

The Weather —OREGON— Fair and cool in interior and cloudy near the coast; frost in interior; fresh northwest winds. Saturday—Max. 55; Min. 41; River 3.5 falling; Rainfall none; Atmosphere clear; Wind north.

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WALSH STARTS FIGHT AGAINST CONFIRMATION

Senate Fails to Take Action on Nomination of Charles B. Warren for Attorney General

THREE HOUR DEBATE IS CLOSED WITHOUT VOTE

Favorable Action Expected Before End of Week; Leaders Protest

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Proceeding in executive session over the protest of administration leaders, the senate took up today the nomination of Charles B. Warren of Michigan, to be attorney general, but failed to reach a vote after three hours discussion. The fight against confirmation was launched by Senator Walsh of Montana, democrat, of the judiciary committee which has twice approved the nomination and will be continued next week by Senator Reed of Missouri and possibly others. Friends of Mr. Warren expect favorable action, however, before the end of the week.

Executive Session Called
Mr. Warren's nomination was called up in executive session as required under senate rules and Senator Reed moved that the doors be opened. Senator Moses, republican, New Hampshire, president pro tempore, held that since this in effect constituted a change in senate procedure a two-thirds majority would be necessary to carry the motion.

Senator Reed appealed from the decision and the chair was overruled, 39 to 38.

The Reed motion then prevailed 46 to 39, with administration republicans voting almost solidly against it. Thirty-three democrats, 12 republicans and the one farmer-laborer (Shipstead, Minnesota) supporting the motion.

McNary Supports Motion
The republicans were Borah, Idaho; Brookhart, Iowa; Capper, Kansas; Couzens, Michigan; Frazier and Ladd, North Dakota; Howell and Norris, Nebraska; Johnson, California; McLean, Connecticut; McMaster, South Dakota, and McNary, Oregon.

Practically all of the three hours of debate today was taken up by Senator Walsh in presenting his argument against confirmation and in its course he had read to the senate long abstracts from the testimony of Mr. Warren in the sugar trust investigation a decade ago.

Summing up his argument, the senator from Montana declared that if the senate consented to the nomination of Mr. Warren there would be left only one consistent thing for congress—the repeal of the Sherman ant-trust act.

BOYS' SCHOOL PLAN CHANGED

Construction of New Home Near Woodburn Expected to Start in May

Advertisements for bids for the construction of the new boys' training school near Woodburn, will be placed at once, and construction will be started by May, it was announced yesterday.

Changes in the building plans were advocated by Thomas Kay, state treasurer, and were agreed upon by Governor Pierce. During the discussion of the plans, Kay suggested that the state would have saved several thousand dollars by leaving the school at Turner, and by building new dormitories and other houses. He did not strenuously disapprove of the present program, however.

Changes will be made in the general layout of the grounds, in order to provide centralization, and to reduce construction costs. The heating plant will be moved closer to the buildings that was first proposed, with a resultant saving of fuel.

Attorneys for Celia Bollman File Notice of Their Withdrawal

Attorneys for Celia Bollman, former secretary to Governor Pierce, and defendant in the sensational alienation suit brought by Mrs. Alice Bozell, have announced their withdrawal from the case, according to papers filed fifth the county clerk.

Miss Bollman was represented by the law firm of Carson, Carson, & Hayter, and the case was expected to come up during the March session of the grand jury, although as yet, it has no place on the prospective calendar.

The suit has created state-wide attention due to the fact that the principals are well known, and also that the charges are of a very sensational nature. A few months ago it came up for the first hearing but was dismissed from court on a technicality. An amended complaint was then filed, and since then, both sides have rested.

FRESHMEN ARE GLEE WINNERS

Decisive Victory Won by Willamette Students on All Four Points

The freshman class of Willamette university won the annual freshman glee held at the army last night by a decisive percentage. The freshmen received first place in all four points—music, words, adaptability and rendition. The class of '28 are the first freshman class to win this honor for a number of years. The four classes ranked as follows: Freshmen 1, Juniors 2, seniors 3, and sophomores 4.

This year's freshman class is perhaps the largest that has ever entered Willamette university and has nearly as many members as any other two classes.

The glee was well attended this year and was generally considered to be one of the best ever given. All details were well attended to and the glee as a whole can be considered to be a real credit to the freshman class and to Kenneth McCormick, glee manager.

The glee opened with the singing of the senior class wearing their official caps and gowns. Charles Reading, freshman class president, then made the formal presentation, giving some of the history of the freshman glee and formally welcoming those present. Miss Helen Selig gave a violin solo. The four songs then followed in the regular order with an intermission between the second and third, during which the audience were favored by a short reading by Miss Sadie Jo Read.

The winning freshmen received the freshman glee award from Professor Matthews and gave their song a second time. Each of the four classes held a party after the affair.

