

WEATHER FORECAST: Fair; rising temperature in interior; gentle variable winds. Maximum yesterday, 54; minimum, 25; river, 6.9; rainfall, .12; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

Two thousand white Russians who are stranded in Constantinople must make up their minds by August whether they will join the Russian reds or become Turks. How would you like to be a white Russian?

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CHERRY TARIFF INCREASE NOW APPEARS SURE

Senator McNary Wires J. G. Hogg His Belief Action Coming Soon

THREE CENTS TOO LOW

Oregon and California Delegations Working Together; President May Act in Matter After Investigation

Members of the Oregon and California delegations in congress, representing the districts where the bulk of the tonnage of sweet cherries produced in the United States are grown, and especially Royal Ann (or Napoleon) cherries, are working together for an increase of 50 per cent in the tariff duty on cherries, to be brought about by order of the president, after investigation by the United States tariff commission, working under the clauses of the present tariff law which provide for what is termed a "flexible" tariff.

Under which the duty on cherries may be raised from 2 cents a pound to 3 cents a pound; that is, 50 per cent, upon a showing that the duty now provided does not give adequate protection to American growers against foreign competition.

This showing ought to be very easy, on account of the competition of French, Spanish and Italian cherries, which are sent to this country in barrels in brine, and even pitted, to be worked up into maraschino cherries.

Three cents a pound will not be a high enough duty, but it will be better than 2 cents a pound.

J. G. Hogg, secretary of the Sam Cherry Growers' association, received yesterday the following wire from Senator Charles L. McNary:

"Am in daily touch with the tariff commission concerning the growers' demand for a larger import duty on your products. For

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PREDICT BIGGER POTATO ACREAGE

TWENTY PER CENT INCREASE INDICATED BY U S REPORT

More Corn, Oats, Spring Wheat to Be Planted, if Weather Favorable

PORTLAND, March 18.—(AP.)—An increase of 20 per cent in the acreage to be devoted to the potato crop by farmers of Oregon was indicated in a report issued today by the Oregon bureau of agricultural economics of the U. S. department of agriculture. The average increase in potato acreage throughout the United States was given as 14.9 per cent.

Next in point of increase in Oregon over last year is the corn crop with 9 per cent more acreage to be planted. All spring wheat shows an increase of 2 per cent, while oats remains the same as last year. The land to be devoted to barley will be increased 2 per cent. The only decrease is shown in the tame hay crop which will be 2 per cent less than last year.

"The statement of farmers' intentions to plant is not a forecast of the acreage that will actually be planted," the report declares.

"It is simply an indication of what farmers had in mind to plant at the time they made their reports, compared with the acreage grown by them last year.

"The acreage actually planted may be larger or smaller than these early intention reports indicate, due to weather conditions, price changes, labor supply, and the effect of the report itself upon producers' action. Therefore, the reports of acreage actually planted to be issued in July should not be expected to show the same changes as the intention reports."

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP.)—Substantial increases in the acreage of barley, potatoes, sweet potatoes and peanuts; slight increases in corn, spring wheat, oats and hay, large decreases in beans and flax and moderate reduction in the acreage of rice, grain sorghums and tobacco, are indicated by the March 1 planting intentions of farmers, as reported today by the department of agriculture.

BRIDGE HAZARD, WARREN CLAIMS

PORTLAND'S TESTIMONY COMPLETED AT HEARING

Navigation "Birthright" in Danger

PORTLAND, March 18.—(AP.)—The construction of the proposed Longview, Wash., Rainier, Or., toll bridge would not be only an imprudent move on the part of the city of Longview, but it would add a behemoth to the already large assemblage of navigation hazards in the Columbia river and would divert Portland of her birthright, Frank M. Warren, president of the Port of Portland, said today.

Warren's assertions concluded Portland's argument before Col. Lester Jones, Thomas H. MacDonald and Major R. T. Colner, delegates of the United States secretaries of commerce, agriculture, and war, respectively. This committee has been hearing since Tuesday morning witnesses that were brought before it by proponents and opponents of the private toll bridge conditionally franchised by congress January 28, 1927.

Testimony of witnesses called by Warren and his own plea today followed the conclusion of Portland's case as presented by Frank L. Shull and Joseph N. Teal.

