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CONFERENCE OPENS HERE THIS MORNING

E. R. Jackman Speaks at Chamber of Commerce Luncheon.

TREND TO LARGE FARMS MENTIONED

County Agent Avery First Speaker at Conference —Inlow Talks on Present Situation.

The Eighth Annual Economic conference opened in La Grande this morning, and one of the features of the opening day—as is the usual custom — was the noon luncheon with the Union County chamber of commerce.

Meeting in the Sacajawea Inn, business men of La Grande mingled with those interested in agriculture, and listened to a number of talks, the main speech being given by E. R. Jackman, of Oregon State college.

Considers Conditions.

Mr. Jackman said that conditions have changed greatly since the 1930 meeting, recalling the slump in prices of wheat, wool, stock, etc. He made the statement that every wheat farmer is looking at his "hole card," so to speak, and touched upon the trend toward larger acreages, farmed by modern machinery on so large a scale that it is possible to make money even on 50-cent wheat. He expressed the hope that such a condition would not result in this valley, where farmers are not restricted to wheat, as other crops are possible and often profitable.

Operations on thousands of acres of wheat with modern machinery is a bad thing for the towns, he said, pointing out that in one county in Oregon where this has occurred, that the farming population has decreased 80 per cent with subsequent loss to the towns. Mr. Jackman also pointed out that the land sharply decreases in value.

Robert Withycombe, manager of the Union experiment station, concurred with Mr. Jackman in a brief talk, and urged all to attend the Economic conference in order to add to their knowledge of present conditions.

Mrs. Mahoney Speaks.

Mrs. W. T. Mahoney, of Heppner, president of the Oregon Woolgrowers auxiliary, spoke on the increasing use of lamb and wool, and urged that more lamb be eaten.

R. J. Green, later in the meeting, spoke on this same subject, pointing out that in Union county, where many thousands of sheep graze, lamb and mutton consumption is probably less than in any other district in the United States. H. G. Avery, county agent, mentioned the fact that lamb and mutton are both very reasonable in price.

Buddy Reynolds played two accor-

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FIRE DAMAGES HESS HOME ON OAK STREET

Fire at the Henry Hess home at 1503 Oak street at 2:05 o'clock this morning caused approximately $500 damage, but was promptly and effectively controlled by the fire department. The fire was caused by combustion of dust cloths in a little room back of the fireplace and had a good start when Mrs. Hess was awakened by the smoke. Mr. and Mrs. Hess soon had the children out of the house and Carl Helm, who lives next door, called the fire department, which made a speedy run to the place.

The salvage covers were used to protect furniture, etc., in the house. Seventy-three gallons of chemicals and a line of hose were used in extinguishing the flames. The loss was covered by insurance.

Mr. Hess today praised the regulars and volunteers for their efficient and speedy work, paying them a very high compliment.

Music Feature Of Lions Club Meet

Maelizabeth and Alice Jeanette Cooper, violins; Everett Reynolds, flute; Bernard Powell, cornet; and Kathryn Wissler, piano, made up an instrumental quintet that played three numbers at the Lion clubs dinner in the Sacajawea Inn last night. The selections, very well played, were vigorously applauded.

Mrs. W. P. Mahoney, president of the Women's auxiliary of the Oregon Woolgrowers, was the speaker, urging Lions to use more lamb and giving them hints to pass on to their wives in regard to how to prepare lamb in the most approved way.

The club decided to accept an invitation of the L. D. S. women to serve a dinner next Monday. Lions wives will be invited, also.

WEATHER FORECAST

Oregon: Unsettled tonight and Wednesday, local showers and snow flurries in the mountains.

No change in temperatures.

Moderate changeable winds offshore.

WEATHER TODAY

7:30 a. m.—36 above.
Minimum: 30 above.
Condition: Cloudy.

WEATHER YESTERDAY

Maximum 48, minimum 24 above.
Condition: Partly cloudy.

WEATHER FEB. 10, 1930

Maximum 42, minimum 22 above.
Condition: Traces of snow, cloudy, rain .30 of inch.

