

The Weather
OREGON
Rain west, rain or snow east, moderate temperature; southerly gales along coast. Monday—Max. 48; Min. 34; River 15.9 falling; Rainfall .26; Atmosphere part cloudy; Wind South West.

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BRUTALITY IN PRISON BARED BY COMMITTEE

Stories of Unbelievable Treatment Are Told By Former Prisoner of Texas Penitentiary

MAN STAMPED TO DEATH BY GUARD, BOAZ STATES

Four Prisoners Said to Have Been Murdered By Guards; Probe On

AUSTIN, Texas, Feb. 9.—(By Associated Press.)—A tale of brutality accounting for the death of four prisoners verified in part by officials was unfolded today by the joint legislative penitentiary investigating committee by Dr. H. A. Boaz of Memphis, Texas, a former prisoner and nephew of a Methodist bishop, who said he testified in the "interest of humanity."

The death of Joe Purey, a prisoner stamped to death, it was charged, beneath the feet of a guard, formed the peak of Dr. Boaz' story of cruelty. Others who met violent deaths in the prison, according to testimony were C. F. Dillard "General Miles," an aged negro, and an unidentified negro.

The witness said Dillard died to death as a result of a "mistaken operation." "General Miles" he charged was poisoned and the negro, who received a broken neck when a guard struck him with an iron single tree.

He told of punishment inflicted on prisoners who "talked too freely on conditions" of drunks within the prison system where he charged "the current rates for bootleg were less than on the outside," of the theft of farm products and groceries, the disappearance of drugs and plumbing supplies.

Dr. Boaz said he is the nephew of Bishop H. A. Boaz of the Methodist church South, whose home is in Dallas.

The doctor was sent to the prison on a plea of guilty of manslaughter.

A subtle fear which is said to come over prisoners, preventing them from reporting acts of cruelty within the prison walls, was described by the witness. It was this fear, he said, that had prevented him from reporting these things while he was a prisoner.

"I bear no grudge," he said.

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JERSEY MEN HOLD SNAPPY MEETING
Marion County Jersey Cattle Association Makes Plans for Ensuing Year
The Marion county Jersey cattle association which met at the Salem chamber of commerce held one of the most enthusiastic meetings of the season, it was announced. Definite plans for the coming year were adopted. In lieu of the usual program the Jersey cattlemen decided to inaugurate a system of local shows, which are to be conducted under the auspices of representatives from the American Jersey cattle association.

Heavy Fog Results in Two Deaths; Sixty Are Injured in Accidents

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Two persons were killed and three score others injured in accidents today due to dense fog that prevailed over the eastern seaboard today. The fog partly paralyzed New York's transit means and caused a general tieup of traffic on land and sea.

The fog was responsible for three collisions on elevated railroads, a disruption of the ferry service, a collision of two ocean going steamers in the lower harbor; a general delay of train service, a surface car collision, and a number of minor mishaps.

A dozen ocean liners bearing thousands from foreign ports were imprisoned at quarantine or delayed in getting to port.

Predictions of the weather bureau that the fog would lift in the afternoon were not fulfilled.

The most serious of the train accidents occurred at 219th street station of the Interborough company's White Plains road extension in the Bronx. Here two waiting trains were crashed into

LIFE SENTENCE GIVEN LAWYER

Warren J. Lincoln, Attorney-Florist, Is Found Guilty of Murder

GENEVA, Ill., Feb. 9.—(By the AP.)—Warren J. Lincoln, the eccentric Aurora lawyer-florist who confessed he killed his life and her brother, Byron Shoup, burned their bodies in his greenhouse furnace and sealed their heads in a concrete block, tonight was found guilty of the murder of his wife by a jury which fixed his punishment at life imprisonment.

The jury which has spent several weeks hearing the evidence, deliberated for three hours and 25 minutes and took five ballots. The first ballot decided his guilt, according to reports on the second the vote was 7 to 5 that the man was sane when the crime was committed.

