greenhouses on Asylum avenue of Mrs. Taylor. He is making some improvements and increasing the stock, and will be prepared at all times to furnish cut flowers for funerals, weddings and all occasions.

## The Report Believed.

Salt Lake, Feb. 2.—Despite the official denial, the report that Harriman has acquired Clark's holdings is given credence here. Persons close to Clark, and Harriman's representative, are positive in their declaration that the transfer has been made.

## Murderers Arrested.

Sacramento, Feb. 2.—Sheriff Rosso has received word from the sheriff of San Joaquin and Amador counties that Duncan and Graham, the supposed murderers of Louis Berschler, have been captured and taken to Placerville.

## HUMBERT FARCE AGAIN

### Madam Humbert Again Treads the Boards in Gay Paris

### Makes All kinds of Insinuations Against Public Men, and Will Have a Rehearing

Paris, Feb. 2.—Madame Humbert today appeared before the parliamentary commissioner, appointed to investigate the Humbert affair. She was theatrical as usual, was dressed in a fashionable costume, and was bold and defiant. She made vague insinuations against men high in public life, and declared she would produce documents in support of her charges. She said one of her most important papers disappeared from the custody of Minister of Justice Velle, because his name was attached to it. She will be given an opportunity to produce the documents.

## Railroad Not Sold.

Los Angeles, Feb. 2.—The report that Clark had sold his holdings in the San Pedro, Los Angeles & Salt Lake railroad to the Harriman interests, and that work on the road would be abandoned, is emphatically denied today at the headquarters of the road. The work of building the road is progressing at the rate of two miles a day.

## Sued the Governor.

Victor, Colo., Feb. 2.—Governor Peabody, General Chase and several other officers are defendants in damage suits aggregating a million dollars, which are called for trial before Judge Lewis, who is expected today to set a date for their hearing. The suits grow out of the recent military occupation.

## Panic at a Fire.

New York, Feb. 2.—Fire in the laundry of the Bellevue hospital this morning threw 3000 patients into a panic. Many sprang from their beds, and others rushed out of the wards in scant attire. The fire was quickly extinguished, but the physicians had a hard time quieting the excitement.

## Got Eighteen Years.

Salt Lake, Feb. 2.—Thos. Fuller, a soldier, who narrowly escaped lynching recently for a criminal assault, was today sentenced to 18 years in the penitentiary.

## Famous Florist Dead.

New York, Feb. 2.—William Burgess, the florist who brought the Mareschal Nell rose to America, is dead of pneumonia.

## Blizzard in New York.

New York, Feb. 2.—It is blizzard weather today, and near zero. This morning a man was found frozen in a hallway.

## MANY SAILORS DESERT

### Want to Get to the Coast on the New Pacific Liner

### Masters of Deserted Vessels Are Getting Out Warrants for Arrest of the Deserters

Newport News, Feb. 2.—Nearly 100 seamen from numerous foreign vessels in port have deserted in the past few days to ship on the new Pacific Mail liner, Mongolia, which leaves the shipyard for San Francisco Thursday. The ship still lacks 74 men. The masters, whose men have deserted, are securing warrants, and it is probable the steamship will be unable to sail on time, owing to short crews.

## To Honor the Bishop.

Rome, Feb. 2.—The pope today conferred with Cotti, the prefect propaganda, regarding the best way to recognize the heroism of Bishop Muldoon at the Iroquois fire. The pope is especially anxious to recognize the bishop, because of the groundless attack on him when he was a candidate for archbishop of Chicago. Muldoon was one of the first on the scene. He made his way to the galleries, where he pronounced abolition of the dying until nearly overcome by smoke. He refused to leave his post until dragged away by the police, when he continued his ministrations in an adjoining restaurant, until he dropped from fatigue.

## Peace in Montana.

Butte, Mont., Feb. 2.—Wm. Schallion, president of the Anaconda Mining Co., and president of the Amalgamated Copper, in Montana, has resigned, to be effective immediately. This will make a decided change in Amalgamated policy. The prediction is that it presages a settlement of the litigation with Heineze. Schallions successor is not yet appointed.

## Kill More Colonists.

Berlin, Feb. 2.—Dispatches today report that 100 colonists in German Southwest Africa have been massacred by the blacks.

## Secured a Jury.

Fulton, Mo., Feb. 2.—A jury was secured this morning to try the Butler bribery case.

