

BOARD LEARNS NEW BUILDING IS UNLAWFUL

Teachers' Training School at Independence May Not Be Built Kay Tells Other State Officials

BLIND MAN LOSES SOFT PORTLAND JOB

J. F. Myers, Field Man, Dismissed; Beals Report Stirs Superintendents

Construction of a \$125,000 teachers' training school building at Independence to be used by the Oregon State normal school of Monmouth, may never begin, T. B. Kay, state treasurer, pointed out at a meeting of the board of control Thursday, citing that the appropriation might be unconstitutional, in that the state constitution contains a provision which prohibits the construction of state buildings outside of Marion county without a vote of the people. Should this appropriation be found unconstitutional, the school at Monmouth will be left almost without appropriations as Governor Pierce has vetoed items calling for construction and repairs at Monmouth. Col. Carl Abrams, secretary of the board, was instructed to take the matter up with the attorney general and obtain his opinion.

Myers Is Dismissed By unanimous vote, the board of control dispensed with the services of J. F. Myers as field representative of the adult school for blind in Portland which now nets the incumbent \$200 a month salary. In the future, if Mr. Myers is employed, it will be by the superintendent of the school with his salary fixed by the board of control. Mr. Myers appealed to the board several weeks ago, asking that he might be given work to do in return for his salary.

Beals Aroused Wrath Because of recommendations to the ways and means committee by Senator Beals, the board of control has a problem on its hands. Following out the recommendations, the committee slashed the appropriations and took away all moneys for farming purposes at the state deaf school and the girls' industrial school and failed to make provision for dairy and garden produce to be purchased for inmates. The committee recommended that all farming oper-

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WORLD COURT ACTION URGED

Democrats and Republicans to Force Question at Present Session

WASHINGTON, March 5.—A move to force consideration of the world court question at the present special session of the senate was launched today by both republicans and democrats. Senator Swanson of Virginia, the ranking democrat on the foreign relations committee, reintroduced his resolution to adhere with reservations, and at a later executive session Senator Willis, republican, Iowa, re-offered his proposal embodying the reservations approved by President Harding and Coolidge. Administration leaders had not included consideration of this issue in the tentative program, but Chairman Borah of the foreign relations committee said that if the members wished it would take up the proposals. Senator Pepper, republican, of Pennsylvania said he would not determine until after consultation with leaders whether he would press his resolution proposing the establishment of a world court totally separate from the league of nations.

Insurgent Members of Senate Will Be Acted on at GOP Conference

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Reorganization of the senate with disposition of the question of removal of the republican insurgents from their present committee ranks is planned for tomorrow by administration leaders.

The republicans in conference today selected their slate of offices and decided to meet again tomorrow to pass upon the report of the committee on committees which will be by the recommendations that Senators La Follette of Wisconsin, Ladd and Frazier, North Dakota, and Brookhart of Iowa, be treated in assignments to the standing committees as though they had been elected on a ticket other than the republican.

Democrats of the senate have been called in conference tomorrow morning for the purpose of selecting their names for president pro tempore, and the other senate officers re-electing Senator Robinson of Arkansas as their floor leader and the other officers of the party organization. With the republican and democratic slates completed, organization of the senate probably will

POSTAL FORCE GETS INCREASE

Salaries Raised About \$300 a Year Each; Total Nearly \$12,000

More than \$12,000 in increased payroll will be brought to Salem this year by the postal act which granted an increase in salary to all government employees of the postoffice system, according to a review of the local situation. Effective from the first of this year the Salem employees of the postoffice will secure an increase of approximately \$25 each per month or \$300 each year. There are 40 employees in the Salem postoffice.

In addition, several minor changes will allow the nine rural carriers to secure an added increase for their mileage. It has been estimated to be an increase of three cents for each mile per month, which will increase the total amount of money to be brought into the city by the postal employees. The mileage increase will be paid in addition to the present salary, it is stated. These are not all of the proposed increases, however, for some changes will be made by the increase of postal rates. It is stated that the increase in postal rates will affect the business of the Salem postoffice and as a result the pay of the officials here will be added to. The postal increases will bring a higher salary to the postmaster, the assistant postmaster and the superintendent. The new change will be made about April 15. The rates of increase are not known yet.

