

The Oregon Statesman

Five Italians have shot at Mussolini without hitting him and yet the Duce talks of conquering the world with such marksmen.
Some scientists can do humanity a lot of good by inventing an automatic windshield wiper for horn rimmed spectacles.

WEATHER FORECAST: Rains in west and snows in east portion; normal temperature; fresh and strong southerly winds on coast. Maximum yesterday, 45; minimum, 35; river, 3.7; rainfall, .01; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, west.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, FEBRUARY 15, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

MELLON SEES DIFFICULTIES IN FARM BILL

McNary-Haugen Measure Would Be Hard to Enforce Secretary Says

ADMINISTRATION COSTLY

Collection of Equalization Fee Is Held Troublesome; Large Force of Accountants Thought Necessary

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—As the house draw nearer today to a vote on the McNary-Haugen farm bill, Secretary Mellon outlined, in a letter made public at the capitol, the difficulties he believes would be encountered in enforcing such a measure.

"Confining himself to an analysis of the bill's administrative provisions, the treasury secretary estimated that its administration alone would cost about \$800,000 a year, not including the cost of making returns and collecting the equalization fee and said that a large force of accountants, technical and legal experts, and investigating agents would be needed.

"The collection of the equalization fee," he said, "will be difficult."

"The secretary's views were set forth in a letter to Representative Chindblom, republican, Illinois, who had asked for his opinion. It was inserted in the congressional record as the house was concluding general debate on the bill and clearing the way for a test of strength through a move to substitute the bill passed by the senate for that before the house.

"By this means friends of the bill hope to prevent the possibility of a filibuster against it in the coming days of congress. Should the house accept the senate bill as amended, the likelihood of parliamentary moves against it in conference between the senate and house would be removed and the measure would go directly to President Coolidge for his approval or disapproval.

Acting under a recommendation from the house rules committee, Chairman Haugen of the agriculture committee tomorrow will move for the substitution, and the vote on his motion, while not expected to be conclusive of the measure.

NEGRO GRILLED ON SKULL FIND

JAMES COYNER REFUSES TO TALK ABOUT DISCOVERY

Will Be Shown Trunk and Gruesome Contents in Effort to Find Facts

MICHIGAN CITY, Ind., Feb. 14—(AP)—Sullen and defiant, James Coyner, giant negro serving prison sentence here for grave robbing, today withstood hours of questioning regarding four women's skulls found in his trunk at Ferndale, Mich., Detroit suburb, last week, without giving any information to clear up the mystery.

Tomorrow he will be confronted with the trunk and its gruesome contents, in this manner, Michigan authorities expect to break down his stubborn silence. Clyde Underwood, prosecuting attorney of Oakland county, Michigan, and George W. Smith, Ferndale chief of police, tonight sent for the trunk. Tomorrow Coyner will be handed the skulls found last week in a house in the Michigan city, where he is believed to have resided several months.

Coyner today told his questioners that he could tell "about a lot of murders and murderers," and then declared he would rather die than tell what he knew.

The convict said he had been married two or three times and is the father of three children, but said he did not know where any of his children or wives are today. Coyner denied that he had a sister in Chicago, although Emma Robinson, claiming to be his sister, received letters from him making her get his trunk at Detroit and explaining that it might involve him in further trouble if she did not get it. He denied writing these letters.

POSTAL RATES TO FALL

Senate Votes for Reduction of One Cent on Postal Cards

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—General revision of the postal rates was voted tonight by the senate in adding a series of amendments to the house bill proposing a reduction from two cents to one cent in the rate on postal cards.

FRANCE AGAINST COOLIDGE PLAN

REPORT SAYS CABINET WILL TURN DOWN PROPOSAL

Reply Expected to Confine Itself to Discussion of Procedure Only

PARIS, Feb. 14—(AP)—President Coolidge's proposal for complementary naval disarmament distinct from the general scheme under consideration by the League of Nations virtually will be rejected by the French reply, which the cabinet will take up tomorrow, it is understood on the highest authority.

The French government's reply will avoid discussion of the merits of the question as raised by the Coolidge note, will confine itself to discussion of procedure and will conclude by stating that it is impossible to take the question out of the hands of the league.

