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WEATHER FORECAST: Generally cloudy and unsettled, with local rains, moderate temperature; moderate shifting winds becoming southerly and increasing on coast. Maximum yesterday, 55; minimum, 42; river, 15.5 and falling; rainfall, .1; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southwest.

There is a lot of talk about radio legislation nowadays and we can't understand why some forward-looking statesman does not introduce a bill either in congress or his state legislature, to eliminate static.

COOLIDGE VETO DESTROYS HOPE FOR FARM BILL

Measure Consigned to Waste Basket by Presidential Disapproval

ADVOCATES DO NOT QUIT

New Measure in Altered Form Promised When Congress Meets in December; Struggle Expected

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The McNary-Haugen farm relief bill, the proud handiwork of the western bloc and the southern democrats, was consigned to the waste basket today by presidential veto.

With it died all hope of general legislation at this session of congress. The senate will vote tomorrow on the question of overriding the veto, but the process will be merely a gesture. No one expects the bill will muster the two thirds vote necessary for passage.

What its supporters do expect is that the roll call will give notice to the White House that they have not surrendered, but are prepared to accept the issue. A new battle over the McNary-Haugen bill is promised when congress meets again next December and political leaders on both sides are prepared to see the contest carried over into the 1928 campaign.

President Coolidge took his stand against the bill in unequivocal fashion. In a long veto message dissecting the measure he declared it "an economical folly" to attempt to regulate farm surpluses by levying an equalization fee on basic farm commodities, pronounced the proposal discriminatory because it did not apply to all farm products; and said in plain terms that it was a scheme for price-fixing that would raise the cost of living and would not benefit the farmer. For good measure, he sent along to the capitol an opinion by Attorney General Sargent, declaring the bill unconstitutional and its vital provisions.

As an alternative, to meet an agricultural condition which he condemned to be unsatisfactory, the president renewed his recommendation for passage of other plans proposed in congress for the recovery of agriculture.

He declared these programs

FOREST PATROL BILL APPROVED

LOAN SHORTAGE OF \$4,000 GETS AN APPROPRIATION

Motor Vehicle Owners May Be Allowed to Spend More Than 90 Days in State

The bill relating to forest fire patrol and the forest protection met with the approval of the senate yesterday. During the discussion Senator Bailey took a hit at the forestry department.

"I am opposed to the passage of this bill," said Senator Bailey. "It has been the practice of this department for a number of years to reach out in an effort to enlarge its powers. Widow women have been arrested in Lane county for the unintentional setting of fires, while other persons have been embarrassed because of the activities of agents of the department."

"As I view the bill it is an attempt to increase the salaries of the state forester and his deputy. I think the bill is a pernicious piece of legislation and it should be defeated. As far as I have been able to determine there is no demand for the passage of the bill. It should be relegated to the legislative scrap heap."

The bill was introduced by the forestry and conservation committee and was defended by Senators Banks and Miller.

Senator Banks said the committee had studied the bill carefully and that it had been amended to comply with the desires of all persons interested. He declared that it was the purpose of the bill to strengthen the forestry code and preserve the state's timber. Senator Miller said that errors of judgment on the part of one or two irresponsible agents of the forestry department should not defeat the bill.

"This bill is along modern

ALASKAN STORM BUFFETS FLEET

HALIBUT FISHING VESSELS TOSSED BY BIG WAVES

Ships Limping Into Seward Report 150 of 270 Boats Kept Outside

SEWARD, Alaska, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Caught in the full fury of a terrific sub-Arctic storm, the Alaskan halibut fishing fleet of 270 vessels tonight was being helplessly buffeted by mountainous waves which are believed to have destroyed many of the smaller craft.

Ships which limped into Seward late today reported that 150 of the 270 vessels may be unable to reach ports of refuge. Snow, hail and lightning tonight added to the perils of the fishing craft, already tossed about by a gale sweeping out of the north across the Gulf of Alaska. Their anchors dragging before the wind, the mail steamer Starr and the halibut boats Cape Beal and Attu narrowly escaped destruction tonight when they were swept perilously near to the shore here. The Starr was within 50 feet of shore when additional anchors checked its race toward the rocks.

