**WEATHER**
UTAH—Generally fair tonight and Friday, except snow tonight in extreme south portion; colder tonight in north and east portion.
IDAHO—Tonight and Friday cloudy and threatening.

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**SIGNS OF SPRING**
Nifty spring styles in men's clothing on display in stores; also new shapes in male bennets.

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# L. D. S. MISSIONARIES ATTACKED

# ROMA DISASTER CANCELS WHITE HOUSE FETE

## ARMY AND NAVY RECEPTION TO BE HELD LATER

### Present Time of Mourning Unsuited for Event, President Harding Says

### INVESTIGATION IS ON

### Survivor of Crash Gives Thrilling Description of Air Catastrophe

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Due to the Roma disaster and the mourning occasioned by the loss of lives of army personnel, President and Mrs. Harding today announced postponement until April 19 of the army and navy reception, set for tonight at the White House.

Four thousand invitations had been issued to officers of the army and navy. After a conference between President Harding and Secretary Weeks, the White House issued the following announcement:

"On account of the deplorable loss of life in the Roma disaster, the army and navy reception, to have been held tonight has been postponed until April 19."

**PROBER MAKES REPORT**

President and Mrs. Harding feel that a reception to the army and navy officers at a time when there is such bereavement and grieving as the result of the accident to the Roma, would not be in accordance with the feeling of themserves or their friends.

Secretary Weeks was understood to have laid before President Harding an informal report from Major General Patrick, chief of the air service, who made a preliminary examination of Roma disaster.

**CONGRESS NOT AT FAULT**

Blame for the disaster which overtook the giant army dirigible Roma does not rest with congress, Major General Patrick, chief of the air service, declared in a formal statement today, upon his return from Langley field, where he conducted a personal investigation of the accident.

"Statements that failure of congress to appropriate funds for helium production and that the lack of helium caused the accident are not based on facts," he said. "Congress appropriated liberally for the development of the processes of extracting helium during the war, and has since given all funds requested for further experimental work looking to perfecting the process.

"The Roma disaster would have happened just the same had the ship been filled with helium instead of hydrogen. It is true, however, that in all probability, the loss of life might not have been so great."

**GRAVE CHARGE DENIED**

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Feb. 23.—Statement was made today by Lieutenant Colonel A. S. Fisher, chief of the lighter than air service at Langley field, home station of the ill fated Roma, that "there was nothing wrong with the craft when she left here Tuesday on what proved to be her last flight."

The statement of Colonel Fisher alluded to the assertion made in Chicago last night by Dr. J. M. Nicholson quoting from a letter written by Lieutenant Smythe, a victim of the disaster, after the Roma's trip to Washington last December. After this Lieut. Fisher said:

"After knowing Lieut. Smythe I cannot believe he had been correctly quoted in Chicago relative to his letter to his father in which he is said to have stated the itoma was unsafe."

**BEHAVED NICELY.**

Relative to the Washington trip of the Roma, the Colonel added:

"I desire to say that she behaved very nicely under most trying weather conditions. There was nothing wrong except our speed, which was a trifle slow at times on account of the engines not working well in this climate.

"These motors were replaced and there was nothing wrong with the craft when she left here Tuesday on what proved to be her last flight."

**DESCRIPTION BY VICTIM.**

NORFOLK, Va., Feb. 23.—Major John D. Reardon of Washington, one of the injured of the Roma, is improved enough to discuss the accident. "The fire burned an opening for me to get out of the Roma," he said. "I don't know just how the accident happened. I was busy with my engine when an order was sent through the ship to stop the motors. The Roma was then shooting toward the earth at a rapid speed. I had my parachute strapped to my back.

"I stopped my engine and I heard Burt say something about the elevation lever being clogged. Lieut. Burt shouted to Captain Mabry to shut off the motors and the order was repeated to the engine room.

"I started to stand on my feet, but fell on my side. The ship was rocking and pitching like a vessel at sea. I saw a number of men, possibly eight or ten, fall over in a heap when they tried to get to their feet.

