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POLITICS TO BLOSSOM IN NEAR FUTURE

Activity at Low Ebb at Present, Excepting in Gubernatorial Contest

ELECT SEVERAL OFFICALS HERE

Primary Election to be Held on Friday, May 16—Tuesday, April 1, last Day for Filing.

Political activity, other than in reference to the gubernatorial race, has been at a more or less low ebb in Oregon during the last several weeks, but with the approach of spring and the "deadline" for filing announcements of candidacy, numerous developments are being expected.

In Union county, as over the state, the elections come at an off-year with only part of the terms of office expiring. The exception to this rule locally is in reference to legislators. Terms of three of the four Union and Wallowa county men representing this section, will expire, and although no announcements have been made, observers expect all three to be candidates for re-election.

Eberhard Has Two More Years

State Senator Fred E. Kiddle, whose four year term is nearing an end; Representative H. H. Weatherspoon, of Elgin, from Union county; and Representative T. C. Johnson, Wallowa, of Union and Wallowa counties, all will have to seek re-election if they desire to again make the trip to the legislative chambers. State Senator Colon R. Eberhard, of La Grande, representing Union and Wallowa counties, was elected two years ago and still has two years remaining of his term.

All four of the men are republicans, and local politicians expect the opposing party to have a slate of candidates for the three positions, although no announcements have been forthcoming.

To Elect Commissioner

In Union county, only one term of office will expire, that of W. R. Ledbetter, county commissioner. All of the other county officials were elected at the general election in 1928.

Nominations will be made for the office of La Grande justice of peace this year, H. E. Brady, who resigned several months ago, was to have served through this year. L. Denham, of Elgin, present jus-

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BLACK MARBLE LIME PLANT MAY RESUME

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 8 (Special) — Readjustment of finances of the Black Marble and Lime company has proceeded so far that there is a good prospect that the plant will start work shortly and continue operating steadily. This is one matter which will come before the stockholders at their annual meeting this afternoon.

The hopeful outlook is due to two facts, according to the Enterprise Record-Chieftain.

Demand for the company's products is insistent and extensive and is particularly keen in the spring.

The second fact is purely personal. When others lost heart and were ready to let the business slide, one man, H. McGoldrick of Imbler, refused to admit defeat and kept on fighting and if victory is won the credit will be largely his.

Mr. McGoldrick has been raising more capital for operating and has been using this to get out rock and haul it to the plant. More than 2000 tons of the rock are now dumped there ready for burning.

Imbler, Outcasts Teams Will Play

The Imbler M. I. A. and the Outcasts will play the first game of a basketball double header in the L. D. S. Recreational hall tonight. A state title will be stake in the main event, with the Portland M. I. A. team playing the First Ward quintet, so far undefeated in M. I. A. circles.

Imbler has a strong team this year and the Outcasts have defeated both the E. O. N. seconds and the Comets, a local independent five.

Bob Quinn will referee.

WEATHER TODAY
7:30 a. m.—21 above.
Minimum: 21 above.
Condition: mostly clear.

WEATHER YESTERDAY
Maximum 51, minimum 25 above.
Condition: partly cloudy, rain .29 of inch.

WEATHER FEB. 8, 1929
Maximum 17 above, minimum 6 below.
Condition: clear.

Pendleton Wins Hard Game From Tigers, 21 to 13

La Grande Loses Out at First but Outplays and Outscores Bucks in Final Half.

The Bucks and Tigers staged another of their famous athletic contests last night, and Pendleton came out on top, 21 to 13. This was the second straight basketball victory for the Round-Up City team this year, and gives Pendleton the edge in athletic contests so far. La Grande nosed them out in football last fall.

On paper, Pendleton was scheduled to win about 45 to 15, but as a matter of fact, the blue and white quintet outplayed and outscored the Buckaroos on their home floor in the last half, 7 to 5. The first half was the undoing of Coach Ira Woodle's proteges, with Pendleton scoring 16 points to the Tigers' six.

Tigers Check Closely

In the last half, however, the Tigers checked more efficiently, and the Pendleton field goals became few and far between.

Roe, La Grande guard, was high point man of the game with 10 points. Masters, Pendleton forward, was second with eight.

Woodle used only five men during the contest, all playing a strong game. The lineup was: Mires and Nelson, forwards; Torrence, center, and Faus and Roe, guards.