Numerous small gasoline boats were swept from their moorings

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UTILITY PROBE ASKED

Senator Walsh Wishes Investigation of Firms' Financing

WASHINGTON, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Methods of financing public utility electric and gas corporations would be subjected to a thorough senate investigation under a resolution introduced today by Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana.

The measure provides that a special senate committee of five inquire "into the growth of the capitalization of such companies, the corporations holding their stocks, ways and means in which these stocks are issued and the price received for them."

LARK CLOSERS IN DEATH

Man and Wife Burned When Plane Crashes in Florida Fog

TAMPA, Fla., Feb. 25.—(AP) A lark in Florida for Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Glos, of Chicago, turned to a tragedy today when they were burned to death in an airplane crash in the fog shortly after they took off for Miami.

The pilot, H. J. (Mike) Brady, who was burned on the face and body in the fire that destroyed the plane, was unable to give an account of the accident. "The fog, the fog," and "the engine" were all he could say in reply to questions.

TWO DOGS ATTACK GIRL

Agnes Sunsten Seriously Injured by Russian Wolfhounds

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—(AP)—With her arms and legs torn and lacerated when she was attacked by two large Russian wolfhounds, Agnes Sunsten, 23, was brought to a hospital here today where it was said her condition is serious.

The girl, a maid at a Riverwood home, was attacked by the hounds as she walked past a neighbor's house. The dogs had escaped from a wire pen in which they had been confined. Both were captured and will be watched for rabies.

YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

The McNary-Haugen farm bill was vetoed.

President Coolidge signed the branch banking and seed loan bills.

Muscle Shoals legislation was returned to the senate agriculture committee.

Steps were initiated to limit senate debate on the \$125,000,000 public buildings bill.

Lines were laid in the senate for a vote on the Boulder canyon closure petition.

A senate investigation of utilities electric and gas industries was proposed by Walsh of Montana.

A \$4,409,000 appropriation to provide a 50-cent army ration was asked of congress by President Coolidge.

The senate accepted the house amendment to appropriate \$450,000 toward construction of three light cranes.

PORTLAND MEN INSPECT LOCAL FLAX INDUSTRY

Portland Chamber Industries Committee Visits Mills, State Plant

ACTUAL OPERATION SEEN

Weaving for Markets to Begin on March 15; Filling of Orders on Considerable Scale Expected May 1

About 30 members of the industries committee of the Portland Chamber of Commerce came to Salem in automobiles yesterday and were entertained by the Salem Chamber of Commerce at Hotel Marlon for the noon luncheon, in the large banquet room.

Hon. T. B. Kay acted as toastmaster and called upon the following members of the Portland delegation for remarks: L. T. Merwin, chairman of the industries committee of the Portland chamber, who headed the party; Henry Ottenheimer and Roy Bishop, formerly of Salem; R. S. Howard, of the United States National bank, Portland; Judge Jacob Kanzer of the United States National bank, Portland, and Dr. E. A. Pierce of Portland.

The talks were full of optimism for the future of the flax and linen industries in the Willamette valley, and they were especially complimentary to the judgment of the managers of the new mills here in putting them under the general direction of Mr. Kay, who is a man of large experience in textile manufacturing and who is conservative and at the same time has the true vision of the possibilities of flax and linen development here.

Mr. Kay had opened the meet-

PETITION INITIATED

Applies For Title; Would Repeal Six Per Cent Limitation

C. C. Chapman, editor of the Oregon Voter, yesterday initiated a petition for the repeal of the six per cent limitation amendment to the constitution. Application for ballot title was filed in the offices of the secretary of state. The initiative measure proposes to amend the constitution by striking out section II of article II, including such amendments as may have been adopted by the general election of 1928, at which time the initiative measure will be voted upon.

GANGS HOLD WAR IN QUAKER CITY

BATTLE OF MACHINE GUNS USHERS IN ERA OF RIOTS

Underworld Leaders Killed by Bullets Fired From Machine Gun in Motor Car

PHILADELPHIA, Feb. 25.—(AP)—The rattle of machine gun fire ushered in a new era in Philadelphia gang warfare today. A leader of the underworld fell, perhaps mortally wounded, beside his dead lieutenant, and a third man collapsed with three bullets in his thigh as an automobile sped past the Club Cadix, a machine gun spouting lead at them as they emerged from the night club and straggled toward their own motor car.

