

Did You Know That Our Section Will Be the Chief Crude Drug Garden of the World, and Should Be Soon? Special Matinee At the Capitol Theater Friday 4:15; All Proceeds Go To Salvation Army Flood Relief Fund

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WEATHER FORECAST: Fair, rising temperature and falling humidity in the interior; gentle northerly winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 55; minimum, 42; river, 4.1; rainfall, .03; atmosphere, cloudy; wind, south.

You couldn't entirely disarm a nation unless you burned all the rolling pins and sank all the flat irons. Italy and Hungary have ratified a treaty of friendship, but the friendship is not thought to extend to the rest of Europe.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, MAY 5, 1927

PRICE FIVE CENTS

FIVE THOUSAND SQUARE MILES UNDER WATER

Devastation of Northeastern Louisiana Completed by Mississippi

MORE REFUGEES MOVING

Many Remained in Threatened Region Until Final Warnings Issued; Roads Blocked, Rescue Boats Used

NEW ORLEANS, May 4. (AP)—The charging Mississippi river tonight rapidly was completing the devastation of northeastern Louisiana started by its tributaries.

Sweeping through its banks at another place today between Vicksburg and Natchez, the river was sending roaring torrents into Tensas parish north of the town of St. Joseph.

Save for narrow ridges running through Franklin and West Carroll parishes and Ouachita and Morehouse parishes, water now covers, or soon will cover, the whole of the 5,000 square miles in the funnel bounded on the north by the Ouachita and Mississippi, and on the south by the Red and Old rivers.

Warning Starts Exodus

While backwaters long since have driven a large percentage of the population of the nine affected parishes to refugee concentration points, many other thousands have pinned their faith on the Mississippi levees and clung to their homes.

Warned by telephone and air-mail, these began moving out last night and the human stream issued on the move today, although all reports indicated there was no wild dash before the water as it crept slowly toward nearly a dozen towns whose populations had been augmented by hundreds of refugees.

Roads Blocked

In most of the parishes where the inundation is being made complete by the breaks in the Mississippi levees, main roads already had been blocked by back waters from the Red, the Black, the Arkansas and the Ouachita rivers, and chief reliance for rescue was placed in boats.

The new crevasses on the Mississippi are widening what already is the largest lake ever created by any flood since the levee system was installed. Aviators flying over the territory report a practically solid sheet of water in southeastern Arkansas, northwestern Louisiana and western Mississippi, measuring several hundred miles north and south and perhaps 100 miles east and west.

The vast funnel of water heard (Continued on page 5.)

DEBT DISCUSSION DODGED BY U. S.

BRITAIN NOTE CHALLENGES STATEMENT'S TRUTH

Mellon-Hibben Correspondence Purely Domestic, Secretary Declares

WASHINGTON, May 4. (AP)

The state department advised the British government today that the United States regards the recent correspondence between Secretary Mellon and President Hibben of Princeton university on war debts as a "purely domestic discussion and does not desire to engage in any formal diplomatic exchanges on the subject."

The views of the Washington government were contained in a note transmitted to the British embassy. It was in reply to a note dated May 2 handed the department yesterday by the British charge d'affaires, acting in the absence of Washington of Ambassador Howard, which challenged the accuracy of a statement by Mr. Mellon that Great Britain's debt payments to the United States would not constitute a drain on British economic resources.

The statement of the treasury secretary was a part of a letter written by him to Dr. Hibben in reply to the contention of members of the Princeton and Columbia university faculties that there should be a revision of the debt settlements.

BOWEN KILLED; HIT BY MACHINE

MAN STEPS FROM PARKED CAR ONTO HIGHWAY

McKee Exonerated of Blame; Stops Auto Within Few Feet of Accident

SILVERTON, Ore., May 4. (Special)—Stepping from behind a parked car directly into the path of an approaching automobile, Glen Bowen, 34, Silverton world war veteran, was instantly killed this morning shortly before 8 o'clock on the highway one mile west of Silverton, at the Mt. Angel intersection. The car which hit Bowen was driven by L. D. McKee.

According to L. T. Rigdon, coroner, and Bert Smith, deputy sheriff, who investigated the accident, Bowen had been called to the road by his uncle, Gleason Bowen. The latter had parked his car practically off the pavement heading west and had talked with his nephew several minutes, before he turned to leave. Evidently without the least thought of other traffic he started at a half trot across the road to be knocked down by the McKee car. His skull and jaw were fractured besides several contusions on the body causing instant death.

