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SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 4, 1926

PRICE FIVE CENTS

BANK DEPOSITS SET NEW PEAK

June 30 Total \$2,000,000 in Excess of Sum Ever Recorded Here

SAVINGS DEPOSITS GROW

"Healthiest Business Conditions" Reflected in Financial Report Submitted by Frank Bramwell

Aggregate bank deposits in the state of Oregon on June 30, 1926, were approximately \$2,000,000 in excess of those reported at any time within the history of this state...

"This report discloses an exceptionally healthy condition prevailing within this state," read the report of the state banking superintendent. "In fact the aggregate of all deposits in Oregon at the close of business June 30, 1926, were in excess of the aggregate deposits shown at any time within the history of this state..."

"On June 30, 1926, the aggregate of loans and discounts was \$3,700,000 compared with approximately \$1,680,000 on June 30, 1925, or an increase of approximately \$2,020,000. This is the highest aggregate of loans and discounts reported in the state since November 15, 1920, when they reached the sum of \$211,854,000."

"One of the most noticeable features in connection with the report submitted on June 30, 1926, is the fact that there has been a substantial gain in practically all of the most important items appearing in the assets. In this respect, particular reference is had to the investment in government, municipal and other bonds which are considered as secondary reserves and immediately convertible to cash."

"The reserves maintained on June 30, 1926, were \$65,516,523.49 as compared with \$63,822,252.84 on June 30, 1925, or an increase of \$1,694,270.65."

RUNDE ACQUIRES RANCH

FALLS CITY, Aug. 3.—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Dorman have sold their Everly Poultry ranch, consisting of 19 acres, well improved with residence and poultry hatching and brooder houses, and about 1200 pure bred Taner and White Leghorns to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Runde of Salem. Consideration of \$10,000 included Salem property in South Salem on 12th street. The new owners take possession this week, and will continue the poultry business along with some lines so successfully established by the Dorman in their 20 years residence here.

POISON DOGS, STEAL ROD

LYONS, Ore., Aug. 3.—Shortly after three German police dogs belonging to Harry D. Hobson, expert rod maker, near here, were poisoned, thieves entered his shop at the foothills of the Cascades and stole rods and fishing tackle valued at \$800, Tuesday.

BURGLAR BEATS WOMAN

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Feeble Mindedness Lurks In Divorce Courts; Smith

Institutions Committee of Salem Women's Club Told Sterilization is Best Method of Preventing Increase of "Primitive People"

Declaring that 60 per cent of the people who get divorces are, one or the other, feeble minded," Dr. J. N. Smith, of the Feeble Minded school, speaking before the institutions committee of the Salem Women's club, urged sterilization of these unfortunates on the following grounds:

- 1—Feeble mindedness cannot be cured. 2—If two feeble minded persons are married all their offspring will be feeble minded. 3—More than half of them have illegitimate children. 4—They are below normal, are primitive people. 5—Nine tenths of the feeble minded are criminals because they know no better. 6—Crime costs the people of the United States \$10,000,000 a year.

"We have to rid ourselves of this class of people. We do not mean to do this by hanking them, but we could do so by stopping reproduction," he declared.



NEW YORK—A new question of court etiquette has arisen. You know those tennis visors, the sort Helen Willis popularized? Well, everyone is wearing them now, and a man even appeared in a night court here wearing one the other day. "That's all right," said the judge. "That's no hat," replied the man. The judge stopped, looked and scratched his chin.



The court clerk, at a desk before the bench wearing a green visor, he always did. It was part of his uniform as "twere. Now what to do? The troubled habit spoke to the judge. His honor chewed his pen a moment, meditated, and then asked, "Yes," and the habit nodded. "Then," said the judge, "I'll let you take off whatever he was wearing on his head when he entered the room." And so the matter was settled. Hereafter RIM readers will know better than to enter the law office with their tennis visors on.

EXCITING

PARIS.—The French Academy of Sports has decided that a woman who has spent four years in India and Asia, even though on an official mission to study Buddhism, is—in the nature of things—a sportswoman. She awarded Mme. Alexandra Neele the Grand Prix Feminin d'Athlétisme. This is the highest honor in its gift.

CRUEL AND UNUSUAL

ROME.—Signor Mussolini is unquestionably a man of extraordinary genius and power. He is going to make Italy a great Empire, come what will. His latest move to keep money in Italy and encourage all sorts of domestic enterprise is to forbid the issuance of

TWO FLIERS ARE KILLED

BOTH MEN DIE INSTANTLY WHEN PLANE CRASHES

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Captain John H. Batty and James W. Croesman, technical sergeant, both members of the 103rd Pennsylvania national guard observation squadron, were instantly killed today when their plane fell at Langley field.

