

Weather — OREGON —
Unsettled with occasional rain; no change in temperature; fresh southerly winds. Max. 55. Min. 44. River 5.3, rising. Rain-fall, .30. Atmosphere: cloudy. Wind, Southwest.

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The Average Flax Crop is estimated at 1 1/2 tons per acre. Flax growing should be profitable in the Salem district. See the classified columns of The Statesman for listings of farm property in this district.

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 18, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

SHIPPING SUIT FILED AGAINST MARINE BOARD

The Bethlehem Shipbuilding Company Announces Action of Nearly Ten Million Dollars for Ships

EMERGENCY FLEET ENTER COUNTER CLAIMS

Attack Against Charles M. Schwab Made; Favoritism is Charged

NEW YORK, April 17.—Suit for \$9,744,899.94 was filed today by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation against the United States shipping board emergency fleet corporation, claiming the amount as balances due on account of construction of 86 vessels during and just after the war.

Counter Action Started

The filing of the complaint in this suit in the United States district court here was simultaneous with the government's filing of a suit for approximately \$11,000,000 against the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation and subsidiaries in Philadelphia in accordance with an agreement by opposing counsel. Summons in the Bethlehem company's suit had been filed in the state courts last May, but action is transferred now to the United States court.

Schwab Attacked

Both Charles M. Schwab, chairman of the board of directors of the Bethlehem Steel corporation and the Bethlehem Shipbuilding corporation and Eugene G. Grace, president of the former concern, issued statements today in denial of the government's suits in Philadelphia that Mr. Schwab as director general of the emergency fleet corporation from April 11 to December 12, 1918, misused his powers in favor of his own company. Grace pointed out that Mr. Schwab had accepted that post at the "urgent solicitation" of President Wilson and the shipping board "at a time of serious national crisis," and that he became director general of the emergency fleet corporation "upon the express understanding, reduced to writing, that he would have nothing whatever to do with the relations between the fleet corporation and the Bethlehem interests."

Actions Are Defended

"Mr. Schwab faithfully carried out this arrangement," Mr. Grace stated.

Mr. Schwab issued the following statement:

"I have nothing to add to Mr. Grace's statement beyond giving out by letter to the government's emergency fleet corporation, stating the understanding with President Wilson under which I took office. Members of the shipping board and the emergency fleet corporation know that I sedulously observed the arrangement that I would keep hands off relations between the fleet corporation and Bethlehem. The charge now made, despite this understanding I should have affirmatively interfered in the relations with the Bethlehem, speaks for itself."

SALE OF SHIPS HELD REGULAR

Supreme Court Presented With Evidence Tending to Defend Action

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The sales of the California-Orient line steamships to the Dollar interests as authorized by majority vote of the Shipping board was defended in the District of Columbia supreme court here today through the filing of a voluminous statement contending it was made with due consideration of the law, of good business practices and of the interests of the United States.

The action was preliminary to the hearing set for next Monday on the question of making permanent the temporary injunction staying the sale which has been obtained by the Pacific Mail Steamship company, which has been operating the five vessels involved for the board, but was unsuccessful in the bidding for their purchase.

Wheeler Is Calm as Oil Trial Proceeds; Graft Charge Probed

GREAT FALLS, Mont., April 17.—(By the Associated Press.)—Doing comfortably while the government introduced piles of documents and the evidence of two witnesses in its attempt to prove that he accepted a fee after being elected senator for prosecuting claims for a client before the department of the interior, Burton K. Wheeler of Montana passed the second day of his trial in federal court here so calmly that he was the subject of much attention in the court room.

It was a dull session throughout, and a cloudy day added to the inclination of spectators to recline in their seats and take occasional naps.

Only two witnesses were heard at the afternoon session, Louis E. Lincoln and John N. Cooper, both of Lewiston, Mont. Lincoln testified that he filed application with the interior department for an oil prospecting permit at the

request of Gordon Campbell, for whom Wheeler is alleged to have appeared before the interior department.

