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## LIQUOR ISSUE TO BE IGNORED BY DEMOCRATS

Senate Leaders Decide Against Pronouncement at Open Discussion

## STATES CASE

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## GAR AND ALLIED GROUPS TO MEET

CHAS. FUSSENDEN ANNOUNCES PRELIMINARY PLANS

Six Organizations to Be Here for One of Largest Meetings in History

Plans for handling the coming state GAR and allied organizations convention here in June are being worked out by the general committee. Chas. Fussenden is chairman of this committee.

Mr. Fussenden says it is the plan to make this gathering one of the largest in the history of these organizations and states that every effort will be put forward to maintain Salem's reputation as a hospitable convention city. Considerable money will have to be raised to carry out the present plans and to assist in raising this money.

Miss Julia Webster, chairman of the housing committee, reports that the armory board has offered the armory auditorium free of charge for the use of the Women's Relief corps and also that the chamber of commerce has offered their rooms to the Sons' organization and their Auxiliary. There will be six organizations represented at this convention.

The personnel of the sub-committees appointed so far is as follows:

Budget and Finance—Mrs. Bergman, D. V.; Mrs. McAdams, W. C. C.; Tero Hicks, S. V.; U. G. Boyer, S. V.

Press—E. T. Prescott, S. V.; Chas. Lisle, S. V.

Program—Mrs. F. L. Waters, D. V.; Mrs. Norma Terwilliger, S. V. A.; Mrs. Clara Thorpe Adams, W. R. C.; Mrs. Mary Gosser, L. G. A. R.

Courtesy and Housing—Miss Webster, D. V.; Mrs. Pauline Clark, W. R. C.; Mrs. Ardell Lawrence, L. G. A. R.; H. A. Cornoyer, S. V.; U. G. Boyer, S. V.

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## BIG LEGION MEET DUE

Losing Teams to Stage Program and Feed for Winners

The big meeting of the year for Salem world war veterans will be Tuesday evening at the armory, when the teams of the American legion post which were defeated in the recent membership contest will put on an entertainment and a feed. Members who have witnessed rehearsals of the show say that it will be something unusually good, and great preparations for the dinner are also being made.

Legionnaires are being asked to bring along friends who are not members, and it is promised that no effort will be made to get these veterans to sign up as members at this meeting.

The regular meeting, which would have been Monday night, has been postponed on account of this special attraction.

## FIRE IN HOLD PUT OUT

Ship Races for Port 600 Miles Away as Crew Fights Fire

LOS ANGELES, March 5.—(AP)—Fire which was battled by the crew of the freight steamer Hollywood for several hours today was reported extinguished today in messages to harbor officials at San Pedro. The steamer was about 600 miles from this port, for which she was racing, with the tanker Utacarbon following. The fire was confined to No. 3 hold, in which Captain John Lass reported it was smothered by steam pressure.

## YESTERDAY IN WASHINGTON

President Coolidge proclaimed American forest week, April 24 to 30.

Democratic party in caucus declared prohibition was not a party issue.

Senator Robinson of Arkansas was re-elected senate democratic floor leader.

Despite the deficiency bill failure, plans went forward for government loans to war veterans.

Recess appointments to the radio commission were given Cretes H. Caldwell of New York and Henry A. Bellows of Minnesota.

## CYCLONE RUINS TOWN, HARBOR IN MADAGASCAR

Loss of Life From Terrific Storm Estimated at 500 By Some Reports

## AVAILABLE NEWS MEAGER

City of Tamatave In French Island Near Africa Completely Wrecked; Ships in Port Believed Lost

LONDON, Mar. 5.—(AP)—Huge property losses occurred and a toll of lives that some reports made as high as 500 was taken by a terrific cyclonic storm which swept the east coast of the island of Madagascar last Thursday.

Private wireless messages received at Cape Town, South Africa, by way of Mauritius placed the dead at 500 lives, while other reports simply said that there was "some loss of life."

The town of Tamatave on the coast, and the most important seaport on the island, was described as devastated.

Tamatave Destroyed The steamship General Duchesne sent a wireless message to Lloyds by way of Mauritius saying that a terrific cyclone had completely wrecked the town and harbor of Tamatave, causing damage of more than 100,000,000 francs or about \$4,000,000.

The message added that the steamers Catalina, St. Anne, and Amanda and the sailing vessels Elizabeth and Beriziky were a total loss.

"Loss of life is expected," the message concluded.