On the third ballot the jury was reported to have voted unanimously that he is sane today, the fourth ballot was reported to have been 10 to 3 for life imprisonment, two favoring the death penalty, and the fifth ballot was unanimous for life imprisonment.

Lincoln, to all appearances, accepted the sentence calmly. His son, John, who testified for him, burst into tears as the verdict was pronounced, then threw his arms about his father. "Don't cry, son, it's not so bad," Lincoln said, patting the youth on the shoulder.

Lincoln's attorney, who had asked the jury to find his client insane despite the fact that Lincoln himself insisted he was sane, when he killed his wife and her brother, and is sane today, apparently determined to accept the verdict without appeal, as no motions were made.

The state did not indicate tonight whether it expected to try Lincoln also for the slaying of Shoup.

CHERRIANS PLAN ROSARIAN PARTY

Reception to Be Held Wednesday Night Following Street Parade

Last evening's regular monthly meeting of the Salem Cherrians was held at the chamber of commerce rooms with King Bing C. Perry, officiating for the first time since his election to the office.

The big thing considered last night was the reception to be tendered the Royal Rosarians of Portland when they are to arrive in Salem Wednesday evening by special train. They are coming as the guests of the Cherrians with the express purpose of having a good time.

PUBLIC SCHOOL BIBLE READING BILL FAVORED

Senate Passes Measure By Vote of 24 to 5; Committee Will Select Passages for Class Use

HOME HAS FAILED IN WORK, GARLAND SAYS

Need of Religious Instruction in Schools Is Declared Urgent

"The home has failed to keep the youth of our country in the right path," Senator S. M. Garland declared on the floor of the senate yesterday morning, in support of his bill to provide Bible reading in the public schools of the state. The measure was passed by a vote of 24 to 5, with one absent.

"I say it with shame," Senator Garland said, "that the agency of all agencies that should inculcate religious and moral training in the minds and hearts of the children of the country has failed. I refer to the training in the home. Women are busy at pink teas, or bridge clubs, or jury duty. Fathers are not at home. As a result the moral training of the child is neglected."

Must Supplement Work
"The Sunday schools do not fill the desired requirement. They teach the same children week after week, and do not reach the boys and girls who need the instruction most of all."

The bill provides for the appointment of a commission of nine, to be composed of representatives of the various religious sects. One shall be of Jewish faith, one a Catholic, and one a Christian Scientist. The Protestant denominations will be represented by four members of the commission, and no two members shall be of the same religious faith. The superintendent of public instruction will act as chairman of the board.

The commission is authorized to select passages from the Bible, which shall be read with absolutely no sectarian comment, and which shall favor no religion more than another.

To Teach Morality
"The purpose of the law," Senator Garland stated, "is to teach morality, and respect for the laws of the state and the United States, without sectarian influence. I was surprised to find, on a recent visit to the state penitentiary, that most of the inmates there are boys and young men. Thirty years ago most of the prisoners were middle aged. A large percentage of the boys of today are treading the paths to the penal institutions. The reform schools are crowded; the police courts, and city and county jails are filled with juvenile offenders. Something must be done about it."

The bill was passed after a long discussion, in which most of the comment was favorable. Those casting the adverse votes were Senators Carsner, Clark, Davis, Ritner, and Strayer. Senator Hall was absent. Senators Clark and Davis stated that they did not believe the passages from the Bible could be read without sectarian comment. Senator Strayer, in explaining his vote, declared that, in his opinion, the measure would be declared unconstitutional.

BIGGEST DANCE SALEM EVER KNOWN

Such Will Be the American Legion Dance to Pay Soldier Monument Debt

The biggest dance Salem ever saw will be the one of Saturday night next, to be given by the American Legion, to raise money to pay off the debt on the soldier monument on the Marion county court house grounds.

The Legion coming voluntarily to the relief of the War Mothers. Biddy Bishop is giving this his whole time.

He has secured almost everything in connection with the dance free of cost.

