

WEATHER FORECAST: Generally fair in west and unsettled with light local rains and snows in east portion; normal temperature; moderate northerly winds. Maximum yesterday, 50; minimum, 29; river, 5.2; rainfall, 0; atmosphere, clear; wind, west.

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Speaking of international agreements, it is still our idea that the best way for Uncle Sam to keep out of war is to keep his army and navy in good order.

WOMEN FIGHT WITH ARMIES IN NICARAGUA

20 Year Old Girl Leads Battalion of Conservative Troops in Attack

16 WOUNDED IN BATTLE

City Presents Horrible Picture When Viewed by Correspondent for Associated Press After Hard Fight

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A battalion of women, formed and led by a 20 year old girl, assisted the conservative forces which recently recaptured the town of Chinandega from the liberal troops, thus restoring communications between Corinto and Managua.

Sixteen of the women were wounded, some seriously while passing out ammunition to conservative soldiers in trenches, cleaning guns, and passing food. Natalie Garcia, of Managua, leader of the battalion was shot through the left breast and is in a serious condition.

Chinandega presented a horrible picture when visited yesterday by a correspondent for the Associated Press, who traveled on one of the three troop trains which were sent to the town by the conservative government in order to consolidate its position there. Twelve squares, chiefly in the business section, were flattened and smoke was still rising from the ruins.

Bullet holes were in almost every house and shell fragments are scattered throughout the street.

Dozens of dead were piled here and there. Buzzards hovered overhead. The water supply was still cut off and that available was unhealthful. Virtually no food and no medicine remained in the town except what was hurried from Managua and Corinto.

A few liberals, barricaded in their homes kept up a desultory fire and shooting from the outskirts of the town continued at night. Ninety families were without homes.

The conservative commander

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"RULES OF ROAD" MAY BE CHANGED

EIGHTEEN APPROPRIATION BILLS DUMPED IN HOPPER

House Approves Traffic Rule Bill Now Up To Senate For Action

Eighteen appropriation bills came into the hopper of the house yesterday, sponsored by the joint ways and means committees. This is only a start on what the committee will have to introduce before the session is over. The bills called for an aggregate of \$2,200,000.00. When all these bills are in, the total sum appropriated will amount to upwards of \$9,000,000.00. It is estimated there are probably thirty or more bills yet forthcoming from these committees.

With the exception of two members the house strongly approved Mr. Snell's "Rules of the Road" bill number 136 and passed it yesterday.

This bill provides for a number of changes in the rules as follows:

Cars are required to remain at a safe distance.

Vehicles, and trucks shall stay at least three hundred feet behind another truck, but does not mean that vehicles shall not pass another.

It shall be unlawful to follow any fire apparatus closer than five hundred feet, or to stop within the block where it is in operation, or within three blocks where a fire is in process.

Whenever any car signals passing another car the car being overtaken shall not increase its speed.

Drivers shall yield the right of way to pedestrians in business districts. If the pedestrian is in any regular pedestrian crossing included in the prolongation of the boundary lines of the adjacent sidewalk. If the pedestrian is out of this boundary he shall yield to the driver.

The driver of a vehicle intending to turn to the right at an intersection shall approach such intersection

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AID FOR FLOOD AREA APPROVED

APPROPRIATION OF \$5000 DISALLOWED FOR RIVER WORK

Committee Adverse to Referring Request for Women's Building to People

The farmers in Malheur county who lost property when the Bully creek flood occurred in 1925 will receive aid to the extent of \$50,000 if the two houses approve the recommendation which the joint ways and means committee decided upon last night at their final meeting.

Several farmers from the district appeared before the committee and urged that the appropriation be made for \$100,000; but the committee could not see this in view of the depleted status of the finances.

The claims of the farmers were investigated by a committee appointed by ex-Governor Pierce during the 1925 session of the legislature, and were presented to the ways and means committee. Judge Doby, now a member of the state highway commission, was chairman of the committee that made the appraisals. It was said that the original claims aggregated \$140,000, but these were later reduced.

In event the bill carrying the appropriation is approved by the legislature the money will be apportioned among the various claimants based on their actual losses. The flood was said to have resulted from a defective dam owned by a defunct irrigation district. Some evidence was presented to the ways and means committee to indicate that the state was in a small degree morally responsible for the defective condition of the dam. There also was evidence produced indicating contributory negligence on the part of some of the claimants. None of the members of the committee would admit that the state was legally responsible for the flood.

The claims approved by the investigating committee headed by Judge Doby ranged from \$100 to several thousand dollars.

The committee voted adversely to referring a bill to the voters of Oregon at the next election appropriating \$50,000 for the erection of a woman's building at the old soldiers' home at Roseburg. This bill was sponsored by the Woman's Relief Corps, and was said to have the endorsement of a large number of military and patriotic organizations.

