

Did You Know That the Salem District Has a Stogan of a Silo on Every Farm, Two or More on Some? "Let It Rain," at the Elsinore, One of the Best Things of the Year, Is Drawing Crowds, Last Times Today

# The Oregon Statesman

WEATHER FORECAST: Rain; moderate temperature; strong southwest and west winds; occasional gales on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday, 57; minimum, 43; river, 2.4; rainfall, .12; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, southeast.

It won't be long now until the average American will be more interested in what Babe Ruth and Roger Hornsby are doing than in what Mussolini and Calles are pulling off.

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## PEKING TROOPS RAID EMBASSY, SEEK EVIDENCE

### Two American Journalists, One a Woman, Held for Unfriendly Reports

### COMPLICATIONS LIKELY

### Soviet Reaction to Violation of Property Object of Keen Speculation; Writings Alleged Partisan

PEKING, April 6.—(AP)—A raid by northern soldiers on buildings attached to the soviet embassy here and the detention at a hotel of two American journalists, one a woman, who are known to have incurred the displeasure of the northern command by contributions to hostile publications, today introduced new international aspects to the Chinese civil war imbroglio.

Both the raid, which resulted in the removal of 22 Russians and about 50 Chinese, described as agitators, from the embassy compound, and the detention of the Americans, were conducted by representatives of Marshal Chang Tso Lin, the Manchurian war lord, who is commander of the northern forces defending Peking.

### Moscow View Watched

Peking was still agog with excitement this evening over the raid which began this morning and was still in progress tonight with the search of various buildings within the embassy compound. The soviet embassy proper had not been entered tonight, but it was stated that the soviet authorities regarded the premises raided as part of the embassy. Consequently the keenest speculation exists regarding the re-percussion at Moscow and the Manchurian frontier.

### The Americans Detained in an Entirely Separate Incident

Mrs. Mildred Mitchell, formerly of San Francisco and Honolulu, and Wilbur Burton, both of whom are connected with publications which have been accused of hostility to the northern cause. Although no formal charge against them has been announced, both were detained under surveillance by agents of Marshal Chang Tso-Lin, at the Hotel du Nord, which is outside of the legation headquarters. Mrs. Mitchell has been editor of the Chungwei News agency.

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## BODIES OF PAIR FOUND IN WRECK

### DISAPPEARANCE OF NEHER AND SCHALLER SOLVED

### Pinned Beneath Mail Plane When It Fell in Marsh in Merced County

SAN FRANCISCO, April 6.—(AP)—From a cowboy on the grazing lands of Merced county came the startling news today that Edward Neher, air mail pilot, and Alfred Schaller, his passenger, lay crushed to death beneath their wrecked plane.

Aircraft that had sought the missing plane since Sunday morning were rushed to a spot a few miles from Gustine and there found that the report was true.

In a depression on the rolling plains, half sunken in a marsh lay the wrecked air mail plane and beneath it were the horribly mangled bodies of the fliers. They were killed when the plane, forced to land on unknown territory at night, struck boggy ground and nose-flopped with sufficient violence to tear the wings from the fuselage and engine from the frame.

Ten mail sacks, two marked for San Francisco, three for Portland, three for Seattle and two for Medford, Ore., lay in the mud beside the plane. They had been tumbled from their fire proof compartment which was rent asunder in the crash, and, outside of a soaking, were undamaged. W. A. Bradley, Gustine postmaster, recovered the sacks for forwarding.

### If a fire started the waters of the marsh prevented it from spreading.

In Neher's hand was clutched a flashlight, his arm hanging over the side of the cockpit, indicated that he had tried to illuminate the

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## BOY AND MATCH HALT DE PINEDO

### PLANE WHICH CROSSED ATLANTIC DESTROYED BY FIRE

### But Famous Italian Aviator Not Dismayed; Will Continue Flight Soon

ROME, April 6.—(AP)—Premier Mussolini, replying to a request of Commander Francesco De Pinedo, has ordered the shipment to New York of an airplane, now in the service of the Italian air forces, to replace the commander's plane, the Santa Maria, which was destroyed by fire today at Roosevelt dam, Arizona.

