

The Weather — OREGON — Unsettled with rain; moderate temperature; strong southerly winds probably reaching gale force along the coast. Saturday—Max. 53; Min. 44; River 11.5; Rainfall .48; Atmos. cond.; Wind 20.0.

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DEBT FUNDING NOW IN DOUBT NOTE AWAITED

Washington Waits Anxiously for French Suggestion Regarding Payment of World War Debts

ANSWER TO CABLEGRAM IS NOT YET RECEIVED

Officials Mark Time; Ultimate Arrangement Earnestly Hoped For

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—(By the Associated Press).—The French suggestion regarding payment of the war debt of France to the United States still was awaited anxiously tonight by the Washington government. No answer to Secretary Hughes' cablegram regarding Ambassador Herrick to forward the text of the French communication placed in his hands had been received when the work day ended and Mr. Hughes left his office not to return until Monday.

May Arrive Monday

Meanwhile officials here could only mark time and hope that the delayed memorandum would arrive Monday and would contain something that would justify this government in making it the basis for negotiations looking to an ultimate arrangement for actual debt funding. There was nothing more than an expression of hope, however, that the memorandum would give the debt funding commission, headed by Secretary Mellon, anything like a concrete plan of settlement.

This pessimistic attitude was explained in part by Ambassador Herrick's delay in delivering the memorandum. It was felt that had the document included a suggestion of such importance, the ambassador in all probability could have called it several days ago.

Coinciding with the receipt here of London reports that the British government was certain to bring up the question of France's indebtedness to that nation next week while the allied finance ministers were meeting in Paris, the state department announced that Ambassador Kellor in London and Herrick in Paris, assisted by James A. Logan, had been selected to represent the United States at the Paris conference.

Regardless of what the British may tell France on this point and as important as it is the British attitude on the question of the debts owed by France to the London and Washington governments, the prime motive behind American representation lies in the question of war claims and not debts.

Instructions to the American representatives to the Paris meeting will be explicit. Congress has placed war debt settlements in the hands of the debt commission and no one other than that body is authorized to discuss subjects with agents of other countries.

JERSEY MEN WOULD HAVE COWS TESTED

Resolution Adopted Asks That All Cattle Be Given Tuberculosis Test

The legislature will be asked to pass a law drawn up by the Oregon Jersey Cattle Club, providing that all cattle in Oregon, west of the Cascades, must be tested for tuberculosis. This law would not only include the dairy cows, but would take in beef cattle as well. This resolution was adopted at the meeting of the executive committee of the Oregon Jersey club held Saturday. The meeting was called for the purpose of arranging details for the annual jubilee which will be held in May. A series of county shows is planned, and the counties already lined up for the meetings are Marion, Polk, Linn and Clackamas. As many more will be admitted as show a disposition to come in. A standard program will be worked out, and although each show will be different, the same general outline will be followed.

Another resolution passed, and which will be brought before the legislature, provides that no company selling dairy products may use the word "cream" in their advertising unless all the cattle producing the milk used in the manufacture of the product are of that breed.

Marriage Mart Slumps Despite Last Year Was Open Season on Males

A severe slump in the marriage license market was witnessed in 1924. Compared with previous years, trading in hearts was at a standstill. Despite bullish sentiment in September and June, the market fell below that established in the three preceding years. In August, when the total number of licenses amounted to only 57, bear traders counted on a further slump, and were panic stricken when 52 tickets were issued in September. Total sales for the year amounted to 420.

Despite the fact that last year was heralded far and wide as a year of opportunity, few seemed willing to take the initiative and the unfair advantage. Another item, which would seem to indicate that the time-honored "June bride" will become a thing of the past, is the fact that the June license amounted to only 49, while September led the list with 52, December was third with 40, July fourth with 39, and August and October were tied for fifth place with 37 each. April was last with only 34.

A total of 420 licenses was issued for 1924, setting a low record mark for the past four years. In 1923 the county clerk made out 482, in the preceding year 461 were given, and in 1921, 461 were issued. A total of 1814 is the result of the four years. Salem was well represented in the lists.

Wife Slayer HELD INSANE

Police Say No Attempt Will Be Made to Obtain Confession From Man

OMAHA, Neb., Jan. 3.—J. Warren Hahn, wealthy Omaha contractor, held without bail at the local police station in connection with the death of his wife, Mae E. Hahn, 46, whose body with 12 gashes in the head, was found in the basement of their home yesterday in a house and no further attempt to obtain a confession will be made. Chief of Police H. Van Dusen said tonight.

Mrs. Hahn's body was found yesterday afternoon by Hahn and a plumber who Hahn had taken to the house to "fix a leak in the bath room."