**SEES CRASH COMING.**

"An order was given to lighten the ship and the men started throwing everything they could lay hands on overboard. Wrenches and bags went over. We were about 400 feet up. The ship was still shooting toward the

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## WAGES OF 10,000 FIREMEN AND OILERS SLASHED

## DENY JOHN DEE HAS GIVEN CONSENT TO MARRIAGE

DAYTONA, Fla., Feb. 23.—John D. Rockefeller, Sr., grandfather of 16-year-old Mathilde McCormick, whose engagement to Max Oser, Swiss riding academy proprietor, has been announced by members of the McCormick family, has not given his consent to the match, according to close friends here of Mr. Rockefeller. Mr. Rockefeller is now at Casements, his winter home at Ormond Beach, near here.

Harold F. McCormick, recently divorced from Mr. Rockefeller's daughter, and Miss Mathilde McCormick will visit Mr. Rockefeller at Ormond soon to discuss the proposed marriage, it was said today.

## EX-TREASURER OF U. S. LOSES ALL IN CRASH

### Bankers Believe John A. Burke Was Somebody's Innocent Dupe

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Liabilities of the brokerage firm of Kardos and Burke which last night went into the hands of a receiver, were variously estimated here today at from $700,000 to $1,500,000. John A. Burke, former treasurer of the United States whose signatures appeared on bank notes issued from 1913 until his resignation a little more than a year ago, declared today he had lost everything in the collapse of the business. Bankers who had been associated with him in business were quoted as asserting their belief that he had been an "innocent dupe" in the development of the amazing situation revealed by the failure.

Matters relating to the firm's affairs were to be discussed at the office of the attorney for Robert R. Stephenson, receiver, here today. Legal actions against a number of firms that are members of the New York stock exchange, might, it was intimated, be instituted. It was indicated that if these suits were successful, the firm might pay its creditors dollar for dollar.

John Burke was three times governor of North Dakota before becoming treasurer of the United States in March, 1913. His partner, Louis Montgomery Kardos, was a poor immigrant from Hungary nine years ago and found his first employment in the financial district as a messenger boy.

The firm had branches in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburg, St. Louis and other cities.

### LLOYD GEORGE GOES TO FRANCE SATURDAY

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(By The Associated Press).—Prime minister Lloyd George will meet Premier Poincare of France either at Boulogne or Calais for their discussion of questions relating to the Genoa conference and the proposed Anglo-French pact, it was announced today.

Mr. Lloyd George will leave London Saturday for the meeting.

### MILLS OPEN UNDER TROOP PROTECTION

PAWTUCKET, R. I., Feb. 23.—Under military guard the mills here affected by the strike of textile workers opened today without disturbing incident, comparatively few pickets were on duty.

At the Jenckes Spinning company's cotton plant where Monday's fatal rioting occurred, no attempt was made by the strikers or their sympathizers to organize the usual demonstrations.

## PUPILS SKATE TO SCHOOL ON GLASS STREETS

### Sudden Cold Snap Puts Thick Sheet of Ice Over Everything

### ONE WOMAN KILLED

### Old Boreas Making Last Stand in Northern Section of U. S.

DENVER, Feb. 23. — The greater part of the Rocky Mountain region today was in the grip of a cold wave of moderate intensity extending from Montana and Wyoming south to Colorado and Kansas. Wyoming, with temperatures hovering between 12 and 16 below zero, bore the brunt of the wave which was accompanied over the Rocky Mountain area by a general snowfall.

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 23.—In some parts of southern Minnesota, the ground was covered with from one to three inches of ice.

Children skated to and from school. Seven high school students of Welcome, Minn., skated eight miles to Fairmont on the public highway, which was covered with ice as smooth as glass. They returned the same way.

Blizzardy conditions prevailed again early today throughout the northwest. The second day of the most severe storm of the year, in this section, however, found the snowfall subsiding in the eastern part of the Dakotas.

Temperatures were falling rapidly with five to 12 degrees below zero reported in western Minnesota and the Dakotas.

One death has been reported today as an indirect result of the storm, a woman who was killed at Rochester, Minn., through a short circuited electric wire.

Sweeping in the rocky mountain region, the storm which began Tuesday night with lightning and thunder, snow, hail, sleet and rain, was rapidly moving eastward today.

**WINDS PILE DRIFTS.**

Winds ranging from 30 to 50 miles an hour swept the slight snow in the Dakotas into huge drifts. Duluth, with nearly 30 inches of snow, reported drifts in many places more than 20 feet high. Members of the tank corps, national guard, brought out tanks early today to buck the drifts.