Three Games Next Week

Three games are scheduled for next week, two of which will be played in La Grande. On Tuesday Imbler will play here and on Friday the Tigers go to Union. Wal-

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Normal School Defeats Baker Club Five 64-18

Working like a smooth machine, the Eastern Oregon Normal school basketball team easily defeated the Baker Athletic club here last night, rolling up a 64 to 18 score on the visitors. Only during the first three minutes of play was the Baker team able to hold its own. The score was tied at six-all, but from then on the Mountaineers drew away, half time finding the count 29 to 12. In the last half, the normal school scored 35 points while the visitors counted only six.

Breaks going quickly and passing accurately, the E. O. N. five scored most of its points on close shots, although Crawford looped in two or three from around the foul line. During the last of the first half and the first of the second half, Coach Bob Quinn played his second team.

Sarrett was high point man with 20. Candiff, of Baker, scored 13.

The E. O. N. team's next game will be with Willamette here Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock.

Baker—	FG	FT	TP
Candiff, f.	5	3	13
Payne, f.	2	0	4
Jensen, c.	0	0	0
Manary, g.	0	1	1
Crockett, g.	0	0	0
Thomas, f.	0	0	0
Caldwell, g.	0	0	0
Stoddard, c.	0	0	0
Carsen, f.	0	0	0
Bagley, f.	0	0	0
	7	4	18
E. O. N.—	FG	FT	TP
Price, f.	7	1	15
Sullivan, f.	3	0	6
Crawford, c.	6	0	12
Paisley, g.	0	0	0
Sarrett, g.	9	2	20
Carden, f.	0	2	2
Wade, f.	0	0	0
Houchens, c.	0	1	1
Posey, g.	0	0	0
McCulley, g.	4	0	8
	29	6	64

Referee: Macomber.

Woman Hurt When Two Cars Collide

Three automobile accidents occurred here yesterday, two of which were of a minor nature.

A car driven by Ray Fuller, of Alicel and a truck operated by E. W. Kirkland, collided at Spring and Fir yesterday afternoon, about 2:10 o'clock, damaging the Fuller machine considerably, and slightly injuring Mrs. Fuller. Her hand was cut and she also suffered bruises.

Cars driven by A. Yondovich, of Walla Walla, and Mrs. Frank Johnson collided at Fir and Elm at 8:50 a. m., and Gerald J. Tucker's car figured in a collision at Fourth and Spring at 8:05 last night. Visability was poor, due to rain, Mr. Tucker reported.

Imbler And Elgin Divide Double Bill

Imbler and Elgin divided a basketball double header at Imbler last night, the Imbler boys winning while the Elgin girls came out victorious. The margin of victory in each game was nearly the same. A fair-sized crowd witnessed the contests, which were refereed by Jimmy Rosenbaum, of La Grande.

The boys' game was hard-fought and clean, with both teams showing improvement over earlier contests. The final score was Imbler 23, Elgin 8. The Elgin girls scored 39 while the Imbler team counted 7.

NAMES BRODIE

Edward A. Brodie, publisher of the Oregon City Enterprise, was notified recently of his appointment as minister to Finland. He was formerly minister of Siam and his friends throughout Oregon feel that he is exceptionally well qualified for his new position.

YOUNGER WOMEN BUY LONG FROCKS

Group That Wore The Shortest Skirts Trying Out Newest Styles.

Guess who is asking for the dresses with the longest skirts? And then venture to say who likes them the least. The true answers gleaned from the local fashion shops, may come as a surprise.

It is the younger [illegible] that wants the longer dresses, [illegible] a new gown is purchased. The set that wore the shortest skirts, and seemed to be so free and happy in its freedom!

They Don't Like It

The mothers and the middle-aged folk are the ones who bemoan fashion's edict. They once wore the longer skirts, and all the necessary accessories, and they don't like them, they say. Perhaps it is with clothes as it is with bobbed hair. Many of the younger women have patiently and with considerable to do with hairpins, succeeded in letting their hair grow long again. Not as many of the middle-aged women have wanted to go back to the hair-dresser days, when hairpins were an important item on mi-lady's dressing tabe. It is those who have known what long dresses are that care the least for them except the eldest set, who have welcomed them back, it is said.

Grandma and our eldest aunts never liked the short dresses. They didn't cover enough, they weren't modest, they weren't graceful! The long gowns are dear to grandma's heart, because that was what she wore when "she was a girl."

