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HAPPENINGS OF A WEEK

Latest News Told in Briefest and Best Form.

Washington

Chancellor Mathias Pitney of the New Jersey court of errors and appeals was confirmed as associate justice of the United States Supreme court by the United States senate by a vote of 50 to 26.

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Indiana has more miles of improved roads than any other state, with Ohio a close second, followed in the order named by New York, Wisconsin, Kentucky, Illinois, California and Massachusetts, according to statistics gathered by the office of public roads of the department of agriculture at Washington.

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The government's fight to split the merger of the Union Pacific and Northern Pacific railway systems spread in the supreme court at Washington, when Attorney General Wickersham and his special assistants, Frank B. Kellogg and Cordenio A. Severance, filed a brief of their arguments to be given orally in court shortly after April 1.

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A for reaching decision upholding the right of parents to dictate how their children's activities may be sold by retailers, and declaring legal the Sweeney "monopoly" in his selling contracts, was made by the Supreme court of the United States. Three members of the bench—Chief Justice White and Justices Hughes and Lamar, dissented.

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Foreign

More than 1,000 Arabs were killed and another 1,000 wounded in the course of one of the fiercest engagements of the war when the Italians stormed and occupied two bases situated to the northeast of Tripoli, Tripoli, which was stormed by the Italians and held by a large force of Arabs.

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General Sheng Yuan, who under the Chinese empire held the post of governor of the province of Shansi, is sentenced to death at the hand of 10,000 troops of the province of Kansu in Yeking to restore the emperor to the throne.

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