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DOVE OF PEACE DEPARTS; WAR CLOUDS FLOAT

Tithing Bill Made Special Order of Business for Monday Afternoon

MAY QUIT WEDNESDAY

Bill to Increase Josephine County Officials' Salaries Recommended to Committee for Further Study

When the legislators return to their desks on Monday every indication points to the opening of some exceptionally lively verbal tiffs. In fact a real battle has been predicted for the closing days which will overshadow the peace and apparent harmony, which was said to reign supreme during the first few weeks of the session.

The dove of peace has hovered above the capitol dome during the entire session until the governor's veto was sent into operation and then the roar which went up from the legislators must have scared the dove away. Friday and Saturday witnessed verbal battles and passing of bitter words on the part of some. Right now there is considerable speculation as to the final outcome of the threatened battle between the administration forces and the remainder of the legislature. This remainder of the legislature comprises a very large group and the ultimate victory may be easily swung from one side to the other.

The war clouds have been gathering for some time and in fact may be dated back into the time Governor Patterson delivered his special message and the administration tax bills were introduced. The lower house may have rumbled a little bit over the two tax bills; but they were passed with little resistance. But the trouble started when the income tax bill came up for discussion in the senate. Some thought the rates and exemptions were not as they should be and some did not want the tax at all. Finally the bill was adopted with only three in opposition.

Then the attention was turned to the tithing bill. This bill is a much talked of one, being hailed by some as the solution to the state's financial problem for the

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SILENCE COVERS FARM BILL FATE

TRADITIONAL WHITE HOUSE TACTIC UNFOLDS

Friends or Foes Do Not Know Whether Coolidge Will Approve or Veto

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The traditional White House silence tonight enfolded the fate of the McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, for after a day's stay in the hands of the president and his advisers, friends and foes of the measure knew no more whether the president would approve or disapprove it than they knew when the measure was finally passed by the house Thursday night.

There were a number of callers at the White House to discuss the bill with the president and the best information they could give as to his attitude was that Mr. Coolidge appeared interested in their presentation of arguments.

Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, one of the callers, who spent a long time in conference with the president, said he did not believe the chief executive had made up his mind on the bill. Senator McNary, republican, of Oregon, co-author of the measure, professed to have had no indication as to its fate.

Soon after the engrossed document was received at the White House it was sent to the agriculture department for the perusal of Secretary Jardine. It is the usual course for proposals affecting various departments to be submitted to department heads in this way. Secretary Jardine has never advocated the McNary-Haugen bill.

There were a number of schools of speculation at work on Capitol Hill. One group believes the president will veto the bill outright, with a message outlining his position. Another group believes he will sign it to demonstrate its feasibility or weakness. Still another holds that he will approve it in order that the constitutionality of its provisions may be decided in the courts.

A fourth group which believes the president will sign the bill, bases its belief on the political effect such an approval would have in the middlewest. To the capitol observer one guess is as good as another.

SERVICES FOR SCOUTS

All Boy Scouts to Participate in Treasure Hunt Tuesday

All boy scouts in Salem will participate in a treasure hunt next Tuesday afternoon, Washington's birthday. It was announced Saturday night. They will meet at 2 o'clock at the Episcopal parish hall on Chemeketa street. A number of prizes are offered to the winners of the first several places.

A special scout church service will be held at the Presbyterian church this morning at 10:45 o'clock. Scout Executive Harold D. Ware announces. Rev. Norman K. Tully's sermon will be appropriate to the scout program, and a number of groups of scouts are planning to attend in uniform.

LITERARY CRITIC DIES

Dr. George Brandes Passes After Several Weeks' Illness

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Dr. George Brandes, 85, noted literary critic, died today after an illness of several weeks.

Dr. Brandes had been suffering from intestinal trouble for which he underwent an operation a week ago, but his great age militated against his recovery.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill reached the White House.

Japan's acceptance of the Coolidge armaments proposal was received.

Increased army rations and new quarters for many posts were proposed.

Postmaster Lueder of Chicago was reprimanded for political activity.

The medicinal whiskey bill was given privileged status in the house.

Senator Johnson, of California, renewed demands for Boulder canyon legislation.

The senate confirmed Frederick Sterling's nomination to be first American minister to the Irish state.