Rebuttal by Wesley Vandercook of Longview, and W. D. Comer of Seattle, grantees of the bridge franchise, will be resumed tomorrow, beginning where testimony was dropped at the end of the session held in Longview yesterday.

Warren H. Lewis, attorney for the grantees, said today he expected to conclude the rebuttal by noon tomorrow.

Portland would have a population of only 111,000 if her waterfront industries and allied manufacturing interests—both dependent upon her water-borne commerce—were not here, Warren declared.

Portland's development is inseparably bound up with her water transportation, and nothing must be allowed to happen which would destroy any of the basic reasons for this development.

"We have had abundant testimony that navigation is difficult in the vicinity of this proposed bridge site, that ice fogs encounter the tide and stop there, that the Cowitz river empties a conflicting current into the stream just above that point.

"Would it be augmenting the feasibility of navigation to put across the Columbia there a bridge which one pilot and one ship operator after another has declared would be an obstruction?"

"When Portland was built there never was any question as to which would be the better port—Astoria, Oregon City, or another town. Portland grew here because it was a natural radiating point for commerce. It was the natural place for a dominant city to grow, and it still is.

"It seems incongruous," Warren concluded, "absolutely incongruous, that we should be here begging for the retention of our birthright, threatened by two men seeking to build a private toll bridge for private gain, and the doubtful benefit of a local community."

Portland's principal objection to the Longview-Rainier bridge, as expressed at the hearing, is based upon the alleged insufficient vertical clearance of the main spans and the insufficient horizontal clearance of the bridge piers, as proposed in the present plans. This lack of clearance, it is said, would not only constitute a hazard to navigation but would prevent the larger carriers entering the Portland harbor.

TWO FATAL ACCIDENTS

Total of 606 People Injured and Subject to Compensation

There were two fatalities in the state of Oregon during the week ending March 17, according to a report prepared by the state industrial commission.

The victims were George Hinkle, Sutherlin, highway operator, and John Olson, Cocharan, faller.

A total of 606 of the accidents reported were subject to the provisions of the workmen's compensation law.

BOX INJURY FATAL

SEASIDE, Ore., March 18.—(AP.)—Internal injuries sustained Sunday when a giant conifer threw a log across his body in the surf off the beach at Seaside caused the death today of Sherwood Easton Huff, 69, who has resided in Seaside for the past four years.

SALEM LIONS WANT CAMP GROUND KEPT

Resolution Suggests City Use Funds From Camp in Improving Quarters

OPPOSED TO ANY SALE

Repainting of Sign in Auto Camp Authorized; Public Market Suggested as Form for Community Work

Opposition to any move which may be contemplated to dispose of the municipal camp ground, was expressed in a resolution passed unanimously by the Salem Lions club at Friday's luncheon. The motion was introduced by C. F. Gleay.

The resolution also suggested that the city return to the camp ground in the way of improvements any profit which may be realized, rather than applying the funds so derived to other uses.

This action was taken in anticipation of the opening of the camp ground early in April, and following a report that the city was planning to turn the camp over to private individuals.

The greatest opposition was expressed against the idea that the camp ground site itself might be sold to private individuals and thus lost for park purposes.

Salem has never spent any money to secure parks, and some day when property values have increased to prohibitive figures, the city will realize its mistake, especially if this site is allowed to slip away, it was declared by Frank Neer.

The Lions club authorized the repainting of the sign which it maintains in the camp ground, a sign which contains information

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SHORT CUT TO WRITING

New Method for Short Hand Use Devised by W. U. Graduate

A short cut to the use of short hand writing, which is expected to completely revolutionize existing methods, has been perfected by Frank S. Frances, Willamette graduate of the class of 1915, according to word received here by President Carl Gregg Doney of the university. The plan has been tried out and has proved successful. Mr. Frances at the present time is part owner of a business college in Olympia, Wash.

VEATCH RESIGNS FROM FISH JOB

MAKES IT EASY FOR GOVERNOR TO REMOVE, EXPLAINS

Commission's Difficulties Not Reason, Says Chairman: Act Comes As Surprise

PORTLAND, Mar. 18.—(AP.)—John C. Veatch, Portland, chairman of the Oregon state fish commission, has submitted his resignation from the commission to Governor I. L. Patterson.

