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THE WEATHER

OREGON: Cloudy and unsettled tonight and Friday, probably more northwest, moderate temperature. Fresh west to northwest winds on coast.

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REQUEST FOR SUNDAY LAW IS REJECTED

City Commission Refuses to Take Action; Up to People, Is Opinion

WILL HELP SEND BAND TO CONTEST

State Compensation Fees for Firemen and Policemen Will Be Shouldered by City

Several matters of importance were acted on last night by the city commission...

No report was made on the proposal to lease the government emergency field for use as a municipal airport...

The question of closing moving picture theaters on Sundays was injected into the meeting...

Election Only Way

In reference to the other request, the commission refused to consider the matter...

In discussion, it was reported that Corvallis, Eugene and other Oregon cities, recently had repeated laws that prohibited moving picture shows on Sundays...

City Audit Accepted

The city audit of books, made by Raymond O. Williams, was accepted...

JUNIOR PLAY CAST BEGINS REHEARSALS

"Applesauce," a play possessing clever humor but not of the slapstick variety, according to Miss Catherine Sartain...

Tells Of His First Job

On a 320-acre farm in the Grand Ronde valley George T. Cochran lived and grew and worked...

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—53 above. Minimum: 42 above. Condition: cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 65, minimum 26 above. Condition: partly cloudy.

WEATHER MAR. 28, 1929

Maximum 42, minimum 21 above. Condition: rain .15 of inch.

Easter Cantata To Be Presented At M. E. Church

"The Great Light" Will Be Sung by 25 Voices Under the Direction of W. W. Nusbaum.

Sunday evening at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church will be given the Easter cantata "The Great Light," by Finley Lyon.

The cantata is composed of 16 numbers arranged in three parts, and beginning with a general theme of praise takes up the prophecies concerning the coming of the Messiah...

Part I "Praise Ye The Mighty God," choral, with baritone solos, Paul Knautz, soprano, Mrs. Claude Cooper, baritone, Paul Knautz, with the chorus.

Part II "Behold A Virgin Shall Conceive," Tenor Recitative, Sheldon Brownson, "Brightest And Best," Tenor solo, Sheldon Brownson, soprano, Mrs. Cooper, Sheldon Brownson, William, Mrs. Sherwood Williams, Mrs. Will Adler and Paul Knautz, and chorus.

Part III "Calm On The Listening Ear of the people desire closing of moving picture shows on Sundays..."

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EDUCATORS MEET HERE SATURDAY

About 50 School Men from All Parts of Eastern Oregon Expected

Three of Oregon's leading educators will be in La Grande Saturday, Mar. 29, to attend and participate in the annual meeting of Eastern Oregon superintendents and principals at La Grande High school beginning at 9 a. m.

C. A. Howard, Oregon superintendent of public instruction; Dr. M. Greenwood Smith, of Oregon State college, and President H. E. Inlow, of the Eastern Oregon Normal school, are the school men who are to attend...

The meeting brings together the school administrators of Eastern Oregon and one of the advantages of such a meeting is to work on problems common to the schools of this part of the state...

Elmer F. Goodwin, president of the association, and superintendent of the Milton-Freewater public schools, in extending an invitation to school men to attend make the following announcement: "All thoroughfares through the area, and on earth, including railroads and beautiful highways lead to La Grande, Ore., for the annual meeting."

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Flower Shop Has Formal Opening

Clarks Florists will hold a formal opening in the new store located at 115 1/2 Adams avenue between 7 and 9 o'clock this evening.

The new quarters, which have been remodeled, repaired and redecorated, provide the firm with larger quarters and better facilities to handle its business.

The flower shop was formerly located next to the Foley hotel barber shop.

The building was owned by Mrs. Daisy Rumble.

TRAGEDY AT SALEM KILLS FATHER, GIRLS

Officers Believe Deaths Due to Double Homicide And Suicide

DYNAMITE BLAST SHATTERS HOME

Charles R. Stetter, 39, and Two Daughters, Gladys 7, and Charline 4, Blown to Bits

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 28 (AP)—Three members of a family of four lost their lives in a double homicide and suicide in a farm house near Monitor at 8:15 o'clock this morning when Charles R. Stetter, 39, lighted a fuse connecting a stick of dynamite while sitting on a chair holding his two little girls, Gladys, 7, and Charline, 4, upon each knee.

