

WEATHER
Lowest Last Night 38
Highest Yesterday 48
Local rains tonight, Tuesday
partly cloudy.

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LONG ILLNESS OF MRS. PIERCE ENDS IN DEATH

Wife of Oregon's Governor
Hopelessly Ill for
Many Months.

OF PIONEER FAMILY

Graduate of Normal School
and Mother of Four
Children—Ead Due
to Cancer.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 9.—Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, wife of Governor Pierce, died at the family home here Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m., after an illness of more than two years. She was 54 years old.

Mrs. Pierce's death had been expected many times since the inauguration of Governor Pierce in January 1923, and her attendance at the inaugural ceremonies was the only appearance she has ever been able to make to the state house since her husband has occupied the executive chair.

The funeral will be held Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the First Presbyterian church of this city, with Rev. Ward Willis Long officiating. Interment will be in City View cemetery.

Laura M. Pierce was born in what is now Wheeler county, near Monument in central Oregon, May 30, 1871. Her parents were pioneers, her father, Peter Rudio, crossing the plains in '49 to the coast. Her mother came in '52. She graduated at Whitman college in 1891. In 1892 she prepared herself then for a teacher, and graduated from the Ellensburg State Normal school in the class of '92.

She was married to Walter M. Pierce in September, 1893, and moved to Pendleton, where her husband was then county clerk of Umatilla county. She lived in Pendleton, where four of her children were born, until 1907, moving then to the Grand Ronde valley, where she and her husband lived until he was elected governor in November, 1922, since which time she has been a resident of Salem, Oregon.

She was the mother of five children, Lloyd B. Pierce, aged 30, the only son, who went as a volunteer and served nearly two years in the world war; her oldest daughter, Mrs. Lucile Hall, lives at Salem, and is the wife of Harold Hall. Her second daughter, Helen Wilson, is the wife of Ray Wilson, a research chemist in the employ of the Western Electric company, New York City. Her third daughter, Edith Pierce, is a junior in the University of Oregon at Eugene, and is her youngest daughter. Lorraine is a senior in the Salem high school. She also reared Clara Pierce, daughter of her husband by a former marriage.

There are three grandsons. There are three older sisters and one brother living. She was the youngest of nine children.

She was a devoted mother, giving her whole heart and energy to the rearing of her children, caring little for society. All through her suffering and affliction she has been kind, hopeful, cheerful and helpful to the very last, she had an indomitable will, keeping track of her household affairs even after she could no longer walk or talk.

Robbers Bite Rings Off Fingers
Of Victim Then Club Her Until
She Yields \$50,000 in Jewelry

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—Three masked men broke into the studio apartment of Mrs. Fay Perkins in West 58th Street early today and escaped with jewelry valued at \$50,000 after beating Mrs. Perkins and binding and gagging her escort, Milton Abbott, wealthy cotton broker.

The robbers chopped down the doors of the apartment in making their entrance. They are believed by the police to have been members of the same gang that robbed the apartments of several women well known on Broadway, including Louise Lawson and Dorothy Keenan, who were murdered. After choking Mrs. Perkins and biting rings from her fingers and taking bracelets and necklaces from her, the robbers beat her with revolver butts until she revealed the location of all her jewelry.

Mrs. Perkins was a frequenter of Broadway's cabarets, as were the victims in the other apartment robberies. She is separated from her husband, Benjamin Perkins, who is the wealthy proprietor of a cafe.

BOY THOUGHT DEAD RECOVERS; HEARD PLANS FOR FUNERAL.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
MADISONVILLE, Kentucky, March 9.—Roscoe Qualls, aged 9, lying helpless in his bed, unable to move, heard his parents give him up for dead and plan for funeral arrangements.

Today he is recovering after hours of thoughts of being buried alive. Roscoe fell while skating on a pond in his father's farm. Paralysis set in, and the physicians found the youth had suffered concussion of the brain. He lost his speech and was kept alive several days by liquid food. This failed to bring him improvement and the boy apparently died shortly after the doctors left. The parents and relatives then planned the funeral. Roscoe says he heard it all.

UNCLE SAM BIG LOSER IN TAXES DUE FROM WAR

Amortization Schedule of
Treasury Department
Held to Blame.

REPORT OF PROBERS

Couzens Committee Reveals
That Hundreds of Firms
Escaped Payments
of Millions.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Evidence designed to show that the federal government has lost millions of dollars in taxes through war amortization allowances to the United States Steel corporation, the Aluminum Company of America, and hundreds of other companies, is contained in official transcripts of hearings filed with the senate by the Couzens investigating committee.

Counsel and engineers for the committee contended that an amortization allowance of \$55,063,312 to the United States Steel corporation, was \$27,926,074 in excess of what it should have been and that

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THE LATE LAURA M. PIERCE

COOLIDGE ENDS ROW BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU

Inhabitants of Provinces in
War Zone to Decide
Own Sovereignty.