McKee was driving at approximately 25 miles per hour being followed by T. E. Preston, Silverton electrician, who corroborated his report. Both men were going to Riekkreath where McKee is constructing a service station and barbeque stand.

McKee stopped his car within a few feet of the spot where Bowen went down, too late however to save Bowen's life. No inquest was taken as all evidence pointed that McKee was not at fault. His formal report was filed at the sheriff's office yesterday afternoon.

Bowen served more than a year with the A. E. F. in France, going through the war with scarcely a scratch. For several years he has been an extensive grower of strawberries on his farm near Silverton.

He is survived by his wife, Lavone, one daughter, his father, Harvey S. Bowen of Silverton, two brothers and a sister, the latter living in Eugene. Funeral services will be held by Delbert Reeves Post No. 7 of the American Legion.

CASE MAY BE APPEALED

Arguments Heard About Borrowing Commission's Funds

Arguments of attorneys were heard in the circuit court here yesterday in two suits filed recently to restrain the state board of control from borrowing funds of the state industrial accident commission for the construction of the proposed \$600,000 state office building authorized by the last legislature.

One suit was filed by the Oregon-American Lumber company, Eastern and Western Lumber company and the Silver Falls Timber company, which are contributors to the state industrial accident fund. The other suit was brought by Peder Pederson, employe and beneficiary of the accident fund.

Plaintiffs contend that under the constitution the state has no authority to contract an indebtedness of more than \$50,000 unless such action is approved by the voters. It further was alleged that the funds of the industrial accident commission were contributed for a specific purpose and cannot be used for building operations.

41 SCHOOLS ACCREDITED

Oregon Stands Second in Number of Standard Highs, Report

PORTLAND, May 4. (AP)—The state of Oregon stands second in the list of northwest states in the number of fully accredited high schools, according to a list received today by E. F. Carleton, chairman of the Oregon commission on accrediting, from the secretary of the Northwest association, Superintendent Soulen, of Moscow, Idaho. Washington heads the list with 59 fully accredited schools. Oregon has 41, Montana 33, Idaho 27, Utah 9, Nevada 2, and Alaska 1.

Among the accredited high schools in Oregon are those in Astoria, Albany, Clatskanie, Eugene, McMinnville, Medford, Roseburg, Salem, Silverton, and the Portland schools.

WOMAN ACTUAL SLAYER, CLAIM OF JUDD GRAY

Mrs. Snyder Twisted Wire About Husband's Neck, Paramour Relates

SPECTATORS IN TEARS

Corset Salesman Pictures Self As Liquor Soaked Weakling; Weakened at Critical Moment, He Asserts

NEW YORK, May 4. (AP)—With women spectators weeping freely and with tears streaming down his own cheeks, Henry Judd Gray today told from the stand at the Snyder-Gray murder trial his version of the slaying of Albert Snyder, magazine art editor.

His story fixed upon himself and Mrs. Ruth Brown Snyder, his co-defendant, the actual killing. It placed upon Mrs. Snyder the instigation of the crime and revealed to him a drunken, quivering tool in her hands.

Mrs. Snyder Weeps

Mrs. Snyder, holding her lips with twitching fingers, as if trying to keep from crying out, wept profusely as Gray described in minute detail how she took him by the hand, led him into the bedroom where her husband lay sleeping, and when his courage failed, snatched up the sashweight he had dropped and struck her husband as he called upon her to help him.

The murder, Gray related, was committed by both, but he said Mrs. Snyder must have twisted about her husband's neck the picture wire that, according to expert testimony, caused death by strangulation. The saturation of (Continued on page 5.)

BUSINESS OUTLOOK GOOD

Speakers at U. S. Chamber of Commerce Meet Optimistic

WASHINGTON, May 4. (AP)—The business outlook for the United States was pictured in bright colors by speakers who addressed the annual meeting of the United States, but one shadow was cast by the agricultural situation in the middlewest.

Harry Chandler, publisher of the Los Angeles Times, predicted the Pacific coast would become the front door for American commerce.

