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WEATHER FORECAST: Fair over east portion and cloudy over west portion; moderate temperature; fresh west and north-west winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 54; minimum, 38; rainfall, a trace; atmosphere, partly cloudy; wind, west.

SEVENTY-SIXTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, SUNDAY MORNING, APRIL 17, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

WORK TO BEGIN JUNE 1 ON NEW OFFICE EDIFICE

Interior Plans Considered at Conference of Various State Officials

MAY COST \$550,000

Funder Plan Adopted by Legislature Money to Be Borrowed From Industrial Accident Commission

Construction work on the proposed new state office building, which was approved at the recent session of the legislature, probably will begin about June 1, according to reports made public here yesterday.

Interior Plans Discussed At a conference here yesterday interior plans of the new building were considered by Sam A. Koser, secretary of state and other officials.

With the completion of this structure an effort will be made to transfer to Salem a number of state activities which now have offices in private buildings in Portland.

Provide New Quarters A number of state departments now housed in Salem outside of the capitol building also will be provided quarters in the new structure.

YOUTH PURSUES ALLEGED FORGER

SCHOOLBOY HAULS DOWN FLEEING CHECK PASSER

Louis Briggs, Former Reform School Inmate, Charged

A little fellow, Rodney Mayer, aged about 10, will likely be a big cop in a blue uniform and brass buttons some day.

Briggs entered the store, made a small purchase, and presented the check for payment. Paul V. Johnson, one of the proprietors, became suspicious of the check, and endeavored to keep up conversation with Briggs until another member of the store staff could get police officers on the telephone.

The alleged paperhanger, however, became frightened at the delay and made a dash for the door, got out onto the street and started up the alley past the Terminal stage depot.

Briggs, who is an ex-inmate of the boys' reform school, had a number of other checks in his pocket, but it is believed that he succeeded in passing none at any of the stores.

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ARCTIC EXPLORER COMING APRIL 19

INTERESTING PICTURES OF TRIP TO BE SHOWN

Lecture Sponsored by Lions Club; Amundsen to Arrive Late Tuesday

From W. E. Carson Captain Roald Amundsen, the world-famous Arctic and Antarctic explorer, will make a brief lecture tour this season, when he will relate the thrilling story of the Amundsen-Ellsworth Expedition.



Roald Amundsen

tion, which made the first successful airship voyage last May from Europe to America by way of the North Pole. His itinerary will include a visit to this city, where he is booked to appear at Elsinore theater on April 19 under auspices of Lions club.

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DEMURRER FILED HERE

Action in Line With Attack on New Assessment Law

The attorney general yesterday filed in the circuit court here a general demurrer to the complaint of L. B. Smith of Portland, who is seeking to attack by referendum the so-called property assessment law enacted at the last session of the legislature.

Mr. Smith alleged in his complaint that the secretary of state refused to accept his application for a ballot title for the referendum measure on the grounds that the assessment law carried the emergency clause and became operative immediately upon being signed by the governor.

It was contended by plaintiff that under the constitution all tax measures are subject to referendum, and that the legislature exceeded its authority when it affixed the emergency clause to the law.

SEEK CASE CONTINUANCE

First Skirmish in DeAutremont Trial to be on Monday

MEDFORD, April 16.—(AP)—The first legal skirmish in the trial of Hugh DeAutremont, alleged Siskiyou tunnel slayer and bandit, charged with first degree murder, will come Monday in circuit court at Jacksonville when the state's motion for a continuance of the trial from May 2 to May 23, will be argued.

The state will contend that it requires the three weeks additional time to prepare for trial; that many of its witnesses are scattered, and that Dan O'Connell, chief of Southern Pacific special agents, who had charge of the assembling of the evidence, is just recovering from a sickness that has kept him in a San Francisco hospital.