Ex - Treasurer Begins Second Week In Prison

Investigations of City Books Not Completed —Plea to be Entered Monday Morning.

Another weary week in the woman's ward at the county jail began today for Mrs. Emma Fowler, former city treasurer, who stands charged with larency of public money in the amount of $112,252.02. She may be admitted to bail if she can post $50,000 bonds, but her attorneys regard this as impossible. She will enter a plea next Monday at 10 a. m.

In the meantime, while the prisoner makes the best of her present surroundings, investigations continue and attorneys consider the case from its various angles.

Promises Statement Later.

Apart from the official centers, Mr. and Mrs. Public Citizen continues to talk and wonder how it all hapened. City Manager A. B. Cherry promises that when the proper time comes, formal reports will be made that will submit all available facts to the public.

A statement in yesterday's Observer that the bonding company had attached the Fowler cabin at Wallowa lake was in error, a reporter misunderstanding a statement by Mr. Cherry. The property has been attached for an individual in Portland, according to District Attorney Helm. Neither the city nor the bonding company has attached any property as far as could be learned today. The bonding company has

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Red Cross Total Here At $569.25, Is Report Today

This morning the donations for Red Cross relief in the drouth stricken area had reached $569.25 in La Grande, well over the halfway mark. The quota is $1000, and the campaign was started last Thursday.

Nothing has been reported from other towns of the county as yet, and a number of the fraternal orders and churches have yet to make their report.

Recent donors follow:

H. S. Brownton, $2.50; R. J. Kitchen, $1; L. Denham and wife, $2; J. F. Heasty, $1; Corner Cupboard, $1; New York Store, $2.50; Pittsburgh Paint Store, $1; Angel Metropulos, $1; Elmo Clegg, $1; James Paxon, .50; J. E. Stearns, $2; Mrs. L. H. Norton, $1; H. McCaffery, $1; J. J. Carr, $1;

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Baker Sheriff New President Of Association

Henry McKinney, sheriff of Baker county, was elected president of the Eastern Oregon Peace Officers association yesterday at the quarterly meeting at Pendleton. Police Chief Clint Haynes, of La Grande, president since he organized the association, nominated Mr. McKinney for the position.

Vice presidents elected were: Cecil Lieuallen, Umatilla; Burton Miller, Wallowa; Harry Palmer, Malheur; Sheriff Frasier, Harney; Cy Bingham, Grant; Ted Chambers, Union; Harold Sexton, Wasco; and the sheriff of Morrow county.

The next meeting of the association will be held in La Grande the second Monday in May.

Among those in attendance were: Harry Niles, of the Portland police; U. S. Marshal Jack O'Day; Prohibition Chief Newell, Deputy U. S. Marshal Graham, all of Portland; George Alexander, state prohibition director; the sheriff and police chief of Walla Walla; and others. Attending from La Grande were Mr. Haynes, Mr. Chambers, Hugo Klinghammer, Amos Helms, and Mr. Johnson, Mr. Zimmerman and Mr. Cogran.

Mason To Receive Sentence Tomorrow

Yesterday afternoon the circuit court completed the trial of Chester Mason and the jury returned a verdict of guilty on a charge of non-support. The sentence will be pronounced tomorrow at nine o'clock.

The case of the State of Oregon vs. Walter Hall, charged with illegal possesion of a still, was being tried before a jury today. Hall having previously plead not guilty. It was expected that the trial would be completed this afternoon.

In the court yesterday morning Mike Kelly plead guilty to the charge of larceny. He has not yet been given a sentence, however.

Mrs. Jessie McCoy Stricken Today

Mrs. Jessie McCoy, wife of A. W. McCoy, died suddenly at their home at 1916 First street this morning. Heart disease caused the death.

Funeral services will be arranged later. The body is at the Snodgrass and Zimmerman mortuary.

The McCoys came to La Grande in August from Kansas City to make their home with their sons, L. D. and George McCoy.