Different theories are held by the police as to the cause of the shooting. Some said it was the climax of a bootlegging war between Philadelphia and Chicago gangs, and others attributed it to a fist fight last fall in a New York night club between one of the wounded men and a Chicago gang leader. The murderers, believed to have been four in number, disappeared before police arrived, and no trace of them has been found.

The victims of the shooting were John Bricker, 28, who was instantly killed; William "Mickey" Duffy, 38, who is not expected to live, and Earl Brown, negro door tender of the Club Cadix, seriously wounded.

Bricker, Philadelphia gunman with a long police record, was shot eight times. Duffy, gang leader, gambler, and former convict, has two bullet wounds in the forehead, one in the cheek, two in the neck, one in the abdomen and one in the thigh. Six bullets have been extracted, and on the course of the seventh depends his chance for recovery, physicians said. Recovery of the negro door tender is expected.

FOUND IN COMA; DIES

Mrs. Getchel Falls To Regain Consciousness Before Death

Mrs. C. H. Getchel, the woman who was picked up unconscious by a motoring party on the Liberty highway Wednesday evening and brought to a Salem hospital, died at 8:40 o'clock Friday morning without having regained consciousness.

Mrs. Getchel had disappeared from her home in Portland Monday, and is known to have walked part of the way to Salem. The reason for her condition when found was not definitely determined. She was suffering from a mental ailment prior to leaving Portland.

Funeral services for Mrs. Getchel, who was formerly Miss Margaret Benoit of Salem, will be held this morning at 9 o'clock at the St. Vincent de Paul church.

MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING



HOUSE ADJOURNS AFTER SQUABBLE

TUNNEL QUESTION CREATES CONSIDERABLE ARGUMENT

Last Minute Attempt to Override Governor's Veto Proves Futile

At 1 o'clock this morning the house adjourned sine die. This action followed several hours spent in wrangling over bills, the fight of a member with a bill in his pocket and his return, the upholding of the governor's veto on a salary increase bill, several minor squabbles over pet bills, and the attempt of some to carry the session on today. After wrangling for nearly the entire evening and until the early morning hour, the adjournment came and the members spent another hour telling each other "Good bye and good luck."

Hunting for a nigger in the woodpile is no harder a job than hunting for a representative in a tunnel, which the sergeant at arms, Joe Singer, from the house discovered last night when he was detailed to find one A. G. Rushlight, who flew with senate bill 281 tucked under his wing.

The bill pertained to the building of the proposed Tualatin tunnel through Council Crest from Multnomah county into Washington county.

In 1921 legislation was passed allowing this tunnel to be built, but was declared unconstitutional two years ago and Senators Hare and Joseph introduced senate bill 281 which amended the old law in order to validate the act of 1921.

It would call for an election to make the act constitutional, and the number of votes cast by the respective counties would be used to determine the proportions of bonded indebtedness that should be assumed by each of the two counties for the building of the tunnel.

Evidently the Multnomah county people think that the election would automatically place more of the burden of the bonded indebtedness upon their own shoulders.

KAY TO GIVE ADDRESS

What the Legislators Did and Did Not Do Will Be Told

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, will be speaker at the Monday noon luncheon of the chamber of commerce. He will give a summary of the session of the legislature just coming to a close, telling what the legislators did and what they did not do.

Mr. Kay is considered one of the best men in the state at discussing the Oregon political situation, and is expected to give out some red-hot first hand information.

CRISIS NEARS IN SITUATION AT SHANGHAI

British Regulars Move Into Position Surrounding Foreign Grounds

SAND BAGS THROWN UP

Demoralized Soldiers of Marshal Sun Feared; Cantonese Lose Race For City To Men From Shantung

(By The Associated Press) The military situation at Shanghai seems to be rapidly approaching a crisis.

