

Weather — OREGON — Generally cloudy; moderate temperature; moderate northwest winds. Max. 64, Min. 42, River 5.9 rising. Rainfall none. Atmosphere, part cloudy. Wind northwest.

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LINEN WEEK—What would 50,000 acres in flax mean to farmers within the trading area of Salem? What would a \$200,000 linen mill mean to Salem? Figure for yourself.

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 14, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WOMAN UNDER CLOSE GUARD: SUICIDE TRIED

Mrs. Anna Cunningham Attempts Self Destruction Following Investigation of Family Deaths

SANITARY HEARING SET: GRAND JURY MAY ACT

Bodies of Husband and Four Children Exhumed; Poison is Sought

CROWN POINT, Ind., April 13.

Mrs. Anna Cunningham of Gary, Ind., whose husband and four of her children died under mysterious circumstances within six years, while another son, David, Jr., lies in a critical condition from arsenical poisoning in a Chicago hospital, was brought here today and lodged in a hospital ward at the county jail. She was placed under guard to prevent a second attempt at suicide when she tried to strangle herself to death in a Chicago hospital yesterday.

Sanity Hearing Set. Lake county authorities announced she would face a sanity hearing tomorrow afternoon at Gary before a justice of the peace and two physicians.

It was announced also that her case probably will be placed before the county grand jury when it convenes at Crown Point April 22.

Meanwhile the bodies of two of Mrs. Cunningham's sons who were buried near Valparaiso, Ind., with the father, another son, a daughter, were exhumed and part of the vital organs were taken to Chicago for chemical analysis by the Cook county authorities, while other parts were sent to Purdue university at La Fayette for analysis.

Nervousness Pronounced. Mrs. Cunningham was a weak when she entered the jail here and constantly bit her lips to restrain her emotions but she had no statement to make. Answering questions of the jailer she said she was a housewife and was 49 years old.

August Bremer, state's attorney of Lake county, said she came into the custody of the Indiana authorities at 12:30 o'clock today and could be held for 48 hours without

TWO MEN DEAD IN GUN BATTLE

Divorced Man Kills Rival and Takes Own Life; Children Witnesses

TACOMA, Wash., April 13.—Two men are dead and two children are fatherless following a shooting affray tonight when a divorced husband stormed the home of his former wife on the first anniversary of her second marriage and shot himself after killing her husband.

The dead men are Fred B. Arnold of Tacoma and H. A. Winston of Aberdeen.

The killing occurred in the view of several children who were playing with Iwanne Winston, 13, in front of her home. Shortly before 8 o'clock Winston, the father of Iwanne and the divorced husband of Mrs. Arnold, appeared and took Iwanne by the arm.

"Leave me alone; I don't want to see you," the girl is alleged to have said, as she jerked away from her father and ran.

Arnold stepped from the house and, according to the police, met Winston at the foot of the porch steps. The men faced each other angrily and Winston accused Arnold of prejudicing his children against him and preventing Iwanne and her brother Horace, 15, from writing him.

A few angry words were spoken and Winston drew a pistol from his pocket and shot Arnold twice through the stomach. Arnold staggered down the walk and fell dying in the parking strip.

Winston stepped around to the side of the house as Mrs. Arnold came to the door. He entered the house by the back door and committed suicide in the kitchen.

Seeing her husband lying by the curb, Mrs. Arnold called to Iwanne to run for water.

Iwanne ran to the kitchen for a

Ministerial Crisis in French Politics Not Yet Unravelled

PARIS, April 13.—(By The Associated Press)—The ministerial crisis is entering on the fourth day and the only new result of three days of consultations between President Doumergue and the most prominent politicians on the left parties has been to put it squarely up to the socialists whether they intend to enter a cabinet led by Aristide Briand and assume some responsibilities of government. The socialists hold the balance of power with 104 deputies in the chamber.

M. Briand's maneuvering has left the socialists no way out; they must decide tomorrow and announce exactly where they stand. M. Briand has already fastened upon them the responsibility of upholding the formation of a cabinet in time of stress with momentous problems confronting parliament.

It was expected that M. Briand, who had been asked by the president of the republic to form a cabinet, would give his answer today to M. Doumergue, but he encountered such difficulties that he was impelled to ask for more time. He informed the president that he could not give a definite answer until tomorrow afternoon at the earliest as he is awaiting the decision of the national council of the socialist party regarding their willingness to participate in the new government.

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TRAIN TESTING BRINGS SHERIFF INQUEST TO BE HELD ON DEATH

Holdup of Santa Fe Limited Reported; Tests Made for Train Crew

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., April 13.—With sirens screaming two automobiles carrying deputy sheriffs armed with rifles tonight dashed through the city scattering traffic in bewilderment and sped on through the night to Verdemon, nine miles away, where it was reported in a telephone call that a Santa Fe train was being held up.