LAST HALF OF FLAX ORDER IS SHIPPED

State Flax Plant Will Have Check for Over Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred

The last half of the 25 ton long flax plant order from the state flax plant went forward on Wednesday, being shipped on the steamship Californian. The first half went a week before, being taken by the steamship Pennsylvania. Both vessels sailed from Portland, and go through the Panama canal. This flax was bought by Andrews & Cook, New York fiber merchants, and it is to be landed in Boston. It is likely that it will be used by American spinners, as there are thread and linen mills at Andover, Mass., about 23 miles north of Boston. The first shipment on the order was of 24,759 pounds, and the second was of 26,256 pounds; total 50,015. The price is 33 cents a pound, f. o. b. Salem; so that in a short time the revolving fund of the pentenniality will have a check draft for \$16,504.95. There will be no more shipments of long line fiber for the present from the state flax plant. The contract with the Miles linen mills,

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SHEPHERD WILL BE QUESTIONED

State Attorney Demands Investigation of Foster-Father of Young Man

CHICAGO, March 5.—Assistant State's attorneys pursuing one of three separate investigations into the death of William Nelson McClintock, "millionaire orphan," today requested that William D. Shepherd, McClintock's foster-father and principal heir to the young millionaire's estate, be brought to the state's attorney's office for questioning. The request came after Mrs. E. H. Reuter, owner of a clinical laboratory said that pictures of Shepherd closely resembled the features of a man who called at the laboratory about 13 months ago to buy germ cultures. She said that the laboratory did not have what he wanted and could not remember exactly what he had asked for. Detectives sent out to get Shepherd were unable to find him and tonight continued a search for him. Meanwhile, the police and Judge Harry Olson, chief justice of the municipal court and friend of the McClintock family were conducting their own investigations.

Young McClintock died last December of typhoid fever leaving to Shepherd an estate of about \$1,500,000 except for an annuity of \$8000 for Miss Isabel Pope, McClintock's fiancée, who waited to marry him when he died.

HOOVER TO URGE RADIO MEASURES

Attempt to Eliminate Interference Will Be Carried on, Secretary Says

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Although an appropriation of \$125,000 approved by the budget bureau for use by the commerce department in attempting to eliminate radio interference was killed in the final legislative jam in congress, Secretary Hoover said today the request would be renewed before the next congress. Interference in radio broadcasting has become more and more serious, the secretary explained, and a part of the fund asked for was intended for investigation to determine the distances and directions of radio impulses from each station. "We have hoped that another year of experiment and progress in the art might indicate what could be done," Mr. Hoover said, "as the matter stands at present we have people notifying us almost daily that they intend to put a station in operation. The only thing that can be done is to divide time with existing stations, and this naturally adds to the expense and inconvenience of both radio listeners and operators of

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OBSCURITY OF FOREIGN PACTS NOT LIGHTENED

English Secretary of Foreign Affairs Makes Speech in House of Commons; Debate Not Clear

COMPLICATIONS ARISE OVER STAND OF FRANCE

Minority of British Cabinet Said to Favor French Held By French

LONDON, March 5.—(By the AP.)—The speech of Austen Chamberlain, secretary of foreign affairs, in the debate in the house of commons today did little to light up the obscurity surrounding the efforts to obtain some pact of security for France, to replace the proposed pact between the United States, Great Britain and France, which failed to be put into effect. Balfour Draws Pact The difficulty in this matter arises from the opposing British and French views. England contends Germany had been a party to the pact. France opposes German participation. The position is further complicated by the fact that a minority of the British cabinet is said to support the French view. It is understood Lord Balfour, with the concurrence of the cabinet, has drafted a pact, but apparently nothing decisive has been done, for Mr. Chamberlain was careful today to explain that he was not going to propose any definite plan to M. Herriot, the French premier, but only sound French views.

By inference Mr. Chamberlain confirmed the current versions of the German proposals for a security pact, which have been submitted to the principal powers. H. A. L. Fisher, who opened the debate for the liberals, demanded the publication of the inter-allied control commission's case against Germany and had expressed the strongest opposition to a defense pact with France and Belgium alone, which he declared, would divide Europe into two armed camps and lead to a repetition of Armageddon.

Mr. Chamberlain expressed some doubt as to whether it would be advisable to publish the control commission's report. The most important point of his speech however, which ranged over most of the unsettled questions allied to the treaty of Versailles, was his cordial reception of the German proposals which he said "might be the starting point for real recovery of the European situation."

"The common enemy in Europe today is the sense of insecurity which reigns everywhere," he said.