### APACHE LODGE, Roosevelt Dam, Arizona, April 6.—(AP)—

An undaunted aviator stood on the banks of a huge mountain reservoir in a foreign land tonight and gazed across the placid waters which gave no sign of a tragedy enacted a few hours before when a boy caused his monoplane to be destroyed by fire through throwing a burning match on oil coated waters after lighting a cigarette.

The twin engine monoplane which Commander Francesco De Pinedo flew across the Atlantic ocean, the wilds of South America, the Gulf of Mexico and part of this country, was burned today and its engines lay on the bottom of Roosevelt lake, under 60 feet of water.

But the loss of his plane did not deter the aviator who announced that he would secure another machine and continue his tour of four continents. The commander said he would resume his flight from Lake Roosevelt though he did not know where the new plane would be assembled.

Everything was in readiness for the departure of Commander De Pinedo from the Apache Lodge-San Diego leg of his journey when his monoplane, the Santa Maria, burst into flames. The aviator was bidding goodbye to friends on the shore when the match struck the oil coated water.

A flash and it had communicated to the plane. As the Santa Maria burst into flames from stem to stern, Captain Del Prete, the

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## SECRETARY TO COLLECT

### Attorney General Gives Opinion; Law Held Not Retroactive

The secretary of state and not the public service commission shall collect from for-hire carriers 50 per cent additional license fee under a new law enacted at the 1927 session of the legislature. This was set out in a legal opinion prepared by the attorney general here yesterday.

The new license fee is in lieu of the former fee based on mileage performance. All buses and trucks operating in the state of Oregon are subject to payment of the new license fee.

The attorney general held that the law is not retroactive. It became effective March 3.

## COAST ORATORS TO VIE

### Six Major Colleges of Three States to Be Represented

An oratorical contest under the auspices of the Pacific Forensic League, will be held in the First Methodist church here Friday night at 8 o'clock. Robert Wilty will be Willamette university's representative.

Six major colleges and universities on the Pacific coast will be represented in the contest. They are Washington State college, Oregon Agricultural college, University of Oregon, University of Southern California, Whitman and Willamette.

## CHILD STEALING PROVEN

### Former Boxer Found Guilty, Sentenced to Pay \$500 Fine

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—Neil Zimmerman, former Portland boxer, was found guilty by a jury in the circuit court here today on an indictment charging him with child stealing. The defendant waived time and was sentenced to pay a fine of \$500.

Zimmerman was taken into custody in Los Angeles last December and returned here for trial. He was accused of stealing his 3 1/2-year-old daughter from the home of the sister of his divorced wife.

## BANK ROBBER ESCAPES

### LONG BEACH, Cal., April 6.—(AP)—

A holdup man who was mistaken for a janitor as he slipped through a side door of a branch of the Bank of Italy here today, held up four employes and escaped with approximately \$2000.

## MARINES LEAVE WHILE OUTLOOK IN CHINA DARK

### Sixth Regiment to Start Early Today With Shanghai as Destination

### U. S. GOODS BOYCOTTED

### Exodus of Foreigners From Sections Controlled by Cantonese Continues; Plan for Safeguards

SAN DIEGO, Cal., April 6.—(AP)—With final work of loading the navy transport Henderson, scheduled to be completed tonight, departure time for the Sixth regiment of United States marines for China has been tentatively set for 8:30 o'clock tomorrow morning. Capt. Robert Morris, commander of the vessel, announced today.

Scores of marines were feverishly at work loading supplies, ammunition and artillery in the effort to complete the work tonight. Shanghai is the destination of the Sixth regiment of 1560 officers and men.

### Some Already Aboard

The first of the final detachments of marines went on board the vessel tonight and by midnight it is expected the entire regiment will be on the ship. Loading of supplies, equipment and ammunition has been in progress since Sunday.

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## DEDICATION DATE SET

### Governor Patterson And General White To Present Colors

Plans for the dedication of the new colors for Hal Hibbard Camp, of Spanish War Veterans, at the armory April 15, have been completed.

