HUNDREDS LOSE HOMES IN BIG FIRE

Harding to Leaders in Attack on Four Courts Are Slain Free Canning Champi Tour Europe as B Launch Big Rum Drive

Tells Congress in Annual Message Repeal of Dry Laws Unlikely-Urges Co-Ordination of Transportation.

Asks More Farm Credit

Washington, Dec. 8 .- President Harding in his annual message, deivered today to congress in person. deals with nearly a score of subjects, chief among them prohibition, farm credits, the transportation problem, child labor and immigration.

The executive announces his purpose to invite the governors of the states and territories to an early conference with the federal executive authority with a view to adopting definite policies of national and state cooperation in administering the prohibition laws. He says the day is unlikely to come when the prohibition amendment will be repealed and that the nation should adapt its course accordingly. Conforms With Laws.

President Harding tells congress

that if the statutory provisions for prohibition enforcement are contrary to deliberate public opinion, which he does not believe, the rigorous and literal enforcemeent will concentrate public attention on any requisite mod

forms with the law and saves the humiliation of the government and the humiliation of our people before the world and challenges the destructive forces engaged in widespread violation, or corruption and individual de-

With regard to the transportation problem, Mr. Harding proposes that the railroad labor board be abolished with the substitution of a labor division in the Interstate Commerce com mission with ample power to require its rulings to be accepted by both parties to a disputed question. The executive also proposes that the law require the carriers and their employes to institute means and methods to neotiate between themselves their conppeals to the government body to disputes of such character as are likely to affect the public welfare.

Transportation.
Co-ordination of all transportation facilities is urged by the president. These would include not only inland waterways, but motor truck transpor tation as well. He inveighs against the ystem of paralleling the railroads with truck roads, thus crawing freight from the steam lines instead of making the motor truck a leeder for them.

As to the carriers themselves, Mr Harding suggests as ways of increased economy and efficiency there be a merger of lines into systems, interchange of freight cars, the consolidation of facilities and the conomic use of terminals. He declared that the managers of the lines are without that intercarrier, co-operative relationship, "so highly essential to the most and economical operation," adding that they could not function in harmony when the recent strike threatened the paralysis of all railway trans-

Credit for Farmers.

More extended credit for the farmers is strongly urged by the execu tive who declares that the very proof of helpfulness already given is the strongest argument for the perman establishment of widening credits. He says the farm loan bureau may well have its power enlarged to provide ample farm production credits as well as enlarged land credits.

Two constitutional amendments are oposed. One would give congress uthority over child labor and the other would restrict the issues of tax exempt securities, which are declared to be "drying up the sources of federal taxation and encouraging unproductive and extravagant expenditures by states anad municipalities."

for registration of aliens and for more was instructed to report by wire on thorough examination of emigrants at he ports of embarkation is urged. The president says there is a "recrudescence of hyphenated Americanism which we thought to have been nation, life and soul, to the world war," and adds that advocates of revolution are abusing the hospitality of American shores, "finding their deluded followers among those who take on the habiliments of an American without knowing an American soul." Registration of aliens, the president adds, will enable the nation to guard against abuses in immigration, hecking the undesirable whose irregular coming is his first violation of the law and at the same time will facilitate the needed Americanizing of bose who mean to enroll as citizens.

Dealing with foreign affairs, Mr. Harding tells congress that American relations are not only free from every threatening cloud, but the country has contributed its "larger influence" toward making markets conflictless

"It has been our fortune both to preach and promote international un-derstanding," he adds. "We are ognizant of the world's struggles for full readjustment and rehabilitation, nd we have shirked no duty which omes of sympathy or fraternity, or lighest fellowship among nations. very obligation consistent American ideals and sanctioned under flag is willingly, met."

Again and again the president was optauded as he outlined his recoin-(Turn to Page Two, Column One.)



Romy O'Connor





Liam Mellowes.