Fashions Measurements

The sport frock is to be, if properly measured in length, just below the knee. The street dress is several inches longer. It is in the evening gowns and in tea and afternoon attire that the long skirts with circular, pointed and full styles are glorified. Especially in the evening chiffons.

Many folks are trying to become accustomed to the long skirt. Some try on dresses just for demonstration. The short women think they're not the type for the new

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Boulder Plunges Through Windshield

ENTERPRISE, Ore., Feb. 8 (Special)—At last the expected has happened. A huge rock, bounding down the hillside in Wallowa canyon has plunged into a car passing on the highway, wrecked it and seriously injured the driver, according to the Enterprise Record-Chieftain.

Fred (Shorty) Rhodes is the victim, and the accident happened Tuesday morning as he was starting back to Medford where he expected to remain. He is now at his house south of town with Frank Baker acting as nurse, and it will be several months before Mr. Rhodes is able to work again.

He was driving a Ford roadster and was half a mile above the fountain when, without warning and without his seeing what was coming, a great rock came crashing upon the car and through the windshield.

NORMAL WEATHER FOR WEEK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 8, (AP) —The weather outlook for the week beginning February 9 was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western state: The outlook is for unsettled weather with occasional rains in Washington, Oregon and Idaho and probably in California and Nevada, with snow in the mountains. Temperatures will be near the normal.

TO RECEIVE BRIDGE BIDS FEBRUARY 27

State Highway Commission Advertising Grande Ronde River Span.

IS LINK IN WORK NOW IN PROGRESS

New Old Oregon Trail Highway Bridge to be Located About Eight Miles From La Grande.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP) — Five bridge construction projects will be covered by bids to be opened by the state highway commission at its February meeting, which will be held in Portland Thursday, Feb. 27. The projects are as follows:

Union county — Bridge over Grande Ronde river on Old Oregon Trail about 7 3-4 miles west of La Grande.

Clatsop county—Bridge over Necanicum river on Roosevelt coast highway about three miles south of Seaside. Bridge over Wahanna creek on Roosevelt coast highway at north city limits of Seaside.

Klamath county—Bridge over Klamath river on Green Springs highway at Keno.

Lane county—Dismantling of old steel bridge over Willamette river

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Mrs. Carl Helm Is Selected On State Committee

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP)—A state committee to cooperate with and be a part of the national advisory committee on illiteracy was appointed today by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of schools after a conference with Governor Norblad.

The appointment is at the request of Ray Lyman Wilbur, secretary of the interior, who was also recently appointed by President Hoover as chairman of the national committee in a nation-wide effort to solve the illiteracy question.

The members of the state committee appointed today include Frank S. Seyer, state director of Americanization, Portland; A. C. Strange, faculty member at Southern Oregon Normal school, Ashland; William H. Baillie, superintendent of the state training school, Woodburn; Mrs. Carl G. Helm, La Grande; R. B. Turner, city school superintendent, Portland; George K. Aiken, Ontario, and Mrs. G. J. Frankel, Portland.

Tuesday Anniversary of Birth Of Baptiste, Only Son Of Sacajawea

By Byron Defenbach

On the twelfth of this month we will celebrate the birthday of a great man, remembered for what he was and what he accomplished.

Merely to mingle with the great may be a distinction; to play a modest part in a superlative achievement may be to deserve renown. Milton goes still further: "Those also serve," says he, "who only stand and wait." In Arlington lies the beloved Unknown, guarded and revered because of the cause for which he gave his humble life.

It may be of interest to recall that Tuesday, the 11th day of February, 1930, is the anniversary of the birth of an individual who, although himself insignificant and obscure, was associated in unique ways with one of the greatest episodes of our past.

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Baptiste, only son of the Snake squaw-slave Sacajawea and her French-Canadian man, Toussaint Charbonneau, was born near the present city of Bismarck, North Dakota, on the afternoon of the 11th day of February, 1805.

We have far more recorded details of the birth of this obscure papoose than we can find of the arrival of many of the greatest figures of history. The keeping of a detailed account of one's own birth is something so many of us overlook at the time.

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In that motley group of humans which made up the personel of the Lewis and Clark party, this boy had several distinctions. He was the only child, son of the only woman, was the expedition's last recruit, and its latest survivor. His parents were the only civilians and the only ones with marital ties; the others were all soldiers, and single men.