SPECIAL MATINEE FOR FLOOD FUND

ALL PROCEEDS TO BE USED BY ARMY FOR RELIEF

Capitol Theater Cooperates in Most Worthy Work; Friday Afternoon

Salvation Army officials report a hearty response to the Army's belated canvas for funds to support its workers among the very first in the flood stricken districts. Ensign Pitt of the Army here reports \$213 now on hand, with their workers just getting into action. Much of the money now on its way to the flooded areas was brought in on volunteer subscriptions.

One lady who withheld her name yesterday gave \$10. The Ladies Aid society of Leslie Methodist church today sent the Army a check for \$7 through the society's treasurer, Mrs. Ralph Thompson.

Frank Bligh, of the Capitol theater has given the biggest boost for the Army fund, offering the Friday matinee beginning at 4:15 as "Flood Benefit Show." This is a special Jackie Coogan picture. The admission charge will be reasonable and all proceeds will go into the Salvation Army's flood fund.

"This Friday show offer by Mr. Bligh is most generous, and we hope the public responds with a 'standing-room-only house,'" said Dr. B. E. Pound last night, in announcing that the Salvation Army executive board had accepted the Capitol theater offer.

Dr. Pound, who is chairman of the board, also announces that the Business Men's club of Amity has volunteered to raise a sum for the Army's relief work.

LYNCH ARKANSAS NEGRO

Mob Slays Man Believed to Have Attacked Two White Women

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., May 4. (AP)—Troops of the Arkansas national guard were ordered out by Governor Martineau tonight to prevent further trouble in Little Rock following the lynching and burning of a negro who earlier today had attacked two white women.

In a telephone conversation with Major F. E. Fredman, assistant adjutant general, the governor ordered that all state troops available be utilized to prevent a threatened outbreak of race trouble.

Lynching of another negro tonight was threatened when he was found armed in a huge crowd which congregated in the negro section where the body of John Carter, 22, negro, was dragged and burned after he had been hanged in the woods near the city.

FLOOD VICTIMS RUSH ALL CAMPS

SHELTER AREAS HOUSE 25,000 MANY NEW BREAKS

Willamette District Contributes \$1553.37; Children and Others Responding

How is this for response to the call for aid of the hundreds of thousands affected by south and central west floods?

(1) Seven children, all of the students attending at district No. 20, each gave \$1 to the Red Cross. (2) Children at the school for deaf give \$8.

(3) "When Willamette district's quota was \$1800, I gave \$20 as my share," said a well known Salem business man yesterday. "Now that the quota has doubled with the increased terrors of the flood, I believe that I should give another \$20." The man who has thus given \$40 requested no publicity for himself.

Dr. Henry E. Morris, chairman of the Red Cross drive, announced last night that Marion and Polk counties have subscribed a total of \$1553.37, with workers active but not reporting in several localities. All of the reports will probably be in early next week.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., May 4. (By AP)—With 25,000 homeless Louisianians already in concentration camps, and the expectation that today's breaks in the Mississippi levee will raise the figure to between 40,000 and 50,000, the American Red Cross turned anxious eyes to the stretch of river between Baton Rouge and New Orleans.

Levee breaks between Baton Rouge and New Orleans will increase the number of refugees in Louisiana by 100,000 persons, Henry M. Baker, national director of disaster relief, estimated. The enormous relief forces in Louisiana steadily increased with the arrival on the scene of more men and boats. The erratic nature of the flood emergencies daily complicates the problems of head-

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INJUNCTIONS REVOKED

Orders Preventing Interference With Oil Firms Withdrawn

MEXICO CITY, May 4.—The Mexican supreme court by unanimous decision revoked the partial amparos or injunction granted by lower courts to nine foreign oil companies restraining the federal authorities from enforcing the new oil regulations.

The supreme court ruled that that district court must grant or reject amparos in totality, not in part, as had been done by the Mexico City district courts in the case of the amparos question.

HOTEL SURVEY HERE OFFERED BUSINESS MEN

Matter Referred for Chamber of Commerce and Service Club Action

MAY NAME COMMITTEE

Representative of Firm of Experts Addressed Local Group; Advantages of Accommodating Tourists Shown

After hearing Louis D. Barr, western manager of the Hockenbury system, and Eric V. Hauser, Jr., president of the Multnomah Hotels corporation, present the purposes of their organizations in regard to community sponsored hotel propositions, about 35 representative business men of Salem last night voted to refer the matter of a new hotel in Salem to chamber of commerce directors and service club heads for further investigation. If it is thought advisable, a hotel committee later will be appointed with power to

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LEGION OPENS CAMPAIGN

Many Legionnaires to Attend Big Meeting in Sheridan Friday

A general membership drive for Capital post No. 9, American Legion, will be opened today, according to Raymond Bassett, adjutant. Every effort will be made to bring the total to the 1,000 mark within the next few days. At present there are over 750 paid up members in the post.