Questioned concerning the move, when it became known tonight, Veatch said he resigned only to make it easier for the governor to remove him, should the executive wish to do so.

"I feel that the governor should have an opportunity to appoint anyone he desires to the commission," Veatch said. He denied that the recent difficulties of the commission had anything to do with the resignation.

Veatch was appointed by Governor Pierce. His term of office would have expired June 1 of this year.

Dismissal from the commission of Walter T. Eakin, Astoria, and J. S. Hayes, Bay City, has been predicted for sometime. Those close to Governor Patterson have not intimated the governor would dismiss Veatch and the resignation.

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EXPLOSION INJURES MAN

Camera Powder Blows Up On Photographer in French Shop

Explosion of a one ounce vial of camera powder severely injured H. S. Carter, 380 North Eighteenth street, expert photographer and finisher for Kennell-Ellis studios, and blew out the plate glass window front of Mme. Buffe's French Shop in the Masonic building at 8:45 last night.

The French Shop has just been remodeled and a special photographer had been called for pictures to be used in a spring publicity campaign. Carter had completed one picture successfully and in making preparations for additional exposures the powder exploded.

Carter's injuries were quite painful. He was rushed by the police to Dr. Vehr's office, where a compound fractured hand was set and lacerations dressed. Besides the fracture his right hand was slashed open between the fingers and painfully burned.

The most severe wound on Carter's face was that beneath his nose, severing the flesh around the nostrils from the bone. Numerous glass punctures tore the flesh on his face.

Other than the damage to windows and rugs, the French Shop's loss was slight, interfering little with their formal opening during the spring style show next week.

MID WEST STORM TAKES 25 LIVES

MANY MORE BELIEVED DEAD AT GREEN FOREST, ARK.

Heavy Property Damage Reported There and at Kansas; Data Meagre

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., March 19.—(AP.)—Nine persons were killed in a tornado that struck Denver, Ark., according to reports reaching the Daily News here early today.

JOPLIN, Mo., March 19.—(AP.)—Sixteen persons are known to be dead, a dozen or more others are believed to have perished, and at least 30 were injured in a tornado that swept away or badly damaged half of the town of Green Forest, Ark., 100 miles south of here early last night.

The town was in darkness early today and work of removing the dead and injured was progressing slowly.

Streets are a mass of debris. Fire broke out in several sections of the city, destroying three houses and a cannery factory.

Motor cars bearing the injured were having great difficulty in negotiating the debris in the streets. Rescue workers did not anticipate great progress until daylight. A train bearing a number of injured was on its way to Eureka Springs.

The bodies of 16 persons are in one church. Other bodies are being taken there. The injured were taken to a second church that escaped the ravages of the storm where they are being given first aid treatment.

The Missouri & North Arkansas railroad station, a school and one bank building were among the business structures wrecked by the storm.

All other business buildings of the square were damaged. The tornado swept a path about three-quarters of a mile wide and extended for a distance of about 15 miles.

BANK'S BIG SAFE MOVED

Ladd and Bush's Old Vault Taken to S. Liberty Street on Truck

A total of 44,800 pounds on four wheels moved through the city Thursday when a Farmer's Warehouse 2 1/2 ton Federal truck carried Ladd and Bush's old safe from the bank building to the warehouse at 280 South Liberty street, a distance of four blocks.

The safe itself weighed 36,700 pounds, and the additional weight was due to truck and equipment.

The Salem police department furnished a traffic officer to clear the way for the "Big Parade" through the downtown streets. The truck held up under the strain successfully, although it furnished plenty of qualms for the driver.

WOMAN ARRIVES STATE PRISON; SHOWS NO FEAR

Harriet Weatherson Sentenced to Six Years on Embezzlement Charge

ENTERS WITH SMILE

Charge of Loaning Bank's Funds While Reserve Low May Be Dropped; Bergman Arrived Monday

Smiling affably and betraying none of the fear or emotion usually evinced by women prisoners entering the institution, Harriet Weatherson, sentenced yesterday morning to a six year term, was received at the Oregon state penitentiary shortly after 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon.

The woman was accompanied here by Sheriff and Mrs. Frank Taylor of Eugene.