Ernest Myers, a service station proprietor sent in the call. Near his station on the highway paralleling the tracks, three men had secluded an automobile off the highway and were piling iron on the rails he reported.

"I'll bet this one gets 'em," one of the mysterious figures was heard to call to his companions. Myers hurried to a telephone.

When the officers arrived they found C. Reynolds, efficiency engineer for the Santa Fe railway. Up the track a few hundred yards a green flag of a fuse was burning brightly.

Reynolds, badly frightened at the sudden approach of the armed squad, explained that he was conducting efficiency tests—merely seeing how quickly the engineers on the trains saw the signals and responded by applying their brakes.

It was an efficiency test for Sheriff Walter A. Shay's office as his deputies made the nine miles in 10 minutes and 10 seconds.

SALEM MAN NAMED FOR MASON OFFICE

Royal Arch Masons Elect L. Myers as Grand Royal Captain

PORTLAND, Ore., April 13.—John Kollock, of Portland was elected grand priest of the grand chapter of Royal Arch Masons to succeed Wayne Stannard of Brownsville, Ore., at the business session here today of the 65th annual Oregon convolve. Other officers elected were: G. E. Swafford, Oregon City, deputy grand high priest; Frank S. Baillie, grand king; Thomas Strams, Woodburn, grand scribe; Frank J. Miller, Albany, grand treasurer; D. R. Cheney, Yreast Grove, grand secretary; George Walton, Klamath Falls, grand orator; E. Northup, McMinnville, grand captain; Milton L. Meyers, Salem, grand royal arch captain; D. B. Stewart, Corvallis, grand master of the third veil; Carl W. Evertsen, Marshfield, grand master of the first veil, and Lloyd Scott, Portland, grand sentinel.

'Ding,' Cartoonist Much Improved; Recovery Sure

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 13.—J. N. "Ding" Darling, cartoonist, who has been ill with peritonitis, sat up in his bed at the hospital here for the fourth day in succession today. His condition was said to be improving steadily by physicians.

PAINTINGS ARE INTRODUCED IN COURT ACTION

Two Famous Rembrandts Valued at One Million Dollars, Being Sued for by Russian Prince

NEW YORK, April 13.—Prince Felix Youssouppoff, one-time possessor of a large fortune and among the most picturesque members of the exiled Russian aristocracy, sat in the supreme court today when trial of his suit against Joseph E. Widener, Philadelphia financier and art collector, to recover two Rembrandt portraits was opened before Justice Vernon M. Davis.

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Value Is High. The Rembrandt paintings in dispute, valued at nearly \$1,000,000 and formerly part of the \$500,000,000 fortune of the Youssouppoff family, are "A Gentleman With a High Hat," and "A Lady With an Ostrich Feather."

They now are in Mr. Widener's possession in Philadelphia. Outlines of the two sides of the controversy by opposing counsel which occupied most of the day, showed that the plaintiff contends the transaction by which Mr. Widener acquired the paintings from Prince Youssouppoff in August, 1921, was really a chattel mortgage, while Mr. Widener maintains he bought the pictures outright, giving the prince the right of repurchasing them under conditions which he alleges have not been fulfilled.

Defendant Present. Former Governor Nathan L. Miller, presented Mr. Widener's case, while Clarence J. Shearn, former justice of the state supreme court, represented the prince. Mr. Widener also was in court.

Prince Youssouppoff is the accredited head of the Russian band

CHICAGO, April 13.—A coroner's jury this week will resume its inquest into the death of William N. McClintock, young millionaire, as the start of final steps which will precede the arraignment of William D. Shepherd, McClintock's foster father, on a charge of causing his death by administration of typhoid germs.

The jury, summoned today by Coroner Wolff, had little left to consider prior to rendition of its verdict. The importance of the inquest was discounted by state's attorneys in view of the murder indictment against Shepherd already returned.

When the first inquest is completed another will be held on the findings of the death of Mrs. Anna N. McClintock, "Billy's" mother, whose exhumed body was found to contain a large quantity of mercury. Coroner Wolff said.

Possibility of a third inquest over the death of Dr. Oscar Olson, brother of Judge Harry Olson, in connection with the McClintock investigation awaits the coroner's report on the examination of this body.

Tests were being made today of a foreign substance found in the body of Dr. Olson. The coroner was unable to say whether the substance might contain elements of poison.

KILPATRICK GOES TO TORNADO ZONE

University of Oregon Man, Experienced in Relief Work, is Needed

EUGENE, April 13.—(Special to The Statesman)—Earl Kilpatrick, dean of the University of Oregon extension division, will leave for the middle west immediately on a two months leave of absence from the university to serve as a member of the American Red Cross executive staff for the rehabilitation of the great area swept by tornado on March 18. He was summoned by telegraph, and leave was granted by a committee of the board of regents this morning.