Scout Planes to Hunt U.S. Fliers

Army Officers Scheduled to Arrive at Tucson Thursday Morning Missing.

found at 9:30 o'clock this morning, Mellowes. The two officers left San Diego, Cal. by airplane to make the trip to Fort Huachuca: and were to have stopped n this city yesterday, where Colonel Marshall was to inspect the cadet

units at the University of Arizona. Scout Planes Ready.

San Diego, Cal., Dec. 8 .- Army viation officers at Rockwell field here ere ready today to send a squadron of scout planes to search for Col Francis C. Marshall, attached to the staff of the chief of cavalry in Washington, and Lieut. Charles L. Webber of the air service, who left San Diego at 9:15 o'clock vesterday morning in flight for Fort Huachuca, near Tucson, Ariz., and had not been heard safety of the two officers, and the Rockwell field officers made plans to canvass the country in southern Cali-

The officers were expected to reach their destination within five hours sence, the Fullers have been "someafter they took off. Lieut. Webber, where in Iowa." Enactment of legislation providing an experienced cross-country pilot, arrival at Fort Huachuca.

Would Amend Cotton Act

sire for use in manufacture was in- by friends to be under the care of a troduced by Representative Steven- physician, who was treating her for son, democrat, South Carolina.

Rory O'Connor, Liam Mellowes and Two Other Leaders Hanged in Reprisal for Hales Killing.

Declare War on Healy

gether with two other Irish rebels, were executed in Mount Joy prison this morning, it was officially an-

An official army report is that the four men were executed as a reprisal for the assassination of Sean Hales, the deputy shot yesterday, and as a solemn warning to those associated with them "in the conspiracy of assassination against the representatives of the Irish people." The two other men executed were

Joseph McKelvie and Richard Barrett. both prominent republicans. The prisoners were tried by a military court martial during the night, found guilty and sentenced to death. O'Connor Near Collapse.

The death sentence was carried out at 9:20 o'clock this morning. Three priests were present. The prisoners. blindfolded, were marched to the place of execution. O'Connor had to be assisted to the scaffold. The startling swiftness with which

Deputy Hales caused a great sensation ing yesterday morning. mong Dublinites, used as they are to usational happenings. Through today's executions the ir-

Leaders of Insurgents.

of Irish insurgents that held the Four Courts building in Dublin in its stand against the free state troops ter the robbery that we didn't find last June. Each was taken prisoner out what happened to the station man.

Declare Healy Enemy. the Evening Standard from Dublin, and rushed out, but the bandits were have issued a manifesto describing gone. Timothy Healy, the governor-general, is a life-long enemy of the nation.

The manifesto adds: to the death.'

Shot in Reprisal. Dublin correspondent of the Evening around the train and off into the Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 8 .- No trace of today entered the Mercers hospital and made some joking reply." ol. Francis G. Marshall and Lieut, and shot a free state soldier lying Woellner had a large bump on his Charles Webber, scheduled to arrive in one of the beds in reprisal for the head, but was not seriously injured. here yesterday morning, had been executions of Rory O'Connor and Liant Mr. Blackwell said it would be up to

Woman Drops Divorce

A telephone call from Mrs. Helen Sorenson Fuller reached Henry Beal, of several pouches of mail Wednesday trict court against her husband, Edgar Fuller, former kleagle of the Ku Klux

"For the baby's sake alone," said Mrs. Fuller's voice over the wires. Mrs. Fuller dropped from sight with

During their recent unexplained ab-

Mrs. Obenchain Ill

Los Angeles, Dec. 8 .- Mrs. Madalynne C. Obenchain, released from the Los Angeles county jail last Monday Washington, Dec. 8 .-- A bill to after two juries had disagreed as to Utah; R. H. Rhodes, Tacoma, and R. emend the cotton futures act to en her guilt or innocence of the charge able buyers of contracts to demand of murdering her former sweetheart, delivery of grades of cotton they de J. Belton Kennedy, last night was said Cornerstone Laid for "a complete nervous breakdown."

Who Killed John Waring?

That question baffles all investigators until Fleming Stone, detective, is assigned to the case.

