

The Weather
OREGON
Cloudy; probably rain northwest portion; no change in temperature; moderate southerly winds. Friday: Max. 34; Min. 29; River 7.5 falling; Rainfall .01; Atmosphere foggy; Wind west.

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SEC. HOOVER DECLINES TO TAKE OFFICE

Pres. Coolidge Offers Secretary of Commerce Position as Head of Department of Agriculture

DESIRE TO REMAIN AS COMMERCE HEAD GIVEN

President Says Hoover Has All Qualifications as Successor to Gore

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—Herbert Hoover, who two years ago declined the interior secretaryship from the hands of President Harding, has refused an offer of the agricultural department portfolio from President Coolidge.

Mr. Hoover intends to remain in the cabinet, but prefers to stay at the head of the commerce department rather than direct the offices of the department of agriculture. The president proffered the agricultural secretaryship to Mr. Hoover because he regarded the commerce head as the type of man he desired to succeed Howard M. Gore—a man qualified to supervise in a business way the many activities of the agricultural department, particularly one who could so direct departmental efforts as to aid the farmers of the country in obtaining better and more direct markets.

Air Transportation Is Favored by Rail and Water Companies

NEW YORK, Jan. 16.—Railroad, steamship and express companies stand ready to undertake air transportation as soon as the airplane or dirigible is brought to a reasonable standard of perfection, a congressional subcommittee investigating United States air services was told today.

A. G. Smith of Greenwich, convention president of the American Steamship Owners association and of the Ward line, testified he long had awaited the time when airplanes could profitably enter the field of land, water and air transit.

He predicted that continued development would evolve in this country a commercial air service that would cooperate and compete with other forms of transportation in carrying mail, specie, gold bullion, important documents and other expressible mail, over long distances and at rapid speed.

John E. Newlean, vice president and treasurer of the American Railway Express company testified that for years he had taken an active part in organizations promoting flying. He also submitted a long telegram from R. E. M. Cowie, president of the express company, which set forth that the organization was closely watching aircraft development with a view to contracting for the construction and establishment of an air express service, "when the necessary degree of safety and reliability and of proper relation of load to cost was attained."

"Thus far no ship that meets these requirements—that would carry business for us profitably—has been developed," said Mr. Newlean. "We would like especially to inaugurate an overnight express service between New York and Chicago."

IRRIGATIONISTS STAGE HEARING

Rights to Santiam Water Privileges Aired Before State Engineer Luper

Nearly 20 witnesses were called in the Santiam irrigation controversy here before Rhea Luper, state engineer, during which rival claims for water rights were aired. No decision has yet been reached and the final settlement taken under advisement. The outcome will decide whether or not a permit to appropriate water shall be granted Henry G. Porter and others over the protest of two reclamation companies.

Water rights acquired by W. L. Benham in 1912 are involved, for when Porter and a number of associates filed for water, the land upon which they would use the water would include some of that in the project of the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company and the Santiam Reclamation company. The entire proceedings have been in litigation since the first contract until late last year.

Nearly 2,000 acres of land are owned by the Willamette Valley Irrigated Land company and the development is near enough completed that it could irrigate nearly the entire acreage. Rights to this land were settled recently with E. L. Thompson, W. P. Olds and other Portland men as owners. Mr. Thompson testified that his company had spent nearly \$250,000, and that the system was being extended as fast as it could.

DAVIS WILL WAIVE HEARING ON CHARGE

Conspiracy of Accepting Bribe in Issuance of Pardons Is Charged

TOPEKA, Kan., Jan. 16.—That former Governor Jonathan M. Davis and his son Russell G. Davis will waive preliminary hearing on charges of conspiracy of accepting a bribe in the issuance of a pardon to Fred W. Pollman, convicted banker, was indicated tonight. Edward Rooney, assistant Shawnee county attorney said A. M. Harry, attorney for the Davises had agreed to dispense with the preliminary trial which had been set for January 23.

This would open the way to an early jury trial in district court. Mr. Rooney said it was probable the bribery case could be advanced on the district docket so that action could be had at the current term.

No further complaints will be filed in the pardon scandal until Paul Heinz, Shawnee county attorney, is well enough to return to his office or unless Governor Ben S. Paulen instructs Attorney General C. B. Griffith to act, Mr. Rooney said.

