

The Big Bonus Vote Offer in the Statesman Subscription Contest Positively Ends the Coming Saturday Night

LEAGUE PARLEY NOW AT CRISIS

Preliminary Reports That Accord Was General, Contradicted by Stand

BRIAND IS LOOKED TO

French Leader Thought Able to Save Situation; Brazil, Spain and Japan Are Now Hanging Back

GENEVA, March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The crisis in the affairs of the council of the League of Nations was considered critical late tonight. Contrary to the somewhat rosy reports given out by some of the members that the situation was "ripening toward an accord" reliable information indicated that three members of the council, Brazil, Spain and Japan, declined today at the unofficial meeting of the council to say that they would vote for the election of Germany as a permanent member.

The greatest gloom prevails among all the delegations and it is thought that only the master hand of Briand can save the situation, which, in view of many of the leaders, threatens the very existence of the league itself. Afraio Mello Franco, of Brazil, informed the council that he had explicit instruction from the president of the Brazilian republic that if he voted in favor of giving Germany a permanent seat he would simultaneously vote Brazil the same privilege.

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DISCARDED STILL FOUND DISCOVERED IN WELL UNDER SIX FEET OF WATER

A discarded 35 gallon moonshine still was discovered near Fairfield Wednesday by Roy Bremmer, Marion county deputy sheriff. The still had been thrown in a well and was under six feet of water when found. Two barrels of mash were found near the scene of operations although no liquor was in evidence.

A report that a still was in operation had been received from a passerby who had happened upon the plant on Monday, two men running away after they were discovered. They evidently returned yesterday and in an effort to hide the traces of the liquor plant, threw the still in the well.

SALEM GUARD UNIT "B" ALL VALLEY TOWNS PLACED IN FIRST BATTALION

The designation of the Salem unit of the National Guard has been changed from F to Company B, it was announced Wednesday. The Portland unit, formerly known as Company B, has been changed to F. The new order places all the valley towns in the First Battalion of the 162 Infantry, Portland comprising the Second Battalion. Captain Paul F. Harris is now in charge of the Salem guard which ranks sixth in the state. The local unit is completely equipped and practically up to full strength, with room only for five or six recruits.

Who's Who IN Salem Public Schools

Gertrude Anderson, teacher of the fourth and fifth grades at Richmond elementary school. Three years in Salem school system. Four and one-half years' teaching experience. Graduate of Oregon Normal school. Extra work at university of California. Actively interested in art work. Had charge of the poster work in a recent music contest, her pupils winning all the prizes.

'Dark Criminal Record' Inspires Wets to Meet

'Prohibition is the Country's Worst Menace,' Says Pink Handbill Inviting Ladies Especially to Attend Little Party in Armory Tonight

A certain little pink document is being circulated in Salem promoting the so-called Oregon Prohibition Referendum Corporation's "wet" meeting set for 8 o'clock this evening in the Salem armory.

It proves interesting, though amusing reading to all save that small group of "alarmists" foolish enough to believe the message carried in big black type at the head of the handbill. It reads:

"Prohibition is the country's worst menace." Speakers will be "Judge W. N. Gatens and others." The handbill remarks that "America's darkest criminal record is now being made," and promises that the "notorious violations of the constitutional rights of the people will be exposed." Admission, it seems, is free, and "ladies are especially invited."

Wet?

The United States is "dry" not only legally but by moral conviction. American sentiment is not downtown sentiment, nor club sentiment, nor blind pig sentiment, nor newspaper sentiment; it is home sentiment, and workshop sentiment, and store sentiment, and school sentiment, and church sentiment. You must find the people's sentiment where the people live, and they don't live downtown. Newspapers are made downtown and read in the residence sections; if they were made in the residence sections they would be "dry." The American home is "dry" and the American nation gets its tone from the home, not the "wet" newspaper.

Apropos of the present chatter about "prohibition referendums" (which, by the way, are being conducted only by papers which were obviously wet in policy long before their editors suddenly discovered the "public's extreme desire to express its opinion on this momentous question") comes a detached survey of the attitude of the nation at large. This survey stands in sharp contrast with the excited wrings and gesticulations of the alarmist wets. This reasoned treatment of the problems of prohibition is herewith reprinted in full from a recent copy of the Dearborn Independent.

Every little while there is a furry about prohibition. It would seem to be the liveliest and most important question of the day, if one were to judge by the quantity of printer's ink given to it. It would seem also to be the chief topic of conversation in church, legislature, theater and university, to read the news items of the daily papers. King Tutankhamen was almost as alive for a short time recently, and by the same means. When one travels among the people of the governing class, not the club class, not the local politicians, nor any class that judges the American people by a minority of degraded individuals—one gets quite a different view of the question. There are probably one hundred million people in the United States who go from day to day without the slightest consciousness of prohibition as a debatable problem; certainly it is not the all-absorbing topic of their conversation. Liquor may be sensed in the theater, the legislature, the newspaper—it is not sensed at all in the millions of homes which comprise our country.