Representative Fisher of Douglas county said the building was badly needed in that the present cottages for women at the home were inadequate. Commandant Riddle of the home appeared before the committee in behalf of

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EUGENE TROUBLE FLARES

City School Board Member Asks Superintendent to Resign

EUGENE, Feb. 11.—(AP)—David John Jones, city superintendent of school here, was asked today by one of the members of the city school board to resign, to save the board further embarrassment in a difficulty said to be coming to a breaking point. The board at a secret meeting two days ago is said to have declared the office of superintendent open for applications.

Mr. Jones had a contract for only one year and members of the board have stated that they will not renew it. No reason is given for this action, but friends of Mr. Jones say it is on account of the factional strife that has existed in school affairs here for a long time.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

Associated Press

The McNary-Haugen bill was passed in the senate.

The milk importation bill was sent to the White House.

Muscle Shoals bids were adversely reported by the house military sub-committee.

Authority to control the Erie and Pere Marquette was sought by the Chesapeake & Ohio.

President Coolidge's disarmament proposal appeared to have been favorably received abroad.

Speaker Longworth promised to aid in bringing the Boulder canyon dam bill to a vote in the house.

The house judiciary committee was directed to continue its investigation of charges against Judge Cooper of New York.

FARM AID BILL APPROVED BY U. S. SENATE

Reversal of Attitude in Less Than Eight Months Shown By Body

HOUSE WILL VOTE SOON

Ballot 47 to 39 on Measure Loaded Down With Additional Amendments; Coolidge Position Uncertain

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP) Reversing itself in less than eight months, the senate passed the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill late today, 47 to 39.

This measure will be transmitted to the house tomorrow and efforts will be made there to substitute it for the companion measure pending since last Wednesday. A final house vote is expected on Tuesday or Wednesday.

Unless the senate bill, which was loaded down with last minute amendments, is approved by the house without change, the legislative jam in the last few days of the session.

Favorable action in the house is anticipated by both proponents and opponents, but there is uncertainty as to the attitude of President Coolidge. Should he exercise his veto power, the legislation would be dead for this session, since admittedly neither house could muster the two-thirds majority necessary to pass it over a veto.

The final day of senate consideration was marked by much uncertainty and numerous private conferences both inside and outside of the chamber, with supporters and opponents centering their

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THREE DIE IN ACCIDENTS

Industrial Facilities Come Under Compensation Law

There were three fatalities due to industrial accidents in Oregon during the week ending February 10, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission yesterday. The victims were Elmer Ellison, Notti Nelson C. Herbert, Portland, and Henry J. Heine, Oregon City.

Approximately 505 of the accidents reported to the commission during the week were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation law.

Abraham Lincoln

NO ONE can explain Lincoln. He came out of the invisible, walked up to his task, performed it, and went back into the invisible again. America will always have such a man in such a crisis. We cannot analyze such men but we know the soil in which they nourish their roots. It is the common soul of the earth and the common thought of the race. They will give rootage to another such as Lincoln when the time of need, the time for his appearing, comes again.

Born February 12, 1809
Died April 15, 1865

PACKING PLANTS START BUILDING

HUNT BROTHERS TO HAVE NEW \$15,000 WAREHOUSE

Producers Operative Company Start Work to Gain Enlarged Output

Further increase in Salem's output of canned fruit will be provided for in construction programs announced Friday afternoon by two of the city's leading fruit packing companies.

Work on the foundation for a \$15,000 warehouse at the Hunt Brothers Packing company, on the east side of the present plant at 145 Division street, was started. This building will be of concrete and frame construction, and will be 56x220 feet in dimensions. The work is being supervised by the company officials.

This warehouse, Manager W. G. Allen explained Friday, is needed in order to store the increased output of the plant during the summer and autumn canning season.

Producers Operative Canning company is starting construction of a new unit, which will include both an addition to the present building at 1695 North Commercial, and new machinery. The work will materially increase the output capacity of the plant, but exactly how much, Manager Frank Gibson was unable to announce at this time. The cost of the addition to the building will be \$3,000.

CHANNEL BILL INTRODUCED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP)—A bill for a survey of Grays Harbor, Wash., with a view to maintaining a permanent channel was introduced today by Representative Johnson, republican, Washington.

SALARY RAISES PUT ON BALLOT

PEOPLE TO DECIDE SALARIES AT ELECTION

Senate Passes Resolution Providing Vote on Increase in Office

A constitutional amendment prohibiting salary increases for both state and county officers during their terms of office will be submitted to the voters of Oregon at the next general election, according to a resolution yesterday, approved by 22 of the 30 senators.

Senator Strayer, who introduced the resolution, pointed out that Governor Patterson had favored it in his original message. Senator Banks said that the resolution would not only relieve the pressure being brought by office holders, but that its adoption would have a wholesome effect in the transaction of state business.