Island Is French Madagascar island, which is in

## STEEL WORKER KILLED

Rest of Crew Quit Labors for Day After Fatal Accident

PORTLAND, March 5.—(AP)—J. J. McElroy, 40, a structural steel worker, was injured fatally today when struck by a piece of steel while working on a steel structure here. He suffered a fractured skull and died shortly after being taken to a hospital.

All structural steel workers on the building quit for the day as soon as McElroy was injured. This is their custom, and arises, it is said, partly from respect to the dead or badly injured member of the force, and partly from a superstition that two more workers will be hurt the same day.

## HIGHER CHERRY TARIFF SOUGHT

M'NARY PLEDGES SUPPORT AND STARTS WORK

Steps Taken to Cooperate With Other Growers in Pacific Northwest

Immediate steps will be taken by Royal Ann cherry growers toward obtaining an increased tariff on that type of cherry in an effort to keep out cheaply produced Italian cherries, the Royal Ann Cherry Growers' association of Marion and Polk counties decided at a meeting held in the chamber of commerce rooms here yesterday afternoon.

The federal customs court of appeals in New York last year fixed a 2 cent per pound flat tariff on cherries in brine or sulphured, which local growers contend is too low to afford adequate protection for home grown cherries.

McNary to Help The association telegraphed recently to Senator McNary asking him to investigate possibilities for raising the tariff.

Senator McNary's answer, received yesterday, is as follows:

"Received wire and immediately conferred with the tariff commission. It reported that the customs court of appeals in New York recently ruled cherries in brine (pitted and unpitted) flat duty of 2 cents a pound. Prior to decision they were 40 per cent ad valorem. Will confer with board in my office next Tuesday morning and I shall make a strong effort to persuade the commission and president to increase tariff to full limit provided in Fordney-McCumber act."

The Fordney-McCumber act provides that the president shall have power to increase the tariff 50 per cent, or in this case raise it from

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## MORE PROBE ADVOCATED

Democrats in Senate Seek Continued Slush Investigation

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—Democrats of the senate in conference today were unanimous in the opinion that investigations into possible frauds in recent senatorial elections should continue. Their action resulted from the failure of the senate, by reason of its now celebrated filibuster, to formally continue the life of the campaign funds committee, but of course it can have no specific bearing upon the course of that, a bi-partisan committee.

Senator Reed, democrat, Missouri, the committee chairman, and his colleagues have decided to proceed under the Robinson resolution with the seizure of additional ballot boxes used in the senatorial election in Pennsylvania last November, but beyond that it has not gone.

## M'NARY TO TAKE OATH ON MONDAY

SALEM MAN TO BECOME FEDERAL DISTRICT JUDGE

Judge Robert S. Bean to Administer Vow at 10 o'Clock in Morning

PORTLAND, March 5.—(AP)—John H. McNary of Salem, a brother of United States Senator Charles L. McNary of Oregon, will take the oath of office here Monday morning at 10 o'clock as federal judge for the district of Oregon. Judge Robert S. Bean will administer the oath and it will be the first order of business of the March term.

Judge Bean telegraphed Attorney General Sargent today asking that if the commission for Mr. McNary had been issued he be permitted to assume his office at once. Mr. Sargent replied that the commission had been mailed March 4, but the department was perfectly willing for him to be sworn in Monday morning.

## No Ceremony Planned

It is not expected that there will be any exceptional ceremony connected with the induction of the new jurist, who takes the place made vacant by the sudden death of Judge Wolverton last fall. Since then Judge Bean has been alone in the court here, with the exception of a brief period recently when Judge Rudkin of the circuit court of appeals sat here.

A large amount of work is now before the court, as in addition to the criminal docket, which has kept Judge Bean busy for the past several months, civil matters have been allowed to accumulate over this period. No announcement has been made as to what phase of the court's activities, civil or criminal cases, Mr. McNary would take jurisdiction over after being inducted into his office.

The late Judge Wolverton and Judge Bean each handled all manner of litigation coming before the court, taking the cases as they came, with rare exception.

Mr. McNary will be the fifth federal judge to serve this district.

## RUM RUNNERS CAPTURED

O'Donnell Gang Taken in Chicago After Desperate Fight

CHICAGO, March 5.—(AP)—Four members of the William (Klondyke) O'Donnell gang of liquor runners, including the leader himself, were held under bond of \$50,000 each today after they were arrested in a desperate pistol fight before dawn while trying to loot the only warehouse in Chicago housing pre-war whiskey.

More than 50 city detectives and prohibition agents took part in the capture.

