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The Weather PORTLAND (AP)—Oregon—Rain in the west with rain or snow in the east tonight and Friday.

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SHENANDOAH SAFE IN HANGAR

COMMISSION OPENS BOND ISSUE BIDS

Blythe Witter Co. and Western Bond & Mortgage Co. Successful

BIDS \$102.8 ON EACH \$100 BOND

Sale of Bonds Will Cover Costs of Improving Districts Nos. 123, 124 and 125.

Last night's meeting of the city commissioners being the time and place for the receiving and opening of bids for an issue of bonds covering the improvement of districts...

The award was made to the Blythe Witter Co. and the Western Bond & Mortgage company who bid \$102.80 per \$100.

Other bids received and considered were: Ralph Selbeck Co., \$102.77; Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., \$102.78; and Clark Kendall & Co., Inc., and Ladd & Tilton Bank, \$106.51.

Separate Fund. A motion was made and seconded that the city attorney prepare for action at the next meeting an ordinance or resolution setting out that the sinking funds collected for the retirement of bonds issued on January 2, amounting to \$285,000.

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ICE HARVEST BEGINS SOON

WALLAWA, Or. (Special)—The ice harvest is scheduled to start here Monday. The main source of ice for this vicinity is the pond belonging to J. L. Maxwell, west of town. A large amount of ice is always put up from this pond each year and as the pond is well situated, and no surface water can run into the pond after the freezing begins, the ice is now between ten and twelve inches thick.

Thomas Selman has been getting a part of his ice from up the valley, one car coming to Wallawa by freight Saturday. The ice freight service pulled nine cars of stock Saturday, two cars of hogs being shipped from Wallawa and the balance of the shipment consisting of cattle and hogs coming from other points on the valley.

The chisel which hit this section of the country the middle of last week, melted the greater part of the snow in the valley, leaving only a thin coating of snow, and where the depth was somewhat greater, the snow has melted, making the sleighing fine.

Reports from Powwasha, state the snow to be about sixteen inches deep. A crew of men working for H. M. Maughan are busy cutting and stacking logs, which will be hauled to the mill yards later in the winter. Reports from Thompson state the snow is about three feet deep since settling after the war spell.

Campfire Girls Gather In City Over Week-End

The Campfire Girls of La Grande are going to have a convention on Friday, Saturday and Sunday that promises to be quite an event not only for the girls who are members, but the community will notice the occasion for it is for eastern Oregon and a number of delegates will attend from the different surrounding towns and cities where Campfire organizations are maintained.

Brunette



New York's young society set hosts of the most beautiful girl in the country. At a recent entertainment many society girls took part. Photo shows Miss Sylvia Best, who portrayed the part of a Spanish type.

SHAM BATTLE IN CANAL ZONE

Pacific Naval Fleet Progressing Against the Atlantic Fleet in Winter "War Game."

CHESAPEAKE CANAL ZONE (By the Associated Press)—The Pacific or Blue Fleet of the United States navy is making good progress in its passage through the Panama Canal despite efforts of the enemy or Atlantic squadron, to prevent it from joining a hypothetical American fleet, which, according to regulations of the naval war game now under way, is based far up the eastern seaboard.

The enemy bombarded the canal at various points from the air and with long range guns. Officers and snipers announced that the air attack on Gatun locks was frustrated and that they have not yet determined how much damage had been done by the naval guns that shelled Fort Stanly.

IMMIGRATION BAR ON ORIENTALS IN U. S. IS APPROVED

WASHINGTON (AP)—The House Immigration committee Wednesday approved a provision in the Johnson immigration bill barring orientals from the United States.

HIRAM JOHNSON IS IN DETROIT

DETROIT (AP)—Hiram Johnson arrived here today to begin his campaign in Michigan for the Republican presidential nomination.

BUDGET IS DISCUSSED BY EXPERTS

Baron Maurice Houtart, Belgium, Quizzed by Fact Finders

MASS OF WORK IS AHEAD OF BOARD

German Budget Is Analyzed by Baron Houtart, Acquainted with Financial Condition.