SECOND DEBATE BY RADIO IS PLANNED

University of Oregon and Stanford Will Engage in Air Forensics

EUGENE, Or., March 7.—The second intercollegiate radio debate in the west will be staged when the University of Oregon team, composed of Joe Fraser of Portland and Ivan Houston of Eugene, meets Stanford university, the night of March 25. Stanford will debate from station KLX, Oakland, Cal., while the Oregon team will broadcast its argument from station KGW, Portland, approximately 800 miles away.

Oregon has the affirmative of the question: "Resolved: That the present immigration law should be amended to permit the entrance to Japanese on the quota basis." Decision in the debate will be by mail, the radio listeners north of the California line sending their ballots to station KGW and south of the boundary to station KLX.

Last year Oregon debated University of California in this same manner on the Bok Peace plan. The teams spoke from the same stations that will broadcast the March 25th debate, and Oregon won.

ANGLO-FRENCH QUESTIONS ARE DEBATE TOPIC

British Foreign Secretary and Premier Herriott Attempt Settlement of Security Problem

WISH TO ACCORD WITH ALLIES IS EXPRESSED

Chamberlain Announces Adherence to German Plan; French Surprised

PARIS, March 7.—(By the A.P.) Austen Chamberlain, British foreign secretary, and Premier Herriott, in their talks last night and today, reached the determination to settle the security question "in accord with all the allies." That was the most important result of the British statesman's visit here, according to an official communique issued after this afternoon's conversation.

This was more than was expected in French circles after Mr. Chamberlain's recent speech in the house of commons indicating how much he favored the German security plan. The coolness of the British toward the Danzig corridor which was accorded Poland on the late President Wilson's insistence that that country be given an access to the sea, was remembered in connection with the commons debate, and the conclusion was drawn that England was inclined to induce Poland to relinquish this corridor in order to obtain a general security pact.

The original communique was interpreted in French circles as setting all doubts on the Danzig question at rest and indicating plainly that a security pact must receive the full agreement of all the allies, including Poland.

Germany's admission to the league was the principal detail of the security problem discussed by Mr. Chamberlain and M. Herriott. This was believed to indicate that the allies would look more to the league of nations for the application of whatever security measures are finally adopted.

STRIKE ORDER IN MINE IS ACTED ON

Shaft Deserted; 12,000 Men Walk Out in South Carolina Coal Mines

SYDNEY, N. S., March 7.—Not a wheel was turning above or below ground tonight in the Cape Breton area where 12,000 employees of the coal mines of the British Empire Steel corporation left the pits last night in conformity with (Continued on page 2)

Peach Trees Are Now in Blossom in Low Lands; Frosts Are Heavy

"Early peaches are in bloom in the Mission bottoms, a few miles north of Salem along the River road and along the sheltered places near the Willamette river," was the statement made by S. H. Van Trump, county fruit inspector, after completing a tour of that district. "Despite the two heavy frosts that have visited this locality during the past few days, I do not think the blooms have been injured. The apricots and the early peaches, as well as a few almond trees, are already in blossom. The apricots have been out about a week.

"If we have two or three good stiff frosts there will not be much chance for the fruit," was the declaration of the fruit expert yesterday. "There will not be much chance for the fruit now coming out to get a strong hold. From now to the 10th of April we will be contending with frost, and not until after that time will it be safe for the early blooms," he said.

In different parts of the city the early peaches and the apricots are in bloom. Trees that are on the sheltered side of many of Salem's residences have burst their buds and have turned to a beautiful pink color.

Especially in the sheltered regions along the Willamette river have the early buds commenced to bloom. From all indications the prospects for a safe early spring are in the balance.

In commenting upon the general conditions of loganberries in this district, Van Trump stated that many farmers were putting up vines which would be realized upon. The winter freeze was too much for many of the vines. The exact damage cannot be estimated at this time, but as spring advances more and more of the damage can be ascertained.

"I do not look for a big crop of berries this year," was the comment of Mr. Van Trump yesterday. "In some of the fruits damage has been done by the freeze, and as a result the fruit product will be cut down. All of the winter injury has not been shown.

Railroads Have Made Their Reply on Rates on Beets to Bellingham

Editor Statesman: I have been asked to advise you concerning the establishment of freight rates on sugar beets from Willamette valley points to Bellingham.

Considerable delay was experienced in obtaining these rates on account of two different lines being involved, but a few days ago I received the following letter from Mr. J. H. Mulchay:

"Referring to question of rates on sugar beets from Willamette valley points to Bellingham: After careful consideration and bearing in mind the purposes for which the rates are desired, carriers find it impossible to comply with your request for through rate of \$2.25 per ton, as the figure is lower than the out-of-pocket cost of handling the traffic, considering the terminal expense involved at Portland and Seattle, and which, of course, must be taken into account.

"We have reluctantly, however, concluded to name the following rates as a temporary and experimental matter only, via the Great Northern from Portland to Bellingham:

"From Salem, Marion, West Stayton, Independence, Dallas and Intermediate points, \$2.78 per ton of 2,000 pounds, carloads, minimum weight 60,000 pounds.

"From Albany, Lebanon, Corvallis, Halsey, Brownsville and points north and south of Marion, West Stayton, Independence and Dallas, \$2.88 per ton of 2,000 pounds, carloads, minimum weight 60,000 pounds.

