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WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled with rains; fresh and strong southwest, becoming northwest winds on the coast. Maximum yesterday, 52; minimum, 39; river, 3.3; rainfall, trace; atmosphere, cloudy, wind, southwest.

The action of Great Britain in sending a cruiser to Nicaragua waters to take off any British who may need help is very disturbing to those of our internationalists who have been claiming that we didn't have any business down there trying to protect American citizens.

STRIKE LOOMS, ADDING DANGER FOR REFUGEES

More Safeguards for International Settlement at Shanghai Ordered

STRETCH BARBED WIRE

United States Destroyer John D. Ford Is Fired Upon on Yangtze, Returns Shots; Communism Spreads

SHANGHAI, March 30.—(AP)—With another general strike in the offing and with Shanghai the center of a continued flight of foreigners from the interior, the defense authorities here today made further preparations to protect the international settlement.

A barbed wire barrier is being constructed along the entire length of the Avenue Edward VII between the French concession and the international settlement.

The Suffolk regiment also was assigned to guard the offices of the cable companies situated in the Avenue.

Strike Date Not Set

The date of the new general strike decided on by the general labor union will be fixed later. There are about 20,000 miscellaneous workers still out from the last strike.

Meanwhile the Japanese naval authorities warned the Cantonese that the Japanese navy hereafter will take drastic steps in the event of unlawful actions by nationalist soldiers or in the event of firing on Japanese steamers without good cause.

The warning was given by a representative of the Japanese admiral who had received the chief of staff of the Cantonese commander in chief, General Chang Kai-Shek, who came with the regiments of General Chang to the Japanese admiral for the Nanking disorders.

The Japanese official told the Cantonese chief of staff that the

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SAYS BROWNLEE ADMITTED DEED

TOLD OFFICERS OF SHOOTING AFTER ARREST, REPORT

Planned to "Pull a Job and Hit For Mexico," Veneta Waitress Testified

EUGENE, March 30.—(AP)—Albert Brownlee, on trial here for the murder of Eston Hooker, 22-year-old posseman, admitted shooting Hooker, in conversation with officers on his return to Eugene from Walla Walla, Wash., where he was arrested after the crime, according to testimony of state's witnesses today.

Hooker was shot March 1, two days after Brownlee and Dewey Russell, co-defendant, are alleged to have held up a pool hall in Veneta, shooting William Maddaugh, proprietor.

W. H. McClain, investigator for the Southern Pacific Railway company and a deputy sheriff, told of talking with Brownlee the morning after his return to Eugene. The defendant, he said, admitted shooting Hooker but claimed he had aimed above his head and the bullet struck him only because of the fact that his gun was faulty.

George Canaday and Roy Kizer, deputy sheriffs, also testified that Brownlee had made such a statement.

McClain was the final witness for the state. Prior to his appearance on the witness stand, several other witnesses were called by the prosecution. Among these was Frank Hooker, uncle of the slain man, who told of the rifle duel which ended in the fatal wounding of the younger Hooker.

George Canaday, the deputy sheriff, and other members of the posse, also testified. Eva Michaels, pretty waitress of Veneta, told of a conversation with Brownlee in which he was alleged to have told her that he was to "get some cats," pull a job and hit for Mexico.

Elmer Jensen, who took Brownlee in his automobile to Walla Walla, told of the trip. He did not know Brownlee, he said, before he appeared at his home near Eugene and asked for Charles

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SAPIRO BATTLES WITH JIM REED

FORD'S TESTIMONY TO WAIT BECAUSE OF INJURIES

California Tomato Growers Association On Records Take Up Court Time

DETROIT, March 30.—(AP)—While Henry Ford lay injured in his hospital today, trial of Aaron Sapiro's \$1,000,000 libel suit against him proceeded without mention of his name.

The day was a struggle between Sapiro on the witness stand and James A. Reed, United States senator for Missouri, chief of the manufacturer's array of counsel.

Sapiro in meeting the veteran inquisitor was left to his own devices, his counsel, William Henry Gallagher, sitting idly so great a part of the time that once he remarked in an aside to newspapermen that he had to rise to make an objection to get a chance to stretch his legs.

Sapiro doffed his armor of impetuosity and sparkling temperament and met the suave, insinuating thrusts of Reed with an urbane questioning.

