

**BRIEF BRIGHT BREEZY BITS OF NEWS**

**CONVICT KILLS FATHER'S SLAYER WITH GUN**  
 Douglas, Ga., March 18.—Robert Merritt, a chain gang road worker, today snatched a shotgun from a guard and killed Walter Harper, a farmer, who had killed Merritt's father several years ago.

**TAKES INSANE INDIAN 1,100 MILES ON DOG SLED**  
 The Pass, Manitoba, March 18.—A Royal Northwest Mounted Police officer, Sergeant Thompson, arrived here today after "mushing" 1,100 miles over a snow trail with an insane Indian lashed to his dog sled. Thompson's dogs, weak from lack of food, were barely able to drag their load into town. Thompson brought the Indian from Trout Lake, near Hudson's Bay. Part of the trip was made through a blizzard.

**GEN. CROWDER GOES TO CUBA IN AIRPLANE**  
 Havana, March 18.—Maj. Gen. Enoch H. Crowder, judge advocate general of the American army, who had been invited to Cuba by the government to revise the election laws, arrived here today after a three-day journey by hydro-airplane. After landing, General Crowder went aboard the American cruiser Cincinnati.

**RHINE TO BE PLACED UNDER ALLIED CONTROL**  
 Paris, March 18.—The future navigation of the Rhine will be controlled by an allied commission, the peace conference committee on the international regime of ports, railways and waterways decided today. The commission will replace the German-Holland commission existing before the war.

**NATIONAL PROHIBITION DEFEATED IN NEW JERSEY**  
 Trenton, N. J., March 18.—The house of representatives of the New Jersey legislature today passed a resolution rejecting ratification of the national prohibition amendment. The amendment had previously failed of action in the senate.

**FLIES 172 MILES IN 74 MINUTES**  
 Paris, March 18.—Maj. Gen. John E. B. Seely of the British war office Sunday flew from Folkestone to Paris, a distance of 172 miles in 74 minutes, establishing a new record for the flight, it was learned today. The airplane had the wind behind it.

**DEATHS EXCEED BIRTHS IN ENGLAND AND WALES**  
 London, March 18.—For the first time since the establishment of the system of registration, deaths exceeded births in England and Wales in the last quarter of 1918, according to the report of the registrar general, made public today. In the last quarter of 1918 the births were 161,775 and the deaths 241,218. The deaths exceeded those for the preceding quarter by 127,000.

**WHIPS GIRL, THEN RUBS SALT INTO WOUNDS**  
 Marietta, Ga., March 18.—Mrs. Naomi Campbell, head of the Undominational Home for Children here, was convicted today on charges of cruelty to Sallie Clayton, one of five inmates of the institution. Several of the children making their home at the institution testified that after whipping the Clayton girl, Mrs. Campbell removed the girl's clothing and rubbed salt and pepper into the wounds caused by the whipping.

**BAKER FIGURES WAR COST AS \$197,000,000,000**  
 San Francisco, March 18.—"The cost of the war in money alone was \$197,000,000,000 or \$11,000,000,000 more than the total property value of all North America," Secretary of War Newton D. Baker told a gathering at the Commercial club here today following his arrival with Peyton C. Marsh, chief of staff, to inspect army posts here.

**COMPETITIVE RATES IN WEST ELIMINATED**  
 Washington, March 18.—Competitive passenger rates on circuitous routes in the western states and from the middle west to the Pacific coast will be eliminated April 1 by new rate schedules issued by the railroad administration. The new schedules it was learned tonight provide specific fares on the basis of the general countrywide increase ordered last June, but do not charge rates except on the circuitous routes.

**GENERAL WOOD PAYS TRIBUTE TO CLEVELAND**  
 New York, March 18.—Army and navy officers of high rank and men discharged in civil life joined here today in paying tribute to the memory of Grover Cleveland, on the 82d anniversary of his birth.

Following memorial services in St. Paul chapel on lower Broadway, public exercises were held in a theater under the auspices of the Grover Cleveland association of which George F. Parker, who was private secretary to President Cleveland, is the most feeling tribute was paid by Maj. Gen. Leonard Wood, who became intimately acquainted with the former president, when a young medical officer assigned to Washington.

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**THE WEATHER:**

Fair Wednesday; waufer southeast; colder northwest; Thursday unsettled and colder, rain in east.

Hour	Temp.
5 a. m.	38
6 a. m.	37
7 a. m.	36
8 a. m.	35
9 a. m.	34
10 a. m.	33
11 a. m.	32
12 m.	31
1 p. m.	30
2 p. m.	29

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**BOMB KILLS BANKER'S WIFE**

**LEADERS IN ACCORD ON TERMS OF TREATY**

Predict Completion of Pact in Two Weeks; Lloyd George Agrees to Inclusion of League Covenant.

By Associated Press.  
 Paris, March 18.—Announcement was made at the close of a conference today between President Wilson, David Lloyd George, the British prime minister, and M. Clemenceau, the French premier, that no final decisions had been taken, but that all the main questions surrounding the peace conference had been discussed, that the meeting had been entirely satisfactory and that there had been no change in the plans previously announced, which contemplate the completion of the peace treaty within the next two weeks, including the league of nations.

Great interest attached to the conference owing to a report that there was a divergence in views on some of the main questions to be discussed. Crowds gathered to witness the arrival of the heads of the various governments.

The conference was an extended one, lasting from 3 o'clock in the afternoon until 6 o'clock this evening.

When the league of nations commission would resume its sessions, as they wished again to offer an amendment terminating racial discrimination. Their purposes to renew their offer of the amendment was not accompanied by an intimation of insistence to the point of refusing to accept the treaty without the amendment.