ELECTION IS ORDERED

President Is Arbitrator
as Final Resort After
Bitter Dispute of
Many Years.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—A plebiscite to determine the question of sovereignty over Tacna-Arica was ordered in an award handed down today by President Coolidge in the controversy over the territory between Chile and Peru.

Conditions of the plebiscite will be in accordance with some contentions of each of the nations a party to it. The decision would provide for a fair election to represent the peoples' wishes.

A brief semi-official summary of the decision was as follows: "The award is not wholly favorable to either party but it is in no sense a compromise. It is a clean cut decision on the merits of each of the three questions submitted to the arbitrator.

"The first question, plebiscite or no plebiscite, is decided in favor of Chile's contentions—that ultimate disposition of Tacna and Arica should be determined by popular vote.

"The second question, namely, the conditions of the plebiscite, involve the determination of a number of important matters such as the qualifications of voters and the supervision of the plebiscite. Some of these matters are decided in accordance with contentions made by Chile; others in accordance with contentions made at one time or another by Peru. All are decided in the interest of a free and fair election, which will truly represent the will of the people of Tacna and Arica.

"The third question, which concerns the northern and southern boundaries of the territory of Tacna and Arica is decided outright in favor of Peru as far as it concerns the northern boundary. Including the province of Tarata. The dispute regarding the southern boundary is remitted to a special commission for a report upon the location of the old Peruvian inter-provincial boundary lines. This means that the most important boundary question involved has been decided in principle in favor of Peru."

Disputes as to the possession of the provinces of Tacna and Arica have gone on between Chile and Peru since 1894.

The United States was selected in 1922 to act as arbitrator of the difficulty, both sides agreeing to accept the American decision as final.

The quarrel arose out of certain unfulfilled stipulations of the treaty of peace, known as the treaty of Ancón, concluded in 1883 at the end of the war between Chile on one side and Peru and Bolivia on the other. War was declared by Chile in 1879, and in a struggle entirely victorious for the aggressive forces, Chile was, after four years of hostilities, in possession of Lima, the southern province of Peru, including Tacna and Arica, and about 100 miles of Pacific littoral formerly belonging to Bolivia.

Since then the two countries have consistently disputed over that portion of their treaty which provided for a popular vote in the conquered territory to decide their nationality, each belligerent accusing the other of employing unfair means to influence the plebiscite in his favor.

CONVICTED WOMAN ACCUSES HER SON

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 9.—Attorneys for Mrs. Margaret Willis, sentenced to life imprisonment for the murder of Dr. Benjamin B. Baldwin last April here, at noon today filed a murder complaint against Harold Willis, her 14-year-old son, who last week made a purported "confession" of the crime.

Visitor Saturday—L. T. Russell was a business visitor in this city Saturday from Portland. He left for others in southern Oregon Sunday.

WOOD'S CREDITORS CLAMOR FOR MONEY

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
PARIS, Mar. 9.—A report in circulation here that Osborne C. Wood, son of Governor-General Wood of the Philippines, had returned to France from Spain caused quite a flurry today among a number of alleged creditors of the former American army officer, who besieged the latter's lawyers with requests that he arrange a settlement.

Young Wood's lawyer, while refusing to confirm or deny that his client was actually in France, admitted he was quite occupied with claims presented by alleged creditors of Wood. He added that he was assuring all of them a settlement of some sort would be speedily effected.

MITCHELL'S JOB GOES TO FECHT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—The nomination of Lieutenant Colonel James E. Fecht to succeed Brigadier General William E. Mitchell as assistant chief of the army air service, was approved today by the senate military committee.

The action was taken after Secretary Weeks had explained to the committee the controversy that recently developed about General Mitchell.

Chairman Wadsworth said he knew of no opposition to the nomination.

FORMER ROSEBURG OFFICIAL DROPS DEAD AT NEWPORT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEWPORT, Ore., March 9.—B. F. Jones, a pioneer of Lincoln county, well known throughout the state, died suddenly just before noon today. He was apparently in usual health this morning, attending to business at his office. Going to his home at 11:15 o'clock he dropped dead.

B. F. Jones was register of the United States land office in Roseburg about 15 years ago, coming here from Lincoln county, where he had long practiced law. As a republican in politics, he allied himself with the "progressive" wing of his party, and, at the expiration of his service in the land office, ran against W. C. Hawley for the nomination as congressman from this district, but was defeated. Later, securing the republican nomination for the office of circuit judge, he was defeated by his democratic opponent, Judge J. W. Hamilton. He continued law practice in Roseburg for a short time afterwards, then moved back to Lincoln county, where he remained prominently active in political and general civic matters.