STUDENT HELD FOR POISONING BY OFFICIALS

Admits Filling Prescription That Caused Death; Capsule of Strychnine Found in Possession

INFORMATION HELD BACK FOR FEAR OF NOTORIETY

Poison Tablets Declared Mistaken for Quinine; Retention Demanded

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 9.—Lewis Fish Canton, Ohio, tonight told authorities investigating the death of two Ohio state university students and the serious illness of many others from capsules of poison, that he had filled the prescription of Davis Puskin, Canton, Ohio, student at the university's laboratory. Puskin died from poisoning.

Fish was arrested tonight being held for investigation. He told officials that he had entered the college dispensary without authority and filled a prescription for Puskin for "six R and W (six red or aspirin capsules and six white or quinine capsules)" issued by Dr. R. Shandle Wingert, head of the university health service.

In addition to the strychnine capsule which caused Puskin's death, another capsule was found in his possession, which when analyzed was found to contain nothing but strychnine.

Fish who had been questioned by authorities at the opening of the investigation without divulging any information declared tonight he had "held back" because he did not wish "notoriety" in connection with the investigation.

Fish, a friend of Puskin's, said that Puskin had come to him complaining of a cold and that he volunteered to go to the college dispensary and get some medicine and when refused admission by attendants in charge, went in another door and got the "quinine capsules" and gave them to Puskin. Both boys are from Canton, Ohio.

Fish maintained he obtained the capsules which he gave Puskin from the quinine bottle and that he was sure the poisonous capsules which caused Puskin's death came from that bottle.

Officials pointed out that Fish was the first student to work in the dispensary during the week when other strychnine capsules were issued. Fish also told officials he left Columbus last Friday night, January 30, but that on his arrival at his home in Canton, he at once returned to Columbus. His explanation for this action, officials said, was "I didn't want to stick around Canton."

RUNNING BATTLE STAGED BY SHIPS

Rum Runner and Revenue Cutter Fight for 36 Hours; Masts Go Over

NEW YORK, Feb. 9.—Mark L. Gilbert, skipper of the 5000 ton rum ship and former president of the Globe Steamship company was held in \$50,000 bail today as a fugitive from justice.

He and his crew of 24 were captured last Friday night after a 36 hour battle with revenue cutter 25 miles off Montauk Point which ended when the Home-stead's masts were shot away, her hull shattered and her engines crippled.

Federal Judge Hand set the bail high on the representation of the prosecutors that Gilbert had fled a federal indictment returned two years ago for conspiracy to violate the liquor laws through international rum smuggling operations and that he also was wanted by authorities in Massachusetts.

Prosecutors said they understood further that Gilbert also was indicted with Charles W. Morse and others for "padding the payroll of the United States Shipping board."

Two Divergent Reports Rejected by Committee Investigating Cleaver

Two reports were received by the joint legislative prohibition enforcement investigating committee last night.

One of these was rejected as being too drastic while the other was rejected because it was too lenient.

After several hours of discussion the committee decided to place the drafting of the report in the hands of two members of the committee, and will return their findings as the official report of the committee.

The meeting last night was a strictly executive session and newspapermen were barred from attending.

Seeking to gain entrance to the committee room, two newspapermen drafted a communication, pointing out that the matter in question was not being considered before a grand jury and that the press should be admitted.

Senator Johnson answered the rap on the door and received the communication.

PIERCE VETO IS USED AGAIN

Governor Refuses to Sign Bill Renewing Contracts With Book Firms

Governor Pierce yesterday placed his veto upon HB No. 91, a measure providing for the renewal of contracts between the state and various book companies. He held that the measure, which was introduced by the committee on education, was in the interest of the school book trust.