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PROSPERITY OF NATION VIEWED

Administration Program for Three Years Passed Reviewed by Coolidge

MUCH PROGRESS IS MADE

Nation is More Prosperous Now Than at Any Time in History; Third Anniversary is Celebrated

PAUL SMITH'S, N. Y., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Government policies pursued during the three years President Coolidge has occupied the White House, in his opinion, have placed the country in a flourishing and prosperous condition and have contributed to make the period the most prosperous of any three years in the history of the country.

A review of the administration was given in behalf of Mr. Coolidge at the executive offices today, the third anniversary of his assuming the presidency, and although much progress was said to have been made, it was emphasized that much remains to be done and only continued efforts will make possible the maintenance of the gains already achieved. The government cannot always secure the prosperity of the country, but it can do much to create conditions under which the country will be prosperous if its citizens adhere to sound business practices.

TOM KAY OFF FOR EAST

WILL INVESTIGATE LINEN INDUSTRY WHILE AWAY

T. B. Kay, state treasurer and president of the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., left last night for New York and other eastern states where he will make an investigation of the linen industry. The corporation of which Mr. Kay is president is now erecting a \$640,000 linen manufacturing plant in this city.

Machinery for the plant already has arrived here and work on the buildings is progressing rapidly.

The state penitentiary flax plant yesterday sold to the Oregon Linen Mills, Inc., approximately 10 tons of spinning tow for which it received \$340 a ton. The tow will be stored in warehouses pending completion of the linen mills which are expected to start operations late in September. The tow will be used in manufacturing crumpled fabric. The deal was negotiated by Thomas B. Kay, president of the linen mills corporation.

TAXI DRIVERS BEATEN

WOMAN ARRESTED FOLLOWING STRIKE DISTURBANCE

PORTLAND, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—With the arrest of Mrs. Elmer E. Anderson, officers said they had one of the two women who this morning ordered a taxicab and asked to be driven to an east side corner where a gang of 12 men set upon the driver of the cab and his escort. William Brockhouse, driver, and A. S. Moore, escort, exhibited torn clothing, bruises and scratches as a result of the encounter with the strike sympathizers. The arrest of Mrs. Anderson is the first made since the taxi drivers went on strike last week. Mrs. Anderson is charged with refusal to pay a legal taxicab fare and was released after posting a bail bond. She will appear in municipal court tomorrow.

WHERE CAMPAIGN "ANGELS" FEAR TO TREAD

SEATTLE, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—While jurors were being selected here today to try Wallace Cloyes Gaines for the murder of his 22 year old daughter, Sylvia, A. L. Clough, a street car operator, was entered as a state witness. He told officials of running a car on which a man resembling Gaines rode from Green lake, on whose edge Sylvia's body was found, five miles to downtown Seattle the night of the murder.

CONCERT CROWD LARGE

YOUTHFUL DISTURBERS ARE CAUTIONED BY POLICE

In spite of the cool weather last night, a large crowd was present at the semi-weekly concert of the Cherrian band in Willson park. Miss Eva Roberts sang two solos, "When Irish Eyes Are Smiling," and "Sleepy Time Gal." Both drew much applause from the crowd. Additional police were present to keep children from running around and yelling, and to prevent other rodyism. The crowd behaved in an orderly manner, however, and listened attentively to the selections, so the police had little to do.

LEGION GUESTS ARRIVE

ALL AVAILABLE ROOMS ARE NEEDED IN MARSHFIELD

MARSHFIELD, Or., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The estimated number of advance American Legion folk on the bay today was 400. A number of vacant buildings have been equipped with beds and bedding, close to the center of the city. Auxiliary department headquarters will be at the Chandler hotel in Marshfield, and at the North Bend hotel annex in North Bend. Committees have been assigned rooms today. Registration begins tomorrow.

PEACE OVERTURES FAIL IN MEXICAN SITUATION

IMPASSE HOLDS BETWEEN GOVERNMENT AND CHURCH

Obregon and Gomez Support Calles; Few Disturbances Are Reported

NOGALES, Ariz., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—The Mexican Press, in Nogales Senora, Mexico, today says that the recently arrested Catholic Bishop of Huejutla has been found dead in his prison cell in Vera Cruz. Details are lacking. The Mexico City correspondent of the Nogales Herald also declares that Arch-Bishop Moray Del Rio is seriously ill in his home and that all visitors have been excluded from his residence.

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Peace feelers by intermediators seeking a solution of the apparent impasse between the government and Mexico episcopate, arising out of the government's strict enforcement of the religious regulations continued to be put forth today, but so far as could be learned, without results.

