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Weather forecast: Fair in east, cloudy probably with light local rains in west portion; mild temperature; moderate westerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 39, minimum 35, river 1.5, rainfall .02, atmosphere cloudy, wind southeast.

We may as well be prepared to understand that the noise you will hear over the radio when the politicians take the air will not be a lack of party harmony, but static.—Atlanta Constitution.

PAN-AMERICAN MEET FINISHES SIXTH SESSION

Delegates Express Satisfaction At Results of Havana Conference

MUCH WORK COMPLETED

Many Misunderstandings Believed Swept Away by Use of Shirts Sleeves Diplomacy On Every Occasion

HAVANA, Feb. 20.—(AP)—The sixth international conference of American states, known also as the Pan-American congress, adjourned today and is sending to the governments of 21 republics of the new world a heavy batch of resolutions and conventions for ratification.

The delegates express satisfaction with the results of their labors in Havana. They point out that in this most dramatic Pan-American conference ever held, the policies and opinions of all the countries were stated so candidly and forcefully that even if the differences among the nations were marked more clearly than the points of contact, still many illusions and misunderstandings which are so harmful to the materialization of Pan-Americanism, were swept away.

Minutes Signed
The text of the final proceedings of the conference, including all motions, agreements, resolutions and conventions concluded here, was signed this morning by all the delegates.

The ceremony was very simple, all the farewell exercises and speeches having been reserved for the afternoon session, where Dr. Bustamante, president of the conference, in the name of the Cuban government, bade Godspeed to the delegates.

Upon Jacobo Varela of Uruguay fell the honor of replying to Dr. Bustamante, in the name of the foreign governments as the representative of the country where the next Pan-American conference will be held. The chief function of Pan-Americanism, he said, was "to reconcile the magnificent civilization which is flourishing under the stars and stripes, and the other civilizations so characteristic of 20 republics which perpetuate Hispanic traditions."

Unity Keynote of Speech
"To say that everything joins United States and Latin America and nothing separates them," said Senor Varela, "would only create deep misunderstandings or dangerous prejudices. The Americas have much in common, especially in democratic principles and commercial and financial intercourse and traditional policy regards the rest of the world, which one republic enunciated and many lauded, but important interests and formalities held back perfect harmony."

PERALTA PROBE ENDS AT FRISCO

FIVE PERSONS STILL MISSING IN BAY TRAGEDY

Verdict in Inquiry To Be Made Within Few Days; Move Made for Bridge

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A federal inquiry to fix responsibility for the "nose dive" of the ferry Peralta while that craft was bound from San Francisco to Oakland last Friday night was concluded here today. Decision of the United States Steamboat Inspectors Frank H. Turner and Joseph Dolan will be made in a few days.

No trace of five persons reported missing after approximately 30 were swept overboard in the accident was found today. The Key System company, owners of the Peralta issued a formal statement admitting for the first time that at least one person was drowned. He was J. W. Collins, an employee of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company residing in Oakland.

The San Francisco board of supervisors took occasion today to point out to congress the dangers of ferry travel and to urge that body not to "perpetuate indefinitely the menace to human life," that now attends commuting. The purpose of the resolution was to aid the efforts now being put forward to obtain a permit for a bridge between San Francisco and Oakland.

OFFICE BUILDING FIGHT TO START

WRIT OF ERROR FILED IN SUPREME COURT THIS WEEK

Efforts to Effect Peace With Opposing Faction Meet With Failure, Indication

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A writ of error will be filed with the state supreme court Wednesday or Thursday and steps will be taken at once in the preparation of an appeal to the United States supreme court against the opinion handed down recently by the Oregon Justices upholding the proposal to construct a new state office building in Salem with funds loaned by the state accident commission.

That such a step will be taken was announced today by James G. Wilson, Portland attorney, who is acting for those opposed to the construction of the proposed building with accident commission funds.

Thomas B. Kay, state treasurer, and W. J. Fitzgerald, Portland and Sam Laughlin, Salem, members of the accident commission, conferred with Wilson here today, after meeting with Frank H. Ramsom, first vice president and treasurer of the Eastern and Western Lumber company.

The Eastern and Western Lumber company, Oregon American Lumber company, and Silver Falls Lumber company, as contributors to the accident commission fund, with Peder Pederson as a beneficiary of the fund, are opposing the opinion of the state supreme court.

Opponents of the plan to loan money from the accident fund to the building purpose, hold that the fund does not belong to the state but is held in trust for a certain group of individuals—namely the employers and employees who contribute to it and who would be beneficiaries from it in case of death or disability.