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ELEVEN DEATHS TOLL OF FLOOD ON MISSISSIPPI

Hickman, Inundated, Must Also Care for Thousands of Refugees

NEW WEAK SPOTS FOUND

Area Covered With Water More Than Doubled Following Breaks at Doreno, Mo., and in Arkansas

HICKMAN, Ky., April 16.—(AP)—Fleeing the wrath of the mad Mississippi, hundreds of families have trudged through miles of mud and marshy lowlands to seek food and shelter here. With the business section under four to eight feet of water, the citizens turned their attention to caring for the 2500 refugees who came here today.

SPRINGFIELD, Mo., April 16.—(AP)—Damage caused by flood waters in the Lake Taneycomo region of southwest Missouri, 50 miles south of here, was estimated at \$1,000,000 by business men returning from that district tonight.

Hundreds were homeless, while water continued to stand in the business sections of Forsythe, Barnson and Hollister.

Efforts Unavailing MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 16.—(AP)—The mighty Mississippi, testing the strength of levees throughout its more than 1200 miles from Cairo, Ill., to the sea.

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RUSSELL GETS 20 YEARS

Alleged Accomplice of Brownlee Sentenced for Assault

EUGENE, April 16.—(AP)—Dowey Russell, found guilty in circuit court here ten days ago of the charge of assault with intent to rob, was sentenced today by Judge Skipworth in circuit court to serve 20 years in the state penitentiary.

It was alleged that he was the accomplice of Albert Brownlee in the holdup of the Veneta pool-room and the shooting of William Maddaugh, the proprietor, and subsequently in the killing of Eston Hooker, a posseman, but the charge of murder against Russell was dismissed.

APRIL SHOWERS!



NATIONAL GUARD RECEIVES PRAISE

INSPECTION BRINGS OUT FINE WORK BEING DONE

Brigadier General White Complimented; Units Located in Many Cities

In addition to a general rating of "very satisfactory," the Oregon National Guard drew an official letter of commendation for its efficiency as a result of the annual inspection of units by the War department, completed during March after six weeks of careful checking.

In a letter received yesterday at Guard headquarters, Major General John L. Hines, until recently Chief of Staff of the Army and now commander of all forces in the West, commends the Guard upon its showing and congratulates its commander, Brigadier General George A. White for the fine condition of the command.

All subordinate units, excepting one, are found by the inspection reports to be in exceptional condition for immediate active service in event of an emergency.

Organizations covering a large part of the state are picked out

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VILMA CALLS OFF CASE

Actress Drops Suit Filed Against Playwright's Wife

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 16.—(AP)—Vilma Banky, film star, today cabled instructions to her parents in Hungary to drop a libel suit they had filed against Sari Fedak Molnar, former wife of Franz Molnar, the Hungarian playwright.

The suit was based on statements said to have been made by Madame Molnar when she returned to Hungary after a visit to the United States. She was quoted as declaring that Miss Banky had "turned against her countrymen, is no true Hungarian," and "is a spiteful little cat."

The film actress said she incurred Madame Molnar's anger when she refused to sponsor an actor introduced by Madame Molnar as the "Hungarian Valentino."

HAWLEY ARRIVES HOME IN SALEM

CONGRESSMAN TIRED FROM LONG JOURNEY AND WORK

Salem Has One of Biggest Men in Congress Listed Among Her Citizens

Congressman W. C. Hawley and Mrs. Hawley arrived in Salem from Washington on Friday, and they are at their home, 838 Oak street, which has been open for them by their daughter-in-law.

When a Statesman reporter, at an early hour (for him) last night, phoned to the Hawley residence, seeking an interview, he was told that Mr. Hawley had retired for the night.

He is no doubt tired. Of course he is tired. Tired from the journey, and more tired from the long period of work during the last session of congress, and afterwards, to clean up his desk.

For Mr. Hawley is one of the biggest men in congress. He is big in many ways; an authority on many things, through his education and training, an thorough his long service in Washington.