Lincoln said he assigned it to the California company and was to receive a 2 1/2 per cent royalty on all oil produced from the claim.

"Did you receive \$250,000 for the permit?" demanded Federal District Attorney John L. Slatery.

"We object to that as immaterial," interposed Senator Thomas J. Walsh, chief of defense counsel. The objection was sustained.

Cooper testified he was present at a meeting in a Great Falls hotel in January, 1923, when Campbell, former Congressman Tom Stout of Montana, Wheeler and L. G. Wortheimer, a salesman, were discussing Wheeler's employment by Campbell.

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BOMB TOLL IS INCREASED TO 150 PERSONS

Explosion in Bulgarian Cathedral During Funeral Service of Assassinated General Kills Many

COMMUNISTS DECLARED RESPONSIBLE FOR PLOT

Martial Law Proclaimed in Sofia; Hospitals Filled With Injured

SOFIA, Bulgaria, April 17.—The toll of dead from the explosion of a bomb in the roof of the Sveti Kral cathedral while funeral services were in progress yesterday for General Georgeff, who was slain in the streets of Sofia Tuesday night stood at 150 tonight, but the figure is likely to be added to, as many of the injured are in a critical condition.

Hospitals and clinics are crowded with injured, some of them so badly hurt as to be almost unrecognizable. It has been found impossible to identify some of the dead and these have been placed in a mortuary chapel.

With the exception of Minister of Interior Rousseff, all the members of the cabinet who were present at the funeral services, escaped with only slight injuries.

They owe their lives to the fact that the infernal machine was concealed in the roof near the side of the cathedral, while they and other prominent personages were assembled around the catafalque in the center of the edifice, a detail which had been overlooked by the perpetrators of the outrage.

Communists Active

It is the assumption of the police that the Agrar-Communists, to whom the authorities attribute the outrage, in assassinating General Georgeff, counted upon the assembling at the funeral of all the prominent persons attached to the existing regime, thus affording an opportunity for wiping them all out at one time.

40 FIRE WARDENS TO MEET IN MAY

Third Annual Conference Will Discuss New Forestry Legislation

Forty district wardens and law enforcement men who hold commissions will attend the third annual fire wardens' conference to be held at the state house May 4 and 5. Invitations have been sent to many men throughout the northwest and Canada who are interested in forestry and lumbering. A banquet will be held Monday night.

The conference this year will be devoted to discussion of new forestry laws and the interpretations placed by the state board of forestry. The men will receive instructions as to just what will be expected of them this year in the way of law enforcement. An instructive and educational program has been prepared with men long identified with forestry interests to speak. A demonstration of portable power pumps will be given the first day.

The program for the two days is as follows:
May 4—Morning Session 9:00. Call to order—F. A. Elliott, state forester.
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CORONER WILL GIVE RESULTS OF BODY TEST

Chemical Analysis of Organs of Dr. Oscar Olson Completed; Announcement to Be Made Today

NEW WITNESSES HEARD IN CORONER'S INQUEST

Alleged Murderer of Young McClintock May Face Other Charges, Said

CHICAGO, April 17.—Dr. William D. McNally, coroner's chemist, announced tonight that the results of the chemical analysis of the organs of Dr. Oscar Olson, who died three years ago, will be made public some time tomorrow morning.

Brother Urges Probe

Dr. Olson was a brother of Judge Harry Olson, who instituted the investigation into the death of William N. McClintock, millionaire orphan. William D. Shepherd, McClintock's foster father, is now under indictment for murder, it being alleged that he inoculated his ward with typhoid germs.

Earl P. Clark and his wife, two of the witnesses who testified at the coroner's inquest into young McClintock's death against Shepherd, were brought before the grand jury today and their statements taken.