Most trains out of Duluth were annulled. Railroads running out of the twin cities were making efforts to keep their crack trains running, both west and east but many were from three to 24 hours late and several were reported stalled in drifts.

Several hundred poles belonging to the American Telephone & Telegraph company between Toman and Warrens, Wis., a distance of about 190 miles, were snapped off during the sleet storm, severing communication between the twin cities and La Crosse, Wis., and Chicago.

**SKATE TO WORK.**

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Feb. 23.—Persons living in most sections of the southwest slipped, skidded or skated about their business today as a result of a severe glaze storm.

Warm, soaking rains which fell yesterday over the greater part of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and northern Texas, turned to sheets of

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## Poor Get Shysters; Rich, Good Lawyers

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Equality before the law is impossible so long as the rich and powerful are represented in court by highly educated lawyers while a large part of the poor and ignorant are represented by untrained and incompetent men, Judge Clarence N. Goodwin of Chicago declared in his opening address today as chairman of the conference of Bar Associations here. Until such a condition is corrected, he said, there will be little justice in the courts.

The powerful men and interests of large means are able to know who are competent and who are not, Judge Goodwin asserted, adding that it was difficult for the poor man, or the ignorant man, to make any just estimate of who was capable of properly advising and representing him.

"During my years as a trial judge," the speaker said, "I was frequently distressed by the fact that one side or the other in the case before me was so incompetenly represented by counsel, or represented by such ignorant counsel, that, owing to the learning and skill of the attorneys on the other side, it seemed impossible to get the case properly before the court, or keep error out of the record."

## 23 BILLIONS IS SUM OWED BY UNCLE SAM

### Floating Debt Too Big for Any Business, Asst. Secretary Says

BOSTON, Feb. 23.—America's position as a creditor nation probably will result in the use of American capital wherever business is done, Eliot Wadsworth, assistant secretary of the treasury, said in an address before the Boston chamber of commerce today. This expansion depended, however, he added, on the maintaining of a "pay as we go" policy by the United States treasury.

"We owe today twenty-three and one-half billion dollars, of which six and one half billions is due in less than 18 months," Mr. Wadsworth said. "This is too large a proportion of floating debts for any business institution.

"Our federal budget so far has balanced, but next year we face a deficit. We are considering further expenditures for a bonus, for ship subsidies, for new federal activities. To meet the deficit, to pay for these numerous expenditures, the money should be provided from income, not by further borrowing.

"We have debts enough for future generations to care for. 'Pay as we go' must be the principle of financial management of this country or soon we will not be talking of lending money abroad and will really have cause to worry about the future."

Contrasting the great inflating of currencies abroad with the situation in the United States the assistant secretary said that in the aggregate the holders of Liberty bonds had made a profit of two and a half billion dollars in the last year and a half.

### BOY AND TWO GIRLS MOTORISTS DROWNED

KEOKUK, Iowa, Feb. 23.—Joseph Haubert, aged 16, and two companions Misses Mae and Ida Printa, drowned in Lake Keokuk at four o'clock this morning when the automobile, in which they were riding plunged off a ferry boat at Nauvoo, Ills.

## TAKE 'EM IF YOU WANT 'EM, TROTZKY SAYS

### Bolshevik Leader Satirical in Discussing Condition of Prisoners

MOSCOW, Feb. 23—"We shall gladly turn over all the people in our prisons to foreigners if they will take them away," said Leon Trotzky, Soviet war minister, in an interview with foreign correspondents who asked if he knew that prisoners were starving and dying of disease in Soviet jails.

"We have our own way of dealing with prisoners," he went on. "You in the United States electrocute them. Well, we don't. Also Americans who wish to realize what happens to prisoners during revolutions should remember their own civil war," he added, referring to Libby prison.

"As for freeing prisoners, we haven't peace yet on our frontiers. Petlura, the Ukraine leader, is sitting in a hotel at Tarnov, Galicia, plotting against us and there are many others.

"Anyway, in or out of prison, people are dying of hunger. Our famine on the Volga was partly caused through the region being ruined by Kolchak and the Czechs financed by foreign powers."

### UNCLE SAM REPAYS BUT AFTER 27 YEARS

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 23.—After waiting for his change for 27 years, Charles Wagner, a Spokane dairyman, has received a check for $9.60 from the federal government.

