

**WEATHER**  
Highest Yesterday 56  
Lowest Last Night 34  
Rain tonight, Tuesday probably fair.

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## PRUNE OUTLOOK IS OPTIMISTIC AT THIS TIME

**Packing Companies Predict That Surplus Will Soon Be Exhausted.**

## PRICES IMPROVING

**Indications Are That New Crop Will Meet Stronger Market Than in Any Recent Year.**

The outlook for the prune crop now coming in is the most favorable for several past seasons, according to those closely in touch with conditions. All reports point to a fairly strong market, and a slightly better price than has been paid.

Local packing concerns report that they have disposed of practically all of last year's crop, and that before the new crop comes on the prunes remaining from last year will have been disposed of. During the past few months there has been a light but steady demand, and although shipments have been slow the reserve supply has been gradually disappearing, until the amount of prunes now held by growers of the county is comparatively small and lower than in past seasons.

Prices on both big and small sizes have also been improving. Exports to foreign countries have cleaned up the small lots, which has resulted in a slightly better price, while the bigger sizes are also stronger. The average sizes have shown practically no change.

The new crop will be placed on a market which for the first time in many years is not overstocked. The condition of foreign exchanges, unsettled trade following the war, and many other causes resulted in poor market for several years, and each new crop found a large amount of surplus remaining from the previous year, so that the market has been bad.

It is believed, however, that when this year's crop is harvested, that there will be therefore more confidence on the part of buyers, resulting in a fairly good price, and a ready sale.

So far there has been no contracting, and it is too early to determine the quantity and quality of the oncoming crop, but many experienced growers predict that the unusual amount of moisture occasioned by the heavy rains, will result in large sizes and a heavy crop this year.

## BILLIARD TO COMPETE

**CHICAGO, Feb. 23.**—Play for the world's championship at 18.2 balltime billiards will be started here tonight with Willie Hoppe of New York, the veteran title-holder, favored over a field of four others. Hoppe meets Kamatare Suzuki of Japan. Contests will be at 400 points.

Jake Schaefer, who once defeated Hoppe for the championship, Welker Cochran of Hollywood, Calif., Edouard Horemans, of Belgium, and Erich Hagelbacher of Germany, will be the other contestants.

## GRAIN MARKETS CLOSED

**CHICAGO, Feb. 23.**—All grain markets in the United States were closed today. Livestock markets were open.

## REP. GARNER ILL

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—The condition of Representative Garner of Texas, who is ill with pneumonia, was reported today as virtually unchanged from yesterday when considerable improvement was noted. He was said to have rested easily during the night.

## VET ORGANIZATIONS ARE BEING PROBED

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—Thirteen veterans organizations are being probed by the department of justice as "unworthy" and are being investigated. Vincent W. Hughes, an agent of that department testified before a house committee today investigating the National Disabled Soldiers League.

Hughes did not mention the names of the organizations and when committee members sought to pursue the subject, Randolph Shaw, the committee's counsel, declared it would not be advisable to go further into the question because indictments were pending and that the department of justice was about to make arrests. With this information, the committee turned to other subjects.

## AIRCRAFT COMMITTEE BEHIND CLOSED DOORS

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—The house aircraft committee, which abruptly terminated its inquiry into the aircraft controversy last Saturday assembled behind closed doors today and discussed various features of the tangle into which its affairs have fallen.

Members declined to say what transpired during the session, but it was revealed that Representative Bloom, democrat, New York, had advised the committee that if his hands had been in any way tied by lack of appropriations he personally would supply the money necessary for the continuation of the inquiry.

Lack of funds was one of the reasons given when the suspension of the hearings was announced Saturday. At the same time it was announced that the committee wanted to get its record printed and its affairs wound up in preparation for the expiration of present congress March 4.

## WOMAN POWER NATION STUDIED

**Some Tasks Women Can Perform During War That Are Indispensable.**

## GEN. HINES SPEAKS

**American Legion Auxiliary Hears Famous Army Officer Make Address on Women for Defense.**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—The war department's study of "woman power," three possible solutions of the national defense problem and some of the difficulties now enacted by the regular army were discussed today by Major General John L. Hines, chief of staff, before a George Washington birthday meeting of the American Legion Auxiliary.