L. E. Hliven, a neighbor whose place adjoins that of Stetter's, heard the blast and rushed to the scene. The clothing of all three was smoldering and he obtained water to put out the fire. Stetter's body was not badly mangled but those of the little girls were blown beyond recognition.

One of the tiny bodies, from signs in the room, struck along the side of the wall before dropping in a heap in the northeast corner of the room and the other hit the ceiling before landing in the opposite corner. Stetter's body was blown backward from the kneeling position on the floor that marked the scene of the tragedy.

House Wrecked

The large frame farm house was a virtual wreck from the terrific blast. All windows were blown out and the meager amount of furniture rolled about the room. Part of the wing in which the three lost their lives was caved in and the door and small porch were demolished. One tiny limb was found outside the house beneath the timbers while a portion of flesh was...

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Grocery, Meat Market Burned At Joseph, Ore.

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Mar. 28—Fire destroyed the grocery and meat market of Rooney and Sons, and the old frame building it occupied, at Joseph early Wednesday morning. There was a stove in the middle of the building, in the back part of the store, and it is believed the fire originated in that part of the structure.

Nothing was saved as the flames were burning fiercely when the alarm was given, and the loss included \$200 in currency which in the absence of a safe, was kept in a desk.

Peace Officers To Meet at Vale Apr. 1

The Eastern Oregon Peace Officers Protective association will meet next Monday, Apr. 1, at Vale, Ore. It was announced today by Police Chief Clint Haynes, who is president of the organization.

This is the first meeting to be held in Vale, although one was held last year in Ontario. Quite a number of officers from La Grande are expected to attend.

Peace Will Not Come to World For Generations, Coolidge Says

PHILADELPHIA, Mar. 28 (AP)—Peace, in the opinion of Calvin Coolidge, "perhaps is an ideal that can come only to future generations which are more perfect than our own."

Writing in the April number of the Ladies Home Journal on "Promoting Peace Through Preparation for Defense," the former president says the nation should take every precaution to prevent war, "of which adequate defense is one."

He says the army and navy serve the double purpose of prevention and defense.

Mr. Coolidge declares the forces required for adequate national defense should be large enough so that others would see "that there would be a great deal of peril involved in attacking us" and not so large that the United States feel it "would undergo no peril in attacking others."

Urges Study On Utilization Of Waste Products

Farm Relief Hearings Continue in Washington—Rockefeller, Schwab, Young Decline

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—Acceptance by Secretary Hyde of the house agriculture committee's invitation to appear at its hearing on farm relief has revived hope among some members that they may yet be able to get a more detailed statement of the administration's views than President Hoover thus far has been willing to advance.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—Federal aid to carry on the search for new methods of utilizing the waste products of farms was proposed today as one phase of a new plan for farm relief in testimony by Anson Marston, of Ames, Iowa, president of the American Association of Land Grant Colleges, before the house agriculture committee.

Marston pointed to the use of corn stalks in making paper as one of the many uses for waste products that such research might discover. So far, however, he said, the use of corn stalk paper was not general enough to benefit all farmers.

"If I had been able to sell the corn stalks on my farm last year, I could have added ten per cent to the income from it," Marston said.

Controlled Shipping

Wm. H. Marshall, a Fort Lauderdale, Fla., farmer, advocated a plan for handling all the perishable products from one section through one shipping point in mixed carload lots.

Before the senate agriculture committee the new McNary farm relief bill was endorsed by Hall.

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DARROW TARGET OF BITTER FIRE

State Senator Wood, of Illinois, Recalls Surrender of Stolen Bond

SPRINGFIELD, Ill., Mar. 28 (AP)—Clarence Darrow came here yesterday to lead the attack against proposed bills for court reforms in Illinois, and found himself the center of one of the bitterest attacks to be directed against him since he attained prominence in the Loch-Leopold, the Scopes and the Dr. Sweet trials.