## HOPE REMAINS FOR FINANCING GOVERNMENT

Hasty Inventory Shows Failure of Deficiency Bill Not Too Serious

## VETERAN'S BUREAU HIT

Loss of Appropriation Called "More Inconvenient Than Injurious," Says Chairman Madden

WASHINGTON, March 5.—(AP)—After a hasty fiscal inventory, various government departments found today that their activities would not be impaired so seriously by failure of congress to enact the second deficiency appropriation bill as had first been feared.

While Director Hines announced the veterans' bureau would be able to go ahead April 1 with administration of the bill providing for loans to veterans on their bonus certificates, Chairman Madden of the house appropriations committee, predicted the death of the deficiency measure would prove "more inconvenient than injurious."

## Seed Bill Lost

The committee chairman said its failure might prove "a blessing in disguise" as many of the proposed expenditures in the bill were not urgent, while others simply were to tide over activities until funds become available at the beginning of the new fiscal year—July 1.

Hope of the administration for the \$8,600,000 seed loan bill, however, was abandoned and its author, Senator Norbeck, republican, South Dakota, said after a conference with President Coolidge and Secretary Jardine that he saw no way of obtaining funds to loan farmers in crop failure areas.

## Army Hit Hard

Was hopeful of finding a way to shift funds so the recently announced plan for transfers in the diplomatic and consular services would not have to be postponed. Budget Director Lord was of the opinion that a deficiency could not be incurred to maintain the army enlisted strength at 118,750 or to pay 500,000 pensioners for whom provision had been made in the smothered deficiency bill.

## ACID INQUEST HALTED

Probe Into Deaths of Six Chicago Babies Is Postponed

CHICAGO, March 5.—(AP)—The inquest into the deaths of six of 10 babies given boric acid by mistake at Columbus Memorial hospital was in abeyance today and the outstanding development was a strenuous attack by Oscar Wolff, the coroner, on Dr. Herman N. Bundesen, city health commissioner.

The seventh infant to become violently ill as a result of the accident, was taken to its mother today and doctors thought the loving care might aid their efforts in saving its life. The other three babies seemed to have suffered no serious effects.

Wolff in an extended formal statement accused Dr. Bundesen of perjuring himself or "bunking" the public. They exchanged criticisms over their methods of investigation and there was a difference of opinion as to which should have credit for initiating the investigation. Wolff ordered all inquests consolidated today.

## COLORADO TOWN CUT OFF

Slides in Mountain Region Cause Worst Blockade of Year

DURANGO, Colo., March 5.—(AP)—Snowslides in the mountainous district of southwestern Colorado today put the San Juan basin country, Colorado's arctic region, face to face with its worst blockade since 1906.

Barriers of ice have blocked trains between Durango and Telluride and rotary plows are lunging through snowdrifts on the Cumbres range, over which the railroad line leads west into the basin. Two more feet of snow last night and today set up an impenetrable barrier to completely block off the Silverton mining district. Silverton has been partially snowbound since last November and two weeks ago the little community was severed from railroad connections.

## OLD TIMERS MEET AT STATE HOUSE

MANY EXPECTED TO ATTEND GATHERING WEDNESDAY

Place Changed From Chamber of Commerce to Auditorium of House

The entertainment for the Old Timers next Wednesday evening will not be held in the chamber of commerce, as heretofore announced, for the reason that the room there is too small to accommodate the crowd it is assumed will be present.

The entertainment will be given in the house of representatives, which has a seating capacity of about 1,000, it having been placed at the committee's disposal by Secretary of State Koser.

Old Time Songs, Music The entertainment is free and it will commence promptly at 7:30 p. m., with Spear's orchestra playing old time dance music.

This will be followed by community singing of old time songs under the lead of Dr. Eppley, a 10 minute address by Governor Patterson, songs by Mrs. W. Carlton Smith, reading by Mrs. Glover, orchestra, spelling bee, etc.

All persons having come to Oregon 40 or more years ago will be seated within the bar of the house. Those coming to Oregon 30 to 40 years ago will be seated outside

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## BORGES PLANE WRECKED

Uruguayan Aviator and Three Companions Still Missing

PARIS, Mar. 5.—(AP)—A shattered seaplane lying near the mouth of a rivulet on the shore of Spanish colonial Africa in territory inhabited by unfriendly tribes, tonight marked the end of the projected trans-Atlantic flight of the Uruguayan aviator, Major Tadeo Larre-Borges and three companions. The fliers, who left Casa Blanca, Morocco, on Wednesday morning, have since dropped from sight.

Their fate was still in doubt tonight, although admittedly the chance of finding them was slim.