In 1895 Wagner filed on a homestead near Post Falls, Idaho. The land office was in doubt as to the filing fee and requested that Wagner pay a sum considerably in excess of usual requirements. He was told that the government would reimburse him, should it be found that he had paid too much. Recently he was notified to file his claim for $9.60 and today he had the check. Others who filed on land near Post Falls are reported to be receiving similar checks.

## 10 HOUR DAY RESTORED FOR RAIL WORKERS

### Labor Board's New Rules Go Into Effect on First of March

### SPLIT TRICK MADE

### More Than 175 Railroads File Requests for Reductions With Body

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Another pay slash this time hitting 10,000 stationary firemen and oilers, was made by the United States railroad labor board today when it announced rules effective March 1, eliminating extra pay until after the tenth hour and setting up a "split trick" of eight hours within a spread of 12 without any overtime pay.

Following several other decisions virtually restoring the 10-hour day for railroad workers, the board today authorized the roads to pay only pro rata wages after the regular eight hours which the board retained in principal as constituting a day's work. Time and one-half will be paid after 10 hours. In the case of the split trick straight time will be paid for the first 10 hours work, whether included in the 12 spread or not, and time and one-half will be given thereafter. Formerly the firemen and oilers, all of whom work around railroad shops, were paid time and one-half after eight hours.

**SUNDAYS AND HOLIDAYS.**

Sundays and holidays will be paid for at the pro rata rate, a minimum of three hours pay being made for two hours work or less. Monthly rated employes' wages are to be adjusted to eliminate the old time and one-half provisions.

Ten rulings regarding discipline, grievances, discrimination against committeemen and similar matters were remanded to the employes and the roads for further negotiation. The board's new rules supplant the national agreement made during federal control, which has been in effect since January 16, 1920.

**WAGE CUTS SOUGHT.**

More than 175 railroads, including every big transportation line in the country, except the Pennsylvania railroad, has filed petitions for wage reductions for all classes of employes when the wage docket was closed at the United States railroad labor board Wednesday.

Unexpected counter proposals for wage increases were filed by seven labor organizations in addition to the increase of 13 cents an hour over present wages asked by the six railway shop crafts unions, as announced two months ago.

### CONVICTED SLAYER OF GIRL CONFESSES

BRIGHTON, Colo., Feb. 23.—William Riley Hill, convicted murderer of his nine-year-old stepdaughter, Helen Maxime Short, Wednesday handed to Sheriff E. A. Gormley here a written confession of the crime, Sheriff Gormley stated. Hill is to be taken to the state pententiary at Canon City today, to begin serving a life sentence.

According to the sheriff, Hill handed him the confession, saying "Here's what I have to say about it." The sheriff said he considered it inadvisable to make the contents of the confession public now. Hill formerly lived in Paul's Valley, Okla.

### NEGROES ATTEMPT TO CRUCIFY YOUTH

WINCHESTER, Va., Feb. 23.—Police were investigating an alleged attempt by two negroes to crucify Harvey Greenwalt, 12, in a railroad tool house here Tuesday. The boy applied at the Red Cross office for treatment and told the details of the incident, adding the negroes had threatened to crucify another boy later. A neighbor at whose home the boy sought assistance pulled the nail from the boy's hand.

### PORTUGUESE PLAN TO MOVE CAPITOL

LISBON, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—The Portuguese government is considering moving the capitol to Coambre, 110 miles northeast of Lisbon, as a consequence of constant disturbances, says the newspaper Seculo today. It is considered likely that parliament will be prorogued in view of the present situation.

## MOB PURSUES MORMONS IN ENGLISH CITY

### Police Rescue Church Workers After Great Difficulty in Plymouth

### NEWSPAPERS BLAMED

### Accuse Missionaries of Urging Women to Embrace Polygamy

PLYMOUTH, Eng., Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—A number of Mormon missionaries were pursued through the streets yesterday by a mob because of their utterances in Market square. The police rescued the Mormons with difficulty.

**NEWSPAPERS RESPONSIBLE.**

LONDON, Feb. 23.—(By the Associated Press.)—Some of the newspapers recently have been conducting a campaign against Mormon activities throughout the country, alleging that the missionaries were trying to obtain women converts who would proceed to Utah and embrace polygamy. This statement is denied by the Mormon elders, but their meetings have been broken up in some of the thickly populated suburban districts.

