

"The Private Life of Helen of Troy" Opens at the Elsinore Theater Today; Note the Review Contest Prizes in Article on This Page
The Hearing on River Improvement by the United States Engineers Will Open at Salem Chamber of Commerce at 10:30 Tomorrow

Weather forecast: Generally cloudy, with rains near the coast; normal temperature; increasing southerly winds in the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 58, minimum 45, river 6.8, rainfall .02, atmosphere clear, wind east.

The Oregon Statesman

New York City now has six million inhabitants and we wonder how many of 'em know that milk comes from cows!

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RIVER HEARING ON WEDNESDAY AWAITED HERE

Transportation Needs On Willamette River Will Be Shown Engineers

DATA TO BE PRESENTED

Certain Tonnage After Improvements Made, Point Which Will Be Stressed by Salem and Valley Interests

One of the most important hearings being held in this city is scheduled tomorrow at the chamber of commerce beginning at 10:30 o'clock in the afternoon. At this time, United States engineers will listen to the representations of Salem and other Willamette valley interests on the need of improving the Willamette river permanently so that an all-year boating stage may be provided. If this project goes through, it will make Salem practically a seaport so far as marketing its products is concerned, the only difference being the cost of transferring from barges to ocean vessels in the lower river.

Points to Future
The Salem chamber of commerce will make the showing for this city, and other communities in the valley, equally certain to profit if the project goes through. They are also preparing figures to present before the official hearing.

The important point which will be brought out is that the present tonnage on the river is no criterion of the tonnage that will be transported if a permanent boating stage is secured. Companies which now ship a considerable portion of their product by rail, will present figures showing how much tonnage they will divert to the river as soon as it is feasible, and how rapidly this tonnage is increasing and is expected to increase.

Due Will Be Ready
The people who will have the responsibility for presenting this information, have been preparing for nearly two weeks, since the commencement of the hearing was announced here. Longer ago than that.

HINDU WEDDING GETS DIFFICULT

MARRIAGE TO AMERICAN GIRL HARD TO ARRANGE

Conversion to Native Religion Chief Obstacle in Way of Ceremony in India

BOMBAY, India, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Efforts of the former maharajah of Indore to arrange for the conversion of Miss Nancy Miller of Seattle to Hinduism to orthodox priests at the holy city of Nasik in order to marry her appeared to have been unsuccessful. Hindu priests at Nasik, a stronghold of orthodoxy are reported to have refused to countenance such a conversion.

A vernacular newspaper published at Delhi, while ridiculing the proposed conversion, asserts that a prominent Arya Samajist and Hinduism leader with other advocates of Hindu reformation, have expressed readiness to perform the ceremonies of conversion. However whether such a conversion would be acknowledged by the former maharajah's relatives or caste is doubtful since conversion by Arya Samaj rites is not accepted by the orthodox sect as having the sanction of Hindu scripture.

The same paper states that a Sikh leader and legal practitioner of Hoshiarpur, Punjab, has pledged the willingness to convert the American girl and the maharajah if they are willing to have their marriage performed in accordance with Sikh rites.

The Sikh religion, a form of Hinduism, accepts proselytism, and has obtained by statute legal sanction for its male adherents to marry more than one wife but in that event both parties to the contract must be Sikhs. If the former maharajah wished to take advantage of the Sikh marriage law, he and his fiancée, both would have to be initiated into Sikhism.

Meantime the already twice wedded former maharajah and his prospective bride are still at Nuwaraeli awaiting developments, and it is uncertain when they will leave.

WELCOME LINDY AT VENEZUELA

DELIRIOUS FESTIVITIES MARK ARRIVAL OF FLYER

G's Native Lass Triple Autograph In Exchange for Hand Embroidered Souvenir

ARACAS, Venezuela, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The flag of another country graced the sides of the Spirit of St. Louis today as Charles A. Lindbergh made preparations, in the midst of almost delirious festivities for a 1,000 mile hop to the Virgin islands.

While he was receiving the homage of a city that had closed vigilantly all its business houses to honor him, the Venezuelan flag was painted on the fuselage of his plane by the side of the flags of other countries he has visited in the veteran other half of "we." Constantly in the midst of festivities the young flier inquired of Venezuelan aviation officials if his plane at Maracaibo field were well guarded and necessary preparations for tomorrow's trip were continuing. Mechanics removed gasoline remaining in the tanks after the flight from Bogota, Colombia, yesterday and placed four barrels of fresh fuel hand for loading before the take-off.

