

The Movement for Still Water in the Willamette Is Assuming Definite Shape; Witness the Hearing in Salem of February First
The Number of Telephones in Salem Exchange Has Gone Up to and Past 6173 and Will Soon Be Hovering Around 7000 Mark

Weather forecast: Cloudy and unsettled, probably light rains in west portion. No change in temperature; fresh east to south winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 38, minimum 28, river 5, rain-fall .08, atmosphere cloudy, wind north-west.

The Oregon Statesman

A British celebrity advises the English to film Homer's Iliad and he declares that Hollywood can't do it. Is that so? Well, if anybody in pictures at Hollywood can read Greek all they have to do is call in a couple of restaurant men.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

SALEM, OREGON, FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 20, 1928

PRICE FIVE CENTS

IMPROVEMENTS ON WILLAMETTE NOW FORESEEN

Meeting February 1 Points To Year Round Boating Stage On River

LOOKED ON FAVORABLY

Higher Authorities at Washington See Importance; All River Interests Urged to be Represented Here

There is scheduled an official hearing concerning the improvement of the upper Willamette river, to be held in Salem on the first of February.

This is in pursuance of the authorization of congress in the river and harbor act of January 21, 1927. There is a scrap of history connected with the securing of that authority.

During the session of congress preceding the one that, in the first month of last year, as stated above, passed the river and harbor act carrying the authorization for the examination of the Willamette river from Portland to Salem, an agitation was commenced in Salem for securing a boating stage in that stream the year through.

Congressman Hawley was appealed to for help, and he immediately had the clause inserted in the river and harbor bill. But no rivers and harbors bill got through that session. The matter was carried in the bill that went before the next congress, however, and it was retained in the final draft and passage, January 21 of last year.

In the meantime, Congressman Crumpacker of Multnomah county became interested and gave his support to the idea. Senator Chas. L. McNary also gave his support towards the project, and he found the heads of the war department very sympathetic.

Final Success Certain
The final success of this project is certain. The United States government will not for a very long time permit the opportunity to be dormant; the opportunity of having water transportation from the great Willamette valley to all the deep water ports of the world, with only an inexpensive transfer in the Portland harbor to the ocean going vessels; thus in effect giving the advantages of a deep water port to every foot of land from Eugene to Portland, on both sides of the river.

Large Number Invited
The Salem Chamber of Commerce is at work sending out invitations.

WEATHER MAKES FLIGHT FAILURE

"SPIRIT OF CALIFORNIA" FORCED DOWN EARLY

Cold Temperature Makes Excessive Use of Fuel Necessary, Aviators Assert

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The monoplane "Spirit of California" failed today in its fourth attempt to break the world's record for sustained flight for airplanes. But in doing so it demonstrated that the record could be broken and that under the right conditions a flight to New Zealand could be made, its pilots asserted.

The giant tri-motored Pöcker monoplane, piloted alternately by Captain Charles Kingsford-Smith, British aviator, and Lieutenant George R. Pond, of the United States navy, took off at Mills field at 8:09 a. m. last Tuesday and was forced to descend at 10:16 o'clock this morning due to an exhausted gasoline supply. The plane remained on continuous flight for fifty hours and seven minutes, just two hours, fifteen minutes and 31 seconds short of the world's record established in Germany by the aviators Eder and Rittich.

Clement Pond said after the flight that the plane performed excellently and that under normal weather conditions the flight would easily have gone beyond the record of 52 hours 22 minutes and 31 seconds. Enough lubricating oil was left to last forty more hours. The 1500 gallons of gasoline taken up would have carried the fliers well beyond their goal, they said, except for the fact that unusually cold weather was encountered all over the central and coast region of California, forcing them to overwork the engine and open the throttle frequently which hastens gas consumption.

"Fifty more gallons of gasoline would have carried us through," said Lieutenant Pond, "but it is doubtful whether we could have taken off with the load increase, that much. With warmer weather we could have gone several hours more."

BUILDING CODE PLAN LAUNCHED

A. M. COLLIER, KLAMATH FALLS, HEADS COMMISSION

Other Officers Elected by Group Appointed Under Legislative Act

Steps toward carrying out the intentions of the resolution passed at the last legislative session calling for the drafting of a state building code, were begun here Thursday when the recently appointed building code commission held its first meeting in the executive department at the capitol.

A. M. Collier of Klamath Falls, representing the legislature, was elected chairman of the commission while Ben T. Osborne of the Oregon State Federation of Labor was elected secretary. D. R. Bagn of Portland was elected vice chairman.