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U. S. WARSHIPS SWAP BULLETS WITH CHINESE

No Casualties Reported on Yangtze; Machine Guns Quickly Silenced

COMMUNISTI ATTACKED

100 Killed or Wounded in Canton; Foreign Settlement Heavily Guarded; Will Clean House First

SHANGHAI, April 17.—(AP)—Morris Slighter and his young daughter of the China Island Mission were killed by Chinese bandits near Yunnanfu.

They are said to be residents of Toronto, Canada.

SHANGHAI, April 16.—(AP)—Both British and American warships have been made targets for Chinese guns. The United States destroyers Preble and John D. Ford have been subjected to machine gun fire on the Yangtze river, while the British gunboat Woodcock came under attack from the Cantoneses troops entrenched on the south bank of the Yangtze below Chinkiang.

The Woodcock used her three and four inch guns and drove the Cantoneses out of their trenches. Oust Radicals

With no new developments so far as is known between the Cantoneses and northern forces, the campaign headed by General Chiang Kai-Shek, the Cantoneses generalissimo, to oust the communists from the Kuomintang, or Cantoneses political organization, was in progress today.

Armed with machine guns and supported by armored cars, white (moderate) members of the Kuomintang have carried out raids against communist labor unions

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BANDITS BELIEVED SEEN

Men Counting Money in Box Car May be Old Store Robbers

PORTLAND, April 16.—(AP)—A report that he had seen two men in a box car dividing a stack of paper money was made here late tonight by J. Cheney, Portland, and sent a squad of detectives to the railroad yards in the belief that the men may have been two of the gangsters who held up a bank messenger here Friday.

When they saw him, Cheney said, one of the men leveled a heavy pistol at him and told him to "beat it or get his head blown off."

A thorough search of the yards was made by police but neither of the men was seen. A switchman said two of three men had been loitering around the yards for several days.

Cheney said the two men were sitting in the box car counting out a pile of paper money and that another stack was near at hand.

SEEK HUMAN SACRIFICE

Seven Year Old Child Seized but Rescued, Youths Caught

HAVANA, Cuba, April 16.—(AP)—Selected as the victim for a human sacrifice, the police assert, Beatrice Chisholm, 7 year old daughter of Everett Chisholm, a prominent American resident here, was rescued by a girl employe of the Chisholm household and several neighbors when an attempt was made to abduct her.

The blood of the child was prescribed by a witch doctor, Trino Fernandez, as the only cure for a sick negro, Luisa Pedra. Two youths, Francisco Hernandez and Eugenio Cortez, were ordered to obtain the victim.

The child was standing on the sidewalk near her parent's home in Vedado, when an automobile occupied by the two youths and driven by a third, pulled up close by. They seized the child and endeavored to force her into the automobile. She struggled and screamed and the servant maid rushed to her aid, together with several neighbors.

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EASTER SERVICE WILL DRAW 6000

ATTENDANCE RECORDS TO BE BROKEN AT WASHINGTON

Umbrella and Top Coat May Be In Order in Many Sections of The West

WASHINGTON, April 16.—(AP)—Religious services, unusual both for settings and impressiveness, have been arranged for Easter Sunday in the nation's capital.

Some 6,000 persons will worship with the president and Mrs. Coolidge at the Washington auditorium, where the congregation of the First Congregational church, which Mr. and Mrs. Coolidge attend regularly, will hold its services.

This will be the largest Easter religious gathering, perhaps, in the history of Washington and will be attended by many visitors, including members of the Daughters of the American Revolution here for their annual congress, through which the president's church arranged to use the great hall.

KANSAS CITY, April 16.—(AP)—An umbrella and possibly a top coat will be in order for the Easter parade in many sections of the west.

Government weather forecasts tonight predicted rain for a number of states between the Mississippi river and the Rocky mountains, with generally unsettled weather from the gulf to the Canadian border.

Snow and rain was forecast for southern Wyoming, with fair skies over the rest of the Rocky mountain region.