Bankers, Sheep Men To Confer

H. G. Avery and Ernest DeLong have made arrangements to confer with the Union county Bankers association, when they meet at the Sacajawea Inn for dinner tonight at 6:30, and discuss the organization of a local livestock loan company.

The bankers will also discuss banking business and methods of procedure, H. E. Coolidge, of the First National bank, stated this morning. Four banks of this county will have representatives at the meeting, including the First National bank, of Union; the First National bank, Elgin; and the La Grande National and United States National banks of La Grande.

BAR LUMBER FROM SOVIET LOCALITIES

United States Refuses to Permit Shippers to Enter Country.

MUST PROVE NO CONVICT LABOR

Action Taken Under the Tariff Law, Prohibiting Importation of Convict-Made Goods.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Lumber and pulp wood from four localities of Russia today were barred from the United States by the treasury unless the shippers can prove they are not produced by convict labor.

The action was taken under the tariff law, which prohibits importation of convict made goods, and under authority of treasury regulations issued three months ago placing the burden of proof that convict labor does not enter into manufacture of imports upon the shipper.

The order is the first taken under the new regulations.

It applies to the Kola Peninsula, including the Murman coast, Karelian, the northern areas of Russia and the Autonomous area of Zyryan.

P. X. A. Eble, commissioner of customs acted with the approval of Secretary Mellon after securing new affidavits relating to the use of convict labor in the Russian forests. The treasury declined to divulge the nature of the affidavits, expecting

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AUSTRALIAN MAT KING WINS TILT

Bon Muir Takes Two Out of Three From Bill Donovan in Rough Match.

Wrestling fans of La Grande and vicinity got the thrill of a lifetime last night at Rex hall, when two behemoths of the mat, Bon Muir, Australian heavyweight champion, and Wild Bill Donovan, of Los Angeles, tangled in one of the roughest matches seen here in years.

Muir, who has built up an enviable reputation here in the last few weeks because of his all around ability and sportsmanship, came out on top—and the crowd went wild with enthusiasm.

Hansen Issues Challenge.

Plans are to have Charley Hansen, of Seattle, who beat Muir here two weeks ago with a body slam, meet the Australian in about two weeks in a return go. Hansen challenged the winner of last night's match.

Both men alternated in taking the offensive in the opening round, which was full of action. Headlocks, scissors, rough tactics and what not followed in rapid succession, with Wild Bill resorting to methods termed by the crowd as "dirty" early in the match. Both men were in trouble at times, but managed to evade a fall.

Donovan Gets Fall

In the second round Wild Bill resorted to a series of rabbit punches, flooring Muir several times. Then he kneed him, and socked him to the mat with the palm of his hand clamping on a body scissors and armlock to get the first fall is six minutes and three seconds.

It looked bad for Muir, and the crowd was waxing furious at the vicious tactics Donovan was using. With fans crying for the Californian's blood, Muir weathered the first of the third and then began to recover his strength, taking the offensive oftener as the round neared an end.

In the fourth Muir opened up with a series of forward and flying headlocks, that had Donovan groggy within a short time, the Australian lad finishing the fall with a body scissors and a headlock. The crowd, out of its seats, roared its approval in no uncertain fashion.

Muir finished it up in the next round, starting with a head scissors. After some hectic skirmishing, Bon

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Study Druggist's Problems

ST. LOUIS (AP)—Representatives of the federal department of commerce have commenced a one-year survey of retail drug store merchandising here. St. Louis was chosen as a typical city market, and the study will be based on 10 city stores and one rural store.

This Knight Rode Out Of The East

"Young Lochinvar came out of the west," according to the poet, who sang the praises of a horseman of olden days, but Michael Deslow reversed the order and came out west from Miner's Village, Cornwall, Lebanan county, Pa.