League of Nations Meets With Britain Ready to Ask Stronger Peace Pledge if Germany Enters

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

GENEVA, Mar. 9.—Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary as president of the council opened the twenty-third session of the council of the League of Nations today and so great was the throng in the corridors of the League palace that he had literally to edge his way into the council chamber.

Diplomats, governmental agents and newspaper men came here from all corners of Europe, attracted by the large number of important questions on the council's program, especially the problem of the Geneva security protocol, which Great Britain is expected to declare unsuitable to British ideas.

The British seem, however, to resent advancement of the idea that they are killing the protocol. Their representatives insist that what they intend to do is to explain their objections to the proposed pact. The present indications seem to be that action on the protocol would be postponed to the meeting of the league assembly in September and that meantime the negotiations for the guaranty pact recently proposed will be pushed.

The hope appears to be that this pact may be made the feature of a revised protocol whose aim would thus be achieved, as by the original measure, merely by another procedure being adopted. Official announcement was made of the gift of \$1,500,000 to the League, recently by friends

MEDFORD AND BEND BASKETEERS LEAD THEIR DISTRICTS

MEDFORD, Ore., March 9.—Medford high school won the basketball championship of Southern Oregon Saturday night by defeating Ashland high at Ashland 31 to 23.

This victory entitled Medford to take part in the state basketball tournament at Salem.

BEND, Oregon, March 9.—Hood River high school won the right to represent Central Oregon and the mid-Columbia districts in the state basketball tournament in Salem, by defeating Bend Saturday night. The score was 26 to 19.

Madras won the consolation game with Sisters by a score of 26 to 21.

ROSEBURG MAN IS DEAD IN PORTLAND

Word was received here this morning that Mr. J. L. Holm, a resident of Riverside and for some time proprietor of the store in that section of the city, had died at Portland Sanitarium early yesterday morning. Mr. Holm and family came here last summer from the South, and after looking the situation over bought property in Riverside and West Roseburg. Recently he sold the merchandise stock, but retained the realty holdings in Riverside, and ill health compelled him to go to Portland, where he entered a sanitarium for treatment, an operation for abscess of the liver later being performed. Complications set in and despite medical skill Mr. Holm gradually failed in strength until death ensued yesterday.

The body was shipped from Portland this morning and will reach Roseburg tonight, but as yet funeral arrangements have not been announced. Mr. Holm is survived by his wife and several brothers and sisters. Two brothers are residents of Sutherland, Valley and another makes his home at Portland. He was a member of the Seventh Day Adventist church of this city, and made many friends in this section during his short sojourn here.

ELECTRIC CHAIR YAWNS FOR NEGRO

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

DANVILLE, Ky., Mar. 9.—Within eight minutes, Jesse Carter, negro, was indicted, tried, found guilty and sentenced to die in the electric chair here today after he confessed to attacking a young white girl two weeks ago.

April 17 was fixed for the execution.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

But we cannot gain any great success in the enforcement of this law until there is a real, hearty and true observance of the law by the citizenship of the country.

"It must have the real energetic support of all good citizens to become effective. There is a very decided improvement over conditions as they existed a few years ago, but the work must go forward and citizens should report to the proper officers any violations of the law they see in order that the laws may be properly enforced."

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEW OREGON JUDGE
WAITS TIME LIMIT

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 9.—Although he has left his bond with the secretary of state and prepared to take office at once, Ashby C. Dickson cannot become a circuit judge for Multnomah county until the expiration of the 90-day period of adjournment of the legislature according to an opinion by Attorney General Van Winkle.

Governor Pierce appointed Dickson circuit judge when the 1925 legislature passed over the governor's veto a bill passed by the session of 1923 providing for an eighth circuit judge in Multnomah county. The bill of 1923 did not carry an emergency clause, which, the attorney general holds, and cites authority for his opinion—places it in the same class as any other bill passed by the recent session not carrying the emergency clause.

Upon receipt of Dickson's bond, Secretary of State Koser was in doubt whether Dickson should take office at once and did not file the bond but sought the opinion of the attorney general.

NEUMER GOES IN AS COKE'S SUCCESSOR

Former Douglas Prosecutor
Takes Oath as U. S.
District Attorney.

FEALTY IS PLEDGED

Judge Wolverton Expresses
Approval, and Coke Asks
Citizens for Their
Co-operation.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 9.—George Neumer, of Roseburg, today became United States District Attorney for Oregon succeeding John S. Coke, formerly of Marshfield, who resigned to enter private law practice in Portland. The ceremony of swearing in the new official was witnessed by a crowd of attorneys and others.

After paying a tribute to Judge Coke, Judge Wolverton asked District Attorney Neumer if he had anything to say.