AID GOLD STAR MOTHERS

Bill Passes House to Allow Women to Visit Graves

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Without protest or debate, the house today approved a bill to enable mothers and widows of war veterans buried in Europe to make a pilgrimage to American cemeteries overseas at government expense. The widows would be restricted to those who have not remarried.

The bill which now goes to the senate will empower the president, in cooperation with the American Red Cross to arrange for the pilgrimage "at any time during the period of three years from July 1, 1928."

The mothers and widows would be taken to Europe in groups. Each group would remain abroad approximately two weeks and in no case longer than three weeks unless return transportation were unavailable. First class accommodations would be provided either on government owned or chartered ships. Passports would be arranged for by the state department and immigration laws would be suspended in the case of aliens.

BOYS RETAIN MAJORITY

Leads Five to Four When Poll Taken of Record Baby Crop

Boys are in a majority at one place in Salem, at least. But discerning persons haven't noticed the boys to have played up to their predominance.

There's a reason: the Salem General hospital is the place, and in the nursery four little girls do their best to let five little boys know they haven't anything, except number, over them.

The present nine babies are the largest single enrollment ever in the hospital's infants' room. Mothers of the baby boys are: Mrs. C. A. VanCleave, Mrs. I. D. Mix, Mrs. Fred Blake, Mrs. E. O. Welling, and Mrs. Richard Harrison. Mothers at the hospital who have infant daughters are: Mrs. D. C. Stewier; Mrs. Arthur Stawall; Mrs. W. E. Richardson, and Mrs. J. J. Wilkins.

LEAGUE ADDS TWO CLUBS

Cottage Grove and Wendling Admitted; One Place Vacant

ALBANY, Or., Feb. 20.—(Special.)—The Willamette Valley baseball league added two clubs, Cottage Grove and Wendling, to its roster at tonight's meeting here. Salem, Albany and Eugene were already member clubs. That leaves one place to be filled. Bend and McMinnville are the applicants now being considered most favorably, but other applications will be accepted up to the date of the next meeting, March 7. This meeting will be held in Eugene.

The league season will open April 15, it was voted by the club representatives present. President George J. Wilhelm took office at the meeting here tonight.

SENATOR REED SCORES G. O. P. FOR POLICIES

Appeals To Bourbons To Oust Republicans and Make Him President

RESURRECTS OLD ISSUES

Candidate Delves Back Into Harding Administration; Flays Harry M. Daugherty and Numerous Others

DALLAS, Tex., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Indicting the republican party for a gross mismanagement of the government during the past seven years, Senator Reed of Missouri appealed here tonight for a return to the fundamental principles upon which the republic was founded.

Speaking at a meeting of the democratic leaders of Texas, the Missourian outlined the platform upon which he seeks the democratic presidential nomination, although even in this prepared address he did not formally announce his candidacy. It was the first of a series of speeches which is to take him to the Pacific coast.

"I appeal for a return of honesty in government and the re-establishment of the old democratic doctrine," he said. "I speak of inalienability of the citizen to liberty of conscience without coercion, criticism or obliquity.

"To the preservation of the right of freedom of the press, peaceable assemblage, trial by jury and the re-establishment of local self government and the sovereignty of the states.

State Rights Hinted
"For bringing the federal power within the limits not only of the letter but the spirit of the constitution.

"For the abolition of government."

GIRL'S LOVER ON TRIAL

Young Illinois Farmer Accused of Trying to Kill Her

OTTAWA, Ill., Feb. 20.—(AP)—With his former sweetheart, her face marred by tell tale scars, sitting only a few feet away, Hiram Reed went on trial today on a charge of bombing the Pleasant Valley school house.

The girl passed the bushy-haired young farmer in the hall as she timidly pushed her way into the crowded courtroom to take a seat alone. She had been accompanied by a sister, but the crush of trial fans separated the pair.

LINDBERGH BACK ON OLD AIR LINE

RETURNS TO FORMER JOB FOR PERIOD OF TWO DAYS

Purpose Is to Advertise and Dramatize Service in Which He Received Training

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Lindbergh flew the air mail again today. Fresh from the most brilliant flying contests in aeronautical history, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh went back, for two days, to his old job as mail pilot on the St. Louis-Chicago route, for the purpose of advertising and dramatizing the air mail service.

Approximately 100,000 pieces of mail were dispatched here on the Lindbergh flight. This shattered all records. The volume was so great that five planes were required to carry it. A sixth mail plane carried movie men.