A blood-stained hatchet, matted with hair, and a small mechanics hammer are held by the police and are believed to be the death weapons.

Hahn, replying to the grillings by the police tonight, shouted: "Before God, I'm innocent," and thanked the police for the "entertainment."

SALEM PHYSICIAN HURT IN ACCIDENT

Dr. Stockwell Breaks Arm When Machine Is Wrecked Near Monmouth

Dr. H. K. Stockwell, Salem physician, received a badly fractured arm late last night when his automobile overturned near Monmouth. Though the machine plunged down a 20-foot embankment the owner escaped with few injuries. No particulars of the accident could be learned last night.

REDUCTION MADE IN PUBLIC DEBT

One Billion Dollars Is Cut From US Obligations, Officials Report

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The treasury has shaved almost a billion dollars off the vast public debt in the past 12 months and by doing so has cut the obligations of the United States more than one-fifth since they reached their peak of \$28,596,958,947 in August, 1919.

The government started the new year with a public debt of \$26,375,432,700.

AUTO PARK TO START SEASON ON MARCH 1ST

Early Opening, Inaugurated Last Year, Will Be Repeated—Declares Member of Park Board

MORE IMPROVEMENTS BEING CONTEMPLATED

Community Hall Is Possible Addition; H. S. Poisl to Have Charge of Camp

"We want to do anything to help Salem," said Homer H. Smith in an interview with a Statesman reporter last night. "An auto park should never be allowed to fall into the hands of private interests," he went on. "It is an institution operated for the convenience of tourists, and as an act of courtesy to them. There is no question that an auto park, properly managed, will afford this convenience and courtesy, and at the same time be a big power for good in the community. It is with this thought in view that the park board has proceeded with its development of the city auto park."

Members Work Hard

The words of Mr. Smith are certainly true, and Salem should feel well pleased with her good fortune in having such members on her parks board as Mr. Smith, Miss Edith Hazard and L. P. Aldrich. These members have given unstintingly of their time and labor in their eagerness to do their bit for the city in which they live.

Last year 14 new tent houses were erected at the auto park, at a cost of \$600. The receipts from the rent paid by tourists on these houses during the one season more than paid for the cost of erection. This year the buildings will be

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MRS. SWEETIN AND HIGHT SENTENCED

Trial Judge Takes Defendants to Task for Fatal Poisoning Episode

MOUNT VERNON, Ill., Jan. 3.—With the declaration that she was equally as responsible as her partner for the death of a woman, Judge J. C. Kern today over ruled motions for a new trial for Mrs. Elsie Sweetin and Lawrence M. Hight, deposed pastor, convicted of the murder of her husband, Wilford Sweetin, and formally sentenced the man to life imprisonment and the woman to 35 years.

Hight will be sent to the southern Illinois penitentiary at Menard tomorrow, while Mrs. Sweetin will be taken to the penitentiary at Stateville Monday, according to plans.

FIGURES ON TAX SHOW REDUCTION

Receipts From Incomes and Profits in 1924 Smaller Than for 1923

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—The American people paid \$1,473,509,732 in taxes on their incomes and profits in the calendar year 1924, or about \$21,000,000 less than they turned in to the federal treasury in the year 1923.

Figures made public today by the treasury disclosed that in the first months of 1924, the receipts from income and profits taxes were \$783,585,950, while in the last half of the year the receipts from the same source aggregated \$689,924,682.

BRAND-NEW CHURCH SOLD AT AUCTION IS ON WRONG LOT

Mistake in Location of Building Results in Litigation; Builder Is Bystander

TACOMA, Jan. 3.—A new brick church edifice costing about \$11,000, today came into the possession of P. C. Walesty, a contractor, when the church was auctioned to the highest bidder by the county sheriff. The church was erected by the congregation of the National Polish Independent Catholic church, and its sale at auction was the result of much litigation in the county courts. The lawsuits resulted from the fact that the congregation bought two lots for the church and then by mistake designated two other lots across the street as the site on which the contractor should build the structure. The church was completed before the mistake was discovered.

The purchaser was the contractor on the work, who had a claim of \$5,000 against it, and he is now trying to find a buyer for an entirely new church with a big steeple and all the other extras—but on the wrong lots.

CHARGES DENIED

MONTICELLO, Ill., Jan. 3.—Congressman Allen Moore denied emphatically the charges made against him by Mrs. Edna James Scott in her testimony in the divorce suit filed by her husband, Frank D. Scott of Michigan, which she is contesting.

HEMESTRAD PURCHASED

KELSO, Wash., Jan. 3.—Dr. L. S. Roach of Kalama, Wash., today purchased the original homestead of Ezra Meeker, Washington pioneer and Oregon trail blazer. The home was located on the present site of Kalama.