"I had not felt that there would be any opposition to this resolution," said Senator Banks. "I have been liberal with officers seeking higher salaries, but I feel that this resolution would relieve

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INMATE SLASHES THROAT

Insane Man Suicides Yesterday At Oregon State Hospital

Fred Bannister, an inmate of the Oregon state hospital, committed suicide yesterday by slashing his throat with a razor. Mr. Bannister was 29 years of age and was committed to the hospital from Oregon City. He had been in the institution for several months. The body will be sent to Oregon City where funeral services will be held later in the week.

U. S. EXPECTS NATION'S AID IN DISARMING

Coolidge Has Every Anticipation of Favorable Reply to Message

NO ANSWERS HERE YET

Hopes Based on Reasonableness of American Proposal and Fact That Formula Only Applied Further

WASHINGTON, Feb. 11.—(AP) President Coolidge has every expectation of favorable consideration by the Washington naval treaty powers of his suggestion for a further extension of that treaty through a conference to be held at Geneva.

The expectation is based, it was said today at the White House, upon the reasonableness of the American proposal and the fact that it proposes only to apply further a formula for naval limitation already worked out and accepted by the Washington treaty powers.

It was emphasized that President Coolidge does not know specifically what reply will be made by Great Britain, France, Italy and Japan.

He feels, however, that inasmuch as difficulty has been uncovered during the Geneva preparatory disarmament conference as to which branch of armament should first be taken up in an effort to formulate a comprehensive plan for reduction of air, land, or sea forces, the American suggestion to proceed with naval limitation under the Washington treaty

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FEDERATED CLUB ELECT

Noted Economist Speaks to Community Club Listeners

The Federated Marion County Community clubs met for the February meeting at the chamber of commerce auditorium last night. The size of the meeting was handicapped by the large number of conflicting meetings; but an enthusiastic group was present to hear J. F. Page, professor of economics and sociology at Oregon Agricultural college, in his address, "Means and Ends in Life."

Dr. Page emphasized the necessity of many sided life if one expects to be happy. He told how most farmers neglect the real important things of life and urged that the beauties of life be observed rather than, ignored and neglected.

Officers for 1927 were elected at the meeting. P. J. Lasky, president; William H. Fox, vice president, and Dr. P. O. Riley, secretary treasurer, will serve the organization this year.

ENGINE HITS FREIGHT

Cab of Switch Engine Torn From Front Trucks by Impact

Southern Pacific switch engine 101, east bound on Chemeketa street, crashed into the Oregon Electric local freight 331 at the Front street crossing last night.

C. B. Baker, yardmaster for the Southern Pacific, believes that the wreck was due to mistaken signals, as both engines were traveling less than ten miles an hour. The cab and motor room of the east bound engine was torn from the front trucks, while the Oregon electric suffered only a smashed box car.

Neither Schaefer or Chadwick, handling the Southern Pacific engines, were injured, although both were in the front end when the collision occurred. Damage to the yard engine was estimated at \$600 by Mr. Baker.

CLOCK SYSTEM ORDERED

Discusses Preparations for Advertising for Bids on Bonds

New "program" clock systems for the Salem senior high school and for the Leslie junior high school building now under construction, were ordered purchased, was almost the only important piece of business transacted at Friday night's meeting of the Salem district board of education.

Preparations toward advertising for bids on the last of the Leslie building bonds, were discussed.

REPEAL OF MOTOR TITLE LAW LOSES

4 SALARY INCREASE BILLS PASS IN SENATE

Upton Bill Concerning Handling Of Automobile Licenses Meets Death

The senate yesterday defeated by a 15 to 12 vote a bill calling for repeal of the motor vehicle certificate of title law, after long, heated debate. The bill was introduced by Senator Upton, who said the certificate of title law was irksome and that it interfered with the automobile business.

"The law has opened the way for all kinds of manipulation and has created a world of trouble," Senator Upton said. "No protection has been afforded the motor vehicle owners through the operation of the law, and it should be repealed."

Senator Dunne declared, that practically every motor vehicle dealer in the state was in favor of retaining the law. "This is a good law," said Senator Dunne, "and it should not be repealed at this time."

It was explained by Senator Dunne that a number of amendments would be made to the certificate of title law during the present legislative session. These amendments, he said, would correct many of the defects in the law which had been complained of by Senator Upton.

Senator Eddy said that as far as he knew the certificate of title law had operated satisfactorily, and should not be repealed.

The title law was branded by Senator Joseph as "another nuisance." He urged its repeal.

Senator Strayer said he voted against the creation of the certificate of title department two years ago under the apprehension that it would not prove of any material benefit to the public.