Fuller sympathy with the object of the president's initiative will be expressed with the promise of hearty cooperation in any practical plan, but it will be pointed out that France, having cooperated in the preparation of a scheme for general disarmament in the league commission cannot separate herself from that effort.

PORTUGAL TO BE BETTER

General Carmona Sees Improved Times Ahead of Nation

LISBON, Feb. 14—(AP)—General Carmona, the Portuguese dictator, who put down rigorously the recent revolts in Lisbon and Oporto, is convinced that better days await Portugal if all the more conservative elements united and rallied around the government to aid in the difficult work of reformation of the country. General Carmona has his quarters in the general barracks installed in the Neoclassical palace, where today he received the correspondent of the Associated Press.

Pacification of Portugal, he explained, would be an extremely trying task, owing to the social and administrative disorders caused by 16 years of misgovernment by political parties, who, he said, "unfortunately, thought more of their own interest than that of the good of the country."

MRS. ORMISTON FREED

Wife of Aimee's Operator Gets Interlocutory Divorce

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 14—(AP)—Mrs. Ruth Peters Ormiston was granted an interlocutory decree of divorce in superior court today from Kenneth G. Ormiston, radio man and a co-defendant in the recent Aimee Semple McPherson conspiracy case.

Mrs. Ormiston testified briefly in court today that her husband had deserted her on January 22, 1926, and this was corroborated by two witnesses. H. H. Owens, a friend of the Ormiston family, declared he knew the radio man had left his wife without her consent. H. G. Davis, employed with Ormiston by a publishing company, testified that the former Angelus Temple wireless operator told him recently there was no chance for a reconciliation with his wife.

EXTEND TIME ON BONUS

Representative McCourt's Bill Passes Senate Monday

The senate Monday passed Representative McCourt's bill extending the time in which exservice men may make applications for cash bonus until June 30, 1929. The bill also provided that in cases where service men had accepted a cash bonus they may return the bonus, together with interest, and receive the benefits of the loan. This transfer may be made under the law anytime prior to the year 1945.

Further provision was made in the bill that loans may be paid in as provided under the existing installment rather than quarterly law. All loans must be paid by June 1, 1928.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

The Ford tax hearings were resumed. The senate delayed action on the McFadden branch banking bill. General debate in the house on the McNary-Haugen farm bill was concluded.

Earl Carroll, convicted New York theatrical manager, asked the supreme court to review his trial. Representative Lowry of Mississippi introduced a new bill for operation of Muscle Shoals.

The house ways and means committee reported a bill to license medicinal liquor manufacturers. Witnesses who refused to testify fully in the Illinois-Pennsylvania primary investigations were recalled by the senate campaign funds committee.

SENATORS VOTE FOR EMERGENCY BOARD CLOSING

Only Two Members Stand for Continuation of Fund-Voting Group

HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

Organization Spends Much Unnecessary Money, Says Sen. Bell; Dunne and Moser Friends of Body

A bill providing for abolishment of the state emergency board passed the senate yesterday by a vote of 27 to 2. President Corbett being absent. Senators Dunne and Moser were the two opponents.

The law creating the state emergency board is unconstitutional, Senator Bell declared, and has been expensive to the state. "I am satisfied," he continued, "that much unnecessary money has been spent by superintendents of various institutions and departments, thinking that the emergency board would make up deficiencies created after their budgets had run out. It is my opinion that the state would save a large amount of money if the board is abolished."

Senator Moser said he could not agree with Senator Bell's statement that the operations of the emergency board had resulted in extravagance. "I can see cases where an appropriation of \$100,000 authorized in lieu of the emergency board would not cover legitimate emergencies," said Senator Moser. "I view this bill as a move in the direction of extravagance rather than economy. It places an appropriation of \$100,000 in the hands of a more disinterested commission of seven members."

"If this bill is approved it may result in special sessions of the legislature at a heavy cost to the taxpayers. I think we may safely trust the emergency board as it is."

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SIX ENTOMBED MINERS RESCUED

TWO MEN STILL PRISONERS IN PENNSYLVANIA SHAFT

One Body Recovered; Rescuers Working Heroically; Oxygen Pumped

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 14—(AP)—Six of the nine men caught behind a fall of coal and rock today in the gangway of the Heven Run mine, 15 miles from here, were rescued unhurt, one body was recovered, and two men were still entombed tonight.

