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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Unsettled, probably rain tonight and Friday, cooler in extreme north portion tonight. Strong southerly winds.

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CITY BONDS
TO BE SOLD
ON APRIL 4Block Totals \$38,480.54,
Bearing Five and a Half
Per Cent InterestMILK ORDINANCE
WAITS ON LEACHCommissioners Postpone
Action Until Arrival of
Dairy and Food Com-
mission Official.

City improvement bonds in the amount of \$38,480.54 are to be sold by the city commission on April 4. This was authorized in an ordinance passed unanimously at the regular meeting last night.

The bonds are to be issued in \$1000 paper, with the exception of an odd bond which will be \$480.54. They will be payable at the end of ten years, beginning Mar. 1, 1928, and will pay five and a half per cent interest.

Money derived from the sale of the bonds will be used to make final payments in the following improvement districts:

Light districts 2 and 3, sewer districts 1-14 and 4-2 and street and sidewalk districts 169, 164, 165, 171, 174, 175, 176 and 162.

The total cost of the 12 districts amounted to \$32,251.71 of which \$7,015.24 has already been paid, city records reveal.

MILK ORDINANCE ALIVE
Early in the meeting, the proposed milk and cream ordinance was briefly discussed, and it was stated that the commission is merely awaiting another visit by Inspector Leach, of the state dairy and food commission, before taking further action on the ordinance.

J. J. Brontson complained that an ornamental tree had been broken during preliminary work on the second street pipeline and he was advised to file a bill through regular channels. He values the tree at \$15.

The matter of providing taxi stand space on Fir by the Sackajaw Inn for Mr. L. Young was referred to the city manager with power to act.

City Manager W. C. Crews complained that land just outside the city limits on the south side of the O-W right of way was being used as a dump ground, causing an unsightly condition. The commission decided to interview the property owners and see if this could be taken care of.

POLICE FIND
CARS STOLEN
IN LA GRANDE

Two cars, both stolen last Tuesday night in La Grande, have been recovered, according to police reports.

One car, belonging to Van Holstenberg, of Baker, was taken from near the D. S. Recreation hall. It was recovered abandoned later in the evening by police.

The second, belonging to A. Andrews, was stolen from near the Zuber husband and was located yesterday in Ladd Canyon. Apparently the car had become stuck in the mud and its occupants had abandoned it, police said.

Hoover Popular
In East, Report

Sentiment is strong in the east for Secretary Hoover as republican candidate for the presidency, according to George F. Cochran, who returned to his home here this morning after a three weeks' trip to Chicago, New York and Washington, D. C. The present administration is supporting Hoover and everywhere the comment heard is favoring him, Mr. Cochran declares.

As for Al Smith, the business man of New York favors him, but the small property owners are fighting him, Mr. Cochran says.

In Washington Mr. Cochran was Senator Frederick Steiwer and Senator Charles N. McNary from Oregon, who sent their greetings by him to their friends in Eastern Oregon.

Mr. Cochran also transacted legal business while in the east.

Decide Field Day
In Saturday Meet

The elementary school principals and coaches will meet Saturday morning at 10 o'clock with Superintendent J. T. Longfellow at his office when plans for the third annual elementary field exercises will be made. The date will be definitely set, possibly in the first week in May, it is said. Mrs. E. A. McEachern, principal, Harold Phinney, coach, Central; Chester Gilbert, principal and coach, Elvira; R. A. Wilkerson, principal, L. R. Delane, coach, Greenwood; Mrs. Evelyn Bennett, principal, Walter Nessel, coach, Willow, will be present.

Legionnaires
Of 3 Counties
Form CouncilRaymond O. Williams, of
La Grande, Is Elected
President—First Meet-
ing on April 21.

Plans for the organization of a tri-county organization of American legion posts of Union, Walla Walla and Baker counties materialized last night when, in an enthusiastic meeting at the Sackajaw Inn, about 25 representatives from various posts created the council.

Raymond O. Williams, of La Grande, was elected president of the organization. Mr. Heasty, of Walla Walla, vice president and Henry Melanson, secretary-treasurer. Two members from Enterprise, three from Walla Walla, four from Elgin, three from Imbler and the executive committee and special committee from the La Grande post attended the meeting which began with dinner at the hotel dining room at 7:30 o'clock. Baker representatives were unable to be present because of an American Legion function on the same night.