The modest aviator demonstrated today that he did not consider one autograph adequate return for a souvenir by giving a pretty young Venezuelan girl three. The girl took from her own hand a tiny glove from her Twenty-first Century Hero, the Lone Eagle, the "Friendly Ambassador of the Air." When she asked something in return Lindbergh looked puzzled, scratched his head, then took a small piece of paper and wrote on it three times "Charlie Lindbergh." He gave it to her with his customary ingratiating smile.

Among today's ceremonies was a visit in the afternoon to the Pantheon, where Lindbergh placed a wreath on the tomb of Simon Bolivar, the great Venezuelan liberator. Other incidents of the day included a visit to the American legation and a luncheon at the country club at Paraiso. A rain of flowers, confetti and paper ribbons greeted him on his arrival at noon from Maracaibo field and everywhere he went while in the city.

CAN'T GET INTO PRISON

Union County Man Wants to Start Serving Sentence

Although under sentence to serve one year in the state penitentiary for larceny committed in Union county, C. R. Hibbard of LaGrande has found it impossible to break into the institution.

When the supreme court a week ago affirmed Hibbard's conviction he packed his grip and came to Salem. He carried a letter of introduction to the warden signed by a senator from an eastern Oregon county. The warden refused to admit Mr. Hibbard until the formal commitment papers had arrived. Pending the unwinding of red tape Mr. Hibbard is registered at a local hotel. A telegram received at the prison Monday from the sheriff of Union county indicated that he had not yet received the mandate of the supreme court.

EDDIE CANTOR VERY ILL

Ziegfeld Entertainment Forced to Cancel Engagements

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Sudden illness of Eddie Cantor, musical comedy star, said to be suffering from pleurisy, today caused cancellation of the tour of the Ziegfeld "Follies." The announcement was made by the Ziegfeld interests. The production was scheduled to open in Philadelphia tonight.

BLAST KILLS YOUTH, 17

Charles Alfred Manning Dies at Vancouver, Washington

VANCOUVER, Wash., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Charles Alfred Manning, 17, died at a hospital here today a few hours after he was injured by a delayed blast of dynamite as he bent over it to determine why it had failed to explode. The accident occurred near Kozzy Kamp, 11 miles south of here.

CONDOLENCES SENT

Official Word Cables From United States Government

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Condolences of the American government on the death of Earl Haig were conveyed today by Secretary Kellogg to Sir Austin Chamberlain, secretary of state for foreign affairs at London.

BRANCH PRISON TO SEGREGATE CONVICTS NEED

Enlargement of Present Penitentiary Discouraged By Col. W. B. Bartram

OPPOSES PAROLE BOARD

Would Place Control In Hands of Prison Officials; Progress Made In Flax Industry Described At Meeting

Abolishment of the parole board and the convict wage system, and location of a branch prison on some lime rock deposit, were advocated by Colonel W. B. Bartram, manager of industries at the Oregon penitentiary. In his address at the chamber of commerce luncheon yesterday.

"The penitentiary as it is today," said Colonel Bartram, "is badly located and the time is not far distant when the city of Salem will surround it. The buildings and other facilities are inadequate to meet the needs of the rapidly growing population. During the past 12 months, the prison population has increased 17 1/2 per cent."

"For reasons already expressed, it is not desirable to make any considerable extensions to the buildings. There is no opportunity to segregate the confirmed criminals apart from those who are first offenders, and particularly the very young men. Having regard for the best interests of the state and these men, the management feels that we should draw your attention to these conditions. As a remedy we would suggest that a branch penitentiary

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SHS ENROLLMENT GROWS

Reaches 1020 First Day, Will Be 1067 When Cards Taken

Total enrollment at the senior high school for Monday, the first day of the second semester, was 1020, according to Principal J. C. Nelson. Mr. Nelson anticipates some 50 additional students before this week is over.

At the end of the first day, there were still enough uncalled for cards to bring the number up to 1067 students, or seven more than the total number who attended the first half of the year.

Regular class periods and their attendant work will not start until Wednesday morning. School will be dismissed at noon today, following 30 minute class periods in the morning.