WHITE MAN'S POWER IS WANING IN EAST

Commerce With Orient Must Be Established on Commercial Equality

SEATTLE, Jan. 16.—Within 50 or 60 years, the White races of the world must carry on the commerce with the far east on a basis of commercial equality, the same as trade is being carried on between the United States and Europe for "the white man's power in that part of the world is waning," according to Frederick O'Brien, author of South Sea romances. Mr. O'Brien arrived here tonight on the steamship President Grant from the Far East and is to leave tomorrow night for his home in Sausalito, Cal.

"The white man is rapidly losing his superiority over the Far Eastern races," said Mr. O'Brien. "The time is not far distant, 50 or 60 years, when commerce with the Far East must be on a basis of commercial equality. The importation of 100,000 Chinese coolies to the French battle fields and the fraternizing of the different races during the world war probably will bring a permanent effect in the relationship between the races."

Mr. O'Brien said he was preparing a romance dealing with "imperialism" in the Hawaiian and Philippine islands.

JACK DEMPSEY TO QUIT RING, HE ANNOUNCES

Estelle Taylor Announces Engagement to Champion of Squared Circle; Will Marry in June

TOM GIBBONS TO CLAIM WORLD'S CHAMPIONSHIP

Miss Taylor to Give Up Film Career for Life on Matrimonial Sea

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—Jack Dempsey is through with the prize ring unless some one can fix up a fight for him before he marries Estelle Taylor, motion picture actress, which probably will be next May or June, the heavyweight champion admitted here tonight.

"Yes, it's true," said Dempsey tonight when for the thirtieth or fortieth time in the past several months he was quizzed as to the accuracy of a report that he and Miss Taylor, for whom he acts as publicity and business manager, would be married soon.

And Miss Taylor, who was smilingly present as he made the admission, nodded corroboration.

"There have been lots of stories going around about our getting married," the champion explained, "and we've decided we might as well put a stop to them all by coming out and announcing our engagement."

"We have been withholding the announcement for a long time," he continued, "because there were many things to consider."

"There was Miss Taylor's motion picture career, and there was my career as a fighter."

"Marriage for me, you know, will mean the end of my ring career. Wedding bells and the prize ring don't harmonize."

The motion picture actress and her boxing business manager exchanged affectionate glances.

"After we are married," Dempsey continued, "I would not want Estelle to continue working in the films. And since I expect that of her, I can't very well insist on continuing my work in the ring."

ST. PAUL, Minn., Jan. 16.

Tommy Gibbons, St. Paul light heavyweight boxer, will claim the world's heavyweight championship if Jack Dempsey, present champion, carries out his intention to retire as reported from Los Angeles, Gibbons said here tonight.

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 16.—There is no one Jack Dempsey would rather see wearing his heavyweight crown when he gets ready to doff it than Tommy Gibbons of St. Paul, the title holder said here tonight.

IMMEDIATE TRIAL OF SLAYERS ASKED

Grand Jury Investigation of Robbery and Murder Ordered; Four Held

KLAMATH FALLS, Or., Jan. 16.—It was announced today that the grand jury probe into the recent card room robbery and slaying of Oscar O. Erickson would start tomorrow instead of next Monday, as was announced yesterday. The district attorney expects to finish his investigation early next week and then will ask for an immediate trial of the four men now held on a charge of first degree murder and robbery.

John O'Shea, reputed driver of the automobile in which the outlaw laws fled, will be due back in Klamath Falls tonight. He was apprehended at Cottage Grove while en route to Portland. John Taylor, alleged confessed leader of the bandit gang, yesterday accompanied officers to a point a short distance beyond Keno where he said he and Sin Pata had thrown away their masks. It was understood, however, that the search was without avail.

CABINETMEN LACKING

BERLIN, Jan. 16.—(By Associated Press.)—Dr. Hans Luther, the new German chancellor, this afternoon was still lacking four members of his cabinet.

TECHNICITY OF LAW GROUND FOR RETRIAL OF CASE

Supreme Court Remands Booze Case; Evidence Held Sufficient to Convict

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 16.—Because the prosecuting attorney commented on the fact that the defendant in a liquor case prosecution failed to deny the charges the supreme court today remanded for retrial the case of the city of Spokane against S. N. Roberts. While the high court declared that there was ample evidence of a very convincing nature to convict the appellant, it ruled that the trial court erred in not striking from the record the statement of the prosecuting attorney that there is no testimony here coming from the defendant to show that he is not guilty.