Three thousand British regulars this evening moved into position surrounding the Shanghai international settlements. This action followed an appeal by the municipal council to foreign consuls for aid in defending the city.

Additional sand bags and barbed wire entanglements are being placed around the international settlement to prevent any invasion of the foreign section by the demoralized soldiery of Marshal Sun Chuan Fang, whose defeated defense forces are falling back into the native section of Shanghai.

Sun Chuan-Fang's retreating defense forces have reached Sunkiang, only 28 miles south of Shanghai, and are not thought likely to hold that city unless quickly reinforced.

The Shantungese have won their race to reach Shanghai ahead of the nationalists. About 8,000 Shantung troops already have arrived and their battle squadron of 16 ships is reported to have left Tsingtao for Shanghai to help defend the city against the advancing nationalists.

Three American destroyers, the Preble, Noa and Hurlbert, reached Shanghai today from Manila. But the 1,200 United States marines who arrived yesterday on board the transport Chaumont will not be landed unless required for the defense of American interests.

A thousand British marines sailed for Shanghai from Hong Kong today. The diplomatic body at Peking has issued a warning cautioning the embattled Chinese armies against jeopardizing foreign lives and property in the fighting.

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CHILE OUSTS RADICALS

Special Train Carrying Deportees Goes to Parts Unknown

SANTIAGO, Chile, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A special train carrying a number of persons who have been deported in connection with Premier Ibanez's campaign to stamp out the opposition to the government, left this afternoon for an unknown destination. Orders are to be transmitted to its crew as the train proceeds.

Among the passengers making the compulsory journey were Manuel Rivas Vicuna, former premier, Rafael Gumcio, director of the conservative newspaper, Diario Ilustrado, and former president of the chamber of deputies; the radical deputy Sandago La Barca, and a number of other members of parliament and men in public life.

THREE FATAL ACCIDENTS

Of Accidents Reported, 526 Subject to Compensation

There were three fatalities in the state of Oregon due to industrial accidents during the week ending February 24, according to a report prepared by the state industrial accident commission here yesterday.

The victims included R. T. Miller, Grants Pass, laborer; William Bilkowski, Springfield, logger, and William Broadback, Rippe, Rigger. Of the accidents reported to the commission during the week 526 were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation law.

SILVERTON FOLK ILL

(Special.)—Among the Silverton people who have been, or still are, on the sick list during the past few days are Seward Hobbitt, Mrs. Axel Larson, Dr. A. W. Simmons, Reuben Jensen, Mrs. R. W. Farney, C. Ennevooldson, George Mais, John Goplerud, Frank Rahn, H. A. Eraudt.

PEOPLE TO VOTE ON TEN MEASURES

INCOME TAX MEASURE HEADS LIST; REVENUE BILL

Carlin Bill Providing for New Base for Six Per Cent Limitation Listed

Ten proposed constitutional amendments and measures will be referred to the voters of the state at the special election to be held June 28.

Among the most important of these is house bill 491, by the committee on assessment and taxation, providing for a state income tax. This bill was introduced and passed at the request of Governor Patterson.

A house joint resolution, by the Multnomah county delegation, would authorize the voters of school district No. 1, Portland, to levy a tax for school purposes in excess of the six per cent limitation amendment to the constitution.

Another important resolution of interest to Multnomah county permits consolidation of various branches of government of city and county. This resolution also was introduced by the Multnomah county delegation.

Other proposed constitutional amendments and measures that will be referred to the voters at the special election follow:

HJR 4, by Giesy—Suffrage of negroes and Chinese. Repeals obsolete provision of constitution.

HJR 7, by Collier—Making registration a necessary requisite to voting.

HJR 14, by Loneragan—To provide authority for district attorneys to prepare information on criminal cases where defendant

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REDUCE DUCK KILLINGS

Averill Replies to Headquarters He Favors Bag Limit

Edward F. Averill, state game warden, yesterday received a telegram from E. W. Nelson, of the biological survey with headquarters in Washington, suggesting the necessity of reducing the number of ducks killed annually.

"The department finds it necessary to reduce the number of ducks killed annually," read the telegram. "If the department decides to accomplish this by shortening the season as the most definite method, what end of open season would you suggest?"