Darrow was appearing before a joint meeting of the senate and house judiciary committees, opposing bills for criminal court procedure changes. The bills are sponsored by the Chicago Bar association and the judicial advisory council of Cook county (Chicago).

Distraught Courts

The veteran lawyer expressed distrust of courts. He was of the opinion that the reform program is the offspring of special interests.

Darrow said the courts would not now allow sufficient time for the...

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MURDER CASE NEARS JURY LATE TODAY

Prosecution Demands the Death of Lanza Bryant, Corvallis "Town Boy"

PRISONER CLAIMS ACT NOT PLANNED

Says Dickerson Provoked Attack by Slapping Him—Testimony Conflicts With Girl's

CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 28 (AP)—The state today demanded the death of Lanza Bryant, 29, for the killing of Lewis (Hip) Dickerson, former football star, and later assistant grid coach of Oregon State college.

Dickerson was mortally wounded last Dec. 17 when Bryant, a town boy, engaged in a fight with the coach and stabbed him through the back. Bryant testified that he used the knife in self-defense. The state contended that Bryant was jealous over Dickerson's attentions to Miss Mae Troxel, town waitress, and that the assault on Dickerson was unprovoked.

In testifying in his own behalf, Bryant declared Dickerson provoked the attack by slapping him.

Nearing Jury

The case was expected to get to the jury late this afternoon. The state asks conviction on first degree murder, charging that Bryant attacked Dickerson without provocation and that he had previously told friends that he was "going to slit somebody's back."

The defense claims that the stabbing was done in self defense as Bryant sought to protect the honor of his fiancée, Miss Mae Troxel, although no direct testimony was brought to bear on this angle.

Miss Troxel testified that she had broken her engagement with Bryant after he had accused her of improper conduct with other men. She admitted that she had loved him previous to last fall when the engagement was broken, and that she still saw him occasionally.

Still Engaged, He Says

Bryant insisted that he was still engaged to the girl and at the time of the affray, expected to marry her. He resented Dickerson's allegations, he said.

After Testifying that he had obtained two knives to be used in the killing.

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Foundation For Reparation Plan Finished Today

PARIS, Mar. 28 (AP)—Before adjourning for a seven-day Easter holiday, the reparations experts today completed the foundation of their reparation scheme and will be ready to talk figures when they get back to work next Thursday.

Today's plenary session, at which the various delegations each presented their own clear-cut ideas of what should constitute a basis for a discussion looking toward the fixing of exact figures was described as one of the most important single sessions yet held.

During the past week the delegations have been working separately and have occupied themselves with trying to reach a common basis.

It was proposed that the various suggestions and observations offered this morning be reduced to writing for the delegates to read during the Easter holiday. After an hour's session, it was decided not to attempt to proceed today to any discussion of figures but to consider them at next week's meeting.

No Trace Found Of Missing Plane

NAVAL AIR STATION, Lakehurst, N. J., Mar. 28 (AP)—The dirigible Los Angeles, searching off the coast of New Jersey for T. Raymond Finucane and three others missing since Friday in an amphibian airplane, wireless today nothing had been sighted.

May Impeach Three Other Executives

OKLAHOMA CITY, Mar. 28 (AP)—John Head, chairman of the house of representatives investigating committee, announced today that articles of impeachment were being drawn against Harry B. Cordell, president of the board of agriculture; C. C. Childers, chairman and Fred Capshaw, member of the state corporation commission.

TOMBOY



Sarah Spelker, 7, is a tomboy and normal though she has to breathe through a tube from her windpipe to an opening in front of the neck.

\$175,000 SPENT IN FIGHTING BILL

Seattle Light And Power Man Testifies of Activities in Washington

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—The organization of citizen's committees in the state of Washington to spend a \$175,000 fund, contributed by power companies, in opposing in the 1924 election legislation designed to aid municipal power plant ownership was related today by Norwood W. Brockett, of Seattle, vice president of the Northwest Electric Light and Power association, before the federal trade commission.