Lindbergh went aloft in two of the planes and flew around Lambert - St. Louis field before he took off at 4:35 p. m. in a new Tracelair plane. He planned to change planes at Springfield and Peoria, the two regular stops, so that all the mail would be personally flown by him.

A crowd estimated between 1500 and 2,000 was at the field to witness the take-off. The first plane to leave was piloted by Thomas P. Nelson, a Chicago-Cleveland route flier. He left at 4:03 p. m. Phil Love, an old air mail buddy of Lindbergh, hopped off at 4:18 p. m. Then Lindbergh took the air simultaneously with "Bud" Gurney, one of the regular pilots. The fifth plane, piloted by E. Sloniger, left at 4:43 p. m., and the sixth, piloted by Leslie Smith at 4:44 p. m.

Lindbergh took as his passenger Frank H. Robertson, president of the Robertson Aircraft corporation, holder of the air mail contract. Love took Harry H. Perkins, secretary-treasurer of the company. Lindbergh and co-pilots will make the return flight from Chicago tomorrow.

The official count of pieces mailed here was 99,800. They weighed about 1950 pounds. The envelopes carried a special cancellation stamp, a horseshoe with the words "Lindbergh again fly the air mail." Most of the envelopes will be treasured by their recipients as souvenirs of the return of the great flier to his old service, which he left a year ago to prepare for his trans-Atlantic flight.

Members of the clubs in Corvallis, Albany, Portland, and Eugene will be guests of the local group. Student members of the clubs on the University of Oregon and the Agricultural college campus will also be in attendance. E. A. Brown and Bob Martin have charge of arrangements for this meeting.

ANOTHER RAID, CHICAGO

Bomb Plot Launched Against Brother-in-law of Attorney

CHICAGO, Feb. 20.—(AP)—A bomb explosion wrecked the hallway of an apartment building, the home of Lawrence Cuneo, brother-in-law of the Secretary of State's Attorney Robert E. Crowe. The police said they believed Cuneo was the target of the bomb which came on the heels of the explosion Friday which wrecked the home of Judge John A. Sbarbaro, another Chicago attorney. The explosion tore out the front doorway.

FAILS IN LOVE, SUICIDE

Widow Tries to Kill Self; Lands in City Jail

NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Joseph Teppa of Brooklyn was "thrown down" by a girl so he decided to end it all. He jumped in front of a subway train but was rescued. He tried it twice more and twice more was rescued. After the third time Teppa was arrested and given a week in jail where they don't have any subway trains.

THE HORRIBLE EXAMPLE



STATE AD CLUBS WILL MEET HERE

250 MEN EXPECTED TO BE ON HAND AT BANQUET

Robert M. Mount of Portland Scheduled to Give Main Address at Marion Hotel

Despite heavy damage from flames, water, and the necessity of breaking through parts of the walls, in the early Sunday morning fire, the delegations of ad-men from various Oregon Advertising clubs will assemble in the main room of the Marion hotel, as originally planned.

Nearly 250 advertising men are expected to assemble for the banquet at 6:30 o'clock tomorrow night, as guests of the Salem Ad club. The "Sharpshooting of Business Shoppers" will be the topic to be discussed by Robert M. Mount of Portland in the principal address of the evening.

Mr. Mount is manager of the Portland better business bureau. Hal Hoss, recently resigned as private secretary to Governor Patterson, will act as toastmaster at the banquet.

G. A. Rebenitch, president of the Portland admen, is on the program for a speech on "Value of an Advertising Club to a Community." Tommy Luke, also of Portland, will have charge of the singing. The program will be rounded out with a stunt contributed by each club. The local group will sponsor the appearance of the Willamette University men's glee club. A quick change number by Miss Lolita Robinson has been arranged and will show the alert ad writers how appearances may be changed in a jiffy.

The Matson Navigation company of Seattle has sent three reels of Hawaiian pictures that will be shown. The pictures will have an added interest to the banquets, inasmuch as the Pacific Coast Ad club will hold its annual convention in Honolulu in June. The convolve Wednesday is the last meeting planned previous to the sea jaunt.

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DRAIN PLANS APPROVED

Fairgrounds and Highland Project Specifications Passed

Final plans and specifications for construction of storm drains in the Fairgrounds and Highland projects were filed with the city council last night and adopted on motion of Alderman Grabenhorst. It was also voted to pay the engineers for the work on these plans.