TEN INDICTED BY GRAND JURY

Three Not True Bills Returned Saturday; State Institutions Visited

Eight true bills, two secret indictments and three not true bills were reported by the Marion county grand jury to Judge Percy R. Kelly Saturday. A visit to the state institutions was also made and in an oral report, the judge said, all were found to be in fine condition.

True bills were returned against Ida Oakley, assault upon Mary Martin on December 9, attacking and wounding the latter; William Harper, assault with a dangerous weapon on Harry Christian, October 19, wounding the latter with a knife; Bert Brown, larceny of mohair and wool from Roy King on August 10; Myron January, forger; He passed a check on the Miller store, signed by Jack Blair, on November 24; John Chlicoff and Don Morrison, burglarly hot in a dwelling, goods stolen from the Shafter harness shop on November 21; Warren Welton and Louis Fox, larceny of a suit of clothing from the home of Tara Singh, September 19 and two bills against Thomas E. Brown, obtaining money under false pretenses, from the Man's Shop and the A. A. Clothing company, November 1.

Not true bills were returned in favor of Victor Phillips, accused of the larceny of a \$30 dog from H. Steinbeck; Harry Jensen, contributing to the delinquency of a minor and J. H. Wheeler, larceny of produce from Sarah L. Hulca.

Andy King, Veteran Leather-Pusher, Still Scrappy in Spite of His Age

Former Northwest Featherweight Title Holder Has Fought More Than 150 Heavy Battles, Winning Over Third by Knockouts

Years ago when boxers met in the squared ring their activities were not limited to 10, 15 or even 20 rounds of fancy stepping with occasional gentlemanly taps of soft pillows tied on the end of their arms. Instead the fighters of the old days met and continued to do so until one of them was able to met no more, and hard bare knuckles were the only safe cushions that they knew. Of such was Andy King, former holder of the northwest featherweight title, manager and sportsman, who is leaving the Pastime cigar store to enter new fields in Portland unless he makes permanent connections with something to do in Salem. By trade Andy King is an asbestos worker. He may start boxing classes.

King is 40 years old, at least in years, though in spirit and endurance he can put many heavy fighters to rest. King is more than 50 years old, and one of the engagements of which he is the most proud took place in Nevada a few years ago when King was one mile short of the half-century mark. That a man of this age should be able to enter the ring is remarkable in itself, but when his opponent was only 28 years old, a young Californian, this handicap is appreciated. King surprised not only the fans, who were feeling sorry for the old man, but his opponent as well, for the "Native son" listened to the birds sing in the second round.

Recent Photograph of Leon Trotsky, Exiled War Lord of Communism, With His Wife in Moscow



Trotsky's virtual exile in the Crimea is the result of the recent disclosure of the War Minister of Soviet Russia and ex-captain Gregory Zinovieff, head of the Third International, and Leo Kamenoff, head of the Council of Commissaries, Lenin's old position, as the true followers of Lenin. This photograph, made in Moscow, shows Trotsky with his wife. The white bearded man is a church dignitary.

CHERRIAN FEED TUESDAY NIGHT

Installation of Officers and Initiation of New Members Will Be Feature

The Cherrians are to hold their annual banquet Tuesday night at 6:15 o'clock. Committees in charge have arranged for entertainment of various sorts, and a good time is assured for all.

The committees in charge of stunts and entertainment consists of Frank Durban, Jr., chairman; Carl Gabrielson, Fred Williams, Carl Wagner, and Ralph Cooley.

Dinner and decorations for the banquet and the occasion are cared for by Frank Myers, chairman; Carl Webb, and L. S. Geer.

The banquet is in honor of the incoming King Bing and his cabinet of loyal officers. It is a strictly sing affair and the annual dinner of the organization.

The officers of the Cherrians for the coming year are J. C. Perry, King Bing; Harley O. White, Lord Governor Wood; C. E. Wilson, chancellor of the rolls; Oliver Myers, keeper of the orchard; Frank Burbar, Jr., King's Jester; Ralph Cooley, Duke of Lambert; George Arbuckle, Queen Ann's Consort; Fred De Lano, Archbishop of Rickreill; E. F. Smith, Marquis of Marisheero; and C. Van Patton, Earl of Waldo.

ACTION URGED ON POSTAL RATE BILL

Measure to Provide Raise in Salary Rate for Workers Gets Attention

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Falling to obtain immediate senate action today on the administration measure to increase postal salaries and rates, Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, in charge of the bill gave notice that he would press for action Monday before there is opportunity for consideration of President Coolidge's veto of the salary bill, passed last session.

With many senators favoring a straight out test first on the executive's veto, some leaders were doubtful that the majority required to bring up the new administration measure could be obtained.