STRIKERS RIOT IN SHANGHAI; WHITES WORRY

Chinese From Varied Industries Numbering 65,000 Cease Working

CANTONESE RESPONSIBLE

All Day Rain Prevents Possible Trouble for Parades and Demonstrations; Armed Forces Counted

SHANGHAI, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Foreigners in Shanghai counted their armed forces today while 65,000 Chinese of varied industries went on strike and stoned tramway cars.

The strike was political. It was engineered by Cantonese propagandists to celebrate the victory of their army over Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's troops at Hangchow, and to weaken the position of the ruler of this province of Kiangsu to prepare the way for Cantonese troops.

An all day rain prevented parades and demonstrations that might have caused trouble.

The scenes were like those that preceded the coolie mob violence in the British concessions at Hankow and Kukiang early last month. In those interior cities Cantonese (national) government authorities assumed administration of the British concessions when the coolie mobs have driven out the British residents.

The international settlement mobilized its volunteer corps of residents, including 4,000 Americans.

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UNKNOWN MAN PASSES

Partner Fails to Get Name of Man Who Died From Flu

SILVERTON, Feb. 19.—(Special)—His name unknown even to a companion who was camping with him at the time, a vagrant, about 65 years of age, died of influenza and exposure at a shack beside the Abiqua east of Shick this morning. His body was shipped to Portland.

The man had been gathering wood for a fire, and when he came in he complained of being ill. His companion, John Rand, hurried to town for a doctor, but the man died before he could be brought to Silvertown.

BLUE MONDAY

In an appeal over radio station KMED last night, for financial aid to the stricken family who lost their early possessions in the fire, approximately \$1200 was contributed.



JAPAN ACCEPTS COOLIDGE PLAN

WASHINGTON GETS NOTE GIVING FAVORABLE REPLY

Interest in Official Circles Concentrated on What Italy Will Say

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Japan's acceptance of the American proposals to negotiate supplemental naval limitations agreements at Geneva reached Washington today timed for future publication. The document was not immediately available to the press but it contents had been so fully foreshadowed by Tokyo officials that only the language employed remained to be disclosed.

With the French rejection of the plan already at hand, interest in official circles is increasingly apparent as to the seeming delay of Italy in transmitting her rejoinder. Rome dispatches early this week said Italy would follow the course of France and decline to enter the negotiations and that her reply would be sent immediately. Since that time, the French refusal has been published, however, and as yet no official word has reached the state department from Rome as to when the Italian communication is to be expected.

Senator Borah, chairman of the foreign affairs committee, was among President Coolidge's callers today and the arms limitation question was discussed, but no intimation as to what was said was given either at the White House or the senate.

NELSON PLANS BUILDING

Will Erect Two Story Concrete Structure on Chemeketa

Construction of a two story concrete building at Liberty and Chemeketa streets, costing approximately \$35,000, will be started soon for A. C. Nelson, he announced Saturday. Plans are now being drawn by Freeman & Struble, and construction will start as soon as these are ready and be completed by July 1.

The building will be 115 by 82.1 feet in dimensions, and will join the present Nelson Bros. building on Chemeketa. An auto safe room will occupy one of the store rooms on the first floor. Occupancy of the remainder of the building has not been announced.

Nelson recently purchased this property for \$36,750.

SUGAR CANE BURNS

HAVANA, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Fire in the cane fields in Camaguey province today destroyed \$60,000,000 pounds of cane and several houses. Several workmen were slightly injured fighting the flames.

PATTERSON WILL NAME OFFICIALS

DAVIS SAID TO LEAD FOR CORPORATION COMMISSIONER

Seymour Jones To Assume New Duties As State Market Agent This Week

Governor Patterson will probably announce the appointment of a state corporation commissioner shortly after the legislature closes. The new commissioner is to succeed W. E. Crews the incumbent.

Senator Davis is said to have received many endorsements for the office and so may have the edge on the other candidates.

Frank Slevers of Portland is another candidate for the office, according to reports received in Salem. Mr. Slevers at one time was deputy state treasurer. He is now located in Portland where he is practicing law. Mr. Slevers was said to have been endorsed by members of the American legion and other military organizations.

Seymour Jones, who was appointed state market agent a few days ago, will assume the duties of his department next Monday. It was announced that Mr. Jones would have his headquarters in the capitol building. Under legislation enacted at the 1925 session the market agent administers both the grain inspection department and the state sealer of weights and measures division of the state government.