PARIS (By the Associated Press)—Baron Maurice Houtart of Belgium took the floor at Wednesday's session of the reparations committee of experts headed by Charles G. Dawes and analyzed the German budget of which he has made an intensive study. He was asked searching questions by Sir Robert Kindersley of England, member of the committee, and by the French member of the committee, M. Poincaré.

No decision of any sort was taken by the committee and it was evident that many such days were before them—days of examination and inquiry which will not take definite shape in the way of results for a considerable period.

Schaech to Be Questioned. Dr. E. C. Schaech, head of the German reichsbank, will not be asked for any plans of his own for re-establishing the German currency. The purpose of bringing him before the committee, it is explained, is only for the information of the committee.

It will be questioned as to the exact present position of German money in all its aspects. This is part of the preparation of the members' minds for constructive work later. They have agreed in conversation that their next step will come when they undertake to reconstruct the German administrative mechanism.

Their intention is to devise a plan which, when applied will restore German money appreciably and result in the payment of the government's expenses out of the reparations and a productive commercial organism which will yield a sufficient amount for the German government's home requirements and leave a margin for the payment of reparations.

The time and amount of the reparations payments, it is forecast will be expected to contract the way the proposals work when they are applied. The prevailing idea is first to create what looks like a practical plan. When the results will prove whether the plan is a good one to leave intact or if it must be modified in light of experience. The feeling is that any purely cut and dried scheme cannot be imposed upon Germany with any precise knowledge in advance as to its production.

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FRENCH FISCAL REFORM PASSES ADMINISTRATION

PARIS (AP)—The French cabinet today adopted without important changes the final draft of the government's program of fiscal reform, including the measure providing for a 20 per cent increase in taxation.

One of the measures authorized the government to suspend by simple decree all imports wherever they are from that are not a national necessity.

Oil Company Official Here

"Just looking over the territory to see if we can increase our business," was the remark of J. D. Barton, head of this division for the Texas-Oil company, who is stopping at the Foley hotel. With Mr. Barton are H. J. Korman, well known in La Grande, and E. S. Frances who is also connected with the Texas company.

Ridicule Is Pointed At "Blockade"

Observers at Tampico, Mexico, Laugh at Idea of Rebels Blocking the Port of Vera Cruz.

TAMPICO, Mex. (By the Associated Press)—Observers of the rebellion are inclined to ridicule De La Huerta's proclamation of a blockade, for yesterday, when the blockade was to be effective there were no signs of rebel ships off the port and shipping was undisturbed.

Federal reinforcements are arriving here in considerable strength as the Oregon government desires to rid the entire oil regions of rebels to make good its promise of guarantees for the property and life of those in that territory.

A brisk engagement occurred yesterday at the oil camp at Juan Simco which the insurgents had fortified but after four hours of fighting they were routed and many insurgents were killed.

Tacoma Still Aground

WASHINGTON (AP)—The light cruiser Tacoma, aground on Bluffville reef, off Vera Cruz, has three compartments flooded, according to radio advice today.

Tugs are standing by and hopes are entertained that the Tacoma may be drawn into deeper water as soon as the heavy seas subside. No fears are held for the safety of the crew.

STORMS TAKE DEATH TOLL

NEW YORK (AP)—One of the most severe January wind and rain storms in years subsided today after causing indirectly five deaths, a considerable loss of property and much damage to small shipping.

PETROLEUM SHIP FIRE CONTROLLED

ASTORIA (AP)—The steamer Silverado started for Budget Sound, her destination, after the control.

ASTORIA (AP)—The steamer Silverado on route from San Francisco to Seattle with a cargo of petroleum in drums, reported a fire in her hold early today off Williams harbor. Later she was reported heading for Astoria and the fire was reported under control at 7:45 o'clock.

HAWLEY, OREGON, BACKS SOLDIER BONUS MEASURE

ASTORIA (AP)—W. C. Hawley, representative in congress, pledged himself to the support of the veteran's adjusted compensation bill when it comes before the house of representatives and even if President Coolidge vetoes the measure.