When Senator Moses, after explaining in detail the provisions for rate increase asked unanimous consent today for immediate consideration of the bill, Senator Norris, Nebraska, objected. He previously had asked the reasons for action on this measure before the veto was acted upon.

THREE BILLS AWAIT ACTION

Interior, Agriculture, and Post Office Treasury Measures Come Up

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—Two more of the annual supply bills, those for the interior and agriculture departments, were reported today by the senate appropriations committee, making three now awaiting senate action. The other is the postoffice-treasury measure, reported yesterday.

The bill carries a total of \$298,991,403, an increase of \$1,140,477 over the house measure, while the agriculture bill provides for \$124,788,473 an advance of \$125,005 over the house total.

The bill for the interior department is approximately \$30,000,000 under the appropriation for this year and less than \$1,000,000 under the budget estimate.

The agriculture bill is \$59,974,842 in excess of the appropriation for this year but \$2,963,522 under the budget estimate. The increase over this year is due largely to appropriations for good roads.

Principal increases in the interior bill over the house totals are \$500,000 for the Spanish Springs extension, Nevada project, Nevada, eliminated in the house; \$100,000 for the Salt Lake basin project, Utah; \$51,000 for the Boise project, Idaho, and \$25,000 for the Williston pumping project, North Dakota.

Other additions by the senate include \$90,000 for the development of oil shale and \$35,000 for irrigation systems in the Flathead Indian reservation, Montana.

The main senate increases in the agriculture bill are \$90,052 for collection, publishing and distribution of market information, and \$19,540 for the investigation and improvement of cereals.

The total for the Boise, Idaho, reclamation project was raised from \$403,000 to \$423,000. The total for the Salt Lake basin project in Utah was raised from \$200,000 to \$1,000,000.

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CARELESSNESS BIG CAUSE OF FOREST FIRES

Eighty-Seven Per Cent, or 1577, Trapped to Human Agencies; Total Number Reported Last Year 1924

LONG DROUGHT BREAKS ALL FORMER RECORDS

Rains Hold Off Until Late September; Some Timber Can Be Salvaged

Carelessness or human agencies caused 87 per cent or 1577 of the forest fires in Oregon last year, according to Frank Elliott, state forester, while the loss in dollars is placed at \$970,101.92. The total number of fires, 1924, amounted over 252,351 acres of land, of which 26,804 acres were inaccessible timber and the remaining 195,547 acres were second growth burned, cut-over, brush and grass land. The greatest loss was suffered by logging operators and millmen through fires originating in or near their holdings. Of the total loss, destruction of logs, equipment and improvements, \$701,735.53 were borne by the lumber industry, and the remaining \$270,000 to settlers and ranchers.

Drought Breaks Record

All former records were broken in the length and intensity of the dryness of the fire season and it was not until late in September, when the heavy rains set in, that protective organizations were not taxed to capacity in coping with the situation. Some fires were reported as late as the middle of October from eastern and southern Oregon, making the season extend over a period of five months, the longest by several weeks of any similar period in the history of organized forestry in the state. The report took into consideration that portion of the state coming under the jurisdiction of the state board of forestry.

Former losses greater in spite of the seriousness of the season, losses in merchantable timber was less than in some former years, for while there were 184,910,000 feet, board measure, destroyed and damaged, 123,499,000 board feet is salvageable, leaving a total loss of only 59,411,000 board feet valued at \$148,435.50.

Of the 1924 fires fought by members of the state organization, lightning caused 411 or 13 per cent of the total and the remaining 84 per cent, or 1577 fires, were caused by some human emergency. Principal causes of fires as listed by the state forester's office, are incendiary, 317; lightning, 311; smokers, 230; campers, 164; slashings, 131; land clearing, 106; hunters.

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SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

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Senator Moses, New Hampshire, announced the new postal rate bill was satisfactory to President Coolidge.

Agreements not earnings of the 12 federal reserve banks for 1924 were placed at \$3,700,000 by the reserve board.

Senator Rial, South Carolina, democrat, declared democratic members of congress were responsible for the November defeat of John W. Davis.

Congressional leaders prepared to seek enactment of emergency farm legislation based on recommendations of the agricultural commissions.

Ambassador Kellor and Ambassador Herrick, with James A. Logan, were designated to represent the United States at the annual congress ministers' meeting in Paris, next Wednesday.

FLAG UNVEILING TO BE THURSDAY

Exercises Will Be Held in House of Representatives; Public Is Invited

Unveiling of the American and state flags in both the senate and the house of representatives will be featured with appropriate ceremonies at the capitol Thursday night at 8 o'clock, the exercises to be held in the house of representatives.