

WEATHER FORECAST: Unsettled in east, partly cloudy in west portion; temperature yesterday, 65; minimum, 32; river, 3.2; no rainfall; atmosphere, clear; wind, northwest.

The Oregon Statesman

Senator Hiram Johnson says that he is one senator who has had the presidential germ entirely eradicated from his system. We wondered why he looked so much happier and more contented in his recent photographs.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, TUESDAY MORNING, APRIL 12, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

PORTLAND CLUB COMES TO PLAY LOCAL TOSSERS

Team That Is Making Strong Bid in Coast League to Show for Fans

GAME STARTS AT 2:30

Beavers Colorful Aggregation; Now in Fourth Place After Two Weeks Away From Home; Big Crowd

The Oxford Park ball grounds will be loaded to the base-lines this afternoon with eager fans turning out for Salem's only taste of class AA baseball this season, when the Portland Beavers, the team that represents all Oregon in the national pastime, will go through their paces against Salem's Senators.

Interest in this game will be all the greater because for the first time in years, the Portland team has started out strong in the Pacific Coast league race, and is hoped to be among the leaders all season. It would be no miracle if the team that Salem fans get a chance to watch this afternoon, should take the coast title. They weren't picked to do it before the season opened, but two weeks away from home and against two of the best teams in the south, have left them only one game to pick that up quickly on the home grounds and start picking up on the leaders.

It may be concluded by some that the Salem team will be totally outclassed by the coast leaguers, in fans who take that view should recall that the Senators put up a good battle against the Seattle Indians just about a year ago, and Sunday's sorry spectacle to the contrary notwithstanding, the local team is stronger now than it was at that time. It would be a little too much to count on a victory for the Senators, but they will make a ball game, that's certain.

In addition to being a strong contender in the Coast League this year, the Beavers are reported to be one of the most colorful teams that has ever played in this circuit, with a group of players whose personalities stick out so far they reached up into the bleachers and get the fans in sympathy with them no matter what kind of ball they exhibit. Chief among these is Edwin Charles Tomlin, amiable pitcher, snake charmer, cow puncher and vaudeville artist, who keeps things lively both on and off the field.

The Beavers' regular lineup will be seen in action although Man-

WIDOW ON TRIAL IN POISON CASE

NINE JURORS CHOSEN FIRST DAY AT HILLSBORO

Strain of Previous Court Appearance Shows as Charges Are Resumed

HILLSBORO, Or., April 11.—(AP)—At the conclusion of the first day of the trial here of Mrs. Eva S. McGee of Tillamook, who is charged with the murder of her husband, Dr. W. G. McGee of Tillamook, nine jurors had been chosen. Mrs. McGee, visibly worn by the strain of her first trial on the same charge, at which the jury disagreed, appeared in court today. She cried as she entered the room and broke into tears frequently during the day as the questioning of prospective jurors continued.

MINISTERS DENY CRIME INCREASE

ADOPTS RESOLUTION PLEDGING UNION'S COOPERATION

"Recognize Fact That Conditions Are Much Worse Than They Should Be"

Denying that crime is on the increase because of prohibition and decrying those who say that government sale of liquor would eliminate bootleggers, the Salem Ministerial Union, in its regular meeting yesterday at the YMCA, stated its desire to cooperate with any and all who are willing to help in the program of law enforcement.

The union adopted a series of ten resolutions drawn up by chairman E. S. Hammond, of the Kimball School of Theology, which is intended to clarify the stand ministers are taking as a result of recent disclosures by Professor J. C. Nelson, of the Salem high school, that liquor consumption among persons of high school age was greater now than before the Volstead act. The ministers, working through a special committee, have organized a campaign to bring about a better condition in the city in respect to law enforcement which they contend is inefficient. The statement issued yesterday is the second one to emanate from the ministerial group.

It was also decided to draw up a schedule of sessions for next year before the association finishes its meetings this spring. This was the suggestion of Reverend Thos. Acheson of the association, and the matter was referred to the program committee.