A prize will be awarded the person getting the most members before the meeting on the evening of May 16. This prize has been offered by the past officers of the post, and there is every indication that a lively battle will ensue in the membership drive.

Announcement was made yesterday that 190 American Legion men from Salem will attend the Yamhill county meeting at Sheridan Friday evening, May 6, at Sheridan. Special preparation is being made by the Sheridan Legionnaires to furnish entertainment and, as an offer of cooperation is always welcome, the Salem delegation will stage their famous show for the benefit of the Yamhill county boys.

ALTITUDE RECORD MADE

Captain Hawthorne C. Gray Rises to Height of 41,000 Feet

SCOTT FIELD, Belleville, Ill., May 4. (AP)—A new world's altitude record for free balloons apparently was established today by Captain Hawthorne C. Gray, who descended at 4 p. m. at Golden Gate, Ill., after his altimeter showed a reading of approximately 41,000 feet. The previous record of 35,433 feet was made 2 years ago by two German aeronauts.

On the descent, Captain Gray, who depended on his balloon to "parachute" itself, found that he was falling 1500 to 1800 feet per minute at a height of 8,000 feet. He immediately climbed over the side of the basket and made a parachute jump landing about 200 yards from a creek in a muddy field. Although making a complete somersault while landing, he was uninjured.

JAPAN'S CREDIT GOOD

Speaker at Luncheon Relates Some Interesting Facts

"Japan's credit as one of the five world powers has not weakened," said H. S. Snyder, YMCA secretary at Yokahama, now in America on a vacation, in an address before Rotarians yesterday. Although its finances are now in tight straits, Mr. Snyder believes that the government would be inviting revolution if it failed to sustain the banks. Japan is the most densely populated power in the world and has a tremendous handicap to overcome in whatever it undertakes.

The speaker emphasized the dependence of Japan on imports from this county and in correlation compared the dependence of the Pacific northwest with its exports of lumber and other products to Japan.

ORATORIO GROUP TO GIVE CONCERT

PROGRAMS GIVEN LAST NIGHT OF GREAT INTEREST

Formal Concert Scheduled for Tonight in St. Joseph's Auditorium

The fourth day in Music Week, which is being extensively observed in Salem and the surrounding community, came to a successful close last night and a new calendar of events is promised for today.

Of much interest is the fact that the Salem Oratorio Society, which was received with such enthusiasm at the Elsinore theater on Tuesday night, will repeat its performance at 9 o'clock tonight at the Capitol theater.

Last night a program of merit was given at the Oregon School for the Blind. A second program of interest took place at the Girls' Industrial school, with Miss Vivian Whistler in charge; and a third at Fruitland by pupils of Mrs. Ethel Phelps, assisted by Miss Naomi Phelps, lyric soprano. Of outstanding interest among the events of last night was the elaborate and decidedly finished stage rehearsal of the operetta, "Cinderella," which the music department of the Parrish Junior High school will give tomorrow night at the school auditorium under the direction of Mrs. Walter Zosel. Gorgeous costumes and symbolic stage sets have been prepared for this signal attraction. Claudine Gillespie has the title role of Cinderella.

Still another program of interest last night was that given by Mrs. P. F. Thomas and Zena Thomas at the Mennonite church.

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WILLIAM O. MARR DIES

Well Known Young Man of This City Passes Away at Medford

William O. Marr, former resident of this city and formerly well known and liked employe of the First National bank of this city, died at Medford at 5:45 Tuesday following a serious operation.

Better known as "Scotty," Mr. Marr was a popular student and graduate of Salem high school, being a member of class '18. He was born in Scotland, October 16, 1901.

At the time of his death Mr. Marr was with the First National Bank of Medford. He had been ill but a short time and with the operation hopes had been held for his recovery until Wednesday morning when he suffered a sudden relapse.

He leaves his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Marr, of 1118 Hines street, Salem; a sister, Mrs. Carl Fischer, Salem; brothers, James, San Francisco; John G., Aberdeen, Wash.; Charles, Portland and Edward, of Salem.