H. E. Plummer of Portland, representing the Oregon Technical council, will act as chairman of the code committee. T. B. Upshaw of Portland was chosen chairman of the administrative committee while Carl M. Steinger, also of Portland, was elected chairman of the technical committee.

A. C. Dixon of Eugene is chairman of the finance committee. The proposal to appoint a public utility committee was dropped at the request of Mr. Dixon, who said it was not the function of the commission to sell the building code to the public.

Pending the next meeting of the commission the secretary will confer with officials of other states and secure copies of building codes now in operation.

Mr. Dixon made it plain that the public was not counting additional inspectors and bureaus and that the work of the commission should be simplified as much as possible. He also protested against extravagance in conducting the affairs of the commission.

The various phases of construction to be included in the proposed building code probably will not be decided until a future meeting of the commission.

Governor Patterson submitted a letter to the commission urging that some action be taken with relation to a state housing law. The letter was prepared by Mary E. Munger of the Consumers League of Oregon. She said the housing law should cover lighting, ventilation and sanitary facilities.

Members of the building code commission are A. M. Collier, Klamath Falls; D. I. Stoddard, Baker; A. C. Dixon, Eugene; Ben T. Osborne, Carl M. Steinger, O. R. Bean, H. E. Plummer, R. E. Cushman, A. C. Cammack, Frank B. Upshaw, Fred D. Weber, C. R. Bowland and J. H. Lausman, all of Portland, and Dr. W. B. Morse of Salem.

The commission will present its recommendations to the legislature at its next session.

MURDERERS GIVEN LIFE

Montana and Wisconsin Youths Sentenced At Dubuque

DUBUQUE, Ia., Jan. 19.—(AP)—Leonard Cota, 18, of Altoona, Wis., and Howard Kramer, 19, of Malta, Mont., today were sentenced to life imprisonment in the state penitentiary for the killing of Cota's maternal grandmother, Mrs. Elizabeth McKelrick, 74, of Dubuque, Ia., reclusive.

Following the arrest of St. Louis the youths confessed that they bound and gagged Cota's grandmother and left her to die on the floor of the kitchen while they ransacked the house, finding more than \$20,000 in cash and an equal amount in securities. All of the securities and most of the cash were recovered when their penciled eyebrows, painted lips and cheeks, and waved hair aroused the suspicions of St. Louis detectives.

BANDIT SAID GEM THIEF

Fred Williams Sought In Seattle For Jewelry Robbery

SEATTLE, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Fred Williams, 32, one of two men killed in a Portland holdup today, was being sought here at the time of his death as a suspect in a \$7,000 Seattle gem robbery.

Emil Meyer, diamond broker who was slugged and robbed in the 42 story L. C. Smith building here last week, was said to have partially identified a picture of Williams as that of one of his assailants.

Williams and Robert Benton, the man who was killed with him in Portland, were arrested here last November as suspected gasoline station robbers. They were released after an investigation.

WETJEN LEAVES FRISCO

Salem Author Sails on Trip to South America Thursday

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 19.—(AP)—James Stevens of Tacoma, Wash., and Albert Richard Wetjen of Salem, Ore., well known authors, were San Francisco visitors today en route to South America where the two plan to gather material for a series of articles on Pan-American relations.

The writers are traveling on the McCormick steamship company freighter West Mahwah. Stevens' best known work is a collection of Paul Bunyan fables. Wetjen is a writer of sea stories.

CASHIER HERO OF MT. SCOTT BANK ROBBERY

A. J. Demorest Kills Two Men Attempting To Hold Up Institution

4 OTHERS MAKE ESCAPE

One Man Fleeing in Automobile Believed Wounded By Parting Shot From Rifle in Hands of Official

The four bandits who escaped from the Mount Scott bank robbery yesterday made their getaway in a blue Essex touring car and a Studebaker sedan, both 1923 models. Both carried 1928 Washington license plates.

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Two bandits sidled into the suburban Mount Scott State bank today each waving before him a heavy automatic pistol. Sharp commands for a moment and the two gunmen dropped to the floor, each shot to death by bullets fired by A. J. Demorest, cashier-manager of the institution. Four members of the bandit gang who remained outside the bank escaped in two automobiles bearing Washington license plates.

Fred Williams, 32, former inmate of the Washington state reformatory, Monroe.

John R. Benton, 22, who had police records in Seattle and Spokane.

Fleeing Bandit Wounded
A shot was fired by Demorest at the fleeing automobiles as the "lookouts" fled from the holdup. It was believed the shot found its mark as one of the men crumpled in the seat.

Last night, as Demorest sat by the fireside in his home, he read a magazine article: "Preparedness Prevents Holdups."