Things women can do in war are being studied by the general staff, General Hines said not with the idea of "making fighters of our girls or of creating any such thing as a woman battalion of death." But experience has proved, he said, that "there are some tasks that women can perform better than men," and the study was intended to catalogue these to show "how women volunteers of the future may be used to the best advantage—in order to release men for heavier and more dangerous duties."

Referring to national defense problems, General Hines said, "There are just three possible solutions, the first was to wait until war came and then 'pay the full price'; the second to 'try to prepare hurriedly at great cost and third to 'build according to a program year by year, which is the only economical sound way."

At the present time the general staff "regular army companies in the United States average less than 50 men and each man has to pretend he is four in field training exercises."

"In addition," he said, "the training problem of the regular army is growing more severe each year, because of the shortage of funds, the regular army has held no maneuvers, except in Panama and Hawaii, since the world war. As long as our officers were war trained this might be postponed. The time for maneuvers on a large scale is here.

## WARNING GIVEN POOL HALL PROP.

**TACOMA, Wash., Feb. 23.**—Warning of impending danger was given R. J. O'Conner, Ruston pool hall owner last night, presumably by the same person or persons who a week ago fired three shots at him.

The note found pinned to his porch post, at his home at 11 p. m. Sunday night, warned O'Conner "that the bloody moon has arrived." The note was pinned with a home made knife "warning," read the note, found by the mother of O'Conner. "The bloody moon has arrived. You have been tried and condemned by the K. K. K. as a bootlegger. Beware."

## VICTIMS OF MINE DISASTER BURIED

**SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 23.**—Burial of the victims of last Friday's disastrous explosion in the City Coal company's mine and rendering of aid to the families of the 51 dead miners occupied the attention of this mining city today. Next came the problem of determining the cause of the blast and the possibility of averting another tragedy.

## SENATORS SPENCER AND BURSUM FACE CHARGE OF ACCEPTING FEE FOR USING OFFICIAL INFLUENCE

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—With one United States senator already under indictment on charges of accepting a fee for practicing before a government agency, the justice department is investigating charges that two other senators have improperly used their influence in Washington.

The two against which the latest charges have been lodged with the attorney general are Senator Spencer of Missouri and Bursum of New Mexico, both republicans. Senator Wheeler, democrat, Montana, is awaiting trial in Montana.

The accusation against Senator Spencer, the source of which has not been revealed, is that he assisted in obtaining from the department of commerce a renewal of a contract for the Foulke Fur company of St. Louis, for which his law firm was counsel, under which that company handles the government seal skins from the Friboloff Islands.

Senator Bursum is accused by Carl Magee, a New Mexico newspaper man, with having entered into a contract to sell cattle in Mexico and with having approached agents of the war finance corporation regarding the financing of the sale.

Senator Bursum said today he had not been advised by the department of justice that the Magee charges were being investigated. He said they related to cattle sales in Mexico and had been published a year ago. Any charge that he had approached any agent of the war finance corporation with respect to financing a sale of cattle in Mexico, he said, was without foundation.

The New Mexico senator, said he had proposed the sale of some cattle in Mexico some years ago for Americans who had sent their cattle over the border for pasturing, but that the sale had never been made. He added that the charge was renewed now for the purpose of embarrassing him in the contest he has brought to retain his seat in the senate.

Senator Spencer not only addressed a letter to Attorney General Stone asking for a thorough inquiry into the charge against him, but made his denial a matter of record. Gaining recognition soon after the senate met, he called attention to the matter and said: "The charge relates to a contract for dyeing and handling government-owned seal skins. The original contract dates back ten years. At that time I had no acquaintance with the contractors and no connection, direct or indirect, with the contract."

"I have never appeared before any department in connection with it and have never received a cent of compensation from the firm holding the contract."

Senator Spencer added that the head of the fur company "subsequently" became a "valued client" of the law firm of which he is a member and that "connection continues."

Department officials said their investigation had developed nothing of importance. Assistant Attorney General Donovan, in charge of criminal prosecutions, declared, however, that he intended to "see the matter through."

The exact nature of the charges were not revealed, nor would department officials discuss them further.

One Senator Wheeler, of Montana, already is under indictment on a charge of accepting a fee for practicing before a government department and the justice department recently revealed that it also was investigating charges that Senator Spencer of Missouri had acted illegally in his dealings with a government agency.

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—A searching inquiry into charges that he has practiced before federal department in connection with the fur dyeing industry was invited by Senator Spencer, republican, Missouri, in a letter sent today to Attorney General Stone.