Governor Patterson, assisted by the Adjutant-General, George A. White, will formally present the colors to the camp. The program for the evening will include musical selections by the Salem school children's club and the popular Schubert octette.

Members of the camp have arranged a program which they believe deserves a packed house at the armory. They are depending on the public support of this ceremony to pay off the debt involved by the purchase of the needed flags and camp colors.

## TABLE SETTING GETS EMPHASIS

### BALANCE OF SWEET AND SOUR IN MENU DISCUSSED

### Correct Silver Placement Very Important; Color Scheme Is Emphasized

Florence Bumphrey of 510 S. Fisher's, Blend flour at the close of the second day of the Oregon Statesman-Giese-Powers cooking school yesterday at the Grand theater.

Mrs. Beth Bailey McLean, the instructor of the popular cooking school, also presented ten cans of Calumet baking powder. These were given to Mrs. Shade, Mrs. Frank Power, Mrs. R. F. Smith, Mrs. Fred Pinkham, Genevieve Mulkey, Mrs. W. M. Garner, Mrs. Frank Marshall, Mrs. W. M. Pickell and Mrs. A. Astill.

Yesterday Mrs. McLean, in her well appointed kitchen, and with Miss Elizabeth Blackwell as her assistant, prepared a menu suitable for the family luncheon.

Again, Mrs. McLean placed special emphasis on the setting of the table and the serving of the meal. She reiterated the importance of the art of correct silver placement, and added to this the fact that the color scheme should be deliberately harmonious. For instance, in a yellow color scheme, why streak a salad with bright red paprika? Why serve beets, tomatoes and grape jelly side by side when the same color proximity in a frock would be outrageous?

"I wager your family looks at the table you set far more often than at any picture on the wall. Have it artistic, then," is Mrs. McLean's motto.

Mrs. McLean discussed the balance of the sweet and the sour in the menu; the place of appetizers,

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## QUESTIONNAIRE IGNORED

### Multnomah County Assessor Says Blanks Not to Be Used

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—Business concerns in Multnomah county may ignore the demand for financial statements that was served on them a few weeks ago, Hiram U. Welch, county assessor, said today.

The confidential report blank was mailed to business houses under the authority of a law enacted by the recent legislature.

Mr. Welch said today that while his office believed the new law to be beneficial in that it gives the county assessors all authority needed to make a just and equitable assessment, he has not felt that it was necessary to resort to such means in order to get information for tax assessments.

## BOOTLEGGING HIT BY HI STUDENTS

### BOYS REQUEST SUPPORT OF CITY POLICE IN WORK

### Girls Give "Whole-Hearted Support in Backing Up Boys" of School

Three resolutions, expressing disapproval of bootleggers and asking support of city police in bringing liquor peddlers to justice, which were adopted by Salem high school students at meetings yesterday, were handed to Chief of Police Minto last evening by a committee headed by Hugh Biggs, senior class president.

The Salem chief thanked the students for their interest, but took occasion to state that it was more difficult to bring liquor law violators to justice than people believed, because of the impossibility in many cases to secure proper evidence.

The assembly was called by J. C. Nelson, principal, to give the students themselves an opportunity to express their opinion regarding the recent charges of drinking among those who attend the high school. The principal outlined his views of the controversy, his beliefs as to the physical dangers of drinking, showing how the boys "were getting the worst of it" in the bootlegging traffic while the bootleggers escaped.

Then he asked for all those who understood what he meant, to stand. Two-thirds of the group arose. Motions to adopt the following resolutions were made and passed:

Resolved, that boys of Salem senior high school disapprove of bootlegging.

Resolved, that boys of the senior high school support the work of the city police.

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## DUCK DEATHS RESUMING

### New Clue Is Found To Cause For Demise Of Many Birds

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 6.—(AP)—The mysterious duck disease which has claimed tens of thousands of game birds in the Tule lake and Malheur lake sections has again broken out, George Tonking, United States deputy game warden, said today following an investigation of the duck situation. Instead of returning north to nest, hundreds of thousands of game birds are nesting in the lower lake areas of this county, Tonking said.

The disease, the nature of which is still unidentified, is prevalent among nesting birds.