The following posts are members: Baker, Union, Elgin, Imbler, Enterprise, Walla Walla, North Powder, Huntington and La Grande.

The first meeting will be held in La Grande on April 21 when a special program will be given. A committee will be appointed from the local post to arrange for the program.

Track Schedule
Will Begin With
Dual Union Meet

There is a possibility that a dual-county track meet between Union and Walla Walla may be scheduled, E. D. Towler, principal of La Grande high school, announced this morning when he made public the 1928 track schedule, complete now except for the dates of the county and state meets. "The matter of the dual-county meet, which would bring competition with schools which have not participated in this county in track events for some time, is being considered at present," said Mr. Towler today.

On April 7 the Tigers will go to Union for the season's first track event. The following Saturday, April 14, they will go to Baker and on the third Saturday, April 21, Pendleton will come here. The county meet will in all probability be held here. Mr. Towler said today that he anticipates the Eastern Oregon meet will be held on May 5 and that the state meet will probably be about May 12.

Baseball Club
Meets Tonight;
Elect Officers

A meeting of La Grande baseball club and those interested in the club entered in the Blue Mountain league, will be held at 7:30 o'clock tonight at the Buick garage, according to announcement by Harold French, manager.

During the evening the problem of finances will be taken up and a president and secretary-treasurer will be elected.

Mr. French also reports that he is getting in touch with several players and expects to hear definitely from them shortly.

Dokies Plan Trip
To Baker, Oregon

Killed Temple 17th of the Dokies will go to Baker in a body within the next two weeks for a meeting. It was decided when the organization held its monthly meeting last night at the Knights of Pythias hall. Definite arrangements will be announced later. The lodge considered the matter of the organization here of a ladies' auxiliary, the Nomads, towards which definite steps will soon be taken. Routine business matters were transacted during the evening, with the royal visitor, James Webb, of Union, presiding. Members of the temple numbered about 25, mostly local men.

Two Cars Collide
At Depot, Adams

Two cars, driven by J. L. Courtney and Jack Purkin, collided at Adams and Depot yesterday afternoon about 2:15 o'clock. No one was hurt. The Courtney car was damaged considerably but the other car escaped with only slight damages, according to reports made to the police.

OREGON STUDENT KILLED

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Mar. 22 (AP)—Charles F. Casey, 21, of Portland, Ore., a student at Notre Dame university here, was killed instantly last night when an automobile in which he was riding was in a collision with three other machines.

DAVIS TRIAL
TO BE HELD
ON APRIL 9Couple Face Assault and
Battery Charges in Local
Circuit CourtMUCH INTEREST
SHOWN IN CASEOfficers Allege that Mother
Placed Daughter, 2
Years Old, on Hot Stove
as Punishment.

Trial of the case of the state of Oregon vs. Gertrude and Harrison Davis, charged by grand jury indictment with assault and battery, has been set for April 9 in the Union county circuit court. The trial will be the sixth case in the adjourned term of court, which will begin a week from Monday.

Considerable interest is being shown locally in the case, which has been more or less in the public eye since July in the year.

A young couple was indicted by grand jury and arraigned before Judge J. W. Knowles, both pleading not guilty to the charge. She was arraigned on Feb. 24 and he on Feb. 27, both entering their pleas on the latter date. They are free at present on their own recognizance.

Officers allege that the mother placed her two-year-old daughter on a hot stove to punish her, resulting in burning the baby painfully. It is also alleged that the husband was aware of the act.

The Defense Claim

The couple claims that the mother thought that the stove was not hot enough to burn the child and placed her on the stove with no intention of harming the little girl.

The case was not discussed by officers until about a week or two after the alleged assault and battery was committed. County Health Nurse Alice Marquardt was appointed to investigate the case and made her report immediately. Sometime later a warrant for the arrest of the man and his wife was sworn out.

It is said that to date no attorneys have been secured for the defendants.

CLASS TEACHERS
ORGANIZE HEREHarold Phinney Elected
President—Constitu-
tion to Be Prepared

Teachers of the La Grande public schools effected a permanent organization to be known as the Classroom Teacher's association, a branch of the national department. Yesterday afternoon when they met at the high school, officers elected were Harold Phinney, president, Mrs. Beatrice Young, vice president, and Miss Balth Sorenson, secretary. A constitutional committee was appointed and will prepare a constitution to be presented for adoption at the next meeting, after which the organization will meet in regular form.