This false atmosphere of importance is created by men who live in a limited environment, who know "the crowd" but not "the people." Newspapers are especially illustrative of this fact. They are made downtown, but they are read out in the residential sections and in the suburbs; and the difference between downtown where "the crowd" is and the residence

GAS PRICES ADVANCED TWO CENTS A GALLON INCREASE MADE IN SEATTLE

SEATTLE, March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The Associated Oil company announced here today that gasoline and engine distillate will advance two cents a gallon in Seattle tomorrow. Gasoline will sell for 22 cents a gallon, a two cent state tax included, and engine distillate, a fuel for boats, at 17 1/2c.

The advance was confirmed by the Union Oil company. The Standard Oil company stated it had expected an increase. "Shortage of crude oil and a limited supply of gasoline with which to enter the heaviest demand season," was the explanation given by the Union company for the increase.

SAN FRANCISCO, March 10.—The Standard Oil company of California today announced an increase of 2 cents a gallon in the price of gasoline, and graduated increases in the price of refined crude oil "at all points," effective March 11.

BOMB PLOT PURSE ASKED GOVERNOR TO URGE GRANT OF \$500 TO GET FACTS

Governor Pierce Wednesday sent a telegram to Bend in which he said he would recommend to the 1927 legislature the payment of a reward in the amount of \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who last Monday dynamited an apartment house in which C. C. McBride, A. F. Marriott, state prohibition officer, and Mrs. Marriott were making their home.

The house was wrecked and Miss Alice Bush, a telephone operator, suffered serious injuries. William S. Levens, state prohibition commissioner, is now at Bend conducting an investigation of the dynamiting.

DISPLAY FROLIC READY THOUSANDS OF OUT-OF-TOWN GUESTS ARE EXPECTED

With new stocks in order, and expert window trimmers ready with plans for the First Annual Spring Window Display week beginning on Tuesday, next, the city is prepared to welcome and entertain guests from out-of-town who are expected here by thousands on the first evening.

Good weather granted, an elaborate out-door automobile show and stogie display will mark the first evening's festivities, leading up to the judging of windows. Following the first part of the program, the Salem ad club will play host in the Armory where a seven-piece orchestra has been engaged to play for a free public dance.

LIQUOR DEBATE HOLDING FLOOR

Both Houses of Congress Are Stirred by Discussion of Prohibition

SCRIPTURE IS QUOTED

Introduction of Wine Recipes, Scripture, Poems and General Criticism Occupies Senate

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The prohibition question agitated congress again today with discussions in both the senate and house, punctuated by bitterness and laughter.

Centering on the value of a newspaper poll in progress on the question of modification, the day brought forth introduction of a resolution calling for a nationwide referendum on modification. Scriptural quotations, references to George Washington's beer recipe, a recipe for a Manhattan cocktail, a lengthy poem entitled "Ode to a Cherry," criticisms of the activities of enforcement agents, personal exchange between Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, and Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, another difference over senate rules between Vice President Dawes and Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, and mention of the cost of the Congressional Record. The house expended approximately three and one half hours

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D'AUTREMONT IS SEEN? TRAIN BANDIT IS THOUGHT SPIED IN REDDING

REDDING, Cal., March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—A man believed to be Roy D'Autremont, one of three brothers who are wanted for the hold-up of a Southern Pacific train near the California-Oregon line on October 11, 1925, and the murder of four trainmen, was said by the police to have visited Redding yesterday. Police Officer David Pickings said that he had happened upon the suspect in a restaurant and when the man saw him he rushed from the place, leaving his meal unfinished and escaped. He is supposed to have left the town on a freight train.

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MAKE THIS WEEK YOUR PRIZE WINNING WEEK

NO REALLY SYSTEMATIC WORK HAS BEEN DONE YET

A Thorough, House-to-House Campaign Is Necessary, Personality Wins

HONOR ROLL TODAY 1 Mrs. Ralph Skopli 2 Mrs. H. B. Hayre 3 Mrs. Mary Regimbal.

By Auto Contest Editor The race for the \$125 Atwater Kent radio comes to a close Saturday, March 20, at 8:30 p. m.

There are many of the candidates even in this race now going on. As the special prize race progresses from day to day there are about five or six who are so close together that there can hardly be a choice of winners. When it comes to the final night, March 20, I am wondering who it really will be. The results accomplished are wonderful. Not a candidate on the large list but advanced his or her various total toward winning a point.

In the second place, the special prize race shows a game of cross question on the part of the candidates. In nearly every instance the leaders in the city secured the majority of their subscriptions from outside of town in the country, right under the nose of the country candidates. And the out-of-town candidates did the same thing. They came in town and secured subscriptions right in front of the city candidates. That shows that not a single candidate in the contest has made a systematic effort to win as yet. It shows that rather than make a systematic effort to canvass the territory as it comes along, they are jumping along and grabbing subscriptions here and there with the result that a lot of valuable time is being spent in jumping from one territory to another.