Friends of Governor Patterson indicated that no change would be made for some time in the office of the state prohibition commissioner. This office is now in charge of William Levens of Baker. Mr. Levens was said to have given satisfactory service and has many friends who have recommended that he be retained. It was said that many of his admirers are republicans who are close to Governor Patterson.

Reorganization of the personnel at the state penitentiary probably will be announced within the next few weeks. Under a new law enacted at this session of the legislature the prison has been transferred from the control of the

PET BLACK BEAR CAUGHT

Animal Frightens Woman Finally Chained By Men Of Place

Appearing at Jim Linn's dairy, 2 1/4 miles south of Salem Saturday afternoon, a half grown black bear frightened Mrs. Rosetta Burr, cook at the dairy, and was later captured by the men employed at the dairy, who after a struggle succeeded in getting a chain around its neck.

The outcome was an anticlimax, however, for it turned out that the bear was a pet that had wandered away from Scotty's slaughter house, a short distance away.

BURNED BOY TO RECOVER

Lad, 4, and Mother Injured When Fire Rains Ranch Home

MEDFORD, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Ronald Blaesing, aged four, severely burned when the ranch home of his parents near this city was destroyed by fire, will recover and his mother, also burned in rescuing him from flames that enveloped his bed, is on the road to recovery, according to hospital reports tonight.

In an appeal over radio station KMED last night, for financial aid to the stricken family who lost their early possessions in the fire, approximately \$1200 was contributed.

BANK OF ITALY LARGE

San Francisco Institution Biggest Outside of New York

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The Bank of Italy, with headquarters in this city, today achieved the preeminent position of being the largest banking institution in the country outside of New York City.

Endorsement by the federal reserve board in Washington today of an application by the bank to merge its interests with the Liberty Bank of America makes this announcement possible.

CUBA HAS HEAVY SEAS

One Life Lost, Schooners Sunk and Much Damage Done

HAVANA, Feb. 19.—(AP)—High winds and heavy seas threatened the Cuban coast last night. Only Satabano reported loss of life and serious damage. At that port, 35 miles south of here, one man was drowned and a number of schooners were sunk. Wharves were badly damaged.

SCHAEFER BEATS HOPPE

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Jake Schaefer, world champion at 13.1 ball line billiards, scored a convincing triumph over Willie Hoppe, 13.3 titleholder, in a 2,000 point 13.1 exhibition match that ended here tonight. Schaefer won eight of the 10 blocks played during the past week for a final score of 3,000 to 2,222.

FLORENCE BANK OFFICERS HELD IN BIRMINGHAM

Henry Bergman and Miss Harriett Weatherson Taken After Pursuit

REGISTERED AT HOTEL

Lane County Sheriff and Wife Leave for Alabama City to Take Charge; Extradition Said Waived

BIEMINGHAM, Ala., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Accused of engineering a fake holdup of the Lane County bank at Florence, Ore., January 28, and fleeing a few days later with \$16,000 of the institution's money, Henry L. Bergman, 36, the president of the bank, and Miss Harriett Weatherson, 26 year old cashier, were arrested here today after being trailed from Oregon to Texas, and from Texas to Birmingham.

Following their disappearance after the robbery, the couple was taken in custody by detectives after they registered at a local rooming house as Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Brady.

Bergman and Miss Weatherson are said to have readily admitted their identity to representatives of the detective agency who trailed them from Oregon.

"Our reputations in Florence were ruined by the robbery and we came down here to start life all over again," the couple told officers. They denied implication in the robbery and said they would waive extradition and return to Oregon to face charges of embezzlement.

Miss Weatherson is said to have been alone in the bank at the time of the purported robbery.

Bergman is said to have a wife and two small children in Florence.

WOMAN MAY RUN NATION

Female President Suggested As in Bounds of Possibility

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A woman president in the White House is "within the range of possibility," in the belief of Ida C. Clarke, one of the pioneer woman suffrage leaders in the United States. Writing in the March issue of Century magazine, she says a woman candidate would not set a precedent. "There were two candidates 'in the unsafe seventies,' when their candidacies were viewed with amusement, she asserts, and if the organized women could agree on a candidate now, "it would be no laughing matter to the men aspirants for the honor."