Instead of dashing into the Observer office yesterday afternoon atop his horse, his armor clanging as the traveling knights in the days gone by would have done, this modern Lochinvar from Pennsylvania strolled nonchalantly into the office, a ten-gallon hat cockily placed on his head, a leather jacket instead of the coat of mail, and demanded, "Do you want to write me up?" A question which always brings a start from a reporter. "I left Miners Village in 1926 and if you think I'm worth a story, I've got one all written out that I've had broadcasted over the radio."

Here It Is

A grimy paper was drawn from a torn envelope, and this is Michael Deslow's story:

Michael Deslow

I have traveled about six years on saddle horses only. I started from the state of Pennsylvania. My home is Miners village, Cornwall, Pa, Lebanan county. I served three years in the U. S. army from 1920 to 1923. My idea for doing this rambling on horses, is because I love the outdoor life and especially like to travel by horse. So far I average 20 and 40 miles a day. The horse that I am riding now is from Grantsville, Utah, his name is Prince, and his color is bay. His weight is about 1100 pounds. His brand is on the left thigh, the signature being P. F. I bought him from Joseph E. Millward, July 22, 1930. I am now on my way to San Francisco, Cal., Los

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Educators' Vote Is Favorable To House Bill 34

The Union County Schoolmasters' club held its regular monthly meeting at the Imbler High school last evening. A fine banquet was served by the girls of the home economics department under the direction of Mrs. Erma Gordon.

The Oregon education plan was the subject of the evening program. H. E. Inlow, John Miller, E. D. Towler, Mr. Blunt, Mr. Gralapp and J. T. Longfellow were the speakers, each one explaining some phase of the plan. Roy Conklin, of Union, spoke on tournament athletics.

The club voted to frame certain resolutions regarding proposed legislation on school affairs, and to send them to the proper authorities. These resolutions include one favoring the house bill No. 34 on textbooks, one favoring house bill No. 370 authorizing the district boundary board to divide counties into high school districts, one opposing bill No. 46 taking away forest rentals from county school funds, and one opposing bill No. 141 changing the time of the annual school meeting.

Miss Vergella Bond, an Imbler grade school teacher, entertained the club members with two vocal solos, accompanying herself on the guitar, and also whistled one number. Maurice Weis, another Imbler grade teacher, sang and played the ukelele, and four Imbler High school boys sang during the banquet.

Vigorous Advances In Stocks Today

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (AP)—The wave of cheerfulness which has swept Wall street this week was marked by vigorous advances in stocks, grains, and cotton, and a good demand for bonds today.

Equity share values made extreme gains of $2 to $10.00 in the more actively traded issues, and added more than $1,000,000,000 to their aggregate quoted value.

Although the advance in stocks started quite spontaneously on Saturday, it was accompanied today by improved business news, including a report of a large gain in United States Steel corporation's orders during January, and firmer prices for non-ferrous metals, particularly copper and silver.

Kingsley To Hang On Friday, April 3

MEDFORD, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP)—Without a tremor of emotion, James E. Kingsley, 28, today heard the words sentencing him to death on the gallows on Friday, April 3, next. He was convicted on a first degree murder charge for the slaying of Sam Prescott, Ashland traffic patrolman, and sentenced today by Circuit Judge H. D. Norton.

Prescott was shot to death when he stopped Kingsley's stolen automobile to question him as to ownership of the car.

The court granted the defense 20 days in which to perfect an appeal to the state supreme court for a new trial.

Monmouth Here Tonight, Wednesday For Two-Game Conference Series

The Normal School conference of Oregon will open this year in La Grande, with a two-game series tonight and Wednesday at the Recreational hall between Monmouth and East Oregon.

Coach Bob Quinn's Mountaineers, who had only mediocre success in pre-season games, are in fair condition for the opening series, with all players in suits. Sullivan and Baxter forwards; Houchens, center; and Paisley and Posey, guards, probably will be the starting lineup with Medcalf, Lloyd, Beery and Coles expected to see action. Medcalf has been ill and his return to the squad bolsters the E. O. N. chances.