A large squad of men worked heroically to reach the entombed miners. Oxygen was pumped through pipes into the pocket where they were cut off, but no communication had been established with them. Ambulances awaited at the mouth of the mine and doctors and nurses were ready to give first aid should the entombed men be found alive.

Every official of the mine and all available miners and laborers were engaged in the rescue work. They wielded picks and shovels in cutting away at the fallen breast of coal and worked in short shifts.

A little group of women and children, families of the trapped miners, clung to the sides of the hill around the mine in suspense. Rescuers were unable to estimate how long it would take to reach the entombed men.

SALEM ATTORNEY DEAD

Former Canadian Spent 22 Years in Successful Practice

Thomas M. Brown, prominent Salem attorney since 1904, will be buried tomorrow in St. Barbara cemetery. He died in Portland Sunday afternoon, suffering from a tumor on the brain.

Mr. Brown was born in Ontario, Canada, of a distinguished family of barristers, one of whom is a member of parliament in Ottawa. After a brilliant record he came to Oregon in 1903 and settled in Woodburn, but came a year later to this city where he had since lived, carrying on his law practice.

Mr. Brown is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, three brothers, three sisters, besides many friends, both in business and club circles. He was a member of BPOE 336, WOV, Catholic Foresters, Knights of Columbus and Illihee country club.