Senator Reed sped through a verification of Sapiro's statement of income and connection made on direct examination until he hit upon Sapiro's relations with the California Tomato Growers. There he dwelt for the remainder of the day and the end was not in sight at adjournment.

The news of Ford's injury became known publicly too late for Sapiro's counsel to gauge its possible effect should the defendant be kept abed for two weeks as in-

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PERMIT HEARING DUE

Appraisal Not Satisfactory to Corporation Department

Hearing on the suspension of the permit of the Talent Packing company of Astoria to sell \$63,000 of bonds, secured by the property of the corporation, will be held in the offices of the state corporation department here today.

The application for the permit was issued a month ago after a report had been filed with the corporation commissioner that the replacement value of the property owned by the company was \$182,000. The depreciation value was fixed at \$159,000.

It later developed that the appraisal was not satisfactory to the corporation department and the permit to sell the bonds was suspended pending a hearing.

BALLOT TITLE FINISHED

Referendum Measure May Be Placed Before Voters of State

Ballot title for the referendum measure which seeks to repeal a law enacted at the last session of the legislature closing Nestucca Bay and its tributaries to commercial fishing, has been completed by the attorney general.

In event sufficient signatures are obtained to the petitions the referendum measure will go before the voters of the state at the next general election.

The referendum measure was sponsored by the Nestucca Local of the Tillamook County Fishermen's union.

BONDS GET APPROVAL

Squaw Creek Issue Held Up Pending Investigation

The state irrigation securities commission yesterday certified bonds in the amount of \$63,000 for the Payette Slope Irrigation district in Malheur county. The bonds will be used for refunding purposes.

The Squaw Creek irrigation district requested certification of bonds in the amount of \$15,000, but the application was held in abeyance pending an investigation of the project by the state engineer. The Squaw Creek district is in Deschutes county.

SOLDIERS SEEK BANDITS

National Guardsmen Called Out to Assist Sheriff's Force

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., March 30.—(AP)—A company of Arkansas national guard troops, under Captain George F. McKinney, was ordered out from Harrison to assist sheriffs of Searcy, Boone and Newton counties in an assault on the hiding place of three bank bandits south of Jasper. Adjutant General J. R. Wayne announced.

The guardsmen, 60 or 65 in number, were armed with machine guns. General Wayne said the bandits had been located at a point 15 miles south of Harrison.

FORD INJURIES DUE TO MALICE FRIENDS CLAIM

Automobile Which Forced Millionaire Into Ditch Thought Identified

SAY CAR FOLLOWED HIM

Manufacturer Resting in Own Hospital; No Immediate Danger despite Slight Brain Concussion, Report

DETROIT, Mich., March 30.—(AP)—Henry Ford tonight lay in his own hospital a victim of what sources close to him said was a deliberate attempt to kill him by crashing a larger motor car into the little coupe of his own manufacture in which he was riding alone.

Mr. Ford's coupe was knocked off the road just after it had passed over the Michigan avenue bridge over the river Rouge last Sunday night.

The little motor car crashed down a 15 foot embankment and overturned against a huge elm tree six feet from the water's edge.

The automobile manufacturer was rendered unconscious but soon recovered, and unassisted, made his way to a gate keeper of his estate. Mrs. Ford was summoned and he was taken to the Ford home.

DETROIT, Mich., March 30.—(AP)—Sources close to Henry Ford tonight revealed that an investigation is under way into circumstances surrounding the crash.

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RESIGNATION TENDERED

Will to Accept Position With Bellingham Paper Company

J. B. Wilt, for the past three years superintendent of the sulphite mill for the Oregon Pulp and Paper company, tendered his resignation to the firm here in order to accept a position as general superintendent for the San Juanita Paper company at Bellingham, Washington. It was announced yesterday.

Mr. Wilt came to Salem from West Virginia where he was general manager of the Parsons Lumber company. Largely through his efforts the sulphite mill here has been built up into an efficient plant, and regret is being expressed at his departure.