Monmouth Wins Many

Monmouth comes to La Grande with 13 victories out of 15 pre-season games, and will go into the two-game series favored to win. Last year Monmouth defeated the Mountaineers on the maple court and Quinn is hopeful of an upset this season. At times the Mountaineers have played a championship brand of ball, but usually only in spurts.

Monmouth is due here this afternoon, coming in automobiles, and after playing here will invade Lewiston, Ida.

Trip Next Week

Next Monday and Tuesday E. O. N. will play in Ashland and on Feb. 19 and 20 the Mountaineers play a final two-game series with Monmouth.

Rosenbaum and Reynolds will officiate tonight. The game begins at 8 o'clock, following a preliminary at 7 between the Training school team and a Boy Scout troop.

DIES OF INJURIES

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—Andrew C. Lindsay, 66, died today from injuries suffered Dec. 25 when he was struck by an automobile.

PROHIBITION REFERENDUM HOLDS STAGE

Debate Occupies Attention at Salem at Monday Night Hearing.

NO VOTE TAKEN ON THE MATTER

Second Attempt, This Time in Senate, is Being Made to Put Question Before People.

By Clayton V. Bernhard

SALEM, Feb. 10 (AP)—The prohibition referendum again held away in official Oregon last night. Five hundred people crowded into the hall of representatives to listen and applaud for more than three hours to debate by men and women, lawyers and laborers, preachers and laymen, on the liquor question. Opinions pertinent to both wet and dry causes and many times involving personalities were expressed, but no vote was taken.

The alcoholic traffic committee of the Oregon state senate holds in its hands the fate of the second attempt during the present legislature to refer the Oregon dry law to a vote of the people. The first attempt failed in the house on a referendum to repeal the state dry law. This time the matter was taken into the senate on a referendum for substitution of the Volstead act for the Oregon law. The debate on the part of the public was held before the group which has the measure for consideration.

"Will Do Our Duty"

At the close of the hearing, after vainly attempting to curb applause during addresses for and against the bill, Senator J. E. Bennett, chairman of the committee, announced "the evidence is all in and we will do our duty." The verdict was not announced, but will come in the form of a report of the committee. Whatever the report, a demand on the senate floor for a roll call will be made and the members placed on record on the measure.

Senator Jay Upton, author of the bill, opened the discussion with the statement there was no organization back of his bill, and that it was introduced for the purpose of giving the people of the state a chance to express their prerogative on a question which leads all others in the nation. The substitution of the Volstead law would give recognition to the man who considers his home his castle. The right to make wine and beer in the home and to drink it "without pulling the blinds" is a man's inherent right, which the supreme court has upheld, he stated.

Putnam Leads Opposition

The opposition was led by L. P. Putnam, who declared himself the

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ALICE, DOLLY END FAMOUS SOCIAL FEUD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—There was a funeral here last night at which the spectators, decorus ladies all, laughed loud and long. Even Alice Longworth and Mrs. Dolly Gann gave way to mirth.

A solemn cortege, wearing deepest mourning was carrying a black casket to its resting place when the first giggles broke through the sombre notes of a funeral dirge. The box was placed under a headstone bearing the simple epitaph:

"Hello Dolly! Hello Alice."

It contained a hatchet—the hatchet, in fact. None other than the symbol of the capital's famous Gann-Longworth feud over social preference. The funeral was conducted by the National Women's Press club. The two principals sat at the same table, guests of honor at the newspaper women's merry making.

Alice and Dolly met for the first time in ages in the center of the ball room. "Hello, Dolly!"

"Hello, Alice!"

Of course, everybody heard, and word went forth the controversy was no more.

Incidentally, Mrs. Gann came first on the guest list last night but then it was alphabetical.

Beauty Attempts To Revoke Will

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—Seeking to revoke the will of her father, the late Thomas Henry Edwards, furniture dealer, Mrs. Martha Virginia Edwards Earle, beauty contest winner, took the witness stand late yesterday in support of her plea that undue influence was exercised by Mary Edwards Longo, sister of Edwards, when he drew his will.