## COAST STORMS DO BIG DAMAGE

**Northern California Swept by Heavy Winds and Rivers in Flood Stage.**

## TRAFFIC IS IMPEDED

**Storm, Which Centered Off Coast of Washington, Brought Unusual Precipitation.**

**SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.**—A cessation was expected today in the intensity of the storm which yesterday caused rivers to rise, minor floods in several sections, disrupted traffic conditions and mishaps to many small craft in this harbor. Coastwise vessels encountered particularly rough seas.

The storm, which centered off the coast of Washington, brought an unusually heavy precipitation on central California, accompanied by high southerly wind.

In the rural and mountain districts, traffic was impeded and in several instances, automobile travelers and farm residents were temporarily isolated by high waters.

Three pleasure craft were wrecked and 17 yachtsmen forced ashore in a squall which struck San Francisco Bay yesterday.

A 65 foot express cruiser owned by Dr. Martin Simon was a total loss when she dragged anchor and smashed into a sea wall. Two smaller craft were also wrecked by the gale.

**GRANTS PASS, Or., Feb. 23.**—News reached here today that a hurricane hit Crescent City, Calif., badly damaging several business houses. The loss was estimated at \$50,000. Details are lacking due to poor communication facilities. One woman was reported to have been injured.

## WOULD CONTROL CREDIT

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—Control by the federal government of all American banking and investment credit in the international field as a means of promoting world peace was advocated today in the senate by Senator Shipstead of Minnesota, the farmer-labor member of the foreign relations committee.

Through a control of the banking credit of the world, Senator Shipstead said, the United States is given the "greatest power for good and evil that was ever given any nation in the world to control."

He asserted the manner in which control is exercised, "will determine, for good or evil, the destiny of nations and the destiny of humanity."

## WASHINGTON WAS JUST A PLAIN MAN

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—Pictures of the real George Washington, as one whose greatness may be too vaguely appreciated in the almost "impersonal and legendary" figure he has become to many minds, were sketched in addresses at Washington's birthday celebration here today by John Barton Payne, secretary chairman of the American Red Cross and George W. Wickersham, former attorney general.

Judge Payne, who presided at exercises held under the auspices of a committee appointed by the District of Columbia commissioners, described the nation's father as a many man, a man with pride and dignity of character, but with all a plain man without pretense.

## KEEPER OF ZOO REFUSING AID IN SOLVING PUZZLES

**LONDON, Feb. 23.**—So many inquiries have been received at the London zoo asking for the scientific name for jumping mice (Zapodidae), or other animals that the following stereotyped letter has been prepared for all such inquiries:

"Dear Sir: In reply to your letter, I regret that I cannot undertake to assist in the solution of cross-word puzzles. Yours faithfully, CURATOR."

## FOOTBALL PLAYER TURNS WRESTLER

**CHICAGO, Feb. 23.**—Jim McMillen, captain of the University of Illinois football team in 1923, has turned professional wrestler. He weighs 215 pounds. He will make his debut in Columbus, Ohio, tomorrow night.

## JEFFRIES MGR. DIES

**SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.**—Sam Berger, San Francisco merchant, former heavyweight boxer of note and manager of Jim Jeffries at the time he lost his world's heavyweight title to Jack Johnson in 1910, died here today after a long illness.

## FIRE DESTROYS TOWN

**CAIRO, Feb. 23.**—Thirty persons were killed and 28 seriously injured in a fire which destroyed nearly the whole of the village of Rahmaniya, near Dammanur today. Five hundred huts were burned.

## OPPOSE SALARY INCREASE

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—A proposal which would strike out the salary increases for members of congress and the cabinet already approved once by both senate and house was introduced today by Senator Borah, republican Idaho.

## UNION ARMY OFFICER DIES

**WILMINGTON, Del., Feb. 23.**—Major General James Harrison Wilson, U. S. A., retired, last of the corps commanders in the Union army during the civil war, died at his home here today.

General Wilson was 74 years old. After his retirement from the army, following his service during the war with Spain and the boxer rebellion in China, he lived in Wilmington. He leaves one daughter, Mrs. Henry B. Thompson of this city.

## TRAP SHOT RECORD

**CHICAGO, Feb. 23.**—Frank Hughes, member of the United States Olympic trap shooting team, established a world's record yesterday by breaking 115 double targets in a straight run in the mid-winter tournament of the Lincoln Park gun club.