Announcement was made of the joint sunrise meeting which will be held Easter morning at the Oak Knoll place of H. S. Gille. This follows out an annual custom of long standing.

Oliver W. Stewart, a former Illinois legislator, has been obtained by the ministerial group to give the educational committee, reporting that 126 out of 128 students in a Woodburn school were taking religious instruction there on their own time during school days.

The code of resolutions adopted by the pastors follows:

In order that our position may be clearly understood, we, the Salem Ministerial Union,

ECONOMIC SURVEY ASKED

Project Located in Deschutes County; Large Indebtedness

An economic survey of the Deschutes County Municipal Improvement district with a view of authorizing the project to issue refunding bonds to take care of its indebtedness up to July 1 of this year, was requested in a resolution received at the office of the state engineer here yesterday. The resolution was adopted by the directors of the district at a meeting held last week.

PLAN CHURCH EDIFICE

Finances Prohibit Immediate Construction; Look to Future

Plans, to materialize by 1929, for an addition to the First Methodist church of Salem were announced during the services Sunday by officials of congregation.

MISSIONARIES IN CHINA FIELD TO COME HOME

Military Situation Departure Cause; Some Plan Work in Korea

NATIONS MAKE DEMANDS

Five Great Powers Serve Identical But Moderate Notice to Nationalists for Nanking Outrages

SHANGHAI, April 12.—(AP)—Armed Chinese, acting under orders of Moderate Kuomintang leaders, raided four places in the native districts of Chapel, Mantano and Pootung early this morning, routing radical laboratories.

Twelve Chinese were killed, 600 were disarmed and guns and ammunition were seized as part of the program of eradicating extremists from the Kuomintang (Cantonese political organization).

NEW YORK, April 11.—(AP)—Because of the military situation in China, the first group of Methodist missionaries and their children are leaving Peking, the Methodist board of foreign missions here was informed by cable today.

The cable said there are about 20 missionaries and their children in the group, of whom 12 are leaving for America, while the other eight will go to Korea to continue their work.

No Anxiety Felt A cablegram from J. Weighton Stuart, president of Peking university, to the New York office of the institution said:

"There is not much cause for anxiety concerning conditions at the university, although the wives and children of some of the foreign members of the staff have left today."

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FIND WRECKED REMNANT

Parts Of Submerged Vessel Seen By Crew Of Elkridge

SAN FRANCISCO, April 11.—(AP)—Signs of a sea disaster were made known here today with receipt of a radio from Captain John T. Flynn aboard the United States shipping board vessel Elkridge.

The Elkridge located a half-submerged steamer or motorship, 170 feet long with mast showing and part of the bridge visible about 500 miles north and northeast of Honolulu. The name of the derelict could not be ascertained.

"WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT!"



RUSSIAN TROOPS MASS ON BORDER

BELIEVED WAITING FOR EXPECTED NEW HOSTILITIES

Cantonese Foreign Minister Expresses Regret for Northeners' Raid

LONDON, April 11.—(AP)—Tokyo dispatch to the Daily Mail says that Japanese correspondents at Harbin report a large concentration of Russian and Chinese troops on the Siberian border preparing for possible hostilities growing out of the strained relations between Soviet Russia and northern China. The dispatch says that the Russians have four divisions and the Chinese one division and a half on the border.

MOSCOW, April 11.—(AP)—The foreign commissariat has received a telegram from Eugene Chen, foreign minister of the Cantonese government, expressing profound regret for the raid made last week by northern troops on buildings attached to the soviet embassy in Peking.

The telegram says that the Cantonese government will take strong action against Chang Tso-Lin's wanton violation of the sovereignty and dignity of soviet Russia.

A big demonstration against the raid by Chang's troops, against which Russia has protested, was held today outside of the theatre where the all Russian congress is in session.