Mrs. Earle was left $100 of the half-million dollar estate, although A. G. Sieberts, an executor of the estate, testified provision for a trust fund of $400 for life had been made for the girl by her father.

PIONEER LUMBERMAN DIES

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP) — George Broughton, 73, one of the pioneer lumbermen of Oregon, and one of the most prominent in the Pacific Northwest, died at his home here yesterday. He retired in 1925.

Broughton was born in Clackamas county and at the age of 18 was operating a sawmill, which was destroyed by the famous flood of 1890. He erected one of the first steam sawmills in the state, and later built two large mills on the lower Columbia. He remained at the head of the firm of Broughton & Wiggins until his retirement.

SCAPPOOSE SURVEY ORDERED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP) — A survey of Scappoose bay and creek in Oregon, with a view to its improvement for commerce and navigation, was ordered by the house rivers and harbors committee today.

CHOSE HER

Though frowned on by King Gustave, Prince Lennart, of Sweden, renounced his succession to the throne for the love of Karin Nissvandt, a commoner and daughter of a Stockholm business man.

CORVALLIS CHIEF OF POLICE HELD

Under Indictment For Alleged Malfeasance and Negligence.

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 10 (AP) — Henry N. Robinson, chief of police of Corvallis, was under indictment today for alleged malfeasance and negligence in office. A county grand jury found what it termed a "deplorable" lack of cooperation in the police department and between the chief's office and the county sheriff's office, and returned the indictment late yesterday.

Robinson, at liberty on his own recognizance, was instructed to appear in court Feb. 21 to plead to the charges.

The special grand jury investigation of conditions in Benton county was ordered following the William Henderson murder trial here last month.

Recommends Appointment

Election of the chief of police, the grand jury report said, probably is the cause of objectionable conditions in Corvallis. The report recommended the chief be appointed by the mayor, approved by the council, and held responsible to the mayor and council.

A paragraph from the report said: "Our investigation has impelled us to the conviction that the present chief of police, due primarily perhaps to a desire to cultivate favor, has overlooked, if not directly connived at, violations of the liquor and gambling laws. As a result the local officers deemed it inadvisable to confide in this officer in respect to suspected violations of laws and consequently raids were made without his cooperation and whenever possible without his knowledge."

FOOD POISONS FAMILY OF 7; TWO ARE DEAD

BROWNWOOD, Tex., Feb. 10 (AP)—Two small boys were dead and the other members of a family of seven were in a serious condition here today as a result of having eaten food which authorities said contained poison.

Eating the last food in their home at breakfast yesterday, the entire family of Lonnie Jones, 40, a tenant farmer, was stricken soon afterward. Jones had been out of work recently.

Hillary Jones, 8, and E. V. Jones, 6 died. Jones, his wife, about 35, and three other children, including Lonie, a 17-year-old girl, were brought to a Brownwood hospital, where physicians said their condition was critical.

Dr. C. W. Gray, county health officer, said that bread which the family had eaten contained a deadly poison. An inquest was to be held today.

Millionaire Lost Crossing Atlantic

WINDSOR, Ont., Feb. 10 (AP) — James Cooper, 57, millionaire resident of Walkersville, Ont., was lost in mid-ocean Sunday from the steamer Deutschland, on which he was en route to Europe, according to word received here late yesterday.

No details were received, either from Mrs. Cooper, who cabled from Switzerland, or from the New York office of the Hamburg-American line, owner of the steamer from which he was lost.

A native of Ontario, Cooper was in the saloon business in Detroit when prohibition came into effect. Then he transferred his activities to the border cities. He amassed a fortune estimated at from $5,000,000 to $6,000,000 in the liquor business.

Two Robbers Killed By Chicago Police

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 (AP)—Two unidentified men were shot to death yesterday by two detectives as they left a United cigar store they robbed on the west side. A third man, who attempted to escape as his companions fell, was captured. He gave his name as Edward Wolf, 38, said by police to be an ex-convict.

The trio had broken into a dentist's office on the second floor of the building. Cutting a hole in the floor, they dropped into the cigar store. After rifling the place, they started out of the rear door.