The facts before him are: John Waring, newly elected college president, stabbed to death in his study-all doors and windows locked on the insideno possible exit for the murderer-a strange girl. known as "Miss Mystery," whose actions need explaining-two men who desire her acquittal at any

Follow these tangled threads as they are unraveled by the master hand of Caroline Wells in

"The Mystery Girl"

It Will Appear in The Morning Bee Beginning Monday

Canning Champions; Tour Europe as Reward

little Iowa village of Eddyville today won the national canning contest held connection with the International Livestock exposition. They are Bueah Rodgers and Katherine Bolibaugh, and will receive a three-months' tour of Europe as their reward.

The Colorado entrants, Elaine Hendricks and Bertha Boger, won second place, while the Connecticut team members were named as alternates. The contestants represented practically every state. The contest was held under the auspices of the American committee for devastated France.

Dublin, Dec. 8.—(By A. P.)—Rory O'Connor and Liam Mellowes, to-gether with two other blowes, to-Rob Omaha Train Mail at St. Joseph

Masked Robbers Knock Clerk Down and Grab Mail Bags While Armed Agents Are in Station.

Mail robbers are much rougher than Al Jennings ever pictured them, in the opinion of Mail Clerk A. J. Woellner, who was knocked down and robbed of several registered mail pouches shortly after midnight Thursday night at St. Joseph, Mo., by "three or four" masked bandits.

Mail Clerk W. F. Shuck of Kansas City, who was in charge of the mail, yesterday told the story of the daring robbery to Assistant Superintendent the free state government acted in Blackwell of the 14th railway mail consequence of the assassination of division at the Omaha Federal build-

Clerk Knocked Down

"I was in the car with three other regulars lost two of their principal cierks loading mail when the thing leaders and two other important al- happened," said Shuck. "Woellner and though less known men. All four sur- a man from the St. Joseph Union standered after the destruction of the tion were taking the registered mail Four Courts, in the seizure of which into the station. Weellner was O'Connor and Mellowes took a leading knocked down by one of the bandits with the butt of a revolver. Another bandit stood on him. Woellner was Roderick (Rory) O Connor and Liam not unconscious; he squirmed around Mellowes, were leaders of the band and made what noise he could. They

when the building was captured after Woellner could not have been more he was knocked down, but we didn't London, Dec. 8 .- (By A. P.)-The hear anything. When he staggered Irish republicans, says a dispatch to up to the car we snatched our guns

Joking Reply

"While this happened there were three Burlington railroad special "The fight will go on as long as agents, fully armed, upstairs in the there is a man in Ireland. It is war Union station. A brakeman at the end of our train, which was Burlington No. 22, due in Omaha Friday morn-London, Dec. 8 .- (By A. P.)-The ing, saw the bandits walk leisurely Standard reports that a party of men yards. He asked 'em whither bound

Kansas City to determine the value of the mail stolen. It was all for St. Joseph. All the mail clerks on the ered the bars across her cell window, The the police of the greater part of the train reside in Kansas City. other three in the car were Edward country and of the Mexican territory Case Against Kleagle other three in the car were Edward of Lower California as well, have been on the watch for her neth Brown

The same train was reported robbed county attorney-elect, at an early hour night near Armour Junction, Mo., yesterday morning, requesting that he dismiss the divorce action filed in disable mail was taken.

Nebrakan Named Director

Chicago, Dec. 8.-Paul Davis of eral were still searching for her er husband Monday evening after Waterloo, Isa, was nominated for district attorney's office reviewed the their marital difficulties had been the president of the Interstate Merchants punishment prescribed by law for roughly aired following a chase half council at a meeting at the domestic prisoners who break jail, to dtermine way across the continent by the father, and foreign commerce department of what further penalty might be given fornia and Arizona, if there was no who sued for custody of the child, the Chicago Association of Commerce, the woman already under sentence word of the missing officers this Helen Dorothy. 5. She refused to tell The council will hold its semiannual to serve from 10 years to life for meeting here in February.