James L. Fieser, vice chairman of the Red Cross in charge of domestic operations, wired Dean Kilpatrick requesting him to report at St. Louis. The Oregon man is

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The recant was made as the result of quo warranto proceedings instituted by Graham contesting Lindsey's election to the juvenile bench, which he has occupied for 24 years. Last November Lindsey was declared the winner by a majority of 117 votes.

The official totals announced today by the court are Lindsey 44,569; Graham 44,521. There were 927 disputed ballots, disposition of which may be announced tomorrow.

OAC Debate Squad Defeated By Maine University Team

LEWISTON, Me., April 13.—The Bates college debating team, arguing negatively on the proposition: "Resolved, That congress should have power to overrule a decision of the supreme court by a two-thirds vote," defeated Oregon State Agriculture tonight. The decision was a 230 to 99 vote of the audience.

HIGHEST COURT TO DETERMINE DUSTING POWER

Authority of President and Congress to be Bounded at Hearing Before the Supreme Court

WASHINGTON, April 13.—The constitutional prerogatives of congress and of the executive in the matter of removal from office of persons appointed by the president were submitted today to the arbitration of the third coordinate branch of the government, the supreme court.

Portland Postmaster Brings Test Suit to Determine Position

WASHINGTON, April 13.—A distinguished audience listened to the argument, including former Justice McKenna who heard the case in its earlier stages before it reached its present importance through intervention of the senate in a case brought by the late Frank S. Myers, who contended that his removal as postmaster of Portland, Ore., in 1920 by President Wilson was illegal.

The case presented directly the question of the constitutionality of an act of congress which provides that postmasters of the first, second and third class can be appointed and "removed" only with the advice and consent of the senate. Myers based his suit for back pay on the contention that his removal was illegal because the name of his successor was not submitted to the senate until after the four-year term of office had expired.

Importance Stressed. Recognizing the importance of the dispute between the executive and legislative branches of the government, the supreme court granted twice the time usually allowed for the oral argument of cases. Owing to a large number of opinions issued by the court today, however, the case was not reached for argument until late in the afternoon and it will be concluded tomorrow.

The argument today emphasized the contention that the constitution created certain offices and delegated to congress the right to create others. Under this right to create, it was contended, congress has the power to impose the condition as to tenure, pay, how the appointments should be made and how incumbents could be removed.

Consent of Senate Needed. In delegating to the president the right to appoint, the court was told congress would have the power to provide that the appointments should be effective only when approved by the senate, and could, when it thought expedient, provide that a person appointed should be confirmed or removed only with the consent of the senate.

The solicitor general will base his argument tomorrow on the contention that the constitutional power of congress extends only to the creation of offices and how they may be filled, but that the president, being charged with the faithful discharge of affairs of the administration, must have unimpeded liberty to remove those whose tenure is found detrimental to the best interests of the government.

Strikes and Lockouts Justified if Commerce Not Interfered With

WASHINGTON, April 13.—When labor strikes or lockouts do not result in a material restraint of interstate commerce, the supreme court held today that the federal government is powerless to intervene. The decision was handed down in a case from San Francisco, where the industrial association of that city, the California industrial council and other organizations of employers had been found guilty of violating the Sherman anti-trust law in a fight for the adoption of the open shop as opposed to the closed shop which labor unions had enforced up to 1921.

As a part of their campaign, the employers adopted a permit system under which supplies could be obtained by builders who would agree to join the open shop movement.

The lower court finding that the permits were required for the purchase of building materials and supplies produced in and brought from other states into California, held that there had

been an unlawful restraint of interstate commerce. The supreme court in an opinion by Justice Sutherland declared today, however, that it did not find there had been a substantial obstruction of interstate commerce sufficient to constitute a violation of the Sherman anti-trust law.

Asserting that the evidence showed that interference with interstate trade was neither desired nor intended, Justice Sutherland declared that such building materials as had been brought into the state during the labor dispute, had come to rest within the state and had ceased to be a part of interstate commerce. Considering that the aggregate value of the material brought into the state did not exceed a few thousand dollars in comparison with the expenditure of \$100,000,000 for the construction of buildings during the controversy, he said, a showing had not been made to satisfy the court that there had been a conspiracy to restrain interstate commerce.

Public suspicion culminated today in the arrest of Antoinette Scierri. The police say she confessed to have poisoned three persons whom she was attending as a nurse and that she named Rosalie Gira as her accomplice. The latter denies the accusation.

Mlle. Scierri arrived in Saint Gilles in November. She was attending a poor woman named Marie Audouard, who died in December after terrible sufferings. Mlle. Scierri then installed herself in Mme. Audouard's room with her brother-in-law, a man named Rossignol.