W. W. Thomas was appointed chairman of the constitutional committee and other members are Mrs. E. P. Heasler, Central; Miss Eileen Morelock, Willow; Eldridge Huffman, Greenwood; and Miss Nina Kame, Riveria. Mrs. Guy Ellis, Riveria; Mrs. Beatrice Young, Willow; Miss Ruth Johnson, High school; Mrs. A. J. Cook, Central; and Mrs. Williamson, Greenwood, comprise the program committee that was appointed.

A report on questionnaires which were sent out to teachers was heard.

Oregon Banker, Missing Since Monday,
Found Dead—Suicide Note Discovered

MEDFORD, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—George W. Barker, missing president and cashier of the First Bank of Butte Falls, who disappeared Monday afternoon, was found this morning at nine o'clock on the bank of a mill pond on the outskirts of Butte Falls, a self-inflicted bullet wound through his head. W. M. Chambers, heading a searching party, found the body. The death weapon was found by his side.

A farewell note to his wife and family was found in the coat pocket. It read as follows: "My wife Hazel Barker, and daughter Eleanor, who appear as directors of the Pine Belt bank have never had anything to do whatever as directors. The bank was run entirely by me at all times. Gertrude Fredenburg, assistant cashier was clerk only and had no voice in the bank's management. If there is any blame attached to the management it is all mine. There has been no stealing at any time, and there is plenty of property and other assets to pay all the depositors in full. The mistakes in judgment show I am not the man for the place. "My heart's love to wife and little ones. This worry is killing me, and I hardly know what I am writing. Do not blame Hazel or Eleanor with anything, as they know absolutely nothing about it. The note was signed "George W. Barker."

Hickman Death
Is Postponed By
Supreme CourtNot Time to Allow for a
Hearing of His Appeal
Until After April 27,
Tribunal Finds.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Mar. 22 (AP)—William Edward Hickman, sentenced to death for the kidnapping and slaying of 12-year-old Marian Parker in Los Angeles, will not hang on April 27, the date set for his execution. San Quentin prison authorities were informed by the supreme court today that hearing on his appeal could not be reached by that time.

Should the supreme court affirm Hickman's conviction by the superior court in Los Angeles the latter court would then be required to set another date for the hanging. Hickman was not told this morning of the postponement, but was expected to be told during the day. The appeal was filed by Hickman's attorneys with the supreme court in Los Angeles on March 15.

Ben Osborne Will
Attend Labor Meet

A Central Labor council banquet to which members of all local unions affiliated with the council are invited, will be held next Wednesday evening. It was announced today by Max Cullen.

Ben Osborne, executive secretary of the State Federation of Labor, will be here and will be the main speaker at the banquet. Mr. Cullen, said. Representatives from the various civic organizations of the city and from the granges of the county are to be invited.

Final arrangements for the banquet will be made this evening, when the committee meets at 7:30 o'clock at the office of the Crescent Meat company. Charles Andrews is chairman of the committee.

Dam on "Rotten
Rock" Witness
Tells Inquest

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 22 (AP)—H. A. Van Norman, assistant engineer of the Los Angeles water bureau, testified at the inquest over St. Francis dam victims today that the destroyed St. Francis dam, the Barrett dam near San Diego, the Hollywood dam overlooking the film colony and the Arroyo Seco dam near Pasadena are all of similar type.

Van Norman describes it as the "monolith" type, and said that it was based on recognized engineering principles. Subjected to a searching cross examination by Deputy District Attorney E. J. Dennison, Van Norman admitted that the slides of the ill-fated St. Francis structure were built on schist, known to the layman as "rotten rock."

Gangsters Murder
Political Leader

CHICAGO, Mar. 22 (AP)—Gangland's three-way combination of death—guns, gunnery and a motorcade—has ended. The crowded life of Diamond Joe Esposito, 55, whose meteoric career began as a day laborer in Brooklyn and ended as a Chicago political boss.

Fifty shotgun slugs were fired into Diamond Joe's body last night as he was returning from a meeting of the political group with which he was affiliated—the United States Senator Deane, or anti-Thompson faction.