Testimony Is Sworn
Robert E. Crowe, state's attorney, said that this action did not preface other indictments in the case, but was merely a move to get Clark's sworn statements into the record. It was Clark who first told of Shepherd's connection with Charles C. Faimean, head of a school of science. Faimean was indicted with Shepherd, but was not formally arrested after he had confessed that Shepherd had offered him \$100,000 for typhoid germs to be used in inoculating McClintock.

The interstate commerce commission ordered railroads to reduce rates on iron and steel articles from Pittsburgh and St. Louis interests in Illinois and Indiana.

OREGON JONES TO BE BROUGHT HOME

Deputy Warden Will Leave For Sacramento For Highwayman Tonight

J. W. Lillie, deputy warden at the state penitentiary, will leave for Sacramento, Cal., tonight for "Oregon" Jones, escaped highwayman who is under arrest for petty larceny. Jones was identified by the records of a state bureau of identification.

Deputy Warden Lillie will take an "Oregon boot," handcuffs and shackles with him.

"Give Jones plenty of weight to carry and he won't be so much bother," the deputy warden said Friday.

Jones has served about a year of a 20-year sentence. He escaped with five others the morning of March 28, 1924. The others were recaptured in a few days but since his escape Jones is believed to have been hiding in Josephine county, from which he was sentenced.

New Government Policy of Public Lands Asked at Meeting of Boards

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Establishment of a new government policy dealing with the remaining public domain is the goal of hearings opened today by the senate public lands committee. With all acreage suitable for farming now out of federal control the committee started an investigation of other uses by which the estimated 185,000,000 acres might be put on "a basis of greatest equity to the government and citizen."

More than 35,000 stockmen in 11 western states from Arizona to Washington are directly interested in the project through possession of grazing permits. Statistics presented to the committee show that more than 4,250,000 cattle and 16,000,000 sheep are grazed under these permits, which are controlled by the department of agriculture.

"Under present conditions," Chairman Stanfield, republican, of Oregon said, "there is no law defining the rights of stockmen to run their herds in the national forests and this situation has added to the hazards of the livestock industry."

After a week or 10 days of hearings in Washington, the committee will spend much of the summer traveling through the west to gather first hand knowledge of the situation. A bill to be based on these studies will be submitted to the next congress, designed to put into law regulations now governing public domain.

Representatives of the interior and agriculture departments and of the forestry service were presented today at the initial meeting when the committee outlined its program.

A committee was appointed at the regular student body meeting at Willamette university Friday to look into the matter of the use of "stool pigeons" in the enforcement of student regulations in regard to attending public dances, using cigarettes and frequenting pool halls. The duty of the committee will be to determine the reason for the faculty taking such action and to determine if possible the extent to which the policy is followed.

In the discussion it was pointed out that while the majority of students were in favor of obeying university regulations, if for no other reason than that they were university regulations, the students were not in favor of the "stool pigeon" system of enforcement. It was felt that Willamette students should be of a higher caliber than to stoop to such work. That no one cared to trust such a person and that as they did not know who the spies were the average student could not trust a number of his fellows.

The committee is slated to report at the next regular student body meeting and the common census of opinion among the students seems to be that if conditions warrant, a petition will be presented asking that some more honorable means be used in enforcing student regulations.

Defective Lights Cause Five Arrests Last Night

The city police department's campaign against defective lighting equipment on automobiles netted five additional offenders last night.

Those receiving tags were C. L. Carson, route 3; A. W. Suver, Monmouth; Nickolas Brinkley, route 6; T. B. Robb, route 3, and L. S. Laughlin.

Strict enforcement of the lighting law is being carried out by the department, following the edict of the police chief and the mayor.

Wonder Dog Becomes Proud Father; Sixteen Pups and All of 'Em Boys

"Bobby" and Mrs. Bobby, Formerly of Silverton, Present Owners With Large Family; New House Now Needed

"Born—At Salem, Ore., to Bobby the Wonder Dog and Mrs. Bobby, 16 sons."