The area in these projects extends from the river to Eighteenth street in one direction and from Hines to South street in the other, comprising about 250 acres.

Engineer Percy A. Cupper estimated the cost at \$63,000, some \$40,000 needed to be expended within the near future.

Cupper said that plans for flood control on Mill and Pringle creeks had been delayed while waiting for high water so that closer observation could be made of the needs in this field and make possible more accurate plans. There has been little high water this season and none is in prospect, so the plans will go ahead, anyway, some time in the near future, Cupper said.

TORRENTS FALL, SYDNEY

Floods Reach Record Height in New South Wales, Report

SYDNEY, Nws., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Torrential rains which began yesterday, saturating the watershed with as much as five inches of rainfall in some parts, have caused damage estimated at about \$2,500,000 in the town of Grafton and its vicinity about 350 miles north of this city.

The northern rivers have become so choked with debris that steamers have been held up at their mouths. The islands in the Clarence river, on which Grafton is situated, have been nearly submerged and their highlands are crowded with dairy cattle which cannot be rescued. The heavy rains also have disorganized traffic on the Queensland railway.

PORTLAND SEES HOLDUP

Thousand Dollars Taken from Two Furniture Dealers

PORTLAND, Feb. 20.—(AP)—Abe and Eugene Cohn, furniture dealers, reported to police tonight they had been held up and robbed of \$1,000 tonight by three armed men in the office of their store. Before leaving one of the robbers pulled the telephone connection from the wall. They escaped in an automobile.

AUGMENT CITY POLICE FORCE TO END CRIME

Two Additional Men and Prowler Car Authorized By Council At Meet

WILL COVER WIDE AREA

Three Machines to be Used in Night Patrol; Officers to Call In Frequently; Unauthorized Signs Rapped

The city council last night approved a resolution by the police committee providing for the employment of two additional men on the police force and the purchase of another prowler car, the expense of \$3250 to be met by borrowing from the street improvement fund.

Mayor Livesley personally urged adoption of the resolution, contending that the crime situation in Salem was greater than at any time in history. He expressed the opinion that the lawlessness was not due to unemployment but rather the gathering of a criminal element here.

More Cars Planned
With the augmented force, the "prowler" car system will be extended. Three cars will be used for the purpose, one each in residence districts, north, east, and south. This will relieve two foot patrolmen who will be assigned to shorter down town beats so that the business section can be covered by patrolmen once every 30 minutes.

It is also planned to have patrolmen telephone to headquarters every fifteen minutes, the calls so spaced that when necessary several patrolmen can be called in for emergency within a few minutes.

Shorthanded Now
At the present time, the department is running one man short of the customary strength, so that the new increase will be only to the extent of one man and the "prowler" car.

The city recorder was instructed to negotiate for purchase of an automobile not to exceed in cost \$650.

The practice of placing stop signs at streets not covered by the ordinance was rapped by Alderman Townsend, and the council voted to have such unauthorized action stopped. The signs which are now up will not be removed, however for fear that people now relying upon them might meet with an accident.

FAVOR TOURIST CABINS

Ways and Means Committee to Consider Financing

The ways and means committee was instructed by the city council last night to investigate possibilities of raising sufficient money to build necessary cabins at the city camp ground.

A paper was being circulated among business men yesterday asking subscriptions of \$200 each for the purpose, with the promise that the money would be returned to them plus 3 per cent when the amount had been paid out by rentals. Alderman Grabenhorst declared in moving for council action.

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RANKIN PLEADS FOR FIELD HERE

IMPROVEMENT OF LANDING FACILITIES SAID NEEDED

Earle Sande Also Speaks Briefly at Weekly Luncheon of Salem Chamber of Commerce

It was aviation day at the chamber of commerce luncheon yesterday, and Salem business men heard Tex Rankin, noted pilot from Portland, give a stirring rally cry for air transportation support; and listened to plans for improvement of local landing facilities presented by Fred Erixon, chairman of the chamber committee on aviation, and Brazier C. Small, chairman of the American Legion committee.

The unusual program which included a brief speech by Earl Sande, honored guest, attracted one of the largest crowds ever to assemble at the weekly luncheon. Sande was given a tremendous ovation.

"Flying through the air is the safest means of rapid transportation," Rankin declared. "In my ten years' experience, I have flown many hundreds of miles. I have had no mishaps. On the other hand, I have had several accidents and near accidents when traveling by automobile. Most of the plane accidents one reads about, are caused by inexperienced and improperly schooled pilots who have no business operating them."