SAVE FIVE LIVES

ABERDEEN, Wash., Mar. 22 (AP)—George Northup, state representative of Jefferson county saved five people from disaster yesterday when the cable of Quebec river ferry snapped under the strain of a freshet, and swept down the river toward faster rapids. Northup leaped into the water with a rope, swam ashore and secured the rope to a tree, bringing the ferry into the bank.

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NAVY BLAST
FATAL TO 2;
TEN INJUREDHoward Franklin Bousquet, of Island City, One
of Those HurtGAS EXPLOSION TO
BE INVESTIGATEDAccident Occurred Yesterday on Destroyer
Tender Whitney at
Guantanamo Bay, Cuba

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—Two enlisted men are dead, five are suffering from serious burns and four enlisted men and one chief warrant officer are suffering minor burns as a result of a gasoline explosion yesterday aboard the destroyer tender Whitney at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba.

The dead are William Melvin Delevett, seaman second class, of Baltimore, and George J. Garrett, seaman first class, of Omark, Mo. Those seriously injured were:

John Frederick Narr, machinist mate, third class, Mount Royal, N. J.

Donald Leary Burch, fireman, third class of Independence, Mo.

John Jay Easterling, seaman, second class of Streeman, Tex.

Guillermo Da Hio, mess attendant of San Roque, Cavite, Philippine Islands.

Willard Edmondson Jannle, seaman, second class, of Roanoke, Va. Those who received minor burns were:

William Albert Garbis, chief gunner of Patterson, N. J.

Frank Benjamin Hulander, seaman first class of Chelmsford, Middlesex county, Mass.

Edward Peter Michalski, apprentice seaman, Baltimore, Md.

Island City Man Hurt

Howard Franklin Bousquet, seaman, second class of Island City, Union county, Oregon.

Marvin Warren Weaver, apprentice seaman of Johnston, Penn.

The official dispatch from Vice Admiral Ashley Robertson, commander of the scouting fleet said that the accident occurred at 2:40 a. m. on March 21 while the personnel were ventilating the cofferdam adjacent to the gasoline storage space.

The report said that the fumes were ignited from an undetermined source or cause.

The men who were seriously burned were transferred to the hospital ship Merry where Delevett and Garrett died last night.

The men less seriously burned were kept on board the Whitney for treatment. There was no material damage to the vessel the dispatch said.

A court of inquiry was ordered.

Howard Franklin Bousquet is the son of Pete Bousquet, of Island City, widely known in La Grande and vicinity. Friends here were relieved to learn that his burns were minor and not likely to result seriously. A brother, Albert G. Bousquet, had been making his home in La Grande recently although he is said to be at Pendora at present. He is a member of Company E, 186th Infantry, O. N. G.

IMBLER PLAY
WILL BE GIVEN
FRIDAY, 13TH

IMBLER, Mar. 22 (Special)—The cast for the annual sophomoric play of the Imbler High school was announced early this week, and rehearsals under Prof. Reginald Menegot started last evening. The play selected for presentation this year is "The Path Across the Hill," a comedy-drama of three acts. The date chosen is Friday, April 13.

The complete cast for the production is as follows:

Samuel Crawford, grandpa, Harry Munson; Robert Post, the visitor, Grant Stringham; Walter Conrad, Ruth's brother, Lyle Ledbetter; Dr. Jimmie Reed, with ambition, James Redmond; Salamander Alexander John Henry Jones, Zuzu's choice, Homer Green; Mrs. Davis, grandma, Gladys Crouner; Ruth Conrad, nicknamed "Robbie," Ruth Prior; Flo Gray, Ruth's cousin, Lola Kassing; Lottie, a neighbor, Nadis Slack, and Zazu, the cook, May Prior.

Sande Reinstated
By Jockey Club

BALTIMORE, Mar. 22 (AP)—Earl Sande, noted jockey, was reinstated by the Maryland Jockey club this afternoon. Sande was barred from the turf last fall for alleged rough riding in the Pimlico futurity.

HAL E. HOSS



Above is a picture of Hal E. Hoss, former private secretary to Governor I. L. Patterson, who formally announced that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination as secretary of state. Mr. Hoss is a newspaper man, and is a past president of the state association.