Organized women, however, do not hold the balance of power, says Miss Clarke, and "the woman political racer for big stakes would have to come either from the rank of non-club woman and be able to rally to her standard women from all ranks, or she would have to emerge from one of the dominant political parties." It is safe to assume that no woman will be pushed forward by either political party for some time to come, at least.

CLATSOP CRASH FATAL

Woman Crushed in Creek Bed Beneath Overturned Automobile

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YWCA CAMPAIGN REACHES \$6000

DRIVE TO CONTINUE FOR REMAINDER OF FUNDS NEEDED

Organization Does Wonderful Work and Has Made Splendid Headway

True to predictions, the grand total receipts in the annual YWCA drive went over the \$6,000 mark Saturday and now rest at \$6,054 in waiting for the final cleanup this week.

Never has the situation been more needy and never has the answer from the people of Salem been more hearty than this year.

Many people of Salem, apparently giving little thought to the rapid growth and the approach to industrialism which the city has passed through these last seven years, wonder why the YWCA needs \$7,000 to carry on their year's work.

Every day a score or more of girls and women come to the offices of the organization secretary, downhearted in spirit, perhaps because they failed to get their promised job or because they are unqualified for what they want to do. The YWCA must be able to meet each case with not only sound advice but something to back up that advice. A workable employment agency is in operation, officers keeping in touch with various sources of work in the city, where girls may be placed to their best advantage.

Like every other place undergoing

SALEM TO HAVE NEW \$300,000 HOTEL REPORT

Hawkins & Roberts Secure Derby Building for 111 Room Structure

PLAN STRING OF HOTELS

Four Story Structure to Constitute One of Major Construction Enterprises for City This Year

Salem is to have a new \$300,000 hotel, and the work of construction is to start very soon.

Hawkins & Roberts are to build a four story hotel on the Derby corner; the northeast corner of High and Court streets. The present three story Derby building is to be gutted and subjected to complete rebuilding and remodeling, and another story added. Also, the McElchrist property adjoining on the north is to be taken in and the new building plans are to include that area, which is 5 1/2 by 165 feet. The whole new hotel is to cover 82 by 145 feet; all four stories, with elevator and every modern convenience.

There are to be 111 hotel rooms, every one with bath and lavatory. On the first floor there is to be a large hotel lobby, stage waiting room, and ten store rooms and concessions.

The new building to be erected has been leased for 20 years to the Terminal Hotel company. There will be a stage entrance to the basement out under the north side, and the stages may pass out through the alley north or south.

Knighton & Howell, Portland architects are drawing the plans. Cuyler Van Patton of Salem is to do the building.

The hotel proper will have a lobby entrance on Court street and also on High street, giving the stores both a street and lobby entrance and frontage.

The Terminal Hotel company recently opened its new hotel at Medford. It has hotels also at Roseburg, Eugene and Portland, and is looking up with the Hotel Benton at Corvallis, and making such arrangements at other points.

APPROPRIATIONS PASS IN SENATE

COUNTY FAIR'S BILL CREATING CONSIDERABLE TALK

Fund for Construction of Eastern Oregon Normal School Approved

Appropriation bills aggregating \$1,285,250 occupied the attention of the senate yesterday morning. They were mainly in connection with the building program and had been previously approved by the house. After considerable debate they were approved by the senate.

The bill, which would appropriate \$100,000 for the support of county fairs came in for a great deal of discussion. It had been reported on favorably by the joint ways and means committee.

Senator Carsner charged that this was a pork barrel proposition and had opened the way for trading among members of the ways and means committee. He said he was opposed to the appropriation for these fairs and urged defeat of the bill.

Senator Eddy declared that while he was not opposed to supporting the appropriations for county fairs he thought it was up to the senate to delay consideration of the bill until adequate funds had been assured. A motion by Senator Eddy to place the bill on the table was defeated.

"There is no reason why the state should be called upon to support the county fairs," said Senator Butt. "I have heard no demand for the appropriations. Two years ago these appropriations aggregated \$66,000. They were increased at the session of the legislature to more than \$100,000.

"Where are we going to stop?" queried Senator Butt. "I believe now is the time."

Senator Upton said that a few days ago he introduced a bill providing for the appointment of a committee to investigate the coun-

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