This week is the real test of strength, so you should go to it

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E. C. WHITAKER HERE MARCH 21

First Christian Church Pastor to Preach First Sermon March 21

PRESENT WORK LAUDED

Built Ponca City Congregation From 300 to 1200 Members During Five Years Service There

With a record of building his church in Ponca City, Oklahoma, from 300 to 1200 members in his five and one half years' pastorate there, Rev. E. C. Whitaker, called to the First Christian church, Salem, recently will arrive here on March 19 and will preach his first sermon on Sunday, March 21.

He will undertake the duties relinquished by Rev. J. J. Evans, now in charge of church work in California, with headquarters at Los Angeles. Respected as was Rev. Evans, his successor seems well fitted for service here.

The following letter has been received from the board of the First Christian church, Ponca City: "Brother E. C. Whitaker has been pastor of the church for the past five and one half years. During his pastorate, the church has grown from 300 members to 1200 members.

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AGED HERMIT MURDERED RECLUSE, 70, IS KILLED BY BLOW FROM HAMMER

TACOMA, March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Sherman Taylor, 70, a religious recluse, today was found murdered by an unknown person who killed his victim with one blow of a hammer. Taylor lived in a small shack in a clump of brush a short distance from the home occupied by his widowed sister-in-law, Mrs. E. E. Taylor.

When Taylor failed to appear on time for breakfast she went to his shack and found him dead, his body, with a large hole crushed in the back of his head lying across the bed. Taylor's own hammer, stained with blood, lay on the floor. Police were unable to ascribe any motive other than robbery on a suspicion that the aged recluse had money or valuables concealed about his shack. He had nothing of the kind, his sister-in-law said.

FIRE SWEEPS HUGE SHIP OCEAN LINER IS GUTTED; LOSS OVER ONE MILLION

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Fire swept through the palatial United States liner America today as she lay at her berth at the base of the Newport News ship building and dry dock company, gutting three decks and damaging others. The loss was estimated between one to two million dollars, but no loss of life resulted although 330 members of the crew were aboard when the fire started.

The America which registers 21,000 tons, had just been reconditioned throughout at a cost of approximately half a million dollars and was to have been delivered to her owners tomorrow to leave in the afternoon for New York. She was to have sailed from New York March 24; and 500 passengers had been signed for the trip.

COAL MINE IS SEARCHED RESCUE CREWS SEEK FIVE MEN MISSING IN SHAFT

ECCLIES, W. Va., March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Officials of the state department of mines and of the Crab Orchard Improvement company, with volunteer workers were tonight gradually forging ahead in the tedious task of penetrating the distant workings of the No. 5 mine of the Crab Orchard company in an effort to locate two of the five men still unaccounted for, and who, it is believed, may be found alive. Twenty-nine men were brought out alive while fourteen bodies have been recovered.

NEW PASTOR E. C. WHITAKER HERE MARCH 21

STATE'S PREP STARS TO MIX

Annual Tournament Opens at 3 Today When Baker and Astoria Meet

Schedule Is Redrawn, Leaving Position of Many Teams Unchanged; Climax Comes on Saturday

By Don Deckerbach Oregon high school basketball stars go into action today in the opening of the annual spring tournament at 3 p. m. when Baker and Astoria open in the first play of the series on Willamette floor.

Local interest becomes focussed tomorrow morning at 1:30 o'clock when Salem high school players take on Hillsboro stars. From then on until the climax Saturday evening, games are separated only by hours.

All drawing and preparations are now definitely fixed for the tournament. After a recommendation of the board that the schedule should be re-drawn, doubt as to the team to play Grant high of Portland was put aside.

The second draw was performed by Baker, and was witnessed by the five coaches of teams now in the city.

An incident in the drawing that brought comment was the fact that six teams—Salem, Baker, Hillsboro, Eugene, The Dalles and Astoria—again drew the same opponents as in the first draw; while Grant will play Medford, and McLaughlin and Marshfield will tangle.

The other regular fight will continue as before. Last year Medford also played the Portland team in the first round.

The schedule of games as arranged now to accord with the last draw are as follows: Baker and Astoria will meet in the opening game at 3 p. m. today; the McLaughlin-Marshfield bout will come at 4 p. m.; Medford and Grant will open the evening game at 7:30 and the last Thursday game will be between Eugene and The Dalles. Salem will play Hillsboro tomorrow at 3:30 p. m.

All teams were expected in by last night. The Dalles came in yesterday morning.

The local team's record this year (Continued on page 7.)

COL. COOLIDGE IS BETTER PRESIDENT'S FATHER IS IMPROVING, PHYSICIANS SAY

PLYMOUTH, Vt., March 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Improvement in the condition of Colonel John C. Coolidge, father of the president, was reported tonight. Dr. Albert W. Gram, the colonel's physician said that pain in the lower abdomen had subsided, the patient was "very comfortable," and there was no immediate cause for alarm. The doctor did not come to Plymouth today, confining his watch over Colonel Coolidge to frequent telephone calls. He will visit him tomorrow.

In the last four days Colonel Coolidge, ill for several months and with his legs paralyzed by a heart affection, has had considerable more pain. Dr. Gram reported, and his appetite had not been up to the usual standard. But sedatives helped to remove his discomfort, and today the appetite was improved.

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