In a communication to Clatsop port of the American Legion, Hawley promised that the bill would pass congress without difficulty, and that it could even be passed over the president's veto if this is involved against it.

CHIROPODIST FINED AND DENIED PERMIT

ROSEBURG (AP)—Complaints to city authorities here concerning the charges of B. A. Madin of Portland, Chiropodist, who has garnered a rich harvest in Roseburg during the past few days, resulted in his arrest. He was found to be operating without a license and was fined \$25 and told that his practice was not desired in Roseburg. A license for further practice was denied.

Elgin, Imbler Phone Co. In Hands Of Home Firm

As a result of the telephone situation in the north end of this county and vicinity of the Elgin, Imbler and Hign districts, the telephone companies located at Elgin and Hign which had recently been assigned back to the Union County Telephone company, a bankrupt corporation with E. L. Simpson acting as trustee, by the Elgin Telephone company in settlement of a first mortgage claim, were recently ordered sold in whole or in part by the referee in bankruptcy.

REPORT OF TREASURER NOW FILED

The report of Mrs. E. M. Fowler, city treasurer, for the year of 1923, was presented to the city commission last evening and approved and filed.

Table with columns: Revenues, Cash on Hand January 1, 1923, Water Rates, Pound Fees, Fines and Penalties, Licenses, Dog Licenses, Building Permits, Moving Permits, Plumbing Permits, Electrical Permits, Franchise (H.L.T. Co.), Septic Tank (Taxes), Auto Tourist Park, Advertising, Road Funds (Taxes).

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MEMBERSHIP OF LEGION SWELLS

Both the Red and Blue sides in the American Legion membership drive are showing a lot of pep and both promise a good number of new members at the close of the drive tomorrow night, according to announcement by an official of the organization today.

They expect at least forty new members who have never belonged to the American Legion before. The losing team must decide on a time for a meeting in the near future when they must give a banquet for the winning team and arrange for the initiation of the new men. Ralph Huron is captain of the Blue team and Ray Williams is captain of the Red team.

JAPAN IS FACING POLITICAL CRISIS

TOKYO (AP)—A political crisis confronts Japan as the result of a split in the Seisaku, the majority political party of the lower house of the Diet, following an announcement yesterday of opposition of Viscount Takahashi president of the Seisaku, to a newly formed cabinet of Viscount Kiyoura, which has the support of the Kenkyukai or ruling faction of the house of peers.

FIRE FIGHTERS TO HOLD DANCE ON JANUARY 23

The La Grande Fire Department today announced that an annual fireman's ball would be held in Zuber hall Wednesday evening January 23. Committees have been appointed and are making arrangements for the affair.

At a recent meeting of the fire department, officers were elected for the year. Jim O'Neil was elected assistant chief, Nate Zwickel captain, Frank Boyland first lieutenant, Lloyd Serber, second lieutenant, C. O. Murchison, permanent chief, was named treasurer, C. L. Mackey, president, Ed Brodgar, vice president and Arthur Van Fleet, secretary.

GIRL, UPBRAIDED BY MOTHER, ENDS LIFE

OREGON CITY—Margaret Moriarty, 20, daughter of Mrs. Elizabeth Moriarty of West Linn, committed suicide at her home, shooting herself in the mouth with a revolver. The girl's act followed an upbraiding by her mother because she had been out late. She was formerly an inmate of the Oregon State hospital at Salem.

It's a Tough Life



Ho, hunt! Jack the giant killer Dempsey is at Miami beach, Fla., doing his best to forget the northern blasts of winter. The picture might lead one to believe he is succeeding. The youngster with him is "Mackie" Oll, a prize baby, called by many "the perfect child."

FIRE DESTROYS FARMER'S HOME

Tracy McMillan House, Tank House and Wood Sheds Burned by Early Morning Blaze.

Shortly after five o'clock this morning a fire occurred at the Tracy McMillan farm, two miles south of Alford, which completely destroyed the house, tank house and wood sheds.

The fire started before any of the family were up and they believe that the origin was in the tank house. No one was awake and there was no fire in the house. A portion of the furniture was saved. Estimates today place the loss at a high figure.