UTILITIES FIRMS PUT UNDER FIRE

SENATE RESOLUTION INTRODUCED FOR INQUIRY

Johnson of California Demands Investigation of Telephone Systems in Own State

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—A proposal for investigation of public utility telephone companies was put before the senate interstate commerce committee today as that committee struggled to reach a decision on the Walsh resolution asking an inquiry into public utility power corporations.

Senator Johnson, republican, California, introduced the resolution for a far-reaching inquiry into the telephone systems, calling particular attention to the rate increases he said were pending in California. It was sent to the committee without debate. The resolution of Senator Walsh, democrat, Montana, asking an investigation of the power companies faced some opposition in the committee today and a decision on it was delayed until tomorrow while a sub-committee sought to whip into shape an amendment.

Senator Johnson would investigate not only the financing of the telephone companies but also the extent to which the companies are interlocked by holding corporations and the service furnished to the companies by the holding bodies.

"I offer this resolution," Senator Johnson said, "on behalf of the state of California, and particularly of the cities of San Francisco and Oakland."

EDWARDS GETS 6 MONTHS

Violating Court Order Serious Matter, Silvertonian Finds

Dan Edwards of Silverton yesterday found that a court order means something, after all. He was committed to the Marion county jail for six months for having skipped out of the country when released on his own promise to remain in Silverton and await trial in justice court.

It was several weeks ago that Edwards got into difficulties with the law. He was arrested on a charge of possession of intoxicating liquor, but released temporarily on his own recognizance. During this period of freedom he absented himself in parts unknown to local authorities.

Apparently thinking either that the matter had all blown over or that he would not be noticed, Edwards returned to Silverton last week.

He was seen on the street by a local officer of the law, however, and promptly taken into custody. As a result of the escapade, Edwards was allotted six months in Marion county jail in which to ponder over the serious aspect of a court order.

ENGLAND'S FIELD GENERAL PASSES

MARSHAL SIR DOUGLAS HAIG CALLED BY DEATH

Whole Nation Pays Tribute to Hero Who Commanded British Forces in World War

LONDON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Earl Douglas Haig, one of the most outstanding of the military leaders during the World war, died suddenly here today, his heart weakened by war strain.

The commander in chief of the British armies in France and Belgium whose name is linked with that of Marshal Foch of France and General John J. Pershing of the United States in the victory over Germany, was 66 years old. With his death Great Britain bowed her head in sorrow at the passing of the man who led her king-emperor's forces to victory across the shell-torn battlefield of Flanders. Field Marshal Haig died shortly after midnight and with his death the empire lost one whom military experts place in the first rank of England's soldiers.

Buried in St. Paul's
Today the nation was paying tribute to its hero. Old St. Paul's cathedral with its thousand hallowed memories probably will be the last resting place of the marshal. A definite decision had not been made tonight, but St. Paul's has come to be regarded as England's hall of fame for her military leaders and if Earl Haig is buried in this ancient house of worship, he will lie in the company of the Duke of Wellington, Lord Roberts, Wolsey and Napier and Sir Henry Wilson, as well as other distinguished fighters.

It is possible that Marshal Foch, generalissimo of the allied armies in France at the end of the World war, and King Albert of Belgium with whom Earl Haig was so closely associated during the world conflict, will come to London to give a last salute to their comrade-in-arms. Hundreds of other famous men and women also will pay homage at his bier.

Real War Victim
Haig died of heart disease caused by war strain and so he

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BICYCLE LAMPS NEEDED

Police Roundup of Violators Started Here Last Night

A campaign against bicycle riders riding on Salem streets at night without lights or with improper lights was begun by local police last night. Three youths were picked up before midnight.

To comply with city regulations the light must be plainly visible for a distance of 40 feet, it was explained. A pocket flash light carried in the hand is not satisfactory. A red reflector or a red light must also be visible from the rear.

The campaign will continue until infractions of the regulations are curbed, it was announced.

HICKMAN JURY HEARS FAMILY HISTORY GIVEN

Famous Los Angeles Murderer Trial Gets Under Way Late Yesterday

ATTORNEY TAKES STAND

Jerome Walsh Reads Depositions Attempting to Show Mental Irregularities Among Three Generations

HALL OF JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The life history of William Edward Hickman's ancestors in the Arkansas farm country, was uncovered by the defense attorneys in his sanity trial today in an effort to show alleged traces of insanity and "peculiarities" of his mother, maternal grandfather and grandmother.