A new clue to the cause of the disease which has caused the deaths of 15,000,000 migratory water fowl in the west in the last ten years will be studied this year by Ray C. Steele, United States game warden for Oregon and Washington. Steele recently made a survey of Malheur lake.

## ISLANDS DENIED INDEPENDENCE, COOLIDGE VETO

### Proposal for Plebiscite Shelved; Says Philippines Not Ready

### AGITATION CAUSE GIVEN

### Opposition To Capital And Labor Delays Time When Government May Be Maintained, Says Executive

WASHINGTON, April 6.—(AP)—Any prospect of immediate Philippine independence was killed today by President Coolidge in a veto of the proposal of the insular legislature for a plebiscite on the question.

The plebiscite bill had been vetoed by Governor General Wood but passed over his veto. The action of Mr. Coolidge definitely shelve it.

Criticizing the plebiscite suggestion as well as agitation for immediate independence which also was opposed by Carmel Thompson, special investigator of the presidents in the Philippines, Mr. Coolidge expounds his views at considerable detail in a 20,000 word message to General Wood.

The president summarized his reasons for opposing the measure as follows:

Vote Not Conclusive

"The plebiscite, under conditions provided or in fact, now possible, would not accomplish the

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## EXHAUST GENERAL FUND

### Treasurer Estimates Over \$500,000 Must Be Borrowed

The general fund of the state will be exhausted within the next 10 days when it will be necessary to borrow \$250,000 from the state highway commission, according to an announcement made at the office of the state treasurer.

T. B. Kay, state treasurer, estimated that it would be necessary to borrow more than \$500,000 from various state departments before the first half of the taxes for the year 1927 are received at his office. This money will be borrowed under a new law enacted at the last legislative session which gives the state treasurer authority to use the funds of other departments when the general fund is depleted.

The state treasurer will pay interest on these funds at the rate of 2 per cent. In past years funds necessary to tide over financial emergencies were borrowed from the various banks. Interest on these funds was paid on the basis of from 2 to 6 per cent.

## ASSIGNED OFFICE WORK

### Bergman Employed in State Flux Plant; Sentenced to 13 Years

Miss Harriet Weatherston, who was received at the state penitentiary recently to serve a term of seven years for embezzlement of the funds of the Lane County State bank at Florence, yesterday was assigned to employment in the office of the institution. She will act as assistant to Joe Murray, bookkeeper at the prison.

Miss Weatherston was cashier of the Florence bank at the time it was alleged to have been looted by a bandit. It later developed that the funds were taken by Miss Weatherston and Henry L. Bergman, president of the depository.

They left Eugene soon after the robbery was reported and were arrested a few weeks later in Alabama. Bergman was sentenced to a term of 13 years in the penitentiary. He is employed in the state flux plant, which is operated in connection with the prison.

## CONFESSES 3 MURDERS

### Virginian Admits Taking Life of Spouse and Two Others

BLUEFIELD, W. Va., April 6.—(AP)—Henry Griffith, 49, of Richlands, Va., has confessed to the murder of the two women, one of whom was his wife, and a man, whose bodies were found in the Clipch river near Swords Creek, Va., yesterday, Harry H. Couch, sheriff of Russell county, Virginia, said late today.

The bodies were identified as those of Millie Griffith, 35; Mathew Lawson, 31, and Lawson's wife, Pearl, 30.

## TRUSTY AT PRISON MEETS DOWNFALL

### LIFE TERMER SERVED AS TRUCK DRIVER FOR TIME

### Wilkins Convicted of Murder in 1914; Placed in Institution "Bull Pen"

Lloyd H. Wilkins, who is serving a life term in the state penitentiary for murder, has been sent to the institution's "bull pen." This was brought about yesterday when the wholesale theft of merchandise and other articles, while he was a trusty, came to the attention of the prison officials.

Wilkins was received at the penitentiary from Multnomah county November 19, 1914, under sentence to be hanged. The sentence later was commuted to life imprisonment by ex-Governor West. Seven years ago he was selected as a trusty, and during most of that time has served as a truck driver at the prison.