WOMAN TORTURED BY TWO BANDITS

Victim Placed on Red Hot Stove to Force Her to Procure Cash and Gems

TACOMA, Wash., March 5.—How a burglar tried to torture Mrs. Ernest L. Benjamin of South Tacoma into telling where her jewels and liberty bonds were hidden by placing her on a red hot kitchen range was revealed here today for the first time, although the attempted robbery occurred a month ago. Mrs. Benjamin was alone the evening of February 4. At 5:15 a person, believed to have been a man in the guise of a woman, knocked at the door. When Mrs. Benjamin opened the door, a second man, masked, stepped in and demanded, she tell him where her diamonds and liberty bonds were hidden. She refused and tried to fight him off. The robber placed her on the stove and held her there until she swooned. She was unconscious for more than an hour before she was found by her husband. The burglar had ransacked the house but did not find the valuables. Police have not yet discovered the assailant was.

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DAWES ROUSES SENATE'S IRE; DIGNITY HURT

Body Is Angered and Resentful at Actions of Vice President; Plans to "Tame Him" Made

SENATORS OUTRAGED AT INAUGURAL ADDRESS

Will Attempt to Give New Presiding Officer Lessons in Customs

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Angered and resentful of the way Vice President Dawes cut corners off its time-honored customs, the senate set today to teach its new presiding officer a lesson in senatorial dignity. There were whispered stories of plans for "taming him now" and "clipping his wings before he goes further."

But a recess during which some senators cooled off and a spirit of reasonableness got in its work on both sides of the chamber, resulted in what was covertly advertised as a sound spanking, being reduced to a slap on the wrist.

Feelings Are Hurt It developed that the senate was not so offended because the new vice president in his inaugural address pounded his fist on the table, shook his finger and shouted when he declared for changing the rules to outlaw the one-man filibuster. The feeling of dignity was particularly outraged, it developed first, because the vice president had interrupted the ceremony of new senators signing the roster in the presence of their colleagues, and second, because he had not returned to the senate chamber to pre-side after the inauguration of President Coolidge outside.

Blow Assuaged The bruise from the first blow was assuaged by the unanimous adoption of a resolution providing that for this one time only it should be considered for the purposes of the permanent record that the new senators signed the roster in the fashion the senate rules prescribe although they did not do so.

Mr. Dawes suggested the ceremony be performed over again in the regular way, but Senator Curtis, the republican leader, replied that the adoption of the resolution proposed by Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, would save time. The troubled waters having been calmed by that time, Senator Reed did not press his threat to force a reading of the journal of the inauguration day proceed-

KAY GIVES TALK TO REALTORS HERE

Describes Early Fight of Commercial Body in Promoting Salem's Welfare

"If it were not for the influence of the Chamber of Commerce or the Board of Trade as it was then known," Salem today would not have the progressive place she now holds today. It is due to the active citizens with visions of the future and faith in the city that placed Salem in the position of today," declared Tom B. Kay, state treasurer, who spoke before the Marion-Polk county realtors Thursday noon at the Marion hotel. "Salem stands foremost as the resident city of the northwest. There was a time when she had a black eye in this regard, but the cooperative efforts of the early citizens caused many changes. However, the Chamber of Commerce took hold and the conservatism which held progressive development was broken. There are always those who oppose every public forward movement of any kind. Only the immediate cost in the way of taxes, and unable to see the possible benefits of any change. "When I first moved here from McMinnville grass grew in the parks and along State street, and this was cut and used for hay," was the statement of the speaker, in speaking upon the changes in the city. The spirit of cooperation has

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Woman 104 Years old Celebrates Birthday; Has 214 Descendants

Dr. C. C. Poling enters the oldest inhabitant contest and so far has distanced all other entries by several lengths or years. He recently helped celebrate the 104th birthday of an Oregon woman and he believes she is the oldest woman living in Oregon today. She is Mrs. Mary Crossan Brickley and bids fair to live a number of years yet.

Mrs. Mary Crossan Brickley of Middletown, Oregon, on February 20th celebrated her 104th birthday. She lives with her youngest child, Mrs. Elmer Pointer.

Mrs. Brickley is the mother of 13 children, 12 of whom are now living, one having died in infancy of diphtheria. Her oldest son is 84 years old and her youngest daughter is 60. She has 58 grandchildren, 100 great grandchildren, and 44 great great grandchildren. On the celebration of her birthday she had her picture taken holding one of her great grand children on her lap.