On Christmas day Mr. and Mrs. La Chappelle, friends of Mlle. Scierri died of poison. Their deaths were attributed to their having eaten tainted fowl. Rossignol died in March and Mlle. Scierri said he had eaten mussels.

At the end of March Mlle. Scierri invited two neighbors, Mme. Martin and Mme. Boyer to have coffee with her. Mme. Martin died next day. Mme. Boyer swallowed only a mouthful of the coffee because she said afterward it tasted bitter. Nevertheless, she was taken violently ill and has not recovered. These two women had eaten mussels the preceding evening and police suspicious against Mlle. Scierri were allayed until a woman to whom she had given her child to rear, a Mme. Gouin died of symptoms resembling those of the other cases.

The towns people were furious and the police saved Mme. Scierri from lynching by placing her in prison when she admitted having murdered the La Chappelles and her brother-in-law, Rossignol.

The police assert that Mlle. Scierri has a morbid passion for inflicting suffering. They expressed belief that her alleged crimes yielded her nothing, although she told them they netted her francs.

State institutions attracted their full quota of visitors, many of these being Salem people. A total of 1308 registered at the penitentiary, with an even greater number at the state hospital where the grounds were highly praised. Both the capitol and the supreme court building were kept open during the day.

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LINEN DRIVE TEAMS NAMED AT LUNCHEON

Col. Bartram, Canadian Flax Expert, is Optimistic Speaker at Chamber of Commerce Forum

POSSIBILITIES GREAT IN WILLAMETTE VALLEY

Much Study Given Situation; Meeting Called in Portland on Thursday

"The time may come when the Willamette valley will be the largest linen manufacturing center of the world," declared Colonel W. B. Bartram, of Toronto, before the Salem Chamber of Commerce, Monday in explaining the organization of the proposed linen mill in this vicinity.

"I am convinced after a study of the conditions in the Willamette valley that the industry could be established here which would employ thousands of people, supply the requirements of as many more and supply linen products to the rest of the world," continued the speaker.

A mill operating in Salem would not have to compete with other mills in the United States, as the proposed mill would be the only one in the United States, making the bread and butter lines of flax directly from the flax fibre, was the contention of Col. Bartram. The local mill would be under the protection of a tariff that would enable the mill to undersell any other product.

Better Than Canada. "After investigation by reliable authorities, I find the operating costs for the mill in the Willamette valley would be the same, while economic conditions would be unchanged, but the efficiency of the labor would be materially increased," Col. Bartram said. "Weather conditions are harsh in Canada, with a winter of seven months. As a result the people suffer more than here. The agreeable weather conditions would make the low expenses and a greater efficiency."

"Starting with the simpler lines of linens such as the broad and butter products, toweling, and crapes, it would be possible to develop into the manufacture of a letter grade as time went on."

"The same linen would cost no more for production, yet we would be able to undersell, because of the protective tariff wall."

In discussing the spirit shown by the people of Salem and the Willamette valley, the speaker declared that Salem had a future beyond the wildest dreams of all. The spirit manifested by the people determined the greatness of their growth.

Dominion Linens Explained. In describing the Dominion Linens, Ltd., which is directed by D. M. Sanson, who is counted to lead the local project, Col. Bartram spoke highly. The firm has always cooperated with him in his development of the flax-pulling machine. Given now they are waiting

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MONDAY IN WASHINGTON

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SALEM DEBATERS LOSE AT COAST

Tillamook Girls Get 2 to 1 Decision on Negative Side of Question

SALEM, Ore., April 13.—Salem high school's debating team lost to Tillamook high school last night by a 2 to 1 decision, according to word received from Orlando Hornung, coach. Judges were three professors from the Manmouth normal school.

Avery Thompson and Thomas Childs represented the Salem high school, taking the affirmative of the question, "Resolved: that the referendum is a desirable feature of representative government."

The debate last night was the first to use this question and the first of the inter-sectional meetings. Both teams were leaders in their respective districts. Both of the Tillamook debaters were girls.

DAMAGES SECURED FOR GUN INJURIES

Sheriff Declared to Have Mistaken Man for Boot-legger; Decree Given

SPOKANE, Wash., April 13.—A verdict for \$4500 damages was awarded in superior court here today to Arthur Jahns who sued Sheriff Harry Clark, Deputy Sheriff Harry Thomas, and their bondsmen for \$5,000 for injuries he said he received when Thomas shot him near here last October when he failed to stop his automobile at the officer's command.

A party of officers was guarding a highway with the expectation of arresting a suspected moonshiner. When Jahns failed to heed their signal to stop, a shot was fired after his automobile, hitting him in the shoulder.