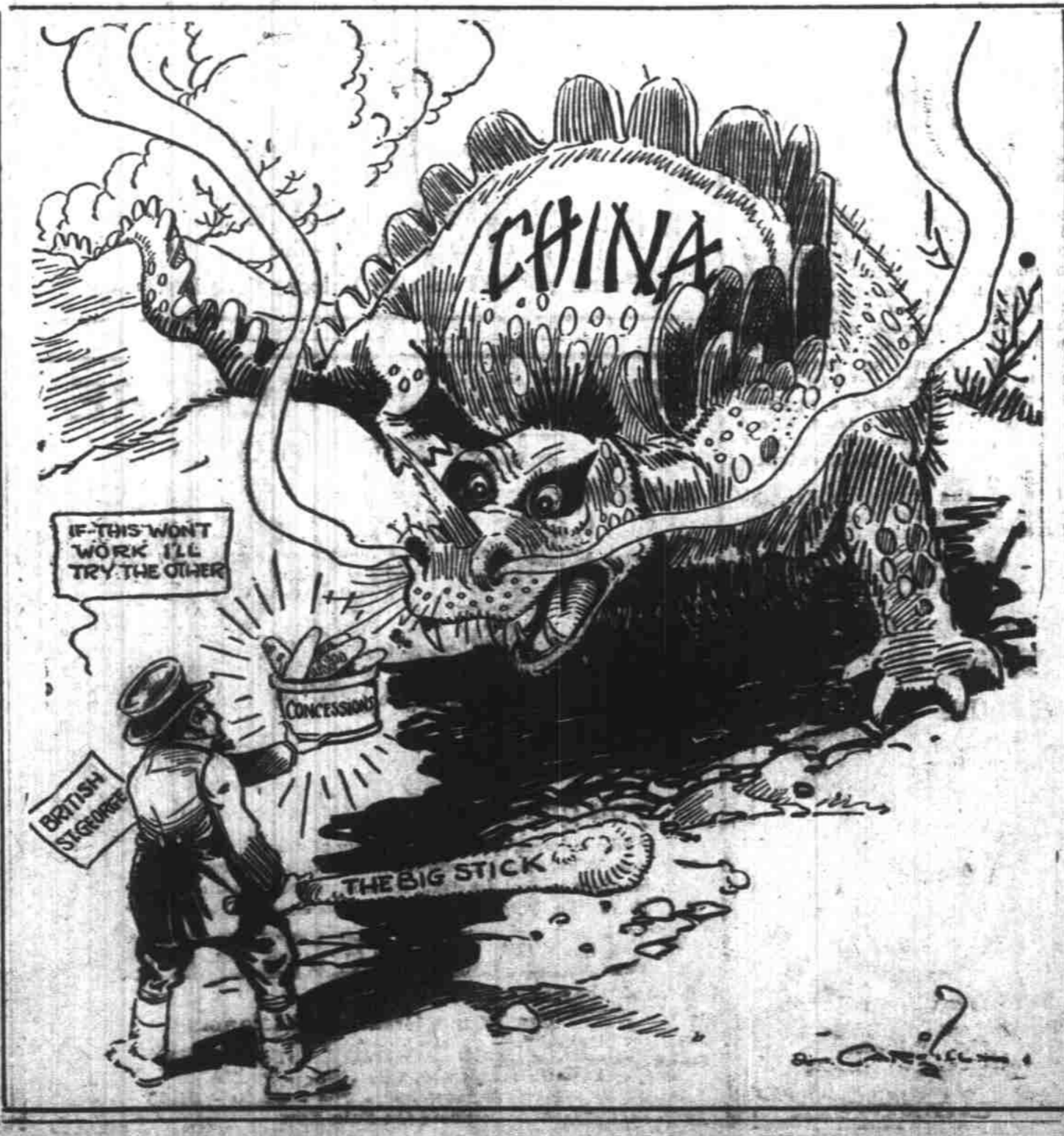
WOULD SIMPLIFY ELECTION

Senator Joseph has introduced a resolution in the senate providing in cases where candidates for a public office at a primary election receive a majority of all the votes cast they would be declared elected and be relieved of making the race at the general election.

DR. S. M. BARBEE DIES

PORTLAND, Feb. 14—(AP)—Dr. S. M. Barbee, member and former president of the state board of health, died suddenly at his home here last night. Death is said to have been caused by heart disease.

MODERN METHODS



BERGMAN ARREST REPORT DENIED

CONFLICTING STORIES COME ON FLORENCE ROBBERY

President and Cashier of Bank Reported Held in Safford, Arizona

SAFFORD, Arizona, Feb. 14—(AP)—If two residents of Florence, Ore., wanted in connection with the closing of a bank there are in these parts, it is news to Graham county authorities. The sheriff's office disclaimed all knowledge of the whereabouts of Henry Bergman and Harriet Weatherston and tonight M. T. Stinson, night watchman, said quite candidly that the county jail was empty.

Stinson had never heard of Bergman and Miss Weatherston but said he would hunt up the sheriff again and see if he had received a telegraphic for their arrest. Sheriff H. M. Tate had not been located at an early hour tonight.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 14—(AP)—Henry Bergman and Miss Harriet Weatherston, president and cashier, respectively, of the Lane County State Bank at Florence, Arizona, today on a charge of embezzlement, according to word received by Sheriff Taylor. They will be brought back here for trial, it was stated at the sheriff's office.

Bergman and Miss Weatherston are charged with embezzling funds of the bank, which was alleged by Miss Weatherston to have been robbed a few weeks ago. She said that she was held up by a lone bandit and locked up in the vault, the robber taking more than \$20,000 in cash and travelers' checks. A week afterward she and Bergman disappeared in a borrowed automobile which was located at Fresno, Cal., a day or so afterward. The couple abandoned it there and took the train for Arizona, it was learned at the sheriff's office.

GAME LAWS CHANGED

Measure Aims to Protect China Pheasants Until Next Term

House bill 362, changing the season on china pheasants, was passed in the night session of the house last night with only 15 dissenting votes.

The new law would read, the season shall be open each Wednesday and each Sunday of intervening weeks from October 15 to November 15. The bag limit for each day remains at four, although the clause governing the season total has been changed to rule that not more than eight be in the bag for seven consecutive days, of which only two shall be females.

There will be no open season in Lincoln, Tillamook, Clatsop and Curry counties, nor in game district 2, except in Union, Umatilla, Baker, Grant, Malheur, Morrow, Klamath, Hood River, Wasco, and Wallowa counties.

BRITAIN LANDS TROOPS; CHINA CEASES PARLEY

Agreement Between Nations Concerning Concessions Now Ended

NO STATEMENTS GIVEN

Foreign Minister Chen and Owen O'Malley Refuse to Comment; Negotiations Will Not Be Resumed

HANKOW, Feb. 14—(AP)—Great Britain landed troops at Shanghai today and simultaneously it was announced at the nationalist (Cantonese) foreign office here that the agreement between the two governments concerning the British concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang remained unsigned.

While the negotiators, Foreign Minister Chen of the nationalist government and Owen O'Malley, British charge d'affaires, refused to make a statement concerning their conference, it was reported that their negotiations would not be resumed.