"People should look upon the air as the mariner does on the sea—as a heavy substance capable of holding up the vessel."

Rankin declared that a passenger transportation air line between Seattle and San Francisco will be established within sixty days, and the planes would stop in Salem if there were suitable landing conditions. The fairgrounds field is too small and when the heat bumps begin to get worse as summer approaches, some aviator is apt to get killed or seriously hurt attempting to land there. For temporary use, Rankin declared, the land east of the field should be secured to widen the field, and gravel, sand, or cinders should be placed on the runways to eliminate the mud which splatters planes while landing, necessitating a long and tedious job of "cleaning up" the plane.

In the meantime, Rankin suggested that the city bond itself for \$50,000 or whatever is felt to be needed and take steps to provide a permanent field, with hangars, a radio station, and upper air station, and other appurtenances. In a little while, then, he said, airplanes would commence to flock to the city, sales of planes to private owners would speed up, and Salem would be on the "air map."

F. A. Erixon announced that \$550 had been subscribed to condition the fairgrounds field, and Brazier Small told the chamber that the American Legion was perfecting plans for a permanent class A field according to government specifications. An architect is working on the plans and the necessary land should be purchased soon before land values increase further.

Yesterday afternoon, Tex Rankin and a number of chamber officials went to the fairground where the exact center of the field was marked. A circle will be established there made of whitewashed gravel to serve as a guide for landing pilots.

Several plane pilots were guests at the luncheon. J. E. Fitzgerald, president of Pacific Airways, Inc., introduced Rankin.

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CONTRACTS LET ON TWO BRIDGE PROJECTS HERE

Low Bidders, A. L. Lamb of Salem and Albany Firm Get Council's O.K.

MUCH ACTIVITY LOOMING

Freeman, Smith & Camp Purchase Bonds; Cement, Sand and Gravel Bids Opened and Referred to Committees

Low bidders on the North 17th street and South Winter street bridges were awarded the construction contracts by the city council last night on recommendation of the bridge committee.

A. L. Lamb, Salem contractor, was low on the South Winter street span with a bid of \$16,696. Hagland and Allison, of Albany, got the 17th street project, with an offer of \$8817.

Both bids were below the engineers' estimates. Numerous bids on other materials and equipment for the city, and improvement bonds, were opened at the meeting. Most of them were referred to the respective committees.

Freeman, Smith, and Camp were high bidders on \$51,256.76 in improvement bonds with an offer of \$107,37, and the bid was accepted by the council. Other bidders were Hugh E. McGuire, \$106.53; Lumbermen 'T' & C company, \$106.45; Carl E. Nelson, \$106.58; and Burr Conrad and Broom, \$106.19.

The Oregon Gravel company, lone bidder on 1245 lineal feet of 24 inch sewer pipe, was awarded the contract to furnish this material on a bid of \$2.16 per foot.

Referred to Committee
Bids of four firms on cement were identical, all bidding \$3.28 per barrel with 10 cents for returned sacks and 10 cents per barrel for prompt payment. The bidders were Salem Sand and Gravel company, Spaulding Logging company, Henry Cowell Lime and Ce-

AUTO ACCIDENTS TAKE HUGE TOLL

171 DEATHS REPORTED IN OREGON DURING 1927

Annual Statistics Given Out From Office of T. A. Rafferty, Chief Inspector

Deaths from auto accidents in Oregon during the year 1927 reached a total of 171.

During the same year injuries from the same source amounted to 4204.

There were 29,133 accidents during the year of sufficient consequence to be reported. These statistics were made public yesterday from the office of T. A. Rafferty, chief inspector for the state motor vehicle department. The total number of accidents was slightly lower than in 1926, when 30,925 accidents were reported. Fatalities in 1927 were nearly 50 per cent more numerous than during the previous year, however. In 1928 there were 99 deaths resulting from auto accidents.

Of the total number of accidents reported for the year 1927 15,394 were due to carelessness on the part of drivers. Failure to give proper signals resulted in 1684 accidents, while 817 accidents were reported to have been caused by intoxicated drivers. Jay walkers contributed to 133 accidents, with 305 accidents due to inadequate brakes.

Arrests resulting from the activities of state traffic officers during the year 1927 totalled 2481 as against 2625 during the year

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Eight Victor Artists Stay Over Today

By popular demand, the eight Victor artists will remain over at the Elsinore theater today, with complete change of program, including requested numbers by Salem people who have favorites in the Victor record series.