"I believe I'll take the .22 down to the bank in the morning," he said.

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SNOW PREDICTED TODAY

Weather Bureau Official at Portland Makes Forecast

PORTLAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Occasional light snow or rain will fall in Portland and vicinity tomorrow and Saturday. This was forecast tonight by Edward L. Wells, meteorologist of the United States weather bureau. Little change in temperature was predicted.

For the states of Oregon, Washington and Idaho, the same prediction of cloudy and unsettled weather with temperature remaining about the same was made. With the exception that precipitation was forecast only in the western portions of the two coast states.

"AN ARMY MUST TRAVEL ON ITS STOMACH"—NAPOLEON

MIAMI, Fla., Jan. 19.—(AP)—A conference of all international labor unions to further organized labor's campaign for legislation to prohibit the use of injunctions as strike breaking measures was called today by the executive council of the A. F. of L. to meet in Washington on February 7.

LABOR ARRANGES MEET

Campaign on Against Use of Injunction Against Strikes

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HOTELLING IMPRISONED

Walls Close Upon Murderer of Five Year Old Girl

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Handcuffed to Deputy Sheriff Mark Paltorpe of Flint who assisted in the capture of the slayer, Hotelling passed through the prison gates at 4:30 o'clock this afternoon, there to stay the remainder of his life.

In the party with Hotelling were two other prisoners, one sentenced to life imprisonment for criminal assault and the other sentenced to a short term for being an habitual drunkard.

SANDINO'S ARMY SAID DISPERSING

RUMOR ALSO PERSISTS THAT REBEL GENERAL DEAD

Marine Corps Aviators Bring Back Reports from Native Headquarters at El Chipote

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Evidence that the forces of the rebel general, Augustino Sandino, are dispersing was brought back from El Chipote, his headquarters, by marine corps fliers today.

Aviators who sought some confirmation of reports that he had been killed found the town and surrounding mountains apparently deserted, while roads leading northward towards Honduras showed signs of recent heavy traffic.

The marine garrison at San Rafael, where Sandino is said to have been buried after he was killed in an aerial attack on El Chipote, Saturday, have been instructed to investigate any burials of prominent men since then. Nicaraguans from the department of Nuevo Segovia say his wife, a telegraph operator at San Rafael, took his body there for burial, and aviators observed from the air what seemed to be a funeral procession.

Colonel Louis Mason Gulick, in command of the operations, said the fliers who soared today over El Chipote, where Sandino fled after the marines took his Quail headquarters Dec. 10, observed considerable activity of vultures in the vicinity, indicating that Sandino's dead remained unburied.

Marine officers believe that some of Sandino's men have gone to Telpanca, to join other forces, and that others have fled to Honduras. As the Honduran government has promised not to allow concentration of rebels on Honduran soil, it is believed that Sandino, if still alive, may be attempting to escape down the Coco river toward the Caribbean sea.

RE-NUMBERING TO START

Robert Crawford Employed by City to Supervise Task

Hugh Rogers, city engineer, announced yesterday that Robert Crawford, former superintendent of the state flax industry, has been employed to take charge of re-numbering Salem houses, in accordance with the ordinance passed by the city council last year. An amount of \$600 was appropriated in the 1928 budget for this work.

The work will take nearly two months time, Mr. Crawford believes.

W. W. W. LEAGUE FORMED

That's Not Real Name, But Slogan, "Wives Won't Work"

The Single Unit Workers league, which filed articles in the state corporation department here Thursday, would discourage the working of husband and wife and at the same time discourage the employment of married women.

The incorporators are D. Arthur Lowe, P. A. Bowles and Frank M. Lowe of Eugene and T. C. Mountain of Coquille.

The league proposes to establish an institute of learning and to provide for family and individual relief. The league has authority to purchase or publish a newspaper or magazine for the advancement of its purposes.

The principal office of the league will be in Portland. Branch offices will be established in other cities. Revenue will be derived from dues and assessments on members and subsidiary bodies.

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FOUR OF FAMILY COMMIT SUICIDE

DEADLY DRUG TAKEN IN FORM OF COUGH MEDICINE

James Potter, Former Millionaire, Dead With Wife and Two Sons Aged 16 and 14

CLEVELAND, Jan. 19.—(AP)—The bodies of James Potter, 46, his wife Lulu, 43, and their two sons, James Jr., 16, and Robert, 14, lay in a morgue here tonight awaiting arrival of relatives who will take them back to Steubenville, Ohio, the city which the family left last Thanksgiving day to come to Cleveland in an effort to recoup their fortune.

All four were victims of a deadly drug taken in the form of cough medicine last night. Police announced that 12 capsules of the drug had been found in the medicine chest at the Potter home.