In the capacity of truck driver Wilkins visited the business district frequently where he obtained supplies for the institution. While in a local grocery store yesterday Wilkins was seen to pick up two sacks of sugar, which he placed in the prison truck. The incident was reported to the penitentiary officials with the result that an investigation followed.

Wilkins was questioned in connection with the complaint but he at first denied that he had taken the sugar. A search of the prison garage, where Wilkins made his headquarters, revealed a cache which contained merchandise valued at more than \$200. Included in the loot were the two sacks of

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## MAY GET DEEP CHANNEL

### Portland Delegation at Washington Sees Better Outlook

PORTLAND, April 6.—(AP)—A special despatch to the Morning Oregonian from Washington, D. C., says:

"Portland's chances for a favorable report from the board of army engineers on a 35-foot channel between the city and the sea seemed to have improved appreciably today, following more than a week of intensive effort in behalf of the project by W. D. B. Dobson, secretary of the Portland chamber of commerce; James H. Polhemus, general manager of the port of Portland, and Senator Charles L. McNary."

The despatch states a final vote on the project will probably be held Friday.

"The Tongue Point naval base was discussed with Secretary of the Navy Wilbur," the despatch continues, "with both Dobson and Polhemus citing numerous reasons why it should be developed as soon as possible."

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## KING FERDINAND REPORTED DYING

### LAST RITES ADMINISTERED, REPORT FROM BELGRADE

### Prince Carol Little Interested in Prospect of Becoming Ruler

PARIS, April 6.—(AP)—King Ferdinand of Rumania continues in a most serious condition, according to advices from Bucharest. Dispatches received today reported no marked change in the condition of the monarch, who is ill with the grippe with complications. One dispatch from Vienna said he had received the last rites of the church.

Prince Carol exiled son of the king, is remaining at his villa in Neuchâtel. Apparently he has been authorized to return to Rumania.

Observers say that Prince Carol is keeping very late hours, the lights in his villa continuing to shine even after the Montmartre resorts are darkened. The prospects of becoming king of Rumania seems to have little place in the prince's mind. Detective on guard in the drizzly weather along the boulevard outside the villa tell of seeing the prince and congenial companions passing the time away with music and laughter.

The detective guard, which has been strengthened at the villa since King Ferdinand's condition became serious, was moved farther away today, still commanding distant view of the villa and its visitors.

This retreat has not been explained and it is not known whether the authorities have reached the conclusion that Carol does not expect to leave soon.

## MOLINE RECAPTURED

### ASTORIA, April 6.—(AP)—

August Moline, of this city, who recently escaped from the sea hospital at Salem, was recaptured here and sent back to Salem today.

## HOMES BLAMED BY COMMITTEE OF MINISTERS

### Cooperation of All Forces in City Urged; Plans to Be Worked Out

### GRATEFUL TO NELSON

### "As Religious Leaders We Have Been Remiss in Our Work of Education" Says Interesting Document

Charging that citizens who hold high positions in social and civic circles are in the habit of using liquor themselves and offering it freely in their social gatherings, the Salem Ministerial Union special law enforcement committee, drew up a statement at a special meeting yesterday morning, which urged consolidation of all forces in the city in a united effort to curb liquor law violations.

Cooperation To Be Sought

Just what action the committee contemplates is not known. No information as to what the ministers had in mind for their clean up program could be elicited from members of the committee. However, it is believed that an effort will be made to secure cooperation of all organizations, and the committee will work hard to bring this about.

Blame for the present conditions of delinquency among children of high school age was placed upon parents. Expressing appreciation for Professor J. C. Nelson for bringing the matter to attention, and to the press for making the facts public, the ministers confessed to remissness in work of education, and in arousing the public to dangers facing young people.

Meetings of the committee will be held regularly as the organized plan is carefully worked out.

Report Places Blame

The report adopted by the committee follows:

First: We feel deeply grateful to Professor Nelson for his revelations of the facts as he has found them to exist. However unpalatable these facts may be we do not care to be comfortable by being kept in ignorance of them.

Second: We feel grateful also to the press which has made these

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