**LEADERS INTERVIEWED.**

The authorities have been urged from various sources to take action with a view to expelling the members of the sect. Home Secretary Shortt yesterday interviewed two of the Mormon leaders, but the result of their conversation was not divulged.

### DARE M'NIDER TO DEBATE CASH BONUS

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—A challenge to Hanford MacNider, national commander of the American legion, to debate the merits of a cash bonus for able-bodied veterans was issued by the City club of New York post No. 244 of the legion. The message sent to MacNider proposed that the opposition to such a bonus be upheld by George Brokaw Compton, who started a movement of nation-wide opposition to "blanket bonuses" on March 20, 1920, when he resigned as chairman of the New York county legion organization as a protest against its cash bonus policy.

The proposal called for a meeting at Madison Square Garden or elsewhere, the time to be set by Commander MacNider "probably next week."

The club post is composed "mostly of men who volunteered for military service and who are today obliged to earn their own living," it declared.

The message added that the City club post held that the legion should devote itself to the cause of the veteran who is sick or unemployed.

### 'IRON KING' IS HELD FOR MENTAL TESTS

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 23.—William Wendt, Los Angeles millionaire, who could not be located at his hotel Wednesday when officers sought to take him into custody on a warrant and complaint charging insanity, was a prisoner today in the psychopathic ward of the Los Angeles county hospital.

Detectives found him at a railroad station, where, it was believed, he was planning to board a train for El Paso. In his pockets they said they found bonds and stocks valued at $356,000 and in a hotel other than that where he lived, an additional $400,000 in currency.

Courts at Buffalo, N. Y., recently declared Wendt incompetent. He said the ruling made no difference to him as he was not in their jurisdiction. Then his daughter, Miss Margaret L. Wendt, brought charges of insanity against him here.

Wendt was known as the "iron king" in Buffalo, where he lived until late in 1918.

### EXPECT TO CARRY CHURCH TO GALLOWS

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—Apparently unconscious of the fact that his last hope of escaping death on the gallows had disappeared, Harvey W. Church, convicted of the murder of two automobile salesmen, lay in his cell today in the same position that he has maintained for many days. Warden Westbrook said that because of his weakness he probably would have to be carried to the gallows and dropped through the trap seated on a chair. He is being fed forcibly, it was announced.

### PARACHUTE FAILS; FALLS 2,700 FEET

SAN JOSE, Calif., Feb. 23.—Thornton Jenkins, an aerial circus performer, fell 2,700 feet here Wednesday when his parachute failed to open after he leaped from an airplane. Jenkins was well known in the west and has the name of "Jinx." He died at a hospital several hours after the fall.

## Man With Batch of Taylor Clues Declared Confirmed Dope Fiend

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 23.—Inclined to doubt the story of Harry M. Fields, a prisoner in the county jail here, that he was implicated in the slaying of William D. Taylor, Los Angeles motion picture director, local authorities today were endeavoring to trace his movements immediately preceding his arrest in Buffalo, February 6.

Fields was arrested in Buffalo on a charge of forgery here.

Last night he told officers he had driven two men, one of them Chinese, and a woman to Taylor's home on the night of the killing, and that he had received $900 for this work. The Chinese gave him the money, Fields declared, changing a $1,000 bill at a bank for that purpose. The revolver with which Taylor was slain, he said, belonged to the Chinese and was secreted afterward.

Fields asserted that after the party dispersed he went to Kansas City, where he purchased new clothing and then proceeded to Buffalo. At the time of his arrest here, he wore a suit purchased in Kansas City, but the authorities profess to have reason to believe Fields was either in New York City or in Buffalo at the time of the Taylor slaying.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Harry M. Fields, a prisoner of the Detroit police, who claims he can furnish leading clues in the William Desmond Taylor murder at Los Angeles February 1, has a long record here, as a drug peddler, pickpocket and stool pigeon for federal authorities, it was revealed today by Narcotic Agent Ralph Oller.

Mr. Oller caused Fields' arrest at Buffalo February 6 and sent him to Detroit where he was wanted on a forgery charge. At that time Fields told the police he came from Philadelphia. He now claims to have a wife and four children in Los Angeles.

Fields came to New York from the Pacific coast. Eight months ago he went to Canada to avoid trouble with the New York police, Mr. Oller said. When he returned in November he had become such a confirmed drug addict that he was useless as a stool pigeon and Mr. Oller discharged him.