Meanwhile, the government has received assurances of support for its religious policy from two of the most important figures in the Mexican political and military world—former President Obregon and General Arnulfo Gomez, military chief of the state of Vera Cruz. General Obregon is still looked upon as the idol of the army while General Gomez is a possible presidential candidate.

As in the preceding days the Mexican Catholics, despite their feelings went about their usual tasks today and on the surface there was nothing to indicate the seriousness of the religious controversy. Newspaper specials and government reports describe disturbances (Continued on page 5.)

MYSTERY VESSEL RUNS

SHIP ON FIRE, FLEES WHEN RESCUERS DRAW NEAR

SARASOTA, Fla., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Mystery tonight surrounded the ship which, on fire seven miles off Venice this morning, turned and fled when a rescuing party started to aid her. Officers believe it to be a liquor vessel and its occupants preferred to take chances with fighting the flames rather than be captured. The Venice flagship "Haven" came within a mile of overtaking the burning ship. Coast guard cutter No. 295, dispatched from Tampa to aid in the rescue, had not reported tonight.

GARDINI WINS MATCH

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 3.—(Ap)—Renato Gardini, Italian, defeated Andreas Costanos, Spaniard, in two straight falls in a wrestling match at Dreamland auditorium here tonight.

GRAND JURY TO CONTINUE CASE

Investigation of Aimee McPherson Disappearance Will Not Be Dropped

SECRET INQUIRY ASKED

District Attorney is Asked to Continue Probe After He Announced He Was Through With Case

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—District Attorney Asa Keyes, who yesterday declared that he was ready to close the investigation of the mysterious disappearance of Aimee Semple McPherson, evangelist, today was asked by the county grand jury to continue, in secret, the inquiry.

The action of the grand jury followed a session in which both Keyes and Joe Ryan, his deputy, who has directed the McPherson case investigation, were called before the jury. At the conclusion of the session, William Carter, foreman of the jury, issued a statement in which he declared: "After considering all of the evidence presented by the district attorney and his assistant, Mr. Ryan, the grand jury by unanimous vote decided that because of many contradictions in the evidence it will not be possible to make a definite decision concerning the kidnapping or disappearance of Aimee Semple McPherson."

"We have written a letter to Mr. Keyes concerning our findings and recommended that he conduct a secret and efficient inquiry into any of the evidence of the case that he considers vital. "However, there is a possibility of a crime being committed and we feel that it is a duty of the district attorney to make such inquiries as he finds necessary and we expect at all times the district attorney's office will do its duty."

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Wallace Moore, reporter for the Morning News, was arrested today on a charge of kidnapping a woman. (Continued on page 2.)

NEW WITNESS IS HEARD

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STATE WILL INTRODUCE SURPRISE IN GAINES' TRIAL

Mrs. Edna Hale and W. H. Shriner told Prosecutor Colvin upon viewing Gaines in the court room that he strongly resembled a man they saw near the scene of the killing June 16, the night Sylvia was slain.

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EVANGELIST IS SHOT TO DEATH WHILE PREACHING

WOMAN CHOIR LEADER ALSO VICTIM OF ASSASSIN

Kentucky Moonshiners Believed to Have Fired Shots Through School Window

MORGANTOWN, Ky., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—An evangelist and a choir singer are dead, shot as they sang the opening hymn at revival services by an unidentified assassin who fired through the window of the county school house where the meeting was in progress.

The Rev. W. A. Moss, 32 toppled from his pulpit dead and Mrs. Jerome Robinson, 30, died two hours after the shooting last night at the Eary school, 12 miles from here. J. D. Young, 70, suffered a slight scalp wound and others in the meeting narrowly escaped. Mrs. Robinson's four children saw their mother fall. One man was under arrest early tonight and Sheriff Luther Tucker of Butler county was at the head of a posse searching for a second man. Clifford Wilson, 30, a fugitive since his escape from jail here a year ago, was arrested at his home on the statement of a 14-year-old girl that he had fired the shots. The girl fainted when the firing began and she was unable to give additional details. Wilson, who was wanted on a bootlegging charge, denied the shooting.

The slaying created such excitement among the persons in the audience that none was able to say how many shots were fired. County officials laid the trouble to moonshiners, whose ire the evangelist had aroused by his campaign against illicit whiskey. It was learned today that the meeting was disturbed Sunday night by rowdism on the outside. Two men dispersed the trouble makers, some of whom were said to have threatened "to come back and clean out the whole crowd."