The supreme court set aside an assessment made by George F. DeGaff, treasurer of Spokane county in ruling on an appeal of the Union Trust company from the judgment of the Spokane county superior court, in connection with development of the Carnish irrigation district, near Spokane.

The court said: "The assessment having been made apparently upon an unsound and illegal basis in law, the district is held to have acted arbitrarily and fraudulently and the assessment is therefore set aside the matter returned to the authorities of the district to make the proper assessment."

W. S. C. BEATS GONZAGA

SPOKANE, Jan. 16.—Coming from behind in the second half the Washington State college basketball team defeated Gonzaga university 42 to 33 here tonight in the second northwest conference game between the two teams.

SENATE DEMOCRATS OPPOSE PRESIDENT

Coolidge's Position on US Naval Program Is Not Favored in Discussion

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—President Coolidge's position against the elevation of the big guns on American battleships drew considerable fire today from the democratic side of the senate.

With the annual naval appropriation bill as a vehicle, minority senators not only demanded that congress direct gun elevation, but

POSTAL BILL IS AT FRONT

Measure Given Preferential Status; Action to Be Urged Constantly

WASHINGTON, Jan. 16.—The combination postal salary and rate increase bill put forward by the administration before the senate sustained the president's veto of the pay measure passed at the last session, will be called up in the senate next Thursday. Leaders said they planned to keep it almost continuously to the front until there was action.

The measure was given preferential status on a motion today by Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, who has it in charge. The vote was 57 to 9, or 13 more than the two thirds majority necessary under the rules. Eight democrats and one republican opposed the motion. It was at first announced that 10 votes had been cast in opposition but later Senator Gerry, democrat, Rhode Island, had the secretary change his vote from "no" to "aye" explaining that his ballot had been erroneously counted.

Chairman Sterling of the post office committee said the vote was an indication of the "sincere desire" of a "great majority of the senate for early action." He expects a final vote in the near future but Senator Moses and other leaders are less optimistic. They know that sharp fights will be made on many features of the postal rate section and expect it to be amended in several important particulars.

Publishers of newspapers and periodicals are expected to lend vigorous support to the amendment offered by Senator Odell, republican, Nevada, to eliminate the one cent power increase proposed on second class mail matter subject to first and second zone rates.

Capitol Architect Gets Miniature Monuments Made from Mosaic Used in 1860 in Capitol Wings



David Lynn, architect of the capitol in Washington, is shown in his office with two miniature monuments presented to him by Joseph Sullivan, an inspector in the Washington fire department, and Thomas Ball. The miniature

PUBLICITY IN SESSIONS AIM TO BE RAISED

Secret Meetings of Committees Rapped; Child Labor Measure Read

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 16.—Publicity for its proceedings, an innovation suggested by Lieutenant Governor W. Lon Johnson, was ordered by the senate rules committee at the fifth convening day of the Washington legislature today. Some bills have been admitted to the calendar and others shut out from consideration in previous secret sessions of the committee with not a clerk present.

A new rules committee voted to make the secretary of the senate and three in the house, one was sponsored by Senator Westfall of Spokane to place the child labor amendment before the electorate of the state in the general election in 1926. It was sent to the judiciary committee. Senator Davis of Pierce county proposed to submit to the voters a constitutional amendment which would empower the legislature to classify property for taxation and to include mixed and intangible property.

RIVER VESSEL TO BE RAISED

Diver Due Today to Place Chains Under Hull; Passenger Trip Postponed

Due to the death of Captain Edwards, inspector of hulls for the United States government, the "Northwestern" will be unable to take passengers down the Willamette Monday morning. There will be made, however, an inspection of the "Northwestern" Monday afternoon and the vessel will be able to carry a passenger list Wednesday morning.

The "George W. Bates" is tied up at the Court street docks with two scows which are to be used to raise the "Relief," which was crushed and sent to the bottom of the river during the recent ice flow. A diver from Portland will arrive this morning to put the chains under the sunken vessel and it will be a simple matter to raise the "Relief" to the surface. A few patches are to be put on the steamer and she will be sent down the river to a Portland shipyard and a new hull put under the decks.

LINER RAMMED AT SEA; FILLING FAST

Ship Leaking Badly as Result of Collision; Cutter Speeds to Rescue

CHATHAM, Mass., Jan. 17.—The station here of the Radio corporation of America early today intercepted messages reporting a collision at 2 a. m. between the Munson liner Collier Munibro and the steam Robin Adair. The Munibro was leaking and had requested the aid of the cutter Aushnet.