Mr. Averill telegraphed the biological survey yesterday that he would not agree to shortening the open season for killing ducks, but would suggest that the bag limit be reduced.

STORM LEAVING OREGON

State Recovers From Effects of Rain and Wind Tempest

PORTLAND, Feb. 25.—(AP)—Recovery from results of the rain and wind storm which swept western Oregon in the early part of the week progressed rapidly today. Most trains and stages ran normally. The Willamette river fell and slackened its speed. Houseboats remained rather perilously in place.

Air mail planes found difficulty only between Medford and the Sacramento valley, where stormy weather continued in the mountains.

Highways were reported open and safe, including the Mount Hood loop, open for two-way traffic to Government Camp, where there was 5 feet of snow.

STORM WARNINGS DOWN

TWO DIFFERENT SETS FLOWN DURING DAY AT ASTORIA

ASTORIA, Feb. 25.—(AP)—All storm warnings were ordered down here tonight after two different sets had been flown throughout the day. This morning southeast warnings were raised along the Oregon and Washington coasts, but by noon they were changed to southwest storm warnings and tonight the weather man admitted his error and all signals were taken down. The barometer is high and steady here tonight.

TEMPEST HITS ALASKA

Steamer Forced Back Into Port By Bad Storm on Coast

SEWARD, Feb. 25.—(AP)—A terrific storm forced the Admiral Watson of the Pacific Steamship company to return to port this noon, and some concern for the safety of the halibut fleet on the Alaskan banks is expressed by shipping men.

TITHING BILL LOSES IN HARD SENATE FIGHT

Eleventh Hour Attempt of Some to Revive Measure Proves Unsuccessful

ADJOURNMENT SINE DIE

Indications Point to the Voting of Large Number of Bills Carrying Appropriations by Patterson

The senate completed its work last night and then marked time for a period and waited for the house to get through. During this time members made speeches, clerks made speeches and everyone else made speeches. Then came the singing of "America" and the adjournment at 12:54 this morning. The senate thus completed its work and adjourned "sine die" six minutes before the house. Practically the entire evening was spent in the debate of the tithing bill, which was left on the table, and the attending to a few minor details.

The staid senate chamber echoed and re-echoed last night and during the early hours this morning while the battle was being waged over the tithing bill, which resulted in its ultimate defeat.

All during the day yesterday the proponents of the original bill and the amended bill made strenuous efforts to muster their forces into a solid phalanx.

The deadlock, which was first established Thursday night at a conference, continued during the day and efforts to break it seem futile. Rumors were afloat that some senators were wavering during the late afternoon, yesterday, and at the dinner hour efforts were made to line them up by the factions.

The battle of the session opened soon after the senate convened last night. Bursts of orators marked the debate and a number of the senators proved to be well

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DIVIDED SESSION DESIRE OF HOUSE

DATE OF SPECIAL ELECTION SET FOR JUNE 20, 1927

Resolution Provides for Recession in Which Bills May Be Studied

A resolution calling for a divided session of the Oregon state legislature passed the house yesterday after considerable debate.

D. C. Lewis believes that the divided session will lead to legislation being done mostly in the tall buildings in Portland, taking place during the three weeks recess provided for in the resolution.

Speaker Carlin, supporting the measure, contended that during that recess the members would have a chance to retire to their own offices to consider the bills before them to pass on after assembly. He suggested that one would have a better chance to escape interruptions from lobbyists under this system.

The resolution provides that regular sessions of the legislature shall continue for a period not exceeding 14 days, after which a recess shall be taken by both houses for three weeks, then shall reassemble to complete all legislation. Upon the reassembling of both houses, no bill can be introduced in either house without the consent of two-thirds of the members thereof, nor shall more than one bill be introduced by any one member after the reassembly.

The members will not be paid for the days of the recess but will be allowed their mileage for both sessions.

Mr. Lewis called the members' attention to the fact that under the wording of the bill, any two members together, or any committee could introduce as many bills as they wanted to after reassembly, even though the resolution stated that only one bill could be introduced by any one member. He further contended that it would tend to increase taxes, and also to make our legislature more efficient.

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