"It would be presumptuous upon my part to say anything about this office and its duties," said the former district attorney of Douglas county and the man who brought Dr. Richard Brumfield to the bar of justice. "I am mindful of the duties connected with this office, and I feel my inability to carry out the work as ably as Judge Coke has done. But I hope to have the strength to carry on with all the power and earnestness that should go with the office."

"Judge Coke did his duty well and I will do all in my power to be as considerate and courteous as he was.

"I assure the court that I will discharge the duties of this office earnestly and conscientiously and I will ever be faithful to my oath of office."

Court Expresses Approval.

"I feel the court will not regret that you have been placed in the high position you now occupy," Judge Wolverton declared. "The duties are hard and very numerous, but I am sure you will do the tasks dutifully and that the interests of justice will be faithfully carried out in your hands."

Just after the oath had been administered and the newspaper photographers had put over their last barrage, Judge Wolverton called upon the retiring official for a few remarks.

After expressing appreciation of the efforts of his associates in office, Judge Coke said:

"The work of enforcing the laws has been carried on faithfully by all with whom I have been working. It is true there has not been a complete stop put to the violations of the liquor laws—this would be impossible in such a short time—but I wish to say that there is a very small percentage of Portland people walking the streets in an intoxicated condition as compared with before the prohibition laws went into effect."

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WALKS TO HOSPITAL WITH BULLET HOLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)
LOS ANGELES, March 9.—It was an odd night at the receiving hospital here last night. First Louis Garcia came in carrying in his hand a portion of his chin which has been sliced off by an opponent in a halting fray. Surgeons sewed the piece of chin back into place and told him they thought it would stick, then turned to take care of Homer Land, 25, who had walked in with a bullet hole through his head. Despite the fact that Land appeared only slightly worried by the bullet which had entered his throat and had come out at the top of his head, surgeons said his condition was critical. He had been shot in a street fight.

EMISSARIES CZECHO-SLOVAK CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TOURING STATE.

BE GIVEN BANQUET

Visitors Will Be Shown
Courtesies by Local
Chamber—Seeking
Suitable District.

OLD COMMITTEE PLACES WANTED BY INSURGENTS

Norris Moves to Give Ladd
Land Chairmanship Held
by Stanfield.

PROTEST IS VOICED

As Republicans Row Over
Situation, Democrats
Remain Aloof and
Discuss Plans.

STANFIELD APPOINTED

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, March 9.—With most of the demerits present, the senate today elected Senator Stanfield, republican, Oregon, as chairman of the committee in place of Senator Ladd of North Dakota, who was read out of the republican party.

The vote was Stanfield 36; Ladd 13; scattering 10.

Two democrats, Copeland, New York and Wheeler, Montana, voted for Ladd, while one democrat, Bruce, Maryland, voted for Stanfield.

Norris made a point of order that on the roll call a chairman had not been elected, because no one had received a majority of the total number of votes in the senate.

President pro-tempore Mooney, however, overruled the point, holding Senator Stanfield elected by a majority of the votes cast.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—A move to restore the La Follette insurgents to their old committee rank was made today in the senate by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska.

He offered a formal motion to substitute the name of Senator Ladd of North Dakota, one of the insurgents, for that of Senator Stanfield of Oregon, as chairman of the senate lands committee.

Summarizing his position, Senator Ladd said:

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Big Damage Suits Against Motion Picture Firm Outcome of Arrests for Failure to Meet Hotel Bills

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

DES MOINES, Ia., Mar. 9.—Three damage suits, aggregating \$158,000, were filed in district court today by Bryant Washburn, screen star, from Hollywood, California; Mrs. Elsie Schuebe, of San Francisco, and Raymon Morgan of Fort Worth, Tex., against the Cosmopolitan Production company and H. A. Devaux, under whose sponsorship a troupe of motion picture stars left Hollywood on a personal appearance tour of the United States and Canada.

Mr. Washburn asks \$150,000 because of the appearance of his name in newspaper articles relating to the arrest here of six of his colleagues on Omaha warrants charging them with defrauding the Hotel Fontenelle of that city. He also seeks \$2,000 as four weeks' salary. Mrs. Schuebe requests \$8,000, loaned to Devaux, and \$200 for salary. Morgan alleges he received only \$5 from Devaux and seeks

a \$60 judgment.

Devaux checked out of a local hotel after notice of the suits had been filed and is said to have told his assistants he was going to St. Louis and Chicago.

Devaux recently gave notice here that he would sue Washburn for alleged defamation of character and conspiracy to induce motion picture stars to break their contract with him.

Washburn's petition alleges that Devaux represented prior to commencement of the tour that he had arranged a bank credit of \$10,000 and the transportation had been arranged for, but that these statements were untrue. He further charges that all of the stars, including Cullen Landis and Anna May Wong, have yet to receive their pay and that at Omaha Devaux said he would take care of the hotel bills, leaving the actors with the impression that the bills had been paid.