He said his suspicions had been affirmed, and instead of resulting in any good to motor vehicle owners, it merely had created a biennial appropriation in excess of \$50,000.

The senate voted down another one of Senator Upton's bills providing that sheriffs of the various counties shall collect motor vehicle license fees and distribute the motor vehicle plates.

"Under my plan," said Senator Upton, "we would eliminate a horde of useless clerks and stenographers and reduce the expense of issuing motor vehicle licenses approximately \$200,000 annually. I am convinced, however, that the roads and highways committee of this senate has not lost any of its influence, and that this bill will be defeated when the final vote is recorded."

Senator Eddy said that the law proposed by Senator Upton would create confusion without reducing to any appreciable degree the cost of issuing the motor vehicle plates.

Senator Dunne also opposed the Upton bill which he said would not result in any good.

Another bill introduced by Senator Upton repealing the law authorizing a biennial appropriation

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D'AUTREMONT NOT TAKEN

Manila Police Deny Report Originating in United States

MANILA, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Army and police officials here today denied they had arrested Hugh D'Autremont, wanted for the Southern Pacific mail train robbery in Oregon in 1923.

ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Hugh D'Autremont, one of the brothers sought by federal authorities for the past four years for connection in the dynamiting of a mail car near Siskiyou, Oregon, and the murder of a mail clerk and three trainmen has been captured in Manila, P. I., Grant B. Miller, chief postoffice inspector, announced here today.

Inspector Miller has been here several days in conference with Joe P. Johnston, inspector of this division.

A telegram received today advised the chief inspector that D'Autremont had admitted his identity.

GOVERNOR AT HUBBARD

Patterson Speaks at Commercial Club Banquet Last Night

HUBBARD, Feb. 11.—(AP)—The presence and address of Governor Patterson was the feature of the special ladies' banquet carried out by the Hubbard Commercial club tonight.

Hubbard gave Governor Patterson a good vote in the general election last fall and he was greeted by an unusually large crowd at the IOOF hall where the club adjourned following the banquet.

HOUSE PASSES TAX MEASURE OF PATTERSON

Tithing Bill and Income Tax Bill Due for Senate Consideration

FEW SHOW OPPOSITION

Governor Says Best Interest of State Will Be Served by Prompt Action and Fewest Changes

Speaker Carlin ruled yesterday afternoon that all bills that have been in committees over seven days will automatically be returned to the desk today.

Mr. Carlin deemed this rule necessary as time is getting short and the committees for different reasons are failing to get the bills assigned to them on the desk.

All ways and means bills and number 452 by Mr. Briggs will be exempt from the rule. The exemption of the latter bill being asked by Representative Graham.

The speaker is doing his utmost to get the business of the house cleared up in the allotted 40 days, but it is probable that he will not succeed. There is some talk of three or four days overtime.

The income tax bill occupied the attention of the representatives yesterday to a great extent. A lively discussion was held on this question and it was finally passed by a large majority. Because they wanted to comply with the governor's wishes although entirely opposed to the theory involved, and because it appeared the only expedient way out of the financial tangle of state funds, some members voted for Governor Patterson's income tax bill yesterday.

Others expressed every respect and confidence in the governor's judgment, but voted against his bill they explained, because representing people who did not want an income tax, and believing that it would not accomplish the end desired, they felt he would not ask them to vote against their own convictions.

The measure provides the following:

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BLOODY SKULLS FOUND IN TRUNK

CHILDREN PLAYING IN ATTIC DISCOVER REMAINS

Heads Thought to Be of Women; Police Hunt Earlier Owner of House

ROYAL OAK, Mich., Feb. 11.—(AP)—Four skulls, believed to be those of women, together with a blood, were found in a trunk by children of Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson at their home here tonight. The Wilsons moved into the house only recently and the children were exploring an attic when the find was made.

A number of clippings from Pittsburgh newspapers referring to women prominent in society there, all of which had telephone numbers pencilled on them, and a notebook containing addresses of Cleveland and Detroit women were also found in the trunk. The word "White" had been written in pencil after several of them. Police refused to make the names public pending investigation.

Police began a search for James M. Coyner, negro world war veteran, who was said to have occupied the house up until two years ago. An army uniform, bearing an engineer's insignia and service stripes, was found in the attic and was partially identified as Coyner's. Other papers found included several letters addressed to Coyner.

Coyner, who was a mechanic, was employed at a local automobile factory during his occupancy of the house, police were told. They were unable to learn where he went after leaving Royal Oak, or his reasons for leaving.

Mrs. Sally Smith, owner of the house, told police she had heard that Coyner is serving a sentence in an Illinois penitentiary.

Police are working on two theories, the first that the women were still and their skulls secreted in the trunk and the second that the skulls were removed from graves. They said, however, no reports of ghoulia operating in this vicinity had been received in recent years.