ROAD ACCIDENTS IN 1923 CLAIMED TOTAL OF 15,000

CHICAGO (AP)—Every time the clock tolled 24 minutes during the last year, a person was killed on the highways of the United States, and each hour 2.5 minutes were ticked through some person was injured. N. M. Isabella, maintenance engineer of the Wisconsin highway commission, told the American Road Builders' association convention.

Highway accidents claimed 15,000 lives and caused 1,700,000 injuries, he declared, pointing out that death rate from automobiles had increased from approximately nine deaths of every 100,000 of population in 1917 to 17.5 per 100,000 in 1923.

SEVERE TREMBOR REPORTED TODAY

Steamship La Touche, via St. Paul Island (AP)—Inhabitants of Beloksky and the vicinity reported a severe earthquake Tuesday morning. The southern edge of the Taylor volcano was blown off. The shock lasted seven minutes. Taylor, since the edge was blown off, has been emitting steam and smoke densely.

The people of Beloksky, which is on the Alaskan peninsula, left their homes in safety.

MRS. PIERCE HELD IN PORTLAND, OR.

PORTLAND, Or.—Mrs. Walter M. Pierce, wife of the governor, is at St. Vincent's hospital undergoing treatment for a chronic nervous condition, with the prospect of remaining there for about a week or more, Governor Pierce is in Portland attending his wife.

Restaurants Kid Public To Empty Seats Quickly

WHEATLAND, W. Va. (INS)—A novel scheme for speeding up eating in rush periods is employed by local restaurateurs. They set their clocks five to ten minutes ahead. Patrons view the advanced hour with alarm, hastily finish their meals and dash back to work, leaving room for new customers.

AIRSHIP BROUGHT TO SAFETY

Gallant Struggle Against Nature Is Won by Dirigible's Crew

72-MILE GALE LOOSED GIANT

Shenandoah, Pride of U. S. Navy, Returned to Hangar at 4 O'clock Morning.

LAKE HURST, N. J. (AP)—After the most remarkable flight ever made in a dirigible airship, starting early last night when a 72-mile gale swept her from her mooring mast, the crew of the Giant Shenandoah, pride of the United States navy, was safe, with the dirigible in the hangar today.

She was brought to ground shortly after 4 o'clock this morning.

Overcoming furious winds, Captain Heinen and his crew of 22 men managed to turn the Shenandoah's nose into the teeth of the gale after being blown over Staten Island.

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TO RESURFACE TRAIL SECTION

SALEM (AP)—The state highway commission is to open bids for Portland February 4 and 5 on 24 miles of highway improvement, including the resurfacing of 16 miles of the Old Oregon Trail, between Lone Pine and Tolocaset, in Union county.

They will advertise for bids on 17 miles of resurfacing on the Coquille-Bandon section of the Rosevelt highway in Coos county and will also receive bids for a lunch room and confectionery in Clatsop Crest Park.

Late News Flashes

VETERANS' BOARD ACTS. SALEM (AP)—Ex-service men's state aid commission today sent an inquiry to United States Attorney Coke asking the reason for the delay in the prosecution of the De Schutes county bonus fraud indictment cases.

Four men, including H. J. Overturf, were indicted by the federal grand jury last February, charged with unlawful connection with the loan proceedings.

A resolutions adopted by the bonus commission declares the prolonged delay in bringing the case to trial must result in rendering unavailable some of the evidence under which previous action was taken and add, "Governor Pierce states he can hardly believe that the attorney general at Washington will allow the influence that appears to be being brought to cause three indictments to be dismissed."

SINCLAIR FILES FOR RE-TRIAL. CHEHALIS, Wash. (AP)—Alleging that Judge Reynolds had talked improperly in the jury's presence and erred in instructing the jury, a motion for a new trial of Senator Sinclair was filed in the superior court today.

WOULD REPEAL ACT. SALEM (AP)—Attorney General Van Winkle declared today he would propose to the next legislature either to repeal the act whereby a governor is allowed to send special prosecutors into counties, or that assistant attorneys general be provided to give their entire time to criminal work. Frequent calls from counties for assistance caused his decision.