CURTIS, HARRELD WIN

TWO SENATORS RENOMINATED IN PRIMARY ELECTION

(By Associated Press) Two United States senators—Curtis of Kansas and Harreld of Oklahoma, republicans—were renominated in yesterday's primary elections and Senator George H. Williams, republican, Missouri, was leading his opponents on incomplete returns last night.

Senator Curtis, majority leader in the upper house, had little opposition in Kansas, his opponent being Nick Chiles, a negro editor of Topeka. Renomination of Senator Harreld in Oklahoma was conceded. No active campaign was against him. Early returns from the Missouri primary gave Senator Williams a good lead over David M. Proctor of Kansas City, a dry candidate, and Blodgett Priest of St. Louis, a wet. Senator Williams declared in his campaign that prohibition was not an issue. He asserted he personally was opposed to the eighteenth amendment but declared for strict law enforcement.

FIRE CONDITION SERIOUS

LOW HUMIDITY INCREASES HAZARDS, REPORTS SAY

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—Continued low humidity and warm weather makes the forest fire conditions in Oregon remain dangerous according to local forestry officials. The Vernonia fire covering over 5,000 acres continues to burn, but officials express more concern over the coast fires where a high wind is fanning the flames. A northeast wind caused the Jack Creek fire to jump fire lines today and five additional men have been sent to combat the blaze. The Emily Creek fire is being held back by fifty state men, and 11 additional men were sent there today.

KILLED IN POLL RIOT

FORMER DEPUTY SHERIFF KILLED IN GUN BATTLE

LOGAN, W. Va., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—A fight at a precinct polling place in Logan county, precipitated by an argument over voting of a group of negroes, resulted in the death of Art Chambers, former deputy sheriff today. Chambers, it was said, challenged the negroes' right to vote, charging the men were registered in the precinct but had moved away. Witnesses said that when one of the poll clerks said they could vote, Chambers and his brothers began to beat the clerk. The shooting in which Chambers was killed, followed.

JAPAN IS HIT BY QUAKE

TOKYO DISTRICT IS BADLY SHAKEN; NO LIVES LOST

TOKYO, Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—An earthquake that caused numerous land slides and damaged bridges shook the region about this city tonight. Wire communication was prostrated. No loss of life has been reported. The shock was so severe that many persons rushed into the streets. Although there was scarcely any property damage and no casualties were reported, the quake is estimated to have been the severest since 1924. It centered near Tokyo. In the city lighting systems were temporarily put out of commission; water mains burst in several places and tram services were delayed.

UTILITY RATES CALLED UNFAIR

Governor Charges Exorbitant Profits Show Slight Regulation

INVESTIGATION TO COME

"People of State Are Paying Excessive Rates for Telephone Service," Letter to Mr. Clark Says

Expressing "no doubt that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is now collecting rates on an excessive valuation, and even upon this excessive valuation is getting a return very much larger than what ordinary business can hope or expect to get," Governor Walter M. Pierce yesterday declared he would request the public service commission to investigate rates and charges now in effect.

"I think all will agree with me that the regulation and supervision of public utilities in the state has been very unsatisfactory for many years from the standpoint of the public interests," read a letter prepared by the governor and addressed to A. E. Clark, Portland attorney, who will probably represent the governor in the proceedings. "I think the people of the state of Oregon are paying excessive rates and charges, and have been for many years. This especially is true of rates for telephone service and electrical current. Probably consumers in the city of Portland have as much or more to complain of in this respect than any other part of the state. In many instances the rates and tolls paid to the telephone company are almost as much as the entire rent of office space."

"I have no doubt it can be shown that the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company is now collecting rates on an excessive valuation, and even upon this excessive valuation is getting a return very much larger than what ordinary business can hope or expect to get. "At a conference at your office in Portland some weeks ago I discussed with you the question of telephone and other public utility rates and charges in this state. At that time some data was laid before you to show that excessive rates are now being charged the patrons of public utilities in this state, and I asked that you serve as my counsel in the preparation and filing of necessary complaints before the public service commission."

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PRISON BREAK AVERTED

16 CONVICTS ATTEMPT ESCAPE FROM IDAHO PRISON

BOISE, Ida., Aug. 3.—(By Associated Press.)—An attempted prison break of 16 prisoners, many of them life termers in the Idaho State prison, from the punishment or "bug house" was frustrated today by prison guards under the leadership of Myron Lester, captain of the guard. During the night the prisoners had filed the locks from individual cells in the punishment house and this morning congregated at the entrance with plans to rush the guards, scale the walls with rope blankets already prepared and steal a prison truck for their escape. The caution and quick wit of Captain Lester in intimidating the prisoners when he opened the "bug house" door is believed to have prevented a general jail break.

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