The body arrived at Salem last night and will be received at the Rigdon mortuary. Funeral announcements will be made later.

FEDERALSHIP RELEASED

Steamer Makes Mysterious Halt Just Outside Golden Gate

SAN FRANCISCO, May 4. (AP)—The steamer Federalship, her \$1,000,000 liquor cargo sealed by the United States coast guard, today steamed from the harbor here, passed out to sea and resumed the voyage rudely interrupted two months ago by the shells of coast guard cutters.

The steamer halted for a few moments outside the Golden Gate but continued her voyage after a short delay. The reason for the halt was a mystery ashore, as much a mystery as was the real destination of the liquor carrier whose papers call for delivery of her cargo at Buena Ventura, Colombia.

SOUTHERN ORATOR WINS

U. S. C. Speaker Will Represent Coast in National Contest

CORVALLIS, May 4. (AP)—Arthur Syvertson, representing the University of Southern California, won first place in the regional oratorical contest on the constitution at Oregon Agricultural college today, against state champions from Washington, Oregon, South Dakota and northern California.

Benoit McCroskey, University of Oregon, was second with an appeal for individual adherence to the constitution. Syvertson, who will now enter the national finals, delivered a polished eulogy of the constitution.

TRAIN ROBBERY STORY RELATED AS FOUNDATION

14 Witnesses Called First Day in Murder Trial of Hugh De Autremont

REVOLVER INTRODUCED

Bandits Seen by Several, but Little Description Offered; Johnson's Death Recalled by Physician

COURTHOUSE, JACKSONVILLE, Ore., May 4. (AP)—The state of Oregon made rapid progress today in its effort to lay a foundation of evidence which will connect Hugh De Autremont, 23, with the murder of Charles O. Johnson, and with the holdup and dynamiting of a Southern Pacific train in the Siskiyou tunnel on October 11, 1923, with the attendant deaths of three other trainmen.

Fourteen witnesses were called, 13 of whom were employes of the Southern Pacific, and the other, Dr. Lawrence George of Tacoma, Wash., a passenger on the ill-fated train. The testimony moved swiftly.

Saw Men Running

Hugh Haffey, express messenger on the train, testified today to having seen men, dressed like laborers, running from the tunnel after the explosion that wrecked the mall car, and to having seen them climb a bank to the right of the tracks, where they disappeared.

On cross examination Haffey believed the men looked like railroad employes. One of them, he said, appeared to him to be of fairly large stature, with square shoulders, and weighing between 150 and 160 pounds. De Autremont is small and weighs 120 pounds.

J. S. Benjamin, rear brakeman, testified that he saw a man who appeared to be tugging at a wire at the rear of the engine, or in front of the first baggage car, when the train stopped and he had clambered out with a lantern to see what was the matter. He thought there was trouble with the engine, he said.

As he went back to set a warning signal for the second section, the explosion occurred. The train (Continued on page 4.)

CHURCH LEADERS MEET IN SALEM

ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF EVANGELICAL GROUPS OPEN

100 Delegates Here From Sections of Oregon, Western Washington

The annual conference of Evangelical churches of Oregon and western Washington convened at the First Evangelical church of Salem yesterday forenoon. At the forenoon meeting, Dr. C. C. Poling was elected delegate to the board of missions, and Rev. C. P. Gates of Portland was chosen as alternate.

There was held in the forenoon an election of officers of the missionary society for the Oregon conference. Rev. F. B. Culver was elected president; Rev. M. J. Ballantyne, Sr., vice president; Rev. F. E. Fisher, secretary, and Rev. E. C. Kretlow treasurer.

Bishop M. T. Maze of Harrisburg, Pa., opened the conference at 2 o'clock with communion service, and examination of ministers was held and regular business transacted, with about 100 delegates attending the conference.

At last evening's session, Dr. D. H. Neibel of Cleveland, Ohio, missionary secretary of the Evangelical church, preached the annual missionary sermon.

Interesting Meetings Tonight. The sessions last over Sunday, and further announcements will be made tomorrow.

This evening, following supper, there will be a jubilee service, held in honor of the completion of 50 years of active service in the ministry by Rev. H. S. Schuknecht of Portland. The regular business of the conference will proceed at today's sessions, and at 8 o'clock this evening Bishop M. T. Maze will speak.