SEATTLE, April 11.—(AP)—Dr. C. K. Edmunds, former president of Canton Christian college, who returned to Seattle from the Orient today said he believed that "The nationalistic movement in China is going to accomplish just what we have been trying to bring about, to make the Chinese more self-reliant." He declared however, that "they may not be ready for the movement yet."

Dr. Edmunds, who has just completed a step in the educational autonomy of the Chinese by turning the Canton college over to a governing body of twenty-one, 15 of which are Chinese, expressed the opinion that the nationalistic forces will not unsettle American educational work in China.

TRY FARM RELIEF AGAIN

Senator Capper Predicts Bill Modified After McNary-Haugen

WITCHITA, Kan., April 11.—(AP)—A new farm relief bill embodying all the essentials of the McNary-Haugen measure, which President Coolidge vetoed, will be introduced at the next session of congress, Senator Arthur Capper of Kansas, predicted here tonight in an address before the Rotary club.

It will aim to provide machinery by which farmers may by their own efforts and at their own expense stabilize the market for their own crops at price levels which will maintain American standards on the farm," he declared.

U. S. GOOD WILL STARTED

President Sends Greetings to Nations Bordering Pacific

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DE PINEDO TO GO EAST

Will Meet New Plane at New York; May Come West Later

LOS ANGELES, Cal., April 11.—(AP)—Commander Francesco De Pinedo, Italian aviator, departed tonight for San Francisco en route to New York where he will await the arrival of a new plane with which he plans to resume his four continent flight, temporarily halted in Arizona last week when his seaplane, the "Santa Maria" burst into flames at the Rosemead dam.

POUND PETITION FILED; REJECTED

MORE SIGNATURES ADDED BEFORE COMMISSION MET

Request Change From Class One to Two; Wants Apartment Building

The petition filed by Dr. B. E. Pound, asking permission to change the zone classification of a strip of territory on both sides of South Liberty street between Bellevue and Mission streets, last night was rejected by the city zoning and planning commission, on the grounds of irregularity in filing.

The petition was withdrawn by Dr. Pound yesterday and later resubmitted with the addition of two new names. It was held by the commission that this was improper procedure, and before the matter could be submitted to the council, it would be necessary to have another petition filed.

Dr. Pound wished to have the zone changed from class one to class two so that he could construct an apartment house in the district. A number of taxpayers who signed the original petition did so, it is said, with the understanding that their so doing would not throw the district open to all apartment house builders. When the matter was properly brought to their attention, a counter petition remonstrating against the former one was circulated for signatures and filed with the city authorities.

Probably no farther action will be taken until a new petition is submitted.

KELLEY APPEAL COMING

Willos Case To Be Heard Before Supreme Court April 17

Attorneys for Ellsworth Kelley, convict, who is under death sentence for the part he played in the break at the state penitentiary here in August, 1925, will appeal to Governor Patterson to commute the penalty to life imprisonment.

This was announced here yesterday after news had been received from Washington that the United States supreme court had dismissed Kelley's appeal.

James Willos, another convict involved in the break, also has appealed his case to the United States supreme court for final determination. His case has been set for argument April 17. Tom Murray, third member of the convict trio, committed suicide in the prison here a few months ago.

Wilton Holman and John Sweeney, guards, were killed by the convicts during the break.

LOOT BURNING HOTEL

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NAVY LIMITING PLANS OPPOSED BY ENGLISHMAN

French Proposal Criticized by Lord Cecil at Opening of Parley

PERMITS COMPETITION

Sixty-Eight Vessels Demolished as Result of Washington Treaty. Nations' Representatives Told

Geneva, April 11.—(AP)—Great Britain, through Viscount Cecil, announced at the opening of the disarmament parley today that it was unable to accept the French proposals regarding limitation of naval armaments.

The French plan, copies of which were distributed among the other delegates to the preliminary conference, provides for three columns of figures: total tonnage necessary for a given country's security; total tonnage the country expects to reach or build during the period of the limitation treaty; and total tonnage in categories of warships. These categories would be battleships, aircraft carriers, surface craft not exceeding 10,000 tons (including cruisers and torpedo boats), and submarines.