The prisoner and attendants was met at the depot by Warden Lillie, and taken immediately to the penitentiary. Miss Weatherson displayed no emotion, and chatted freely with Warden Lillie and other prison officials.

After recording the commitment papers in the turnkey's office the prisoner was placed in charge of Mrs. Lulu Phillips, motron of the institution. She then was taken to the women's quarters and "dressed in." Warden Lillie said that Miss Weatherson would be assigned to work here for the present, but later might be given a clerical position in the prison.

Miss Weatherson carried a number of magazines and a small suitcase upon her arrival at the penitentiary. She smiled as she was introduced to Mrs. Phillips, and shook the hand of Sheriff and Mrs. Taylor as they were about to leave the prison.

The prisoner was attired in an attractive brown coat, blue tailored suit and wore galoshes. Upon entering the prison gate she leisurely viewed the exterior of the institution, and exchanged smiles with a woman prisoner who chanced to be peering out of a window.

Officials said her entry to the prison had all the appearance of a visitor rather than a woman under six years' sentence for a felony.

Under the existing laws Miss Weatherson will be subject to parole after she has served two years of her term. The parole

CLUBS BOY, THEN SHOT

Ex-Convict Taken After Boy Attacked With Baseball Bat

DETROIT, March 18.—(AP.)—Edward Ballard, of Fordson, Mich., an ex-convict was shot and probably fatally wounded, here tonight after he had clubbed and seriously injured William Trustman, 11 years old. A description of the man, believed to have been demented, was telegraphed to Toledo authorities, in the belief that he may have been the "clubber," who recently terrorized residents of that place.

The man, who leaped on the youth as he was passing an alley, struck the lad with a sawed off baseball bat, breaking his leg and otherwise severely mauling him. Police who answered a call from a passerby, came upon the clubber in an alley nearby and shot him as he fled. In addition to the bat, which was wrapped with electrical tape, police found two flashlights, a small iron bar and three coils of rope in the man's clothing.

FORD'S PLAN OPPOSED

Consolidation of Roads Frowned on by I. C. Commission

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP.)—Henry Ford's proposal to consolidate his railroad properties into a single corporation eliminating minority stockholders, met today with the disapproval of the interstate commerce commission.

The Detroit & Ironton company, a new corporation of which the Ford interests are the sole stockholders, was refused permission to take over the Detroit, Toledo & Ironton railroad, in which Mr. Ford owns nearly 99 per cent of the stock.

SAND AND ROCK BIDS COMING UP

PORTLAND COMPANY ESTABLISHES OFFICE IN SALEM

Dredge Arrives at Sand Bar in Middle of River Near Poor Farm

Bids will be opened again for the sand and gravel contract at the city council meeting next Monday evening, following the rejection of all bids at the last session two weeks ago.

At that time, the Portland Sand & Gravel company was the low bidder by a substantial margin but were refused the contract because of various reasons. When bids are opened for the next meeting the horizon will be changed, for the Portland concern has imported a complete dredge and barge outfit and have announced new branch offices in this city, putting them on a par with the Oregon Gravel and Salem Sand & Gravel companies.

This move seems to substantiate the idea that the Portland Sand & Gravel company is after the contract and will bid again, giving them a stronger hold.

The Portland firm has purchased a strip of river front near the county poor farm, with a sand bar in the middle of the river. M. J. Ollis is in charge of the dredge with a crew of three men. A derrick and other equipment will be in place by next week, with the construction of a short gravel road to connect the bunkers with the highway.

According to Ollis, the dredge will be able to put out 400 cubic yards of finished gravel each eight hour shift. He announces that the firm will continue in business in this city whether they get the city contract or not, and that they believe a real future for their firm awaits them here.

DE AUTREMONT SILENT

Second Day of Grilling Falls to Bring Light on Holdup

SAN FRANCISCO, March 18.—(AP.)—After a second day of relentless grilling, postal inspectors were unable to break the silence of Hugh De Autremont, so far as his alleged participation in the fatal Siskiyou train holdup is concerned.

Efforts to obtain a confession from De Autremont or to get any information that may lead to the apprehension of his two brothers proved futile as the prisoner held on Alcatraz island, continued to stand on his constitutional rights and refused to answer questions without the advice of his attorney.