Selection of directors included: L. R. death with a hammer. Rafter, Santa Ana, Cal.; Tom Mac-Donald, Denver; J. H. Strain, Ana. torney who assisted in Mrs. Phillips' conda, Mont.; H. E. Stein, Hastings, prosecution, stated the California Neb.; L. Rosen, Las Vegas, N. M.; H. penal code classified a jail break as Moe, Klamath Falls, Ore.; G. F. Buche, Lake Andes, S. D.: T. Hooks, Waco, Tex.: F. S. Carpenter, Manti, the Merritt, Douglas, Wyo.

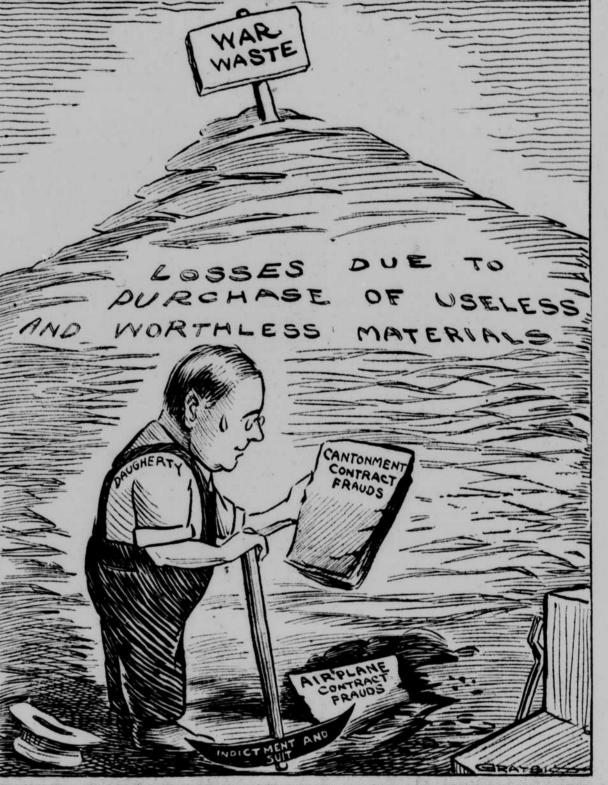
Hastings, Neb., Dec. 8 .- The cornerstone of St. Mark cathedral at Hastings was laid by Dean Charles R. congregation witnessed the ceremony, The old church was built 42 years ago. The committee expects to have the roof on the new structure by

Cashier of Defunct Bank Held to High Court for Trial

Geneva. Neb., Dec. 8.-Adolph Kotas, former cashier of the defunct Nebraska State Bank of Milligan, was arraigned in district court on a charge of making false statements to the Ne braska bureau of banking, and was bound over to the next term of district court. Kotas pleaded not guilty. Bond was fixed at \$5,000.

Claims of depositors and draft holders of the bank amounting to more than \$172,000 were approved by the district judge.

Scratching the Mountain



Tiger Woman **Baffles Police**

Officials Admit 'Hardly Know Where to Look' for Clara Phillips.

quoted carly today as admitting they ment of Commerce. "hardly knew in what direction to look," for Mrs. Clara Phillips, "hammer murderess," who sawed her way to freedom from the Los Angeles posals to consolidate railroads in the county iail last Tuesday mornig. Since her escape became known, approximately six hours after she sev

on the watch for her. . only in scores of "tips," which proved declared development of the national worthless and in annoyance to women as far east as Chicago, who were be lieved to bear some resemblance to the missing murderess and who were

While the police, sheriffs' forces. of Interstate Merchants private detectives and citizens in gen beating Mrs. Alberta Meadows to

Charles Frick, deputy district at for it at six months imprisonment in child labor and immigration. county jail, a fine of \$500 or both.

Cathedral at Hastings of from six months to five years in celled. the penitentiary.

ment, if apprehended.

Jury Unable to Agree

mony to which 190 were present. Dean August, reported last night after being Charles R. Tyner has been in charge of St. Mark for the past four years. The new building will be of stone and

One, two.

Button your shoe; Three, four, Open the door; Five, six. Your Christmas shopping fix; Seven, eight. Don't be late. You only have 14 days more.

Day's Activities in Washington

The navy's bureau of aeronautics reported satisfactory progress in postwar development of naval aircraft.