Try a box of that elegant stuffed fruit At **Zinn's**  
154 State St. Phone 1971 Main

We have surprised ourselves as well as our customers with the wonderful success of our new

## Dry Goods Department

Our success was due to the fact that we had the RIGHT KIND OF GOODS and we sold them on a margin of profit so small that no "regular store" could afford to meet our prices. Our spot cash plan of business together with economical management enables us to undersell them all. We know why we succeeded. We intend to follow the same plan in the future so we'll continue to grow.

### Our New Spring Dress Goods are here

Scotch Hosiery, Mugget Cloth, Kimberly Nibs, Volles, Mohair Mollins Cloth, Sharkskin, Silk Warp Sicilian, Mohair Florentine, Silk Warp Lansdowne, Mohair Coverl, Figured Sicilian Novelities And a full line of Stripe Suitings.

Our assortment of the

### New Spring Silks

is very complete. They have met with the hearty approval of dozens of Salem ladies' who have examined them during the past week.

## THE NEW YORK RACKET

Salem's Cheapest One Price Cash Store.

**E. T. BARNES, Prop.**

## STORE NEWS

This store news is good news to those with little money to spare, and still better news to those with plenty of money to spend. We are pushing fall and winter goods as hard as the power of low prices can drive them. If you read this carefully and then come and look you will understand the situation better than we can tell it. The store has almost boundless interests for those who care to save largely, as there are stock clearances in a great many sections.

## Jos. Meyers & Sons

SALEM'S GREATEST STORE  
THE "WHITE CORNER" 104-106

## Ladies' Suit Sale

Winter suits, capes and jackets are going, and going fast. Our low prices tells the reason. We are determined to close out our entire stock quickly! Our prices should do the work. You cannot afford to pass us by if you have not made your purchases in these lines.

**SALE CLOSSES SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6.**

Any suit, cape or jacket in our department is yours for

**\$8.95**

## Tomorrow Only

SPECIAL SALE NUMBER 161.

A recent transaction enables us to sell embroideries that are less than half of the regular prices. Great lot of pretty kinds that are wanted for beautifying your home-made garments. All are fresh and new. Never have needles done prettier work. There's a charm of some sort in every pattern, which you will find as you continue the self-assigned task of admiration. Regular 25c qualities for tomorrow only

**7c yard 7c yard**

## Men's Clothing Sale

"Man wants little here below," but he is justly particular about his clothing wants. We know pretty well what sort of clothing you want; and we have them here ready for you to wear. The styles are right, late and correct; the quality of the materials is the best; the tailoring is extra good hand tailoring, and we have sizes to fit everybody, no matter what your build.

\$10.00 Suit or Overcoat	\$15.00 Suit or Overcoat.
<b>\$6.75</b>	<b>\$9.50</b>

## Dress Goods

The question of the hour—what for spring? The question is momentous one, far too big a one to settle in a paragraph. Let us settle it by letting you settle it for yourself here at the store. Here you have a vast quantity and grand assortment of the latest fancies in bright, new goods in all the leading colors and designs.

**LOOK BEFORE YOU BUY.**

## Neckwear

Dainty conceits in woman's neckwear. Never have artists and designers displayed more genius than in the creation of these lovely new things in women's fancy neckwear. An almost endless variety of coloring and shape gives wide range of choosing. In stock foundations we show a superiority by offering the newest and best at

**3 for 25c.**

**LIMIT THREE TO A CUSTOMER**

## PROTECTION

According to Webster means "Defense." By our ability for handling large quantities of merchandise we were able to purchase extensively in cotton goods. Our enormous purchase will enable us to undersell all opposition, thus defending our interests. When you see it in our ad it is to be had. Come to our stock rooms and see for yourself.

Extract from letter just received from the East: "Raw cotton sold for 16 1/2 cents per pound yesterday, with the prospects of another increase. Wide sheetings are 5 cents a yard higher than when you bought them."

## Veilings

Bright and beautiful—bristling with style—rarely exclusive in rich design and best quality materials are our new veilings for hat drapes. Here you will find an assortment of colors that it will be almost impossible not to see one just to your particular taste. They come 15 inches wide and 1 1/4 yards long. All prices.

## Embroideries

Embroideries for less than half regular prices. They are the finest nainsook—daintiest edging of insertion to match for trimming women's and children's garments—only one piece of a kind. Early selection is advisable, for they'll go in a hurry at this price.

**35c QUALITIES.**

**12c**