LUMBER HARBORS ARE RECOMMENDED

Three Coast States to Ask Congress for Appropriations for Ports

PORTLAND, Or., Jan. 16.—United action by legislatures of Oregon, Washington and California in memorializing congress to make an adequate appropriation for development of lumber harbors on the Pacific coast is expected to be the outgrowth of the conference called here by Governor Pierce to consider a program of port development and a plan for demanding federal aid in the work.

A committee, consisting of one representative from each of the ports represented and including also I. N. Day of Portland, and Louis E. Bean of Eugene, chairman of the session was appointed today to draw up resolutions for submission to the three legislatures urging the memorializing of congress. This committee will meet tonight.

INTIMATES OF GIRL ARE NOW IN POLICE NET

Members of Night Life Orchestras Held on Charges; Investigators Make Lengthy Examination

SLAYER OF MOTHER NOT PERMITTED AT FUNERAL

Robbery Is Now Held Motive By Brother of Sixteen Year Old Girl

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 18.—A police net was spread tonight for additional male companions of Dorothy Ellingson, 16-year-old slayer of her mother, Mrs. Anna Ellingson, as the result of new revelations made by her girl chum May Fitzgerald, in the course of a lengthy examination by investigating detectives.

Already three men are in custody accused of statutory offense involving the girl. They are David Stein, host at the party where Dorothy jazzed the night through while her mother lay dead at the morgue, and Harry Chinetz, a musician, both of whom are in custody here, and Keith Lord, under arrest in Los Angeles. A detective left here tonight to bring Lord back to San Francisco.

Robbery Held Motive

While it was because her mother threatened to lock her out and notify the police if she attended Stein's party that she flew into a rage and committed the murder, according to the girl, her brother, Earl Ellingson, declared today that he was convinced that robbery also actuated her, pointing to the fact that she had taken everything she could lay her hands on. He and his father, Joseph Ellingson were the chief mourners at a simple funeral today when the wife and mother was laid to rest. Dorothy was not permitted to attend, and while expressing regret over that fact, said she preferred to remember her mother as she was in life.

Tomorrow the girl slayer will be forced to face a crowd of the curious at the coroner's inquest. As no arrangements so far have been made by the family for a lawyer, it is expected that Public Defender Frank Egan will appear in her behalf. He announced that he was ready to defend her.

So far Dorothy Ellingson has had no taste of real prison life. She was kept too busy today be-

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

White House denied another arms conference would be called soon.

Early retirement of Prohibition Commissioner Haynes was indicated at White House.

The senate debated the question of naval policy and gun elevation.

The senate agreed to give the postal increase bill right of way next Tuesday.

The public debt of the United States at the end of 1922 was \$30,845,626.000, the census bureau announced.

The house commerce commission endorsed a bill for civil aeronautics in the commerce department.

Captains of lake freighters testified before a senate committee on the effects of diversion of Great Lakes waters.

A bill to give the federal trade commission greater powers to prevent misbranding of goods was reported to the house.

It was announced that President Coolidge believes proposals making jail sentences mandatory for prohibition law offenders involves excessive punishment.

President Coolidge offered to transfer Secretary Hoover to the department of agriculture, but the secretary announced he preferred his present post.

Chairman Crouse of the senate committee investigating prohibition enforcement criticized the prohibition unit's handling of the Fleischmann Yeast company complaint.

BURDICK TO TALK AT MONDAY FORUM

"Oregon Forging to the Front" Is Topic Assigned to Speaker of House

Denton G. Burdick, of Klamath Falls, speaker of the house of representatives, will address members of the Chamber of Commerce at the regular meeting Monday noon at the club rooms.

"Oregon Forging to the Front" is the topic selected by the speaker, who is an authority on the subject. Representative Burdick represents Crook, Deschutes, Jefferson, Klamath and Lake counties, comprising a little inland empire.

He stands very high in the matter of continuous service at the state legislature and has made a record by his ability in political matters.

Otto J. Wilson, a Marion county member of the house, will introduce Hon. Burdick and will preside as chairman.

DIAMOND FOUND

A lady lost a diamond. She advertised her loss in the classified columns of The Statesman. Late last evening The Statesman received a telephone call from a party who had found the diamond. Today it will be restored to its owner.

This is just one of the many services performed daily by the classified ads of The Statesman. Be sure to send or telephone your ad in early today and take advantage of the big Thrift Week offer of seven insertions for the price of three.