Appearing at the commission's inquiry into publicity activities of public power utilities, Brockett testified about the program of the Washington state committee on public utility information of which he was secretary during the 1924 campaign in opposition to the Bone bill.

Measure Defeated

The measure, which was defeated in a referendum at that election, would have permitted the municipal power companies in the state to extend their service outside their city limits.

The citizens' committees, Brockett said, were organized in the principal cities of the state by the local managers of power companies. The committees in opposition signed newspaper advertisements and also circulated letters to the voters. The advertisements and letters were paid for out of the \$175,000 fund, he added.

He said the advertisements were (Continued on Page 4)

GUNMEN FAIL IN ATTACK ON LABOR LEADER

CHICAGO, March 28 (AP)—A second attempt within five months by gunmen to "get" (Bubs) Quinlan, former labor leader, failed last night, but some of the bullets found a mark in the body of Quinlan's chauffeur, James (Moose) McCormick.

McCormick, seriously wounded, was spirited away while an officer ran to call a doctor.

Quinlan's foot used machine guns at long range in the attack last October, and Quinlan was wounded. Last night shotguns were used, slugs being fired from a closed car to the car in which Quinlan and McCormick were driving. Quinlan dropped to the floor and was unharmed. McCormick could not dodge quickly enough, and was struck. He staggered the car to the curb and collapsed. Quinlan disappeared down an alley.

A policeman carried McCormick to the office of a doctor nearby. The physician was not there, so the officer propped the unconscious chauffeur against the wall and ran for aid. When he returned, McCormick had disappeared.

City Council Pays \$63 Of Church Tax

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 28 (AP)—A thoughtful city council which levied a worldly \$67 tax assessment against the Rev. Herman Negro Baptist church, today had the tables turned on it by the Rev. Oregon Jones, the pastor.

"Brothers," said Mr. Jones, appearing before the council, "when you cast the vote you cast your bread upon the waters. Here it comes back."

He then passed the hat among the pentest city fathers, taking up a total collection of \$63.

City Government Of Douglas, Ariz. Is Investigated

Federal Action Follows Revelations Concerning Smuggling of Guns, Arms to Mexicans

DOUGLAS, Ariz., Mar. 28 (AP)—The entire city government of Douglas was under investigation by United States department of justice agents today, following revelations in connection with the smuggling of two machine guns and 37,000 rounds of ammunition, property of the city to Mexican rebels at Agua Prieta, Sonora.

Chief of Police Leslie Galtiff and Police Captain Walter Morris were at liberty and also on duty, under \$5,000 bail each, charged with having conspired to smuggle the guns and ammunition across the international line. Three others were in jail on the same charges, five more, whose names were withheld, were taken into custody, and federal officers announced that additional arrests would be made.

Recalls Sale of Guns. According to Chief Galtiff and Captain Morris the guns and ammunition were sold on authority of the city council about March 1 to a "strange American" for \$500. Federal agents have disclosed that the war material was taken from the municipal arsenal at the city hall, and that the \$500 asserted "sale" price was paid into the city treasury March 8, the transaction taking place at night.

Today the department of justice had a signed affidavit from A. J. Duarte, who they said was one of the alleged conspirators who negotiated with Presidente Rogelio Loreto and other Mexican rebels to export war materials into Mexico, stating that the purchase price was \$2,000 instead of the \$500 which would elude way into the city treasury.

Major Issues Statement. Mayor Millard Haymore issued a statement saying that the city of Douglas was "not concerned with the neutrality laws" and that the two accused police officers would (Continued on Page 5)

Liner Limp To Cherbourg After Going Aground

CHERBOURG, France, Mar. 28 (AP)—The Canadian Anchor liner Transylvania, with American court-ists aboard, came into Cherbourg shortly after 11 o'clock this morning listing sharply at her port bow and well down after running aground near Urville-Hague.

The Transylvania pulled herself off with her own power. The vessel was believed to be badly damaged and its fuel oil was leaking badly. It was not believed it would be able to continue to Glasgow but would have to go into drydock here. It was returning from a Mediterranean cruise and had aboard 200 passengers, many of whom were Americans disembarking here.