It is specified in the proposal that each country may modify the allocations of its total tonnage at any time, provided the league of nations was notified one year before the laying down of keels of warships whose construction would involve shifting from the general program originally announced.

Another important provision is that countries be empowered to distribute tonnage among the four categories mentioned or any among such categories as may be deemed necessary for their security.

SECURITY NOT GIVEN

Lord Cecil declared the French plan leaves the door wide open to naval competition, both with respect to size of guns and size of warships. The British government, after close scrutiny, was convinced it would not give real security because it allowed governments to shift from building one category of ship to another merely by giving a year's notice.

"Our naval experience is as great as any other power," he said. "The navy is vital to us, and the very existence and happiness of our people depends on our making no mistake now."

Lord Cecil said the Washington treaty had resulted in the demolition of 21 British warships, 17 Japanese and 33 American—a total of 68, with tonnage of 1,861,600.

"This is a veritable destruction (Continued on page 2.)

DEFIES FASCISM ADMITTING GUILT

SOUGHT LIFE OF MUSSOLINI SAYS TITO ZANIBONI

Former Socialist Deputy Claims He Alone Plotted; 6 Others Are Also Tried

ROME, April 11.—(AP)—Characterizing Premier Mussolini as an impostor and declaring hatred for fascism, Tito Zaniboni, former socialist deputy, today defiantly admitted his guilt as he went on trial on a charge of plotting to kill the premier on November 4, 1925.

"If the police, instead of arresting me at 8:30 o'clock, had arrested me at 12:30, my project would have been accomplished," Zaniboni told the court in a cool steady voice.

"I am guilty, but I alone am guilty," he declared repeatedly refusing to answer questions about other persons alleged to be involved in the conspiracy.

Zaniboni presented a remarkable figure as he stood in the iron cage under the eyes of scores of fascist militiamen with bayoneted rifles, smiling and sneering by turns as he expressed his antagonism to fascism.

"I hate, fascism, will always hate it," he exclaimed, disdainfully disregarding angry murmurs in the courtroom.

Zaniboni, General Luigi Capello and six others are being tried before a military tribunal created by Premier Mussolini as a supreme court of judgment for offenses imperiling the state.

Zaniboni, who has been called the stormy petrel of Italian socialism, sat in the traditional iron cage of the prisoner, watched by five armed carabinieri. On the other hand, the retired General Capello in today's proceedings admitted he had sided with the opposition against the fascist regime, but denied having joined in any such "assassin" assassination plot as Zaniboni's. He said that as between allegiance to fascism or Free Masonry he had chosen the latter.

Zaniboni with unflinching coolness, repeated the confession he had made soon after his arrest in 1925 and explained in detail his plan to murder Premier Mussolini whom he characterized as "the illegal head of the government, stamping upon the liberty of the people and the constitution of the state." He also explained a plan to follow the assassination of the premier with an armed revolt.

DOBBS TRIAL OPENING

Selection of Jury to be Completed Today. Indicated

SEATTLE, April 11.—(AP)—Belief that the selection of a jury to try Dr. C. C. Dobbs on a charge of murdering Letitia Whitehall, his 14 year old patient, will be completed late tomorrow, was expressed by the opposing attorneys tonight.

Examination of the prospective jurors was expedited at the opening of the trial today when Superior Judge Charles T. Moriarity, instead of leaving the questioning of talemans to the attorneys, undertook the preliminary interrogation himself.

A majority of the talemans expressed opposition to capital punishment.

Dr. Dobbs, a dentist, who is accused of slaying the school girl after he had allegedly given her an anaesthetic and attacked her, was accompanied in the court room by his wife and 19-year-old son.