These conferences were first suspended several days ago when Foreign Minister Chen insisted that Great Britain give assurances that she would not land troops at Shanghai before he would sign the agreement regarding the British concessions. The agreement would have yielded administrative control of the concessions to the nationalist government. Great Britain retaining certain privileges calculated to safeguard the interests of her nationals. The agreement as to the concessions was thought to have been a preliminary precedent to the negotiation of a treaty that would have carried Great Britain's recognition of the nationalist government, but this was not stated officially.

As a result of the breaking of negotiations, the British concessions at Hankow and Kiukiang remain in the administrative control of the nationalist government, while the British residents are doing some business. The concessions were overrun early in January by coolie crowds in anti-foreign demonstrations. British residents were forced out of their districts, and many departed to other cities for safety. The nationalist authorities then took over control of the concessions.

LIBERAL ARMY ADVANCES

Important City of Matagalpa Captured; March On Managua

MANAGUA, Feb. 14—(AP)—The main body of the liberal force has reached Matagalpa, a city of strategic importance and ranked second in importance only to the Nicaraguan capital.

General Moncada, having defeated the conservatives at Las Perlas, ascended the Grande and Escondido river valleys toward Matagalpa with Managua as his final objective.

The exact number of soldiers engaged on each side is in doubt. Precious estimates seemed to indicate that the conservatives outnumbered the liberals. Now it appears that the opposite is true.

PLAY CAST FACES TRIAL

"The Virgin Man" Called Indecent; Eight Held In Case

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—(AP)—The manager and the entire cast of "The Virgin Man," one of three plays which was raided in last week's state cleanup campaign, were held for trial in special sessions today on a charge of violating laws against indecent stage productions. Bail of the eight defendants was continued.

Those arrested were William Dugs, co-author and manager, and Dorothy Hall, Virginia Smith, Don Dillaway, Betty Alden, Joseph Daird, Paul Clare and Charles Horn.

BLAST ROCKS VILLAGE

One Killed, Several Injured, in Explosion at Texas Town

BORGER, Tex., Feb. 14—(AP)—A terrific explosion here about 11 o'clock tonight wounded several persons and jarred sleepers from their beds, besides demolishing practically every plate glass window in town. It was believed that the explosion was at a nitroglycerine depot.

POLICE PENSION BILL DEFEATED

VOTE FOR PASSAGE 1 SHORT OF NEEDED NUMBER

Senator Upton Makes Strong Fight for Measure; Would Tax Premiums

The so-called firemen and policemen's pension bill introduced by Senator Dunne was lost in the senate yesterday by one vote, in spite of a fight by Senator Upton to have it passed over an adverse report of the insurance committee. Fifteen senators, one less than the constitutional majority, voted for it.

The bill provided a small tax on premiums of insurance companies operating in Oregon, and would apportion the money therefrom among cities having the firemen and policemen pension system in operation.

"This bill should pass," said Senator Upton, "if only because of fast work from some Multnomah county delegates. The adverse report was returned for the sole purpose of killing the bill. The firemen and policemen of Oregon are doing a great public service and they should have some consideration."

Senator Klepper took exception to the remarks of Senator Upton. "It appears to me," said Senator Klepper, "that Senator Upton is attempting to grab some glory at the expense of the insurance committee."

Senator Klepper then explained that the insurance committee had held several hearings on the bill and that it had been given careful consideration. He said the attorney general had held that the proposed law, if passed, would be unconstitutional.

Senators Bailey, Bell and Butt objected to the bill on the grounds that any tax that might be levied

ANCIENT PLOT ALLEGED

Suit Filed to Break Will of William Nelson McClintock

CHICAGO, Feb. 14—(AP)—A plot formed 18 years ago which involved the slaying of two persons who stood in the way of his possession of their \$1,000,000 estate was attributed to a suit filed today to break the will of William Nelson McClintock, the "millionaire orphan."

Shepherd was acquitted of the murder of the youth, whose death he was alleged to have caused by administering typhoid germs, but the ghost of that long criminal court battle arose today to stalk him, connected with the allegation that in 1909 he fed the boy's mother, Mrs. Emma Catherine McClintock, a fatal dose of poison.

The suit was filed in behalf of eight cousins, and, in addition, to Shepherd, named as defendants the two cousins who did not participate, Mrs. Julie M. Shepherd, and Miss Isabelle Pope, who was affianced to "Billy" McClintock and who was willed an annuity of \$8000.