European wheat requirements for the current cereal year were placed Los Angeles, Dec. S .- Officials were at 640,000,000 bushels by the Depart-

> west would be resumed January 17. Congressional proceedings were proadcast by radio for the first time,

guard was retarded by lack of funds. treasury appropriation bill, the house to permit his relatives to apply for press of the local Finnish daily, the passengers on trains on which she rejected amendments to restrict the clemency to the supreme court. was reported to be traveling east-prohibition unit in its expenditure of

> Denby and a group of high navy offi- er's farm. cers during a conference.

government funds.

Clemenceau, concluding his four-day stay in the capital, renewed his plea for American participation in Euroean affairs in an address before a dis-

President Harding addressing score of subjects, among them prohi- on her. a misdemeanor and fixed punishment bition, rural credits, transportation,

through the cell bars, he added, she day at midnight, practically all out-had committed a felony, punishable standing service orders giving priora fine of \$5,000 or by a sentence ity to coal movements would be can-

If she had accomplices in her es- Expansion of the nation's air forces sentence. cape, he said, they were guilty of to insure offensive as well as defensive Tyner and Bishop Beecher. A large felonies and liable to severe punish strength in the event of war was seasoned with mercy," the supreme steamers for housing purposes an urged by Gen. Pershing in his annual court ruling read. report as chief of staff.

Jackson, Miss., Dec. 8.-The jury ators and mine workers were re- Walter R. Simmons, waiting for death police. Orders were issued to keep Easter, 1923. The clergy from over trying Will Atkinson, a Leak county quested by the federal coal commistor clemency from the supreme court every person out of the burned disthe district of western Nebraska were farmer, charged with the killing of present. A banquet followed the cereJoe Owen, a prohibition agent, last effort to reach an agreement on a new cer, Neb., taxi driver.

> Nomination of Pierce Butler of St. Paul to be associate justice of supreme court opposed by Senator-elect Shipstead at hearing before senate

Senate commerce committee prac ically completed consideration of the administration shipping bill after voting to eliminate the Madden amend. ment and substitute the Willis-Lenroot compromise,

Exchange to Close Dec. 23. New York, Dec. 8 .- The New York New York, Dec. 8.—The New York Cheyenne Cotton exchange today announced Dayenport Denver

Death Sentence of Nichols Commuted They were assured of help from Port-

Man Who Shot and Killed Sweetheart in Cheyenne County Escapes Chair.

electric chair ceased to become a specter today for Charles Nichols, 45, when The Interstate Commerce commis- the supreme court commuted his sension announced that hearing on pro-tence from death to life imprisonment, to the needy. Nichols shot and killed his sweetheart, Emma Carow, June 17, 1921, in Cheyenne county, and shot himself outside the fire zone, was opened as twice, but recovered. He was taken the headquarters of all welfare

apparatus having been rigged up for to the state penitentiary six months agencies. transmission of the president's ad-

Broke Engagement. Testimony at his trial showed that

cussed by Secretaries Hughes and worked as a hired man on her moth-He claimed she came into the field where he was working on the day of

the murder and told him he was dis- offices were burned. charged and their engagement broken shoot himself before them, did shoot oint session of congress, discussed a himself first and then turned the gun mayor resulted in the naming of a

Didn't Want Suffering.

The Interstate Commerce commis. rather than see her suffer he shot her for housing of patients. The hotel But in damaging the jail by filing sion announced that beginning Mon. again. Then he shot himself a second

case was premeditated murder, but and free aid. not a cold prearranged plan for murder, such as would call for a death lunch.

This action of the supreme court reduced the population of the death

The Weather

Forecast. Saturday mostly cloudy with slowly rising temperature. Hourly Temperatures.

Highest Friday. that it would be closed on the Satur- Des Moines days preceding Christmas and New Dodge City 18 Santa Fo

30 Blocks Razed: Loss \$15,000,000

Business Section of Astoria, Ore: Destroyed - Dynamite Used to Stop Rush of Flames.