The disclosures from the Ozark hills were brought into the court room in depositions obtained by Jerome Walsh, chief defense counsel, who was accompanied on the deposition hunt by District Attorney's Deputy James Costello. Pictures of a grandfather subject to fits, a grandmother of frail physique and bedridden during her closing years, were painted in the depositions of relatives and acquaintances of the Hickman family.

Mother Tried Suicide
The mother of the kidnaper-killer of Marian Parker, Mrs. Eva Hickman, was disclosed as a neurotic type, attempting suicide by poison when the father of her five children, Thomas Hickman, bestowed his attentions on other women.

She was described by relatives as not "acting like the rest of us," as being sullen and despondent for three days at a time and as necessarily "insane when she took the poison."

The trial was adjourned at 4:25 to 9:30 a. m. Tuesday. Judge Trabucco, who took the case over when Judge Carlos S. Hardy was disqualified, had notified counsel for the prosecution and the defense that he wanted the jury picked and testimony started by Monday—today. The

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FIND ARTIST DEAD IN BED

Edmund Osthaus Passes Away Suddenly at Age of Seventy

PENSACOLA, Fla., Jan. 30.—(AP)—Edmund Osthaus, 70, internationally famous artist, was found dead in his bed at his Marianna hunting lodge today.

Mr. Osthaus presumably died in his sleep during the night, a victim of heart attack. He had retired in his usual good health and when he failed to respond to a call for breakfast this morning, servants entered his room and found him dead.

For several years Mr. Osthaus, a painter of animal and wild life and noted particularly for several hunting canvases, had spent part of each winter at his Marianna lodge, hunting and painting. He was accompanied this year by friends from Detroit and Toledo.

STANFORD QUANTINED

Infantile Paralysis Breaks Out on University Campus

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Jan. 30.—(AP)—All social activities at Stanford university have been indefinitely postponed, both swimming pools have been closed and other regulations are under contemplation as a result of the discovery of several cases of infantile paralysis. It was announced today.

There are seven cases in Stanford diagnosed as infantile paralysis. Six of these were discovered in Roble hall, girls' dormitory on the campus. Another case was discovered in a sorority house.

University authorities are said to be considering the advisability of cancelling all scheduled athletic activities indefinitely.

LUMBER MILL RESUMES

500 Men at Work Again at Silverton After Shut Down

SILVERTON, Jan. 30.—(Special.)—The Silver Falls Lumber company commenced operations in their mill in town today. About 500 men are at work again after the usual January rest period when machinery and equipment are thoroughly overhauled.

U. S. SUBMARINE LOST AND FOUND

UNDER WATER CRAFT SAFE OFF FLORIDA COAST

Fears For Safety Quietly: Vessel On Way to Cuban Port Under Own Power

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—The submarine S-3 missing since last Saturday was found tonight off the northern Florida coast, proceeding under her own power to Guantanamo, Cuba.

Finding of the submarine, sister of the ill-fated S-4, was reported to the navy department by Rear Admiral Frank H. Brumby, commanding the control force of which the S-3 was a part.

The message to Brumby was from the commander of submarine division three of the control force. It said merely that the S-3 had been found in latitude 27.30, longitude 74.07, that she was proceeding to Guantanamo and that the wide search for her had been called off. No other details were given and in their absence naval officers here held to their original theory that the ship, when she disappeared off Cape Hatteras last Saturday at sundown in a storm, suffered damage to her radio and was unable to declare her position.

The control force en route to Cuba for winter maneuvers when it encountered a storm 100 miles south of the cape. The S-3, commanded by Lieutenant P. W. Warren of Springfield, Ill., lost contact with the convoy and her sister ships at once began search for her.

She was found many miles south of her last reported position, bearing out the belief of officers here that she was safe but out of communication, making her own way to the convoy's destination.

WILL BEAUTIFY HIGHWAY

Dallas Business Men Accept Plan Enthusiastically

Beautification of the Salem-Dallas highway, the plan originally sponsored by the Salem Garden club, is expected to be started as soon as a result of the visit made by a committee representing the club to the luncheon of the Dallas chamber of commerce Monday.