LONGVIEW HEARING SET

Army Engineer Will Probe Proposed Span in Portland Soon

PORTLAND, Feb. 14—(AP)—A hearing on the Longview bridge, recently authorized by congress, will be held in Portland March 15 before Major E. T. Colner, United States army engineer, and representative of the secretaries of commerce and agriculture. Specifications for the bridge, which will be a steel structure between Longview, Wash., and Rainier, Ore., will be discussed at the meeting.

Portland interests, which opposed the bridge, insist that it shall be of sufficient height and clearance between piers to prevent it from obstructing navigation on the Columbia river between Portland and the Pacific ocean.

Major Colner said that presumably the secretaries of war, commerce and agriculture would pass finally upon the plans and specifications, as the bill passed by congress provides that they shall approve the plans.

MAN MAY BE STRANGLER

Dominick Boyer Held by San Francisco Police as Suspect

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14—(AP)—Dominick Boyer was arrested here tonight for investigation in connection with the "dark stranger" murders. He denied knowledge of the murders which have terrorized Pacific coast women for months, but was held on a charge of vagrancy with bail set at \$1000, while police checked his activities.

NEW DRY BILL BLOCKED

Senator Edwards Opposes Reorganization of Prohibition

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—(AP)—Passage of the house prohibition reorganization bill was blocked in the senate tonight by Senator Edwards, democrat, New Jersey, although other wet senators reluctantly in their opposition and agreed to let it pass.

ROBERTS LOSES HOUSE BATTLE FOR FISH BILL

Measure to License Wheels Defeated in Vote Yesterday Afternoon

DEBATE LASTS 3 HOURS

Sponsor of Proposal Attempts to Prove Misleading Propaganda Used at General Election of 1924

The house yesterday by a vote of 44 to 14 killed the Roberts bill for licensing fish wheels in the Columbia, thus closing a fight which has lasted during most of the present session.

After the bill had been made a special order of business for 3 o'clock on the afternoon a three hour argument ensued.

Representative Roberts, who introduced the bill, attempted to prove that misleading propaganda was spread that resulted in passage of the act prohibiting fish wheels at the last general election. A campaign between Oregon and Washington for bringing peace on the Columbia river was entered into years ago. Mr. Roberts said and blamed the bill for prohibiting purse seine in 1921 to agitators who wished for turmoil. Agitators also originated the 1926 measure for abolishing fishwheels, he claimed.

A fraction over 6 per cent of the fish taken in the Columbia river are caught by fishwheels, he said. Those who wish fishwheels allowed have contended all through the session that the fishermen themselves, who pay a poundage fee of one half a cent a pound, which goes to the propagation fund, are the people who pay for the fish in the streams.

"On the other hand those opposed to commercial fishing in streams in Oregon say they wish to protect and save one of the greatest natural resources Oregon has.

Representative Allen objected to what he termed lobbying against the bill yesterday, in the form of cards which were distributed every member relating the

TALKING MOVIE WAR PREDICTED

FOUR COMPANIES INVOLVED IN PATENT DISPUTE

California Firm Announces Acquisition of Basic Patent on Machine

NEW YORK, Feb. 14—(AP)—Imminent possibility of a "talking movie war" forecast in statements to the Associated Press today.

There are apparently four companies involved in patent disputes, with another company using a device based on a different theory on neutral territory.

The Radio Corporation of America in association with the General Electric company and Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing company, is sponsor of the latest talking movie apparatus. The DeForest phonoflms, the Fox-Chase company, and the Federal Telegraph company of California, each sponsor of other devices operated on a more or less similar principle. The Vitaphone company uses a record for the talking part of its talking movie instead of photographing sound on the movie film as the others do, and so is out of the controversy.

The California company recently announced that it had obtained basic patents which gave it exclusive rights to certain features of the filming of pictures and sound. The Radio Corporation group promptly announced that it is "proceeding energetically" with its plans for commercial installation of its system of the DeForest company announced that it built basic patents antedating all others and that it would "sue anybody anywhere who raises his head" to infringe those patents.

Two suits, W. E. Waddell, manager of the DeForest company, said already had been filed and others would follow. The suits already begun are against the Fox-Chase company, and action, it was stated, will inevitably be started against the General Electric group.