The passengers debarked immediately, none the worse for their experience except for the shock of the sudden grounding which threw some of them out of their berths.

The vessel will probably be beached before it can enter a drydock where a special space has been assigned. The accident took place in the midst of a dense fog at 4:10 a. m., while the Transylvania was proceeding at very low speed. Captain Robert Eskine, finding her fast, immediately emptied a tank containing 500 tons of fuel oil and was able to get off without assistance, although three tugs stood by.

While the international authorities are trying to get the exact details on which to base their next moves, the case has aroused such high feeling at Belize, British Honduras, the port from which the Transylvania sailed on its last voyage, that the American consul there (Continued on Page 5)

Prime Minister's Wife Is Attacked

LONDON, Mar. 28 (AP)—A man using brass knuckles attacked the wife of the office keeper at the residence of Stanley Baldwin, prime minister, on Downing street, early today and attempted to smother two bugs which she was carrying.

The prime minister's daughter heard screams from the back yard and rushed out to the woman's assistance. Sir Emley Blackwell, a member of Mr. Baldwin's staff, also assisted the victim, whose side was badly bruised. Her assailant escaped.

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FRANCE NOW INTERESTED IN 'M ALONE'

Man Killed in Skirmish With Rum Runner Was French Citizen

COMPLICATION IS ADDED TO CASE

Canada's Main Concern Revolves Around Whether Ship Was Within 12-mile Limit

WASHINGTON, Mar. 28 (AP)—Coast guard headquarters announced today that it had received information from responsible government officials at New Orleans, who investigated the sinking of the Canadian schooner Tm Alone that she was within 13 miles of the American coast when first sighted by coast guard cutters.

This new complication has been added to the case by a report from the French consul at New Orleans that the seaman drowned when the schooner was run down was a French citizen. He had been described previously as a naturalized British subject.

Awaiting Instructions. The French embassy immediately cabled this information to the foreign office at Paris, and is expected to await instructions before taking up the matter formally with the state department. Meanwhile, it is also awaiting a full report from the consul on his investigation of the seaman's citizenship.

Unlike the British and Canadian diplomatic representatives, who are concerned with the broad principles involved in the sinking of the vessel and interpretations of the 1924 Pan-ama-smuggling treaty, the French embassy's interest has to do chiefly with the death of one of its nation's citizens.

French Consul May Testify. The French consul, however, may have to be called upon by the state department and the Canadian legation to contribute such information as he may have about the distance of the Tm Alone from the Louisiana coast when first summoned to leave for boarding and examination by the coast guard cutter boat Wolcott.

That is one of the main questions involved, and is expected to have considerable weight in determining what action, if any, the Canadian government will take in the case. Official reports from the British consulate at New Orleans, now being studied by the Canadian legation, are described as being accurate on this point as the unofficial of the incident have been.

Stories Conflict. The consul, Henry Tom, reported on the preliminary statements and hearings at New Orleans after the crew was landed, including the contention of the Tm Alone's master that his vessel was 14 or 15 miles off the coast when, according to the coast guard's contention, it was the schooner was within the 12-mile limit in which the United States claims the right to board and examine suspected vessels.

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FOREIGN LIFE IN CHINA WILL BE PROTECTED

CHEFOO, China, March 28 (AP)—"Marshal Chang Tsung Chan, former Shantung war lord who has captured Chefoo with a force of revolting soldiers, today assured Leroy Webber, United States consul general, that he intends to protect foreign life and property.

Of the 20,000 soldiers which Chang Tsung Chan is reported to have in the vicinity of Chefoo only 1,500 have been allowed within the city and the rest are proceeding eastward in pursuit of General Liu Chen-Nien, the loyal nationalist commander in the region. Renewed fighting was believed imminent.

202 Filipinos Get Clean Health Bi

SEATTLE, Mar. 28 (AP)—Two hundred and two Filipinos, 75 had been quarantined as meningitis suspects at Diamond Head, near here, for several weeks, were released today, supposedly free to go wherever they desire. A clean bill of health was given the Filipinos by state and federal health officers.