MARINES READY FOR CHINA TRIP

LEATHERNECKS MAKE WAR-LIKE PREPARATIONS

Transport Henderson to Leave Sunday With Sixth Regiment on Board

SAN DIEGO, March 30.—(AP)—San Diego and Los Angeles merchants were called upon by the navy department today to furnish a huge quantity of supplies, ranging from razor blades to 7½ tons of candy and thousands of pounds of food stuffs to the United States naval transport Henderson due here from Nicaragua Sunday to embark the Sixth regiment of marines for China.

The merchants were instructed to furnish 30 days' rations for 1600 men.

At the same time the navy department ordered the destroyer Thompson, now at the Puget Sound navy yard, to race to San Diego at top speed with certain ammunition needed for the China-bound leatherneck regiment. The Thompson is due to arrive at daybreak April 5, about 12 hours before the Henderson is due to start for Shanghai.

Included in the list of items southern California firms will supply to the Sixth regiment are 100,000 pounds of flour, 1440 pounds of chipped beef, 2,000 pounds of spinach, 6500 pounds of jam, two tons of macaroni, 50 bottles of sauce, 10,000 cigars, 4300 bags of tobacco, 1500 tubes of toothpaste, also officers' whistles, wrenches, picks, shovels, shoe laces, shoe blacking, gloves and handkerchiefs.

The first troop trains with ma-

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ONE DEAD IN CAR FIRE

Three Injured in Leap After Side Door Pullman Gets Ablaze

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 30.—(AP)—One man was killed and three were injured when seven men trapped in a blazing box car leaped from a speeding train near Woodland, Wash., early today.

Authorities were unable to identify the dead man but believed he whispered the name of Henry Freeman before he died at the Cowlitz county hospital. B. J. McLeod, 24, logger of Nova Scotia, was in the Cowlitz county hospital with serious injuries.

McLeod said he boarded the train at Centralia and that the others had come from Seattle. Dust from flour with which the car had been loaded ignited when he lit a small fire in the car. McLeod was reported to have told the officers. The flames soon caught the paper lining of the car and the men were forced to leap for their lives.

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STUMPAGE SALE POLICY STANDS

KOZER RECEIVES LETTER FROM JARDINE ON FORESTS

'Large Sales Made at Irregular Intervals as Opportunities Arise'

Secretary of State Koser received a letter yesterday from W. M. Jardine, secretary of agriculture in which attention was called to the fact that the federal government could not very well make changes in the policies concerning the sale of national forest stumps in Oregon.

The letter received from Secretary Jardine had to do with a senate joint memorial adopted during the last legislative session urging that sales of timber from government reserves in Oregon be confined to cases of actual need or where such sales were desired to promote needed common carrier railroad development.

"The policy of this department which has been in effect for many years," read Mr. Jardine's letter, "is not to crowd national forest timber on the market in Oregon or elsewhere, nor to sell at bargain prices, but to make sales at not less than fair, carefully appraised prices and after public advertisement."

"Also to enable established mills to continue in operation, thereby stabilizing the communities dependent on those mills for employment."

"To prevent the depreciation in value of government timber which should be logged with privately owned intermingled timber that is being cut."

"To aid in the development of regions or communities by the establishment of payrolls and transportation facilities."

"To harvest ripe or deteriorating timber before its value is lost to the owners, the people of the United States."

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ALL BUT FOUR IN MINE BLAST REACH SAFETY

Force of Explosion Felt 10 Miles Away; Escape Deemed Miraculous

MEN WALK TO OPENING

Families of Miners Rush to Scene Without Hope for Men's Recovery, See Them Marching from Tomb

EHRENFELD, Pa., March 30.—(By The Associated Press.)—Three hundred coal miners of this region were safe in their homes tonight, survivors of one of the most terrific explosions in the history of the central Pennsylvania coal fields. They walked to safety, unharmed by the terrifying blast, which took a toll of four lives.

The explosion ripped through mine number 3 of the Pennsylvania Coal and Coke company shortly after noon, when the entire day shift was at work in the headings leading from the main drift. The force of the blast was felt ten miles away, rocking this mining village of 200 houses as if it were the center of an earthquake.

Believed All Dead

Hundreds of miners and members of the families of the men in the workings rushed to the mine mouth. They held little hope for their fellow workers and loved ones, believing that a blast of such force would surely claim the life of every man in the underground tunnels.