This committee included Mr. W. W. Rosenbraugh, Mrs. W. B. Johnston and H. C. Bateham. Mrs. Jack Summers and J. W. Marney were also members of the party which made the trip.

The plan was received enthusiastically by the Dallas business men, and it was agreed that the program would be started at once. Organizations from both cities will send out groups to interview the people living along the highway, in an effort to have all of them set out shrubs and flowers opposite their own property.

PLANS NEW CEMETERY

San Diego Man Offers Trust Fund, Site Permission Asked

If the proper normal support will be thrown behind the movement, W. A. Baidlaw, of San Diego, will erect a memorial park burial ground on a contemplated site four miles from the Marion hotel. W. S. Levens presented the matter to the chamber of commerce yesterday.

The park will cost in the neighborhood of \$125,000, and an additional \$100,000 will be placed in trust by Baidlaw to provide for its future care.

Mr. Levens stated that an act of the legislature prohibits establishment of a cemetery without the consent of property owners within 600 feet of the proposed boundary. This consent is being withheld near the proposed site, and the support of the chamber was asked to gain the necessary consent.

BEAUTIFICATION TOPIC

Southeast Salem Club Meeting Set For Wednesday Night

The Southeast Salem community club will meet Wednesday evening at the Knight-Memorial church, 8 o'clock, with John Kluck, southeast Salem gardener, and Robert C. Paulus, flower fancier, featured in the program.

Mr. Paulus will show lantern slides of flowers, showing what Oregon produces in the way of blooms. Mr. Kluck will give a report on what will be required to beautify the Richmond school grounds. He recently was appointed chairman of a committee to investigate the possibilities. He will also have a quantity of slips, and shrubs to give away to those desiring them to set out this spring.

Music will be furnished by the Southeast Salem orchestra.

INCREASE NAVY AT EARLY DATE SAYS COOLIDGE

Warship Construction Program Discussed by President In Speech

DEFICIT SOLE HINDRANCE

Full Intention Expressed to Build Ships as Rapidly as Condition of Treasury Makes Plan Practicable

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—(AP)—Discussing for the first time the administration's warship construction program, President Coolidge declared tonight that it was the intention to build the ships as fast as the condition of the treasury would warrant.

In an address at the semi-annual business meeting of the government, in which he stressed economy and asserted that it would be better to have no tax reduction than too much, the president by inference replied to congressional critics of the administration's naval plans on the ground that they do not specify a date for beginning or completing construction of 71 new ships.

Pointing out that no authorizations have been made for navy building since the program of 1916, Mr. Coolidge said:

"The recommendation now before the congress to replace obsolete naval vessels and moderately increase our naval strength contemplates an orderly construction program; nothing more. It contemplates that the construction program will be carried out as conditions dictate and treasury balances warrant."

"It considers our own requirements alone and carries no thought of entry into competitive construction with any other nation. The plan I have endorsed does not contemplate any limitation as to the beginning or the

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REVIEWING HINTS FOR SHOW GIVEN

WONDERFUL PICTURE OPENS TONIGHT AT ELSINORE

Critics Should Get Busy at Once and Write Review of Unique Show

To those amateur scribblers who would compete for the prizes offered by this newspaper by writing reviews of "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," the big new First National Pictures, Inc. production now playing at the Elsinore theater, we offer today a few brief hints.

Remember brevity is the soul of wit in a review as well as anywhere else. Short, punch sentences, phrases, neatly turned, common one-syllable words which mean something. Those are what count in writing criticisms. And neatness is going to be worth a few points too.

Here are the prizes you are competing for: \$1.00 each for every review published and a grand prize of \$10.00 for the best of entire week.

Don't forget that in reviewing "The Private Life of Helen of Troy," you have the advantage of commenting on an unique film, entirely different in theme and

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Review "Private Life of Helen of Troy" Rules

The contest is open to everyone, irrespective of age or sex, except employees of this newspaper. First National Pictures, Inc., and the Elsinore theater and members of their families.

Reviews must be legibly written on one side of the paper, must not exceed 100 words in length and must be addressed to the "Helen of Troy Review Editor," Statesman. No review can be returned.

For reviews selected for reproduction in this paper \$1.00 each will be paid. For the best review received during the period of the contest, which ends Feb. 4, a grand prize of \$10.00 will be given.