The veto was accompanied by the message, which is given in full as follows:

"This amendment to section 5349, Oregon laws, proposes to remedy a situation arising over the renewal of textbook contracts which will expire in June, 1925," says the veto message. "The present law provides that the state textbook commission shall adopt one-third of the textbooks at each biennial meeting. As former adoptions were made every six years, it follows that when the contracts expire next June, there will be two-thirds of the textbooks unadopted. The law provided for this in stating, 'All contracts with publishers for books not changed shall remain in force until the re-adoption, replacement or substitution of said textbook.' This means that a textbook company which has already enjoyed a lucrative contract for six years will have its contract extended for two years. The state of Oregon stands ready to comply with this provision of the law, but I am informed by the state superintendent of public instruction that the pub-

RELIEF MEASURE SOUGHT BY VALE

Malheur Man Coming to Salem Today to Seek \$50,000 Appropriation

The flood-stricken city of Vale, Malheur county, is sending a representative to Salem, who will arrive here today to confer with Senator Davis and the ways and means committee relative to relief measures for the stricken district. A total of \$50,000 would cover the cost of the relief, believes Senator Davis, and this sum would go to the burying of carcasses and the policing of the streets and roads.

It is stated that the highway department will care for the stock that died on the highways and the railroad company will bury all that are on the right of ways. The relief measure will probably be introduced today.

Trustees to Take Action On Willamette Presidency

Trustees of the Willamette university will meet at the First Methodist church in Portland at 10 o'clock today to hold the regular mid-winter meeting. It is expected that in addition to the regular routine business, the matter of the presidency will be taken up and possibly disposed of. Advice from the east are to the effect that Dr. Doney's health is not improving, as was hoped.

COLLINS ALIVE IN CAVE; TEST BY RADIO MADE

Respiration Given As 22 to 26 Times a Minute; Chicago Physician Makes New Experiments

INVESTIGATION OF RUMORS TO BE MADE

Hope Grows That Man May Be Rescued After Ten Days Entombment

CAVE CITY, Ky., Feb. 9.—(By the AP.)—As preparation got under way late today for a military investigation of the situation at Sand Cave, where Floyd Collins has been entombed since Friday, Jan. 30, miners digging a new entrance to the cave reached approximately the half-way point. Tests with sound amplifiers indicating that Collins lives, despite his more than 10 days' entombment, revived hopes that the imprisoned man may yet be rescued alive.

A military court, called by Governor Fields, will meet tomorrow morning at 10 o'clock to make inquiry into rescue work done and circumstances surrounding Collins' imprisonment. Brigadier General H. H. Denhardt, who is in command of the situation, will conduct the inquiry. M. E. Posey, personal representative of the governor, said.

Rumors Are Rife
All witnesses available will be heard in an endeavor to get at the bottom of the many rumors and charges that have been current here as the rescue work progressed.

As night settled over the Barren county hills the sappers were digging at around 33 feet. The test drill had reached a depth of 70 feet when the testing was discontinued for the present. Hard rock had been struck at that depth.

The probability that Collins still was alive was given credence late today when Dr. William Hazlett of Chicago stated that Collins was alive and that he was not suffering from pneumonia.

Dr. Hazlett made the statement after the sound amplifier had been attached to the electric wiring leading back to the victim's head and a test made.

Respiration Fast
"The test proved conclusively that Collins was breathing at the rate of 22 to 26 times a minute," said the surgeon. "Normal respiration is 16 times a minute. It is natural that a person gasping

MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate authorized an inquiry into the so-called "tobacco trust."

Investigation of the General Electric company was ordered by the senate.

Fullman surcharges were upheld by the interstate commerce commission.

Secretary Weeks made recommendations for Chicago's withdrawal of Lake Michigan water.

The senate foreign relations committee considered the Turkish treaty at a brief session.

The house agricultural commission heard the advice of members of President Coolidge's agricultural commission.

The nomination of Charles H. Warren to be attorney general was discussed by the senate judiciary committee.

The Van Sweringen railroad consolidation proposal came before the interstate commerce commission as an explanation of a plan to build new lines in Ohio.

A house sub-committee decided that evidence it had received does not warrant impeachment of Federal Judge Baker of the northern West Virginia district.

Decision of Secretary Weeks on the retention of Brigadier General Mitchell as assistant chief of staff army air services will not be made until the house committee concludes its investigation.