The detachment had left St. Louis nearly a year before, and were wintering in the Mandan village where they had landed in the preceding October. Clark records that the young mother had first visited the camp on November 11, so that when the baby came it did not arrive among absolute strangers. There is a real basis, however, for the inference that the girl was homesick for her own people, and that on this February afternoon she was thinking longingly of home and mother over in the pretty Lemhi Valley in Idaho. She had been away from them for five years.

No Doctor Present

No doctor was present to welcome the little halfbreed, nor does the record mention even women attendants. No expedition these days is without its physician, but our earlier explorers seemed not to anticipate the need of one. Clark had some knowledge of medicine, but his materia medica was limited to Rush's Pills and eye-water. It is not certain that Clark was present on this occasion, but Lewis was. So also was the French renegade English-sympathizing trader, Jessaume. It is not recorded that Lewis had any suggestions to make, but he carried out Jessaume's orders and gave the girl a dose of pulverized snake rattles in a cup of water.

Charbonneau's contract with the captains had been entered into before this event, so that the boy was a member of the party from birth. He was a born explorer. Lewis appears to have lost all interest in the boy once the latter was safely launched on his long career. The young captain never displayed any interest in women or children; he never married. Odd, too, for he was quite a dude; the "sublime dandy," his biographers call him. Clark was different; he was married twice after his return to St. Louis, and left a family of children.

One may tell the rest of this boy's story and leave Lewis out, but Clark is indispensable. The baby was less than two months old when the party left Mandan on their long westward journey. He was on his mother's back, we may be sure, when she distinguished herself at the wreck of the boat.

Narrow Escape

The reader of course remembers the incident of the cloudburst. Clark and the family were in a deep ravine when the flood came. The worthless Frenchman was almost petrified with fear, and but for the red-haired captain the baby would have been lost. As it was, "the Indian woman had just time to grasp her child, before the net

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DECLARE WAR ON CHICAGO GANGSTERS

First Skirmish of New Conflict Financed by Police Commissioner

ARRESTS, MORE ARRESTS ORDERED

Chicago Association of Commerce Also will Enter Battle With "Courage Committee."

CHICAGO, Feb. 8 (AP)—Wholesale war on the Chicago bad men had started today.

The first skirmish of the new conflict was financed from the private purse of Police Commissioner William Russell, for the city has no money. The commissioner provided funds for the purchase of 25 tickets to Jack Dempsey's boxing show last night, picking his best sleuths to attend.

Boxing matches are magnets that lure the "big shots" of the beer, racket and gang world from their usual haunts. Commissioner Russell ordered his detectives to pick up every man they recognized as in any way connected with Chicago gang and gun life.

Several Arrested

Several arrests were made, but the prisoners were released after being told by Chief Egan of the detective bureau to get out of town.

"Pick up everyone you know as a gangster or gang hanger-on," Commissioner Russell ordered. "Hereafter we'll hold them until their release is forced by habeas corpus proceedings. We'll keep on

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EMPTY HOUSE ON MADISON IS DESTROYED

The fire truck was called out to answer two alarms last night, one at 10 o'clock and the other at 2:10 a. m. The first one was a flue fire in the Mrs. Norris building at Hemlock and Jefferson. There was very little damage.

The second alarm was from 1411 Madison avenue and on arrival the firemen found an unoccupied six-room house ablaze, so far gone that although the flames were extinguished, the house is almost a total loss. Fire Chief C. T. Lindsey is investigating the fire and had not announced today who owned the building or what his opinion was as to origin. There was no furniture inside the dwelling place, and whether any insurance was carried is not known. The loss is estimated to be about $3,000.

WONDER CHILD

Mitzi Hajos, "wonder child of Hungary," is pictured above. She is a coy rascal of the stage, and apparently has the power to stage a successful comeback. She made her first bow to American playgoers in 1914 as the star of the operetta "Sari"—and the Mitzi of 1930 is appearing again in the same vehicle!

HEFLIN LETTER VIOLATES RULES?

Senate Committee to make Decision—Racial Differences Involved.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—The task of choosing a committee to determine whether Senator Heflin, democrat, Alabama, violated the senate rules by placing in the record a letter on the intermarriage of whites and negroes fell to the lot today of Vice President Curtis.