Postal inspectors sought chiefly to gain information as to the whereabouts of Ray and Roy De Autremont, accused with Hugh, of murder in connection with the train robbery in Oregon in 1923 during which four trainmen were killed.

VESUVIUS IN ERUPTION

Natives Alarmed, But Tourists Thrilled—Show Colorful

NAPLES, March 18.—(AP.)—Mount Vesuvius is in eruption, causing some alarm to residents of the district but putting on a good show for tourists. Many of the latter stayed up all last night to watch the spectacle and today a party of English and Americans climbed the slope and were allowed to go into the crater.

The volcano resumed activity last night to the accompaniment of a series of light earthquakes which continued today. The flow of flame and smoke and throwing crater is belching forth columns of fragments of stone high in the air, while it keeps up deep rumbling noises. There has been no flow of lava and the shape of the inner cone of the crater has not changed.

SALEM MEN AT OPENING

Ad Club Members Attend Successful Event in Portland

PORTLAND, March 18.—(AP.)—While unwelcome Boreas was still playing hide and seek with portions of the northwest and the east, Portland received the edicts of a propitious spring tonight, with the formal "spring opening" of the stores of the city.

Many, out of town merchants and visitors mingled with the Portland throngs and with them, took stock of the new manner of things, of the gay hues of spring finery, compared them with the drab shades of winter wraps and pronounced them good.

Members of the Salem Ad club attended the opening and Eugene was represented by delegates, as were other valley points.

SALEM-DALLAS ROAD NAME MAY BE 'LA CREOLE'

People Living Along Highway Frown Upon All Commercial Signs

MAY WIDEN PAVEMENT

Meeting at Rickreall Unanimous; Seek Widening of Right of Way to 80 Feet; Other Improvements Discussed

There was a great meeting at Rickreall last night; one that will mark an epoch in the matter of the proposed beautiful highway joining the shire towns of Polk and Marion counties; the Dallas-Salem highway; or the Hawthorne highway; or the La Creole highway. (As between these proposed names, the Statesman votes for La Creole, the name of the beautiful stream that skirts and is crossed by that highway.)

The meeting was presided over by Oscar Hayer, prominent Dallas attorney. Winnie Braden, manager of the Dallas chamber of commerce, was secretary. The meeting was held under the auspices of that body and the Salem chamber of commerce. It was a big meeting. "Everybody" was there; all the farmers along the highway. Large delegations from Salem and Dallas. Several from Portland and elsewhere.

Against Commercial Signs was a unanimous vote against bill boards of all kinds on any highway, and especially along the Dallas-Salem highway. Then every one present signed a paper to that effect. The farmers present said they would throw out all commercial signs on their land. Thos. W. Brunk, Brunk's Corners, has already ordered all such signs from his premises, excepting one. He promised a friend to allow his sign to remain, and he is already

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TAX REDUCTION LIKELY IN 1928

PRESIDENT UNABLE TO PREDICT AMOUNT, METHODS

\$500,000,000 Surplus Is Expected for Present Fiscal Year

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP.)—Another tax reduction next year is possible, President Coolidge believes. How far it shall go, however, and by what methods it shall be accomplished will be left by him to the treasury and the house ways and means committee which would frame the bill.

Mr. Coolidge's view, as disclosed today at the White House, is based on a recent estimate of Secretary Mellon that the surplus for this fiscal year, ending June 30, will probably exceed \$500,000,000, one of the largest since the war. Income tax collections for the first quarter of this calendar year are expected to exceed those for the first three months a year ago, when the present law went into effect, by about \$100,000,000.

Chairman Green already has arranged to have the house ways and means committee assemble in the fall to consider the tax revision. This plan is in line with suggestions recently made by the president to congressional leaders, but he would have the committee wait until November, a month before congress convenes, in order to gauge more accurately business conditions and the state of the treasury.

Further tax reduction, the president has been advised, might be out of the question if there is a business slump, which he does not foresee, one expert on revenue questions estimating that a 10 per cent slump would wipe out the prospective treasury surplus.

Mr. Coolidge feels that reductions could have been made safely in the payments which were due this quarter and in June, in view of the large surplus now in sight, but he has no complaint with the decision of senate and house republicans to apply the surplus to debt reduction. In fact, he feels this is a wise policy to pursue during good times when tax payments are not heavily felt.