ENTER RACE FOR
SECRETARY POSTHal E. Hoss Formally
nounces His Candidacy
to Succeed Kozer

OREGON CITY, Ore., Mar. 22 (Special)—Hal E. Hoss, who recently resigned as private secretary to Governor Patterson, has formally announced that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination as secretary of state.

Mr. Hoss filed his resignation as secretary of the Oregon State Editorial association at the time he made his announcement, but he will retain his offices in the national and coast press associations. He is a former president of the state association, which he has served as an officer for eight years, and is active in several other newspaper organizations. Mr. Hoss was managing editor of the Oregon City Enterprise for several years, giving up that work to go into the statehouse with Governor I. L. Patterson at the beginning of the latter's term.

Due to the fact that Sam Kozer, incumbent, can not again seek office of secretary of state until four years have elapsed, a number of friends of Mr. Hoss proposed that he make the race for the nomination, and he has been more or less mentioned for the post throughout the entire last year. With the organization and newspaper support pledged to him now, it is said by political dopesters who have followed many campaigns in Oregon, that Mr. Hoss has the strongest set-up ever given a candidate for public office in the state.

In his statement announcing his candidacy, released today, Mr. Hoss says in part:

"I sincerely believe that I am qualified by experience and training and the human attributes to be secretary of state. My business experience has been along administrative lines and in public life I have had the opportunity to, and did study the work of the board of control and the office of the secretary of state at close range. I intend, if nominated and elected, to give the people of Oregon an efficient administration."

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Boy Drowns At
Haines; Effort
To Revive Fails

HAINES, Ore., Mar. 22—Little Donald Newton, four-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Newton, was drowned in a septic tank on the Tom Smith property near the Newton home yesterday afternoon. The body was found in about 20 minutes but efforts to revive it failed.

The little boy was heard by the Smiths in the yard shortly after noon. He was probably looking for his father. About 1 o'clock Mr. Newton came to the Smith home looking for the boy. His body was found in the water a few minutes later.

The boy is survived by his parents and by several brothers and sisters. The body was brought to the West parlors in Baker.

Lindbergh To Get
Luxurious Airplane

NEW YORK, Mar. 22 (AP)—A luxurious new airplane with nickel plated motor, self starter and other conveniences lacking in the "Spirit of St. Louis" will be ready for Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh by April 1.

William Mankey, chief engineer for the Mahoney Aircraft company, builders of the "Spirit of St. Louis," has divulged the details of the new plane, which was designed by the flying colonel himself.

It will have the same wing spread as his famous transatlantic plane and something of the same appearance, but will differ in other details.

It will have accommodations for three passengers in addition to the pilot and will have a speed of 120 miles an hour.

Aviation Steps
In Oregon Show
Upward TrendSurvey of Airport Facilities of Stat. Given at
Chamber Secretaries' Session.

UNIVERSITY OF OREGON, Eugene, Mar. 22 (Special)—Aviation and the development of airports, held to be among the most vital topics now before the people of Oregon, received the attention of the secretaries of more than a score of Oregon chambers of commerce at the annual session of the secretaries' association here Thursday.

Those present were enthusiastic over the possibilities of commercial flying and a great future for this industry is predicted.

Every city of any size in the state should have an airport, declared J. G. (Tex) Rankin, head of the Rankin flying service of Portland. These airports should be considered on a strictly business basis, he said, and should not have to be "supported" by communities except in a business way.

Technical instruction on how the fields should be prepared, proper size and equipment was included in Mr. Rankin's talk. Oregon and the city of Portland are already known throughout the nation as leaders on the Pacific coast in aviation, it was stated, and Rankin told briefly how flying schools in Portland were sending out several hundred licensed pilots every year who were developing commercial aviation in the west.

Further details on airport construction were given by J. A. Polhemus, manager of the port of Portland. Air transportation is growing rapidly in importance and shipping and transportation men are recognizing that air, water and

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Chief of Police
Acquitted, Then
Knifed by Woman

COLUMBIANA, Ala., Mar. 22 (AP)—H. F. Blake, Culera chief of police, was fired at and then stabbed by two women in circuit court here today just after he had been acquitted of the murder of their relative, Miss Louise Montebello.