Detectives Francis O'Malley and James Kehoe, fired. They said one of the burglars tried to shoot first.

Henderson Draws Ominous Picture Of Future War

Airplanes Will be Equipped With Poison Gas to Wipe Out Civilian Populations.

LONDON, Feb. 10 (AP)—An ominous picture of the next war, waged by airplanes equipped with poison gas to wipe out non-combatant populations was drawn by Arthur Henderson, British foreign secretary.

Speaking before 3,000 persons at Queen's Hall in the first of a series of addresses intended to mold public opinion in preparation for the forthcoming international disarmament conference, the labor minister pleaded for support of his government's hope of substantial arms reductions.

"The next war will not be like the last," he declared. "It will be incomparably worse. A great military expert has said that in the last war we were killing by retail but next time we shall do it by wholesale. The next war, if it ever should come, will be fought by aircraft and by aircraft using poison gas.

Air Maneuvers Important

"Every year our air force carries out maneuvers over London. Have you ever thought what those maneuvers mean? They mean that our staff, like every other staff, is now expecting that the operations of the next war will be air attacks against great centers of industry and civilian populations.

"It is useless to protest that such warfare would be an international game. We have surely learned that it is beyond our power to humanize the conduct of modern war. Once war control it. The only way to stop such being no man and no government can barbarities is to stop war itself."

He pleaded for the powers to approach the forthcoming conference with a view to obtaining a substantial reduction in national armaments.

"Friends of peace in this and other lands have a twelve month period to mobilize public opinion of the world in favor of this great opportunity which, if not taken, may never come again," he said.

Two Women Shot To Death Today By Gang Trio

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 10 (AP) — Two women were shot to death early today as three gunmen shot up a North Taylor Avenue saloon.

The dead were identified as Bessie Lynnaun, 30, and Dorothy Evans, 37. William Goebel, said by police to be a brother of the late Dewey Goebel, notorious gangster who was slain several months ago, was wounded critically and was expected to die.

Goebel's brother, Harry Goebel, bartender in the saloon, said the three gunmen entered the saloon, shouting "stick 'em up." William Goebel and the two women, who were sitting in an ante-room, were slow in obeying the command, and the three men started firing. A moment later they fled from the smoke-filled place.

Police immediately started a round up of suapects, and within a few minutes four were in jail for questioning.

Daisy De Boe To Serve 18 Months In County Jail

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 10 (AP) — Daisy De Boe, former secretary of Clara Bow, film actress, was granted probation by Judge William Doran today with the provision that she spend 18 months in the county jail and the remainder of a five-year period at liberty under supervision of the county probation officer.

The court's decision was prefaced by a request from Miss De Boe's counsel that she be permitted to with draw her application for probation made on February 2 following her conviction nearly three weeks ago on charges of stealing $825 from Miss Bow.

The motion was denied.

Miss DeBoe stood firmly and looked intently at the court as Judge Doran quietly announced his decision not to send the 26-year-old woman to the penitentiary.

Author of Girls' Books Passes On

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 10 (AP) — The author of the Grace Harlowe stories that have thrilled schoolgirls for two decades is dead here at the age of 43.

Although she wrote the Grace Harlowe stories under the name of Jessie Graham Flower, and many other stories under pseudonyms, her name was Josephine Chase. For many years she lived quietly in a big house in the northern part of the city.

"The only time people will ever know I'm me will be when I die and they write my obituary," she once said.

Portland Labor Lodges Protest

PORTLAND, Feb. 10 (AP)—The Portland central labor council at a meeting last night lodged an unanimous protest against the proposed establishment of a state police force, recommended to the legislature by Governor Meier.

Michael Provo, president of the council, in explaining the proest, said: "The state police, in states where such plans have been adopted, have been used against the workers and this is the principal reason for the council's protest."

Wheat Distribution Stricken From Bill

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10 (AP)—Authorization for distribution of 20,000,000 bushels of farm board wheat for relief purposes was tentatively stricken from the war department appropriations bill yesterday by congressional conferees.