IDAHO MAN INJURED

Automobiles Collide at Junction of Two Highways

H. S. Bradley, superintendent of the Idaho State Indian school, lies in a local hospital with a paralyzed left side, severe scalp and face lacerations, and possible internal injuries, the results of an automobile accident on the Pacific highway Saturday morning.

It was reported that Mr. Bradley made a sharp left turn from the Chemawa road onto the Pacific highway and his car collided with one driven by E. S. Herman of Los Angeles.

Mr. Bradley was on a visit and inspection tour in Oregon and was accompanied by his wife who is at his bedside. Mrs. Bradley was uninjured. Although the injured man is in a serious condition, attending physicians believe that he will recover.

CHILDREN ASKED TO BIG MATINEE

'THE LAST FRONTIER' TO BE SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Showing of Wonderful Picture Scheduled for Monday Afternoon at 3

The children of Salem and community are offered a big special matinee at the Hollywood theater on Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock. All that is necessary to do to gain admittance to the theater is to present the coupon in this news paper an drive cents at the ticket office.

'The Last Frontier' is an epical romance of the plains when buffalo roamed and valiant men fought and died to wrest a vast Empire from the savage hordes. This is a tremendous story of America in the making and will prove interesting to young as well as elderly people.

The scenes are located in western Kansas in 1867 and the story presents such famous frontier characters as Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill and General Custer. The Indians are resisting with all the force at their command the invasion of their territory by white settlers. There are many thrilling battle scenes, the attack upon a wagon train and the massacre of the settlers being exceptionally realistic. From start to finish, 'The Last Frontier' is full of dramatic action and thrills and is quite worth one's while.

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PURCHASE RAILWAY'S PROPERTY

Largest Single Realty Transfer Ever Recorded Here Is Announced

VALLEY MOTOR PLANS BUILDING

Present Structures to Be Removed in Near Future

COST NEAR \$150000

Home for Ford Products Plan of Local Representatives; Rapid Growth in Five Years Recalled; Payroll Huge.

The largest single sale of Salem real property ever made was finished yesterday, when the Valley Motor company bought from the Southern Pacific Railway company, for about \$150,000, the whole block between Commercial and Liberty and Marion and Center streets.

It is the intention of the Valley Motor company to use the east half of this property in constructing a home for the Ford products. This will give them 165 by 350 feet of space. The west half will be developed for other business purposes. The whole of the 320 by 350 feet is now occupied by buildings which are rented, and most of these will have to be moved in course of time.

The Immediate Plans The Valley Motor company plans to erect a one story building on 165 by 350 feet, to cost between \$50,000 and \$75,000. This building will commence just as soon as the old buildings are sold, which will be in the near future. They plan to move to their new home before January 1, 1928.

If certain developments take place, the company will build on the west half which faces Commercial street. The southwest corner is under lease to the Associated Oil company for several years in the future.

Growth in Five Years The present organization of the Valley Motor company was formed five years ago. They then had 20 employes. This has grown to exactly 50, for which the total payroll in 1926 amounted to \$85,000. It is one of the largest payrolls in the city's industries.

In 1926, 488 Ford units were sold in the Salem district. The company managers feel that they must keep pace with Salem and could not do it in the old location. They believe they have made a very wise investment.

The plans for the new Ford agency building are not complete but it will be of reinforced concrete, will have display and general offices facing south on Center street, with all service entrances facing east on Liberty street.

The company aims to stress the service department in the new location, as well as sales and demonstration.

A Little History The Southern Pacific Railway company acquired the block just transferred, ten or more years ago, when that company expected to construct an electric line from Salem to Portland, and the plan was to make that a central station for the passenger business of the company in Salem. During the same time, rights of way were acquired nearly all the way to

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COUPON SPECIAL STATESMAN MATINEE

This coupon and five cents will admit any girl or boy under 15 years of age to the NEW HOLLYWOOD THEATER On Monday, April 18, at 3 p. m., for a special showing of the picture 'THE LAST FRONTIER'