This might have been the announcement at Salem yesterday if official canine records had been kept. Confirmation of the news was received in a telegram here from G. F. Blazier, owner of the dog which made a trip from Wolcott, Ind., to Silverton, Ore., last year unassisted, and which was later the center of attraction at the Home Beautiful show at the public auditorium.

The news of the additions to Bobby's family was somewhat of a shock to members of the Portland Realty board when they realized yesterday that the house presented to the tested dog would now become altogether too small. The kennel, a bungalow type, was presented at the homes, exhibition last year.

Whether the Portland Realty board will provide an addition to the house to meet the new needs was undetermined yesterday, J. W. Crossley, who received the telegram, admitted that something would have to be done.

Bobbie has been a resident of Salem since Mr. Blazier moved away from Silverton some months ago. The house which was presented by the Portland men was set up in the front yard of the Commercial street home of the Blaziers and has attracted considerable attention.

"I am daddy to 16 puppies this morning by my wife, Tippy. All Bobbies."—Bobbie the Wonder Dog.

The collie female is owned by George Brenner of West Salem, Route 2, Box 1.

GIRLS GATHER IN SALEM FOR 13TH SESSION

Organization of Older Girls' Conference Gets Under Way At Methodist Church Last Night

DELEGATES ARRIVING BY TRAIN AND STAGE

Main Business To Be Transacted Tonight Including Election of Officers

With a ringing message from the director, Mrs. Joan M. Johnson, the thirteenth annual Oregon Older Girls' conference was gotten underway last night at the First Methodist church. Following a talk by Miss Oril E. Henthorne, pastor's assistant, of the Portland First Presbyterian church, the greatest part of the opening night was turned over to organization and getting the conference underway.

Fully 500 girls are expected to the meeting, with the first 125 arriving in Salem on a special Southern Pacific train Friday. Delegates were coming into the city from all parts of the state up to a late hour last night, and additional delegates are expected in the city today.

Friday afternoon arrangements were made for the entertainment of a number of the girls by a sight-seeing tour of Salem, including visits to various state institutions.

The program for today includes the second assembly opening at 9:15 o'clock, with luncheon to be served at noon under the auspices of the Willamette university, YWCA. Mrs. Alta Lewis Stevens, state lecturer to women, Oregon Social Hygiene society, will address two groups in the morning session, while afternoon and evening sessions will be marked by lectures, a general session, and election of officers for the 1925 conference.

A banquet is scheduled at 8:30 when gifts and pledges will be made to the Geneva fund.

Arrangements have been made for a special train to leave Salem for Portland Sunday afternoon.

Salem City President
Miss Susie Church, senior at Willamette university, is president of the Oregon Older Girls; Kathryn Seelye, of Eugene, vice president; Eleanor Eastman, Portland, secretary; Miss Ruth Ross, Willamette university senior, is delegate to Geneva, who will make a report this afternoon. Miss Bernice Cofer, of McMinnville, will also appear on the program.

Conference, entertainment and housing committee is Miss Mary Findley, director of religious education for the First Methodist church of this city.

Aggie Debaters Win From Syracuse University Team

SYRACUSE, N. Y., April 17.—The debating team of Oregon agricultural college won the decision over the Syracuse university debaters tonight. The question was: "Resolved, that congress should have power by two-thirds vote to overrule decisions of the supreme court of the United States declaring acts of congress unconstitutional."

Oregon took the affirmative.

FRIDAY IN WASHINGTON

The supreme court heard further argument in the newspaper income tax litigation case.

President-elect Machado of Cuba visited the tombs of George Washington and the Unknown Soldier.

The Nickle Plate merger hearing was recessed until Thursday by the interstate commerce commission.

The shipping board filed in district court a defense of its award of five percent ships to the Dollar interests.

A sub-committee of the senate public lands committee prepared for an investigation this summer of administration of the public domain.

The Rumanian legation announced a settlement with the Standard Oil interests in the dispute resulting from Rumania's new mining law.