Mrs. Mabel Montebello, mother of the girl, fired a pistol from a distance of about five feet as Blake was being congratulated by his friends. The shot went wild. Miss Cecil Tubbs, an aunt of the girl, leaped at the police chief, drawing a knife as she flung herself toward him and stabbed him in the neck. Blake fell, the blood streaming from the wound.

The court room was in a turmoil in a moment and Charlie C. McCall, state attorney general, who has personally prosecuted Blake, fainted from the excitement. Physicians said they could not tell from their first examination whether Blake's wound was fatal. He had been acquitted of the murder of their relative, Miss Louise Montebello.

The men who freed him were slowly filing out. They assisted in picking him up and carrying him to a hospital.

Women Arrested

Mr. McCall quickly recovered himself and ordered the two women taken into custody. Both were frantic from the strain of the trial and their deed, and Mrs. Montebello fought hysterically with court officers, before she was subdued. She still tried to get to Blake as the bailiffs overpowered her.

Officers said the women had obtained the weapons from the box in which Miss Montebello's clothing was kept during the trial. The pistol used in today's shooting was one of those used by the state in capital testimony regarding the manner of the girl's death. The defense contended the girl shot herself.

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Father Believes
His Boy Innocent

OREGON CITY, Ore., Mar. 22 (AP)—Earl Jones, 19, faced arraignment today on an indictment returned late yesterday charging him with first degree murder in connection with the explosion which killed his stepmother, Mrs. Iona Jones, and his half brother Harold. The indictment specifically charged murder of Mrs. Jones.

Robert B. Jones, the boy's father, in a Portland hospital with compound fracture of the left leg and other injuries, suffered in the explosion, when informed of the charges against Earl, refused to believe the boy guilty. He was quoted as saying "I would not believe even if he confessed."

Spain Returns To
League of Nations

GENEVA, Mar. 22 (AP)—Official return of Spain to the league of Nations happened upon 393292 of nations was announced this afternoon by Don Pedro Sangro, Spanish representative.

Announcement was made by Don Pedro at a session of the league committee on child welfare. He said that the decision to return was reached at a cabinet meeting in Madrid this morning.

HARDINGHAD
NO BONDS IN
OIL SCANDALInvestigation of His Estate Shows President's
Record Is ClearFALL-SINCLAIR
TRIAL SEVEREDFormer Very Ill So Justice
Bailey Orders Sinclair
Case to Begin on the
Fourth of April.

MARION, Ohio, Mar. 22 (AP)—Charles D. Schaffner, executor of the estate of the late President Warren G. Harding, today announced that an examination of the records by William V. Allen, a correspondent of the St. Louis Post Dispatch, who went to Marion with a letter from Senator Walsh authorizing him to make the inspection had definitely established that the late president, powered none of the \$3,000,000 worth of Continental Trading company bonds involved in the Teapot Dome oil scandal.

Mr. Schaffner said Allen completed the investigation yesterday and expected to present his findings to Senator Thomas J. Walsh in Washington late today.

Mr. Schaffner said that an examination of the late president's records revealed that he had only two bonds of the first Liberty loan, and both of them were for denominations of \$500.

All of the Liberty bonds involved in the holdings of the Continental Trading company were of the first Liberty loan and were of \$1,000 denominations.

Serial numbers of the two bonds found in the Harding estate of the first Liberty loan were given as 6,620 and 6,621, neither of which corresponded to the numbers of bonds held by the Continental Trading company.

Investigation of the Harding estate Liberty bonds revealed that the late president had \$132,770 worth of the bonds and Mrs. Harding had \$85,000 worth in her name. All of the Liberty bonds were of the second, third and fourth loans except two bonds which were found NOT to be involved in holdings of the Continental company.

FALL-SINCLAIR TRIAL
SEVERED

WASHINGTON, Mar. 22 (AP)—The conspiracy trial of Albert B. Fall and Harry F. Sinclair today was severed by Justice Jennings Bailey, who ordered the wealthy oil operator tried alone on April 4.

Sinclair and the former secretary of the interior originally were scheduled to go on trial for a second time April 2 but counsel for Fall obtained a postponement on the grounds that he was too ill to be present.

Government counsel immediately moved to have Sinclair tried separately and the motion was granted by Justice Bailey, who set the trial date immediately.

Counsel for Sinclair opposed the move to sever the case contending that Fall's testimony was necessary to the oil man's defense.

TAX RECEIPTS