Mrs. Brickley has been blind for four years caused by cataracts. The doctors are afraid to remove them for fear the shock will cause death although she enjoys good

COOLIDGE ASKS SENATE ACTION

Confirmation of Nominations of Warren and New Submitted at Last

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Coolidge again today asked senate confirmation of the nomination of Charles B. Warren of Michigan to be attorney general. This nomination was submitted together with that of Harry S. New to succeed himself as postmaster general.

Mr. New was confirmed immediately, but Mr. Warren's nomination was referred to the judiciary committee, who ordered a favorable report at the last session, but on which the senate failed to take action. Before these nominations were sent to the senate, two new cabinet officers, recently confirmed, took the oath of office—Frank B. Kellogg as secretary of state and William M. Jardine as secretary of agriculture.

Because the law requires the postmaster general be appointed for a specific term, Mr. Coolidge re-nominated him, but took the position, the re-nomination of the other cabinet officers was unnecessary. Mr. Coolidge also did not return to the senate the nomination of Thomas F. Woodlock of New York to be a member of the interstate commerce commission. Because of the pronounced opposition in the senate to confirmation it is understood, the executive is considering the selection of someone else for the place.

Aside from these nominations, Coolidge has yet to send to the senate the name of a successor to Brigadier General William Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service and of an assistant secretary of agriculture, C. W. Creel, director of agricultural extension at the University of Nevada, was mentioned prominently in connection with the secretaryship.

RECOGNITION OF RUSSIA IS ASKED

Statement of Economic Conditions Presented By Russian Emissaries

WASHINGTON, March 5.—Further indications of a renewed drive by Russia for recognition by the United States developed here today in the making public by the Russian information bureau, within a few hours after Secretary Hughes had left the office of secretary of state, of a statement of economic conditions in Russia which said there had been an extensive economic recuperation in 1924. Issued by the bureau as a statement of conditions based upon official reports from Russia, the survey gave figures on production, trade and fiscal matters which would indicate that Russia is no longer a commercial vacuum, an

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SEARCH MADE FOR MISSING AMENDMENTS

Careful Investigation Fails to Reveal Two Important Amendments to House Banking Measure

RESPONSIBILITY NOT YET FIXED; PROBE ON

Enrolled Bill Now Found to Be Incomplete Following Examination

Careful search has so far failed to reveal the presence of two amendments to HB 401 by Representative Herbert Gordon, a substitute bill for HB 35, relating to mutual savings banks, signed by Governor Pierce on February 20. The bill was read for the first time on February 4, and contains 37 printed pages. The measure authorizes the incorporation of mutual savings banks, defines their powers and duties, and prescribes penalties for violations. HB 35, the original bill, was introduced by Representative Gordon on January 14, two days after the 33rd session convened. It too, is a lengthy measure, its scope being contained in 43 printed pages. Amendments Made Two amendments were made in the senate and the bill returned to the house, which refused to concur in the amendments made by the senate. Following this, a joint conference committee was appointed in both houses, consisting of Representatives Gordon and German in the house and Senators Butler and Corbett in the senate. After some discussion, the conference committee recommended that the house concur in the senate amendments. The house receded from its former position and accepted the report. Enrolled Bill Not Complete Both amendments were included in the engrossed bill but through some agency, possibly carelessness or oversight, the amendments did not appear in the enrolled bill and the bill was signed by the governor minus the two amendments. Every effort has been made to find the two amendments or to learn how they disappeared. These efforts, so far, have failed to place the responsibility upon any person or persons.

PERSHING YET ILL

HAVANA, Cuba, March 5.—General John J. Pershing, who has been ill since Tuesday last, is still in the hands of his physicians, confined to bed.

TO CLOSE JOINTS

NEW YORK, March 5.—Paddock proceedings rather than the arrest of offenders will be used here in the future to enforce the prohibition law, United States Attorney Emory Buckner said today.

THURSDAY IN WASHINGTON

The senate confirmed the re-nomination of Postmaster General New. Frank B. Kellogg was sworn in as secretary of state and William J. Jardine as secretary of agriculture.

FRUIT MEN BUSY IN SALEM FIELD

Buyers Arrive Here From Foreign and Local Markets; Activities Start

Fruit men are flocking into Salem preparing to secure their share of tonnage during the coming year. Representatives for the export market are here and from all indications the fruit game is to be a lively one. Among the outstanding fruit buyers is A. Gompertz, formerly San Francisco manager for the Gatz-American company, known as the largest brokerage firm in the world. He is now with the New York office and is making a visit to the Salem district. All the packers of the

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