As they watched rescuers trying to push their way into the main incline, they saw a miner, besmeared with coal dust, walk from the nearby entry which was not damaged. Then came another close behind, and still others followed. The watchers at last realized these were survivors, stepping from what was believed to have been their tomb. A great shout of joy went up as wives and children of the survivors pushed forward to grasp their husbands and fathers.

Later, through two other entries and air shafts, undamaged came other survivors. Mine officials

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PRUNES NEARLY GONE

Stock 90 Per Cent Sold; Surplus Lowest in Years, Report

VANCOUVER, Wash., March 30.—(AP)—Only 10 per cent of the 1926 pack of dried prunes in the Pacific northwest remains unsold. W. H. Wood, manager of the Washington Growers and Packing corporation, said today. A small per cent remains in the hands of growers and sales continue, due to prevailing low prices.

The surplus for this time of the year is the lowest in several years and the market will be bare before the 1927 crop is dried. Wood declared.

Reports from growers indicate that strawberries will be one month later than last year, thus benefitting the dried fruit market.

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70 TONS PAPER BREAK FLOORING

TWO AUTOS DAMAGED WHEN HEAVY JOISTS GIVE WAY

Steam Pipe Snapped; Hot Water and Steam Scattered Throughout Garage

Seventy tons of bundled block paper fell 16 feet upon two automobiles, stored in the Fire Proof Auto company, 282 S. Liberty street, late yesterday afternoon. Overloaded floor space rather than defective construction caused the collapse according to Paul Taglio, manager of the Farmers' Warehouse, in which the paper was stored.

The space directly above the storage room of the auto company, owned by C. S. Pratt, was used as a warehouse for stock of the Oregon Pulp & Paper company. Bundles weighing 85 pounds each, were piled in tiers of 14 over the section that gave way.

One of the cars, a 1926 Hupmobile sedan, owned by J. P. Strimman, 220 Meyers street, Salem, an employe of Krik Co., was totally demolished, receiving the brunt of the impact. The other, a 1925 Star touring car, owned by Thomas E. Brunk, route 2, Salem, was only slightly damaged.

The main steam pipe leading to Wieder's Salem Laundry was severed in the crash, filling the garage with steam and hot water was thrown in all directions. Fortunately no one was on that immediate section of the floor, thus saving loss of life or injury.

Further investigation into the cause of the accident will be made by owners and leasees this morning, according to Mr. Pratt.

TWO AIRPLANES DOWNED

Pilots Said to Have Been Americans; Conservatives Rejoice

MEXICO CITY, March 30.—(AP)—Pedro Zepeda, representative here of the liberal government in Nicaragua, today said that he had received reports that two conservative airplanes had been brought down by liberals during recent combats and that the two pilots, believed to be Americans, were killed. Two other aviators were captured.

He declared that 200 conservatives near Leon revolted and fired upon another conservative airplane and that the machine crashed to the ground but it was not known whether the aviators were killed.

He denied that conservatives had captured Estell and asserted that they had been defeated again at Boaco, Acoyapa and in the vicinity of Granada which was not attacked because it is a neutral zone.

TYPHOID REACHES PEAK

Montreal Officials See Hope for Reduction of Cases

MONTREAL, March 30.—(AP)—The typhoid epidemic which has been raging since March 4 has reached its peak, in the opinion of health officials. They expressed the belief today that next week will see the larger hospitals at least partly relieved of the congestion which has resulted from the disease.

One hundred and two cases were reported today, as compared with 167 for the previous 24 hours period. The total number of cases since the epidemic began is 1540 but Health Director Boucher said fully one-fourth of those attacked have recovered.

DAVIS CHOSEN CASHIER

Succeeds Fred Paulus Who Becomes Deputy State Treasurer

Rex Davis, examiner for the state banking department, yesterday was employed as cashier of the state treasury department to succeed Fred Paulus, who recently was promoted to the office of deputy state treasurer. Mr. Davis will assume his new duties within the next few days.

Mr. Davis is a resident of Albany and has had considerable banking experience. He was highly recommended to the state treasurer.

FERRYBOAT RUNS AMUCK

Passengers in Panic as Craft Crashes into Slip at S. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 30.—(AP)—Three thousand passengers were made panic-stricken, two women fainting and between \$50,000 and \$60,000 damage was done today when the new Key Route ferryboat Peralta became unmanageable.