SENATE WILL RECONSIDER PORT BILL

Angell Measure Again on Calendar After Passing Yesterday, 17-13

HOUSE APPROVES OLEO LEGISLATION

Pari-Mutual Method of Betting Proposed — Hearing on Hydro-Electric Bill Scheduled.

SALEM, Feb. 10 (AP)—The old age pension bill, which was listed for consideration in the house today, was placed on special order of business for 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon. The measure was recently reported out of the committee with recommendation that it pass. The decision was reached after a public hearing on the proposal, providing $30 a month for all eligible dependents passed the age of 65 years. A debate is expected when the bill comes up for vote.

The motion to reconsider the Port of Portland commission bill had not been made by noon in the senate, but such actions was contemplated sometime before adjournment. The Angell bill passed the senate yesterday but Moser, who protested the proposed selection of commissioners by the legislature and by election, moved it be held over for reconsideration.

May Change Textbook Bill

The house education committee was considering a change in the free-text bill for public school students. The change would eliminate high school students from its provisions. Final action will be taken during the afternoon and a favorable report of the committee is expected later in the day.

Reconsideration of the Angell bill providing for the naming of four of the nine Port of Portland commissioners and election of all members after their terms expire, will be before the senate today. The senate late yesterday passed the measure by 17 to 13, but on motion of Gus Moser, opponent of the bill, it was placed on the calendar today for reconsideration.

The amended measure, which if passed must be returned to the house for approval, names as commissioners of Portland Harry L. Corbett, Kenneth D. Dawson, Hillman Luderman and Rufus C. Holman. Moser previously had submitted a minority report against the bill.

A report of the senate alcoholic committee on the Upton prohibition referendum bill, is expected late today or tomorrow.

Measure Voted Down

The house refused authority to Multnomah county commissioners to collect a sum for the maintenance of an association of art, in the first measure voted down on the floor of the legislature during the entire session. Among the bills passed by the house was one prohibiting the sale of oleomargarine as a substitute for butter. Eleven members opposed this bill which has already passed the senate.

The constitutional amendment providing only taxpayers vote upon spe-

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SEEK FIREBUG AS CAUSE OF OAKLAND FIRE

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 10 (AP)—The story of a garage proprietor who was one of the first to discover the fire which destroyed the Oakland horse show sent police on a hunt for a firebug today.

L. J. Goins, part owner of a garage near the structures housing the horse show, said he saw a man dart out of the show building yesterday morning a few minutes before the fire was detected. Goins told officers the man ran across the adjoining auditorium grounds, turned to look back at the horse show buildings and then crouched in the doorway of a nearby apartment house, as if trying to conceal himself.

The garage proprietor said he soon saw smoke issuing from the horse show buildings and telephoned the fire department. Goins said the man leaped from the doorway on seeing the smoke and ran down the street shouting an alarm.

Statue Or Beer, That Is Question

FREEHOLD, N. J., Feb. 10 (AP)—The question before the court is whether the $500 shall be spent on beer for the mourners or on a monument to the deceased.

When Daniel Siefgan, one time Keansburg bartender, died in 1929, he willed that there should be beer at his bier, so to speak; that there should be drinking while his ashes were being scattered in the Raritan river. But the heirs, a son and three grandchildren, thought a monument would last longer and filed suit to that effect.

After a year of litigation, the case is due to be settled Thursday in orphan's court.

Wheat Today

CHICAGO, Feb. 10 (AP)—Big buying of wheat future deliveries gave a sudden hoist to all grains today during the last hour. The buying was ascribed to European sources, and went hand in hand with reports of disquieting political developments in Russia. On the bulge, wheat touched the topmost prices attained since Dec. 14, and almost 3 cents above yesterday's finish.

Wheat closed nervous ¾-3⅛ cents advanced, corn ½-1 up, oats ⅛-⅜ higher, and provisions showing 10 to 20 cents gain.