Their views will be heard later, after the neutrals have been given a hearing, which today was fixed for 3 o'clock Thursday afternoon.

Belgian Sovereigns Will Go by Airplane to Visit Gen. Pershing

**Dr. Ishida's Story Ravings Of Disordered Mind, Says Nurse Whom He Mentioned**

Miss Billie Jacobs Denies on Witness Stand That Physician Slain by Japanese Had Ever Assaulted Her or That There Was Any Love Affair Between Her and Either of the Men.

Baltimore, March 18.—Miss Billie Jacobs, the nurse at Shepperd and Enoch Pratt hospital, to protect whose honor, Dr. Norbu Ishida, the Japanese mental expert, claims he shot and killed Dr. George B. Wolff, resident physician, today was called on by the attorneys for the defense to testify that the accusations said to have been made by Dr. Ishida that she had been assaulted by Dr. Wolff and that Dr. Wolff had interfered in an alleged love affair between her and Dr. Ishida, were but the ravings of a man with a disordered mind.

She continued: "There has never any affair between Dr. Wolff or Dr. Ishida and me. I had the greatest respect for Dr. Wolff and treated him accordingly. I had no respect for Dr. Ishida and treated him accordingly. Dr. Wolff paid no more attention to me than he did to any of the other nurses at the hospital."

When Is Beer Legally Beer? Roper's Puzzle

Upon Its Solution Will Depend What Shall Be Done if New York Brewers Re- new Brewing.

Washington, March 18.—Answer to the question of when beer is legally beer and whether it may contain 2 1/2 per cent alcohol without being officially considered intoxicating was sought today by internal revenue bureau officials in existing statutes, court decisions and administrative regulations, but with no definite conclusion.

Internal revenue officials held a number of conferences. The bureau's legal experts argued that all precedents of acts of congress and of revenue bureau practices point to the rule that if beer contains one-half of one per cent or more alcohol it is intoxicating and is taxable as real beer.

Cleveland Railway Refuses to Reinstate Conductorettes

**MEXICAN TROOPS TO RESCUE OF MORMONS**

Force Order to Proceed by Forced Marches to Camp Where Villa Is Holding American Prisoners.

Jaurez, Mexico, March 18.—Mexican federal troops have been ordered to proceed to Western Chihuahua by forced marches to rescue Bishop Jos. C. Bentley, president of the Jaurez Mormon stake; James E. Whetton, chief missionary of the stake, and Albert Tietjen, another member of the Mormon colony in Mexico.

Two Expeditions Started. Col. Augustin Mora announced today that General Zazua with 500 cavalry had been ordered to proceed from Neuvas Casas Grandes in western Chihuahua in an effort to rescue the three Mormons.

Appeal Made to Carranza. Washington, March 18.—The American embassy at Mexico City was instructed today by the State department to request the Mexican government to take every possible step to insure the protection of American citizens in the territory of northern Mexico, where Villa has become active.

Bishop Bashford Dies. Los Angeles, March 18.—Bishop James U. Bashford, for many years a prominent figure in the Methodist Episcopal church, died today at a sanitarium near here after an illness of many months.

Oh Yes, As Usual, The Omaha Bee Set the Pace

On Automobile Display Advertising During Auto Show Week. Here Are the Figures in inches for the Eight Days (Haynes Adv. Company Measurements)

**Two American Women Missionaries in Korea Beaten by Jap Soldiers**

Apology for Outrage Demanded by Consul at Seoul, Who Himself Had Been Arrested and Later Released; Independence Campaign Described as Most Wonderful Passive Resistance Movement in History.

Peking, March 18.—An American missionary who has just returned from Korea describes the independence movement there as the most wonderful passive resistance movement in history. The missionaries were taken by surprise when the movement began, but after realizing that their churches had been closed by order of the police and that most of their pastors were in jail, they concluded that the time had come to break silence regarding the brutalities witnessed in the last decade.

D. A. R. READY TO HELP SOLVE NEW PROBLEMS

State Convention Opens With Reception at Hotel Fontenelle After Leaders Give Talks.

Mrs. Tewksbury Not Able to Attend Meet of Daughters This Year

Mrs. Ringer Responds. Mrs. Frank I. Ringer, the state vice regent responded to the welcome and cleverly took exception to Plutarch's statement that "Although (Continued on Page Two, Column Six)

Discharged Soldiers May Get Bonus by Filing 'True Copy' Discharge

Thirty Thousand Men Sail. Washington, March 18.—Departure from France of approximately 30,000 officers and men of the American expeditionary force—the largest single homeward movement of troops since the cessation of hostilities—was announced today by the War department.

**EXPLOSION SEQUEL TO THREAT TO HUSBAND**

Oakland Police Mystified by Blast Which Caused Death of Mrs. Greenwood at Family Home.

Oakland, Cal., March 18.—Mrs. George Greenwood, wife of the vice president of the Savings Union Bank and Trust company of San Francisco, was killed instantly by a bomb explosion tonight at the family home overlooking Lake Merritt in the residential district of that city.

Hurled 10 Feet. The body of Mrs. Greenwood had been hurled 10 feet by the explosion of the bomb. A brick wall in the garden was marked by a deep indentation and was badly damaged.

Story of Husband. "I can't imagine why this was done. I haven't an enemy in the world that I know of. Mrs. Greenwood had none. I don't know why they did this."

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Government Offers Reward. Sacramento, Cal., March 18.—Governor William D. Stephens announced tonight he would offer a reward of \$1,000 for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible for a bomb explosion at Oakland tonight in which Mrs. George Greenwood was killed.

Retailers Forbidden to Include Luxury Tax in Selling Price

Most Children Have Defective Teeth, Says Miss Townsend