French and Spanish warships and airplanes had scoured the sea along the African coast for three days without finding a trace of the aviators, and tonight the Spanish gunboat Bonifaz and two Spanish civilian planes were enroute to the spot where the wrecked plane was reported seen.

## MADRID, March 5.—(AP)—An

aviator attached to the Latecoere Aviation company, who has been seeking for trace of the missing Uruguayan aviators, whose plane was found today near Port Jubil, tonight reported that a native whom he had questioned said that the Uruguayans had been taken inland by a party of Moors and that he believed the men were safe.

## BANKER TO ADMIT GUILT

Bergman Announces He Will Plead So in Circuit Court

EUGENE, March 5.—(AP)—Henry L. Bergman, president of the Lane County State and Savings bank at Florence, who is now in the county jail here charged with embezzlement of the bank's funds, says he will plead guilty in circuit court, according to his attorney, E. R. Bryson.

Bergman is quoted by his attorney as stating that he is anxious to appear in court as soon as possible, receive his sentence and begin serving his term in the state penitentiary.

Harriet Weatherston, the cashier, arrested at Birmingham, Ala., with Bergman and who has been indicted jointly with him, has not indicated how she will plead. Her attorney, E. O. Immel, said he had no further statement to make.

## STANFIELD'S WORK ENDS

Oregon Senator Finishes Task by Filing Report on Island

PORTLAND, March 5.—(AP)—Robert N. Stanfield, whose term as United States senator from Oregon ended yesterday, was to file a report from the public lands committee upholding the claims of the state of Oregon to Sand Island at the mouth of the Columbia river says a Washington despatch to the Oregonian.

"Stanfield headed a sub-committee which visited Portland last summer," the despatch continues, "and took extensive testimony there and at other places in an effort to settle the controversy between Oregon, Washington and the federal government over the ownership of the island."

## TAX MACHINERY CHANGED SOME BY MANY BILLS

One Resolution Passed by Legislature; Awaits Action of People

## SEVENTEEN BILLS PASS

State Tax Commission Given Supervision Over All Property Assessments and May Make Revisions

The tax machinery of the state of Oregon came in for its share of changes at the recent session of the legislature. Seventeen measures met the approval of both houses and were signed by Governor Patterson. In addition one constitutional amendment was passed and has been referred to the people for their approval or rejection at a special election to be held in June.

One of the most important measures imposes additional powers and duties upon the county assessors and state tax commission. This law was copied, in part, from the Washington statutes and its passage was recommended by the state tax investigating committee created at the 1925 legislative session.

## May Revise Assessments

Under the provisions of this act the state tax commission has general supervision over property assessments in all parts of the state, and has authority to revise assessments levied by county assessors. The county assessors, under the law, are vested with authority to demand the books and records of taxpayers for tax levying purposes. Officials predicted that the operation of this law would increase the property assessments in the state of Oregon approximately \$200,000,000. This measure was intended to equalize assessments, and was not introduced with a view of increasing the state's revenue.

## Companion Bill Estimated

As a result of the estimated increase in property assessments two companion bills were approved by the legislature. One of these bills limits bond issues to three per cent of the assessed values anticipated through the operation of the preceding law.

The other companion bill limits fixed millage taxes to six per cent increase over the preceding year. This bill, as originally drafted, limited the millage taxes to three per cent over the preceding year, but this was amended to read six per cent during the closing hours of the session.

The legislature also approved a state income tax law, which will

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## FRESHMAN GLEE WON BY SENIORS

BLIND STUDENT'S WORDS AND MUSIC JUDGED BEST

Annual Event at Willamette Surpasses Previous Attendance Marks

Surpassing all previous records for attendance with close to 3000 persons present, the 19th annual freshman glee at Willamette university was won by the senior 1927 class, its song, "Drifting," securing the highest number of points by a narrow margin over the juniors, who were second.

Strangely enough, the classes ranked in order of their scholastic advancement the sophomores coming third and the freshmen last.

The victory of the seniors was a personal triumph for Malcolm Medler, blind poet and musician who wrote the words and also composed the music of the winning song, inasmuch as the glee was won primarily on the merit and perfection of the song, while the juniors ranked high on rendition and adaptability.

The seniors scored 1167 points, the juniors 1088 and the sophomores 1045, it was unofficially reported. Opening with the impromptu singing of songs from previous freshman glees, the event this year was exceptionally colorful due to its being held on the campus, the university gymnasium, which was filled to its ultimate capacity. After the seniors in their

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ANOTHER BIRD WHO THOUGHT HE WAS SAFE