Death of the four brought to a close a fight against circumstances which saw the collapse of a fortune estimated at one million dollars and a struggle to once again attain financial success.

In Toils of Law
Potter was to have been arraigned next Saturday on a charge of obtaining money under false pretenses at Steubenville.

Fifteen years ago Potter resigned as cashier of a Steubenville bank after it was reported he had made a fortune in oil. Success smiled on him and his wealth grew. His every undertaking was profitable until he was rated as a millionaire. Then the wheel of fortune stopped. Investments in West Virginia coal fields wiped out almost his entire fortune when he failed to get railroad connections to his mines.

With his small remaining capital he entered the real estate business but in this he did not succeed and he was indicted for obtaining \$500 under false pretenses in connection with a land deal. The indictment was returned after he had come to Cleveland, rented a spacious home and opened a rooming house.

Woman Hears Scream
Last night the family gathered in the living room and a short time later Mrs. Maude Hohman, the housekeeper, heard a scream.

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STOCK PERMIT DELAYED

New Financial Statement Asked of Union Service Assn.

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MOVE AGAINST U.S. SUSPECTED AT CONVENTION

Gustavo Guerrero, Opponent of Yankee Policies, Heads Vital Group

SIGNIFICANCE ATTACHED

Elected President of Committee on International Public Law; Latin-American Question Looms Up

HAVANA, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Significance was attached in certain sections of the sixth Pan-American conference to the selection today of Gustavo Guerrero, Salvadorean delegate, as chairman of the most important committee of the conference—the committee on international public law.

Senor Guerrero is reputedly antagonistic to the policies of the United States in Latin-America. His name was proposed by Dr. Orestes Ferrera, Cuban ambassador at Washington, and seconded by Charles E. Hughes, chairman of the American delegation. He was unanimously raised to the head of the committee at the initial organization meeting of that body.

Resolutions Controversial
The committee over which Senor Guerrero will preside has jurisdiction over the most controversial resolutions which the conference has to pass upon. They are the draft treaties for the codification of American public international law prepared at the jurists' conference at Rio Janeiro last year.

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TROTSKY'S DAY OVER IN RUSSIA

NEWSPAPERS CARRY ANNOUNCEMENT FIRST TIME

Famous Russian Leader and Aides Sent Into Exile In Siberia; Little Interest Shown

By WILLIAM RESWICK Associated Press Correspondent in Moscow.

MOSCOW, Jan. 19.—(AP)—Strange indeed are history's contrasts. When France led Robespierre to the guillotine, all Paris had been aflame with passion but today when the newspapers for the first time carried briefly an official announcement that Leon Trotsky and his chief aides were in exile, Moscow went about its daily business in its ordinary drab way as if nothing untoward had happened.

It was as if Trotsky—the very incarnation of the Bolshevik revolt—had not but a few years ago played on the emotions and thoughts of these very multitudes with the ease and grace of a virtuoso fingering the strings of his violin.

Sun Smiles on City
For weeks Moscow lay half buried in snow under a heavy leaden sky with never a ray of sunshine, but today a bright sun smiled on the city from blue skies and underneath it the Moscovites went about in their leisurely manner quietly enjoying the improved weather outwardly at least, only slightly concerned in the fate of Russia's great rebel and the historic import of his downfall.

There were no extra troops or any precautions of any kind taken against possible manifestations; the same militiamen went on lazily directing traffic.

Demonstration Lacking
The complete absence of any demonstrative reaction to perhaps one of the most tragic revolutionary episodes was perhaps due to Trotsky's failure in recent years to hold vital contact with the masses or to Stalin's talent at disarming enemies subtly step by step, forever guarding a martyrdom.

But the fact remains that the banishment of the leaders of the opposition was unaccompanied by a single overt act which might be construed as likely to challenge the existing powers in the remotest way.

The exile of the opposition leadership, the authorities declared, gives the communist party a maximum of freedom.

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60 DAYS FOR INEBRIATE

McHargue Couldn't Hurdle Service Station; Draws Fine

Too much liquor under his belt while driving an automobile on January 15, yesterday cost J. H. McHargue, sewing machine agent and officially a resident of Texas, a jail sentence of 60 days and a fine of \$100.

Sentence was imposed by Justice of the Peace Brazier Small. Sixty days is the minimum that can be given in cases of this kind. McHargue was immediately delivered at the county jail and began doing his time. He will not be required to pay the \$100 until his jail term has elapsed.

On the fatal 15th of January, it has been disclosed, McHargue not only struck another car but attempted to hurdle a service station, with disastrous results.

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