"From Eugene, Springfield and points south of Halsey and Brownsville, \$3.03 per ton of 2,000 pounds, carloads, minimum weight 60,000 pounds.

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OIL CASE WILL START MONDAY

Both Sides Ready for Opening of Teapot Dome Litigation in Court

CHEYENNE, Wyo., March 7.—(By The Associated Press.)—After a series of conferences that lasted throughout the day, attorneys representing both the government and the defense announced tonight they were ready for the opening in federal court here Monday of the government's civil suit, suing for annulment of the lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve to the Mammoth Oil company. The Mammoth is one of the Harry F. Sinclair companies.

Atise Pomerene, who with Owen D. Roberts, is special government counsel, probably will open the trial for the government in a state trial in which he will outline the high spots of the government's case. These are expected to include the legality of the late President Harding's executive order, issued in May, 1921, transferring the oil reserve from the navy department to the department of the interior, and the allegation of fraud in execution of the lease, as charged by the government in the conduct of the negotiations by Albert B. Fall, former secretary of the interior.

Mr. Fall is en route to Cheyenne from his home in El Paso, Texas. According to present plans of the government Mr. Fall will not be called as a witness until March 14. Mr. Sinclair, who arrived here Friday night, has brought together a large force of legal counsel for the Mammoth company to resist the fight to restore the Teapot Dome oil fields to the government.

SCHOOLS OF SALEM HAVE LARGE GAIN

Enrollment of Salem Schools Shows Increase of One Third in Past Period

Four thousand five hundred and twenty-nine students are enrolled in the public schools of Salem, an increase of over 1000 during the past five years, according to the report of George Hug, superintendent of schools. At the first of March 1920, the enrollment was 3428, and the increase is virtually one-third.

During the increase the elementary grades have gained 25.4 per cent, and the senior high school has increased in enrollment by 54 per cent, which means that the number of students has risen from 707 to 1036. The students in the junior high school have increased in number from 763 to 1105 during the same time.

The Highland-Grant district has shown the greatest increase of any one district during the time. This report is to be presented to the school board at its next meeting.

PERSHING MUCH BETTER

HAVANA, March 7.—After a brief visit to President Zayas today, Gen. John J. Pershing, who has been ill for several days, returned to his hotel and rested during the afternoon.

TAX RECEIPTS DECLARED TO SHOW LAXNESS

Additional Evidence Found Indicating Shortage of Government Collections From Large Firms

ASSETS CONCEALED IN MANY CASES, IS CHARGE

Big Tax Payers Said to Have Been Allowed to Escape Assessments

WASHINGTON, March 7.—Evidence in two additional cases designed to show laxness in the treasury department in protecting the interests of the government in collections from the big tax payers has been presented to the senate by its special investigating committee.

One case is that of the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies steamship company and its subsidiaries who were permitted to satisfy an assessment of \$9,913,841 for \$2,600,000 despite attempts which, it was charged, before the committee had been made to conceal assets in an effort to evade tax payments over a period of four years from 1917 through 1920.

No Return Made
The other is that of William Boyce Thompson of New York, former chairman of the finance committee of the republican national committee and his associate O. J. McConnell, who are alleged to have failed to make returns on a profit of \$600,000 in the sale of mineral lands in Kansas, Missouri and Oklahoma, in 1917 and 1918.

The committee was told that Secretary Mellon had approved the settlement with the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies Steamship company, but according to the evidence not even the solicitor of the internal revenue bureau passed on the sales of stocks and bonds aggregating \$597,479.

Chairman Couzens directed internal revenue bureau officials to bring this case to the immediate attention of Secretary Mellon, adding that it had exposed a most astounding condition.

"I think," he said, "that the members of the bureau here must be impressed with the power of an individual so as to route a case as to obtain anything he desires, and yet the head of the bureau or the solicitor would know nothing about it."

Whatever supplemental reply officials of the bureau may have made in these cases in the secret session of the committee is not known publicly since none of those connected with the will transpires even after it has been submitted to the senate.

Chairman Couzens has expressed his doubt as to whether publication of the details of the testimony is authorized under the law since it has to do with income tax matters and is a general statute which would seem to prohibit their publication.

Internal revenue bureau officials told the committee that in the settlement with the Atlantic, Gulf and West Indies company, the controlling factor was how much the company would pay without being forced into bankruptcy.

NORMAL STUDENT HELD

BELLINGHAM, Wash., March 7.—Arnold Frickman, a student of Bellingham normal school from Preston, Wash., was held here today for Tacoma authorities as suspected slayer of P. U. Sunday, a Tacoma negro, who was killed Feb. 11 by an automobile.

SATURDAY IN WASHINGTON

President Coolidge was urged to call a world currency conference.

Objection from its own ranks prevented the republicans from completing organization of the new senate.

The senate in open session considered without action the nomination of Charles B. Warren to be attorney general.

The senate internal revenue investigating committee asked the treasury to look into alleged failure to assess certain taxes.