Other Towns Offer Aid

Astoria, Ore., Dec. 8.-(By A. R.)-The business district in Astoria, the oldest city in Oregon, is in ruins. hundreds of persons are homeless and property loss estimated around \$15, 000,000 was caused by a fire here to day. For 10 hours the flames held sway, eating an ever-widening path through the city autil shortly after

Banks, newspaper plants, hotels stores, theaters and numerous buildings housing a variety of business places were wiped out. According to Fire Chief Foster, the fire got out of control because it burned beneath the buildings on pilings upon which the business section of the city was built. He attributed the disaster to failure to fill the space beneath the piling. Dynamiting was resorted to in an ef fort to stay the flames.

Notores Staples, automobile man and president of the Bank of Commerce, dropped dead of heart failure while the fire was at its height.

30 Blocks Wiped Out. The body of C. J. Smith, a transient, was found hanging under the sidewalk on the waterfront at Eighth and Astor streets, but whether he had ended his life because of the fire or for other reasons the police were tinable to determine. He had spent the night in a cheap lodging house on the

water front. Thirty blocks were wiped out by the flames. Many homes in the older residence district were destroyed and bout 50 families living in an apartment house were made homeless by the destruction of that building. In addition to these, many persons occupying rooms in the destroyed area lost everything they had except the clothing on their backs.

Plan Relief Measures.

A committee of citizens met at the call of Mayor James Bremmer and planned immediate relief measures land and Seaside. Every restaurant and hotel in the city had been wiped out, so there was prospect of immedi-

Portland bakeries sent loads of bread and Seaside sent word that the hotel there was open to receive those without shelter. A large number of Lincoln. Dec. 8. -(Special.) - The summer cottages at the beach resorts also were offered to the homeless. Homes in the residence district also were thrown open to give aid and food

> "Y" Building Thrown Open The Y. M. C. A. building, which was

The Budget, an afternoon paper When told today by Deputy Warden which attempted to get out an edi-Kayanaugh that his sentence had tion on the press of the paper at But so far, the search has resulted militia bureau, in his annual report prisonment, he said:

Maj. Gen. Rickards, chief of the been changed from death to life imScaside, found this impractical, and militia bureau, in his annual report prisonment, he said: instead issued mimeographed sheets. "Well, I'm mighty glad to hear it. J. S. Dellinger, published of the I want to live now and make some Astorian, the morning paper, announc-Continuing consideration of the For several months he had refused Saturday morning edition on the

> Loveri. The Astorian recently moved into a new building which was swept by the Allied proposals at Lausanne for Miss Carow had broken her engage fire. Mr. Dellinger said three type ontrol of the Turkish straits were dis- to Nichols three different times. He setting machines had been saved but the rest of the plant was destroyed.

including the files of 50 years ago. Telephone Exchange Burns.

Telephone exhanges and telegraph Communication with the outside He went to his room, got a revolver was maintained throughout the day and met the girl and her mother on by means of a long distance line tem-the road. He declared he intended to porarily set up at the city hall.

The meeting of citizens and the committee on temporary relief. H. A. Hoefler placed his residen-

She fell wounded and he said that at the disposal of St. Mary hospital keepers of Oregon in session at Portland donated \$5,000 for relief and The supreme court held that his railroads offered free transportation

The W. C. T. U. established a free The Columbia River Packing as-"It is a case where justice should be sociation donated the use of two facilities in churches and other build-

ings were listed for housing. A detatchment of National guard Representatives of bituminous oper- house at the state penitentiary to one was due to arrive to aid the local

Lee Drake, part owner of the Astoria Budget and president of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, calle. meeting of all merchants for Sat-

urday to discuss plans for rebuilding,

Tiernan Goes to New York "to Get on His Feet"

New York, Dec. 8 .- John P. Tiernan, former member of the faculty of Notre Dame university, whose recent marital affairs held public interest, has ar-tived in New York "to get on his feet." and will remain in seclusion for some time, relatives announced

Peter Tiernan, his brother, declared the Tiernan family wanted to give John a chance to "get straight with himself" and that they would help North Platte20 Valentine him.