ROB DEPARTMENT STORE

No Trace Of Burglars Although "Warm Clues" Indicated

PORTLAND, April 11.—(AP)—Although police detectives said several "warm" clues had been discovered, no actual trace of the gang of safe robbers who looted the store in its office of the Olds, Wortman and Kline T. Moriarity store here late last night, had been found late today.

After making a complete check, Lee Schlesinger, one of the owners of the store, said slightly more than \$19,000 in currency had been stolen by the robbers who handcuffed and blindfolded Fred T. Robkar, night watchman of the store, and then blew open the vault.

WATER SYSTEM OPTION SIGNED BY COMPANIES

Federal Water Service Corporation Enters Field With Negotiations

PRICED AT \$850,000

Movement Started Last November for City to Make Purchase; Long Delay Causes Officials to Act

While admitting the report from New York that the Federal Water Service corporation had secured an option from the Salem Water, Light & Power company on the water system was correct, C. A. Park, president of the corporation, and Paul B. Wallace, vice president, declined last night to make any statement, other than that final sale will probably be consummated some time the latter part of this month.

Announcement of the purchase contract came as a surprise to local officials as the matter was not to have been made public, it is said, until final arrangements were completed. No assurance has been given that the option will be taken up, but the fact that the matter was made public is an indication that it will be closed this month.

President Draws Agreement. President Cheney of the New York firm was in Salem March 25 and drew up the purchase contract with representatives of the Salem water firm, and accountants have been going over the books to get them in shape for the transfer. The figure involved in the purchase is said to be between \$550,000 and \$900,000.

The Federal Water Service corporation is acquiring other holdings in the northwest, including one at Hoquiam, and the plan is to administer them under a new company to be known as the Oregon-Washington water service corporation which will have its main offices in Portland.

In event the deal goes through, the local plant will be administered by a superintendent to be named by the new owners. The engineering staff and other officials will be located in Portland and operate out over the northwest territory.

Movement Started in November. Last November a movement was started for the purchase of the water works by the city. A report was drafted by Ernest C. Willard, a consulting engineer, and a figure of \$705,000 was set as the basis of evaluation. A committee was appointed to look into the matter and make possible its submission to the people for a vote in the special election this coming June 28. The proceedings have been delayed to the extent that the water people went ahead with other plans for disposal of the utility.

The franchise granted by the city to the water works was (Continued on page 4.)

RESURRECTION PROOFS STATED

REV. NORMAN K. TULLY FIRST HOLY WEEK SPEAKER

Belief Is Core of Christian Religion, Club Members Told in Address

The resurrection of Jesus Christ was made very real to the members of the Salem Chamber of Commerce Monday noon when Rev. Norman K. Tully, pastor of the local Presbyterian church, spoke on "Evidences of the Resurrection" in the first of a series of addresses which will be given at the service club luncheon this week.

Bringing up one by one the explanations offered by doubters or opponents of Christianity, differing from the New Testament story, Rev. Tully showed that each was practically an absurdity. "The resurrection in the core of the Christian religion," the speaker said, showing that if Christ should be proven mistaken in his statement that he would arise from the dead, his other claims would be subject to doubt.

The principal source of doubt, the speaker stated, is removed when it is considered that Christ was executed because he was the leader of a troublesome religious sect. The Jerusalem authorities, when they found that the religion had revived stronger than ever on the report of Christ's resurrection, could have overcome it by parading his body through the streets; but the body was gone.

The present day observance of Sunday instead of the older Sabbath, and the never interrupted celebration of Easter for nearly two thousand years, are other evidences of the verity of the resurrection, the local minister concluded.

Broken Leg and Other Injuries Result From Collision. Marjorie Elliott suffered a broken leg and severe bruises, and Francis Alley was scratched and bruised, when a motorcycle driven by Alley collided with an automobile driven by Everett Battles, route 3, box 101, last night. According to a report filed at the police station, the motorcycle was coming too fast to stop when Battles signaled for a turn. The motorcycle was overturned several times. The two injured persons received aid at the Salem hospital last night.