The ferryboat crashed with terrific force into its San Francisco slip.

NELSON OPINION RAISES FURORE OF DISCUSSION

Remarks on Drinking Among High School Students Draw Responses

MANY OPPOSING VIEWS

Meeting of Ministerial Association to Be Called Soon, Says Progressive; Law Enforcement Subject

No statements of mere opinion credited to a Salem citizen have ever aroused so much attention and discussion as those reported to have been given out by J. C. Nelson, principal of the Salem high school, in the last two days relating to the amount of drinking among high school students and the status of prohibition in general.

Just what impression these statements were intended to convey, remained something of a puzzle to many newspaper readers. Nelson has not at any time made public a claim that he had been misquoted in either of the newspapers, but he did tell a Statesman reporter Tuesday evening that the headlines in the Capital Journal's first story, which started all the furor, misplaced the emphasis of his remarks; and that he is not opposed to prohibition to the extent of favoring a return to pre-prohibition conditions.

No Correction Asked

Since the publication of Wednesday morning's Statesman, Nelson has not asked for a correction of the statements therein credited to him. None of the opposition which prevailed Wednesday was directed at the remarks published in the Statesman.

People in all walks of life have expressed their feelings with respect to Nelson's criticism of the habits of modern young people. Most of them, but not all, have opposed Nelson's views.

Views of others have been expressed elsewhere, including the communication columns of The Statesman. Those quoted below are all ministers who speak as the representatives of large groups.

The following statement had

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'MUMMY' BANDIT HOLDS UP BANK

MAN WITH FACE BANDAAGED TERRIFIES EMPLOYEES

LOS ANGELES, March 30.—(AP)—Police detectives today were baffled in their attempts to solve what they declared was one of the most puzzling bank robberies of recent years in this city.

The holdup man who brandished two revolvers and had completely masked his face with bandages and strips of adhesive tape, dropped down from a loft room to confront six employes and escape in an automobile with \$5,000 in cash from the Hoovers street branch of the Merchants' National Trust and Savings bank.

The detectives termed the robber a "mummy" holdup man after they found scraps of lunches, orange peels, peep holes drilled through the loft floor and a cut and rewired burglar alarm in the loft which they said indicated he had been in hiding there about three days and nights.

The robber dropped from a ladder, leading to the loft just after the six employes entered the bank. Philip Simon, manager of the branch, said his appearance struck terror into them all; he "appeared exactly like a mummy."

The bank force was herded into a rear room where the robber locked the door upon them, leisurely scooped up the cash in the cages and departed in a car parked near the bank.

During his "residence" in the loft the robber had sawed through the burglar alarm wiring pipe and re-wired the alarm in such a manner that by the jerk of a rope he could cut off the building from other communication.

The telephone wires also were cut. A glove stuffed with straw and its fingers crooked around a "pick" fashioned out of a cigarette case, also were found in the loft.

'TEXAS' GUINAN FREED

Charges of Serving Liquor in Night Club Not Proven

NEW YORK, Mar. 30.—(AP)—"Texas" Guinan, night club hostess, was freed today of charges of contempt of court for violating the federal prohibition law. The case against the hostess and Herman Edson, was dismissed by Federal Judge Thacher in padlock court, after Miss Guinan had testified that she "certainly did not" order a waiter in her "300 club" to serve liquor to a patron, after the club had been served with a temporary injunction.

Judge Thacher declared the government had not proven beyond a reasonable doubt that the two defendants participated directly in sale of liquor.

Truman Fowler, New York university student when not working as a prohibition agent, had testified he had taken a young woman to the club several times and had bought liquor there. Other agents had testified similarly.

EAKIN RESIGNS OFFICE

Hayes Resignation Not Yet Here; Vetch Quit Two Weeks Ago

W. T. Eakin of Astoria, who recently was requested by Governor Patterson to resign as a member of the state fish commission, submitted his resignation to the executive department yesterday.

The resignation becomes effective at the pleasure of the governor.

Governor Patterson said he had not yet received the resignation of J. S. Hayes of Bay City, who also was asked to retire from the fish commission.

John V. Vetch of Portland, third member of the fish commission, resigned two weeks ago. He was not asked to resign by Governor Patterson.



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