## DR. SUN IS WEAKER

**PEKING, Feb. 23.**—Dr. Sun Yat-sen was weaker today than the protracted illness which followed an operation for cancer on January 26. The South China leader was unable to take his usual meals today, an indication that his condition was worse.

## OSBORNE WOOD FOUND

**PARIS, Feb. 23.**—The presence in Biarritz of Osborne C. Wood, son of General Leonard Wood, who disappeared from his apartment here nearly a week ago, is confirmed by the Hotel Crillon, which has heard directly from him.

## Deficiency Appropriation Bill Reported Today and Will Be Before House of Representatives

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—A deficiency appropriation bill carrying \$54,426,582 or \$476,674 less than budget estimates was reported today by the house appropriations committee. It is the last supply measure of the session and will be taken up tomorrow by the house.

Items in the bill include \$20,000,000 for naval construction; \$1,500,000 for a hospital at the Pacific branch of the national home for disabled volunteer soldiers at Santa Monica, Cal.; \$825,000 for a new coast guard cutter to replace the Bear in Alaskan waters; \$1,542,700 for fighting fires in national forests; \$15,000 for the public health service to investigate the oyster industry as a result of the recent typhoid situation and \$20,000 for the Alaskan railroad.

## INCREASING OF ARMAMENT NOT MOVE FOR PEACE

**President Coolidge Makes Address to Women's Peace Meeting.**

## REDUCTION IS NEEDED

**As Nation Advances Under Law It Should Be Able to Reduce Strength of Armaments.**

**WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.**—Proportionally, as the nations make progress in creating effective tribunals for peaceful settlement of international differences they will find themselves able to lessen their military establishments.

President Coolidge said in an address today to delegates at the women's conference on national defense on peace insurance. "If the rule of law were established, and certain, then there would be far less need of armaments," the president said. "So as we advance toward security under the law, we shall be able to reduce the strength and cost of armaments."

Speaking to the delegates at the White House, the president made no direct reference to the pending move for another arms conference but did take occasion to say that "a country so powerful in numbers and wealth, so fortunate in its location as our own, and should set an example of moderation in armament and should invite others to pursue a similar program."

"And whenever a particular nation shall convince its neighbors of such a purpose of moderation without aggression," he added, "it will be easier for other nations to adopt a similar attitude."

"The only enduring peace must be the peace of law, of order, of security and honor. Such a peace we wish for ourselves and we devoutly wish to share it with every neighbor in the family of nations."

"Universal and assured peace under the law of nations is an ideal to which all of us are devoted. It is true that we have not stopped wars. But it is also true that there is today a more definite and more widely entertained conception than ever before, of the possibility to prevent war under an effective rule of law. This is the great advance. We have not reached the end; probably we shall not reach it for many generations. But it can hardly be doubted that the purpose and aspiration of human kind are definitely, intelligently and insistently enlisted in the effort to make war an impossibility in this world."

"But we are compelled to recognize that national safety requires such a measure of preparedness as shall be the guaranty against aggression, without committing the nation to militarism. For the present, the most we can hope, is to secure general acceptance, in good faith and without reservation of the view that whatever armaments we create, shall be limited to the reasonable requirements of security."

"I do not think we should get him." (Continued on page 6.)

## George Washington's Birthday



## King George's Condition Causes Doctors to Order Him to Spend Remainder of Winter in the South

**LONDON, Feb. 23.**—Although it is known through the medical bulletins issued from Buckingham Palace that King George's condition is not serious as a result of his attack of bronchitis, the fact that his physicians have ordered him to the Mediterranean for the remainder of the winter has caused quite a stir, of which the newspapers take full advantage for front page displays.

His majesty's health is ordinarily so good and his foreign visits so infrequent that his going abroad is treated as an important event.

## REAR ADMIRAL RETIRES

**ANNAPOLIS, Md., Feb. 23.**—Rear-Admiral Henry B. Wilson, today relinquished the superintendency of the naval academy to Rear-Admiral Louis M. Nulton having reached the retirement age of 64 years. He has served in the navy 44 years. Simple ceremonies marked the transfer of authority in accordance with the wishes of Admiral Nulton.

W. E. Smithpeter arrived here Sunday from Medford, and is spending a short time in this city looking after business.