Appointment of the committee was decided upon late yesterday after Senator Copeland, democrat, New York, had precipitated a heated debate on religious and racial differences by demanding that the letter be expunged from the congressional record. Copeland said the letter was "offensive to the people of my state."

Objecting, Heflin during the course of an hour's speech repeated the words of the letter, deplored intermarriage for the white and black races, condemned the Catholic church for permitting members of the two races to attend the same institution, and complained against what he called "the Roman-Tammany regime of New York state and city." He concluded with a demand that the letter be read.

Copeland's objections were overruled by a vivo voce vote and the letter was read. It was addressed to Sam H. Readling, of Philadelphia, in response to a letter calling attention to the recent marriage of Phil Edwards, negro captain of the New York university track team, to a white girl.

In the end, Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, suggested the appointment of a committee to determine whether insertion of the letter violated the senate rules. Al agreed to the proposal and Vice President Curtis left the appointment over until today to give Heflin and Copeland an opportunity to confer upon its membership.

During the course of the debate, Senator Walsh, democrat, Massachusetts, objected to Heflin's attack upon churches and said that all northern institutions received

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President To Take Trip To Florida

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—President Hoover hoped to leave late tonight for Long Key, Florida, where he will fish for deep-sea quarry for a week or more.

The chief executive will be accompanied south by Mrs. Hoover, and a group of fishing companions which will include Dr. Joel T. Boone, the White House physician, Vernon Kellogg, Justice Harlan F. Stone and Mark Sullivan.

$10,000 SUIT FILED

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP) —Suit for $10,000 damages was filed in circuit court against the Shields-Clark flying service by parents of Edythe Rose, killed in an airplane crash near Walker, Ore., last October.

SLIGHT EARTHQUAKE

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 8 (AP) —Seismographs at the Theosophical university on Point Loma recorded a slight earthquake which lasted 45 seconds.

SENTENCED FOR LIFE

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 8 (AP) — Isadore Indart was sentenced to life imprisonment for the slaying of Cypriano Urtasun, sheep herder, in a lonely field near Huron, 15 years ago.

Norblad Urges Lumber Tariff; Wires President

Governor Seeks Legislation to Produce Adequate Protection For Ore Industry.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP)—A telegram to President Hoover urging a tariff on lumber to produce adequate protection was forwarded yesterday by Governor Norblad. The governor declares that a sufficient tariff is in the interest employment and in line with the Hoover economic policy.

"In an effort to further follow up the spirit of the conference which you held in December," says the telegram, "I am holding a special economic conference of Oregon industries and labor leaders here on the 11th of this month. Oregon is the most heavily timbered state in the union and our general prosperity is based very largely upon the lumber industry which produces 60 cents of every dollar coming into the state. During the past eight months we have had much unemployment in the logging camps and mills due to the inability of our people to meet the competition from Canadian and Russian mills that operate under conditions not comparable to those of our mills who must employ American labor and pay wages which will permit of them living up to American ideals. The lumber industry is heartily in favor of the farmers securing all the protection they ask for, I understand the lumber schedule is soon to be up for consideration, and as governor of the state or Oregon want to take this opportunity to urge you to do everything you can to assist us in securing this much needed protection to the end that our mills may be enabled to operate steadily and the many thousands of people who fined employment in the lumber industry be given protection against the product of Oriental labor which is at present coming into the United States in increasing volume."

Hoover Actions Are Criticized By La Follette

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Senator La Follette, republican independent, Wisconsin, asserted in the senate today that President Hoover "done nothing to remedy the unemployment situation" and that "optimistic ballyhoo statements" on employment had been issued by the executive.

The Wisconsin senator said that while secretary of commerce, Mr. Hoover used "that great organization to improve and speed up mass production" and while no one could criticize that action everyone knew "it would create a great human problem."

Since that time, La Follette added, Mr. Hoover and the republican party had taken no concrete steps to remedy the situation.

City-Stage Court Ruling Is Sought

COTTAGE GROVE, Ore., Feb. 8 (AP)—A decision on whether cities are expected to furnish a portion of terminal facilities for stage lines was asked of the public service commission here yesterday.

The city contended that busses have caused great damage to streets by refusing to contribute anything toward repair and that inconvenience had been caused to citizens who wished to make use of space allotted exclusively to stage lines.

The stage lines represented that receipts are not sufficient to warrant a great outlay for terminals.

Nominate Tate As Member of I. C. C.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—President Hoover today nominated Hugh M. Tate of Knoxville, Tenn., to the interstate commerce commission.

Tate is a republican, a vacancy on the commission was created by expiration of the term of Richard V. Taylor, of Alabama.

Mr. Hoover previously appointed Robert M. Jones, of Knoxville, but after the senate delayed his confirmation, the Tennesseean withdrew.

Tate is a lawyer and a former chancellor of the Tennessee state court.

WOMAN ROBBED, KILLED

BELLEVILLE, N. J., Feb. 8 (AP)—An attempt to save her jewels from robbers was believed by police today to have caused the strangling to death of 63-year-old Mrs. Harriet Conlay.

The aged woman was found in the foyer of her home, a deep wound in the back of her head and a towel twisted tightly about her neck. Police said jewels valued at more than $1,000 were missing.

ALLOWS $50 ON HORSE

SEATTLE, Wash., Feb. 8 (AP) —Dan, a sorrel nag, and a buddy brought an allowance of $50 to their owner on a new automobile here.

DUAL PARITY OPPOSITION DEVELOPING

Naval Proposal May Encounter Turbulent Debate in U. S. Senate

MAINE SENATOR ASSAILS SCHEME

In London, Limitation Conference Delegates Are Expecting French Announcement.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) — Plain spoken opposition to the Stimson proposal for dual parity with Great Britain gave rise today to the forecast that it would encounter turbulent debate in the senate if adopted by the London conference.

Chairman Hale of the senate naval committee in vigorously assailing the proposal yesterday promised that if a treaty should be negotiated "along the lines of the Stimson offer, or indeed should any treaty be negotiated, the whole matter would be fully threshed out on the floor of the senate and its committees before final action is taken on ratification."

Involves Radical Change

The Maine senator touched only upon the cruiser section of the administration proposal as outlined in London by Secretary Stimson. He said that the offer involves radical changes in the previous position the navy department has taken—that "our further cruiser demands call for vessels of the maximum tonnage and armament allowed under the Washington treaty."

"If our policy has been the correct one in the past," he added, "and if nothing has occurred to change the wisdom of that policy, then the Stimson offer, which contemplates the building of at least eleven 6-inch gun cruisers at an additional cost over the fifteen cruiser program of at least $58,000,000, while giving us substantially parity in the types of ships allowed manifestly does not provide for our American naval needs.

"Should a treaty be negotiated along the lines of the Stimson offer, or indeed should any treaty be negotiated, the whole matter will be fully threshed out on the floor of the senate and its committees before any action is taken on ratification."

EXPECT TARDIEU STATEMENT

LONDON, Feb. 8 (AP) —Andre Tardieu, French premier, was reported today in naval conference circles to be considering making a statement in which French needs and aspirations would be expressed. It would compare with the statements of Secretary Stimson and Premier MacDonald of the past two days.

Conference circles, having been shaken by the explosion of two mines in the shape of the American and British sensational pronouncement of policy looked forward with interest not unmixed with trepidation for another jolt afloat Monday or Tuesday from the French government head.

It was believed the probably impending announcement might deal with the question of Franco-Italian parity which thus far has been one of the biggest obstacles toward a five-power agreement. There was no indications whatsoever that either France or Italy had changed their viewpoints—Italy remaining adamant in its demand for parity and France declining to concede it.

PARROT FEVER ADDS DOCTOR TO VICTIMS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP)—Harry B. Anderson, attendant at the hygienic laboratory of the United States public health service, where he handled parrots afflicted with psittacosis, died today after a 14-day fight against the disease.

Anderson who was 45 years old was the first known victim of the malady in the capital.

He was entrusted with the care of parrots sent to the laboratory for diagnosis and experimental purposes, and despite extreme precaution became violently sick nine days after his first contact with the birds.

At the laboratory today it was reiterated that although more than 200 cultures have been obtained from dead and living parrots, no organism yet obtained has proved to be the specific cause of the dread disease.

TRANSFER BILL PASSED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 8 (AP) The Williamson bill to transfer the prohibition bureau from the treasury to justice department was passed by the house today and sent to the senate.

The bill provides joint authority for the attorney general and secretary of the treasury to draw regulations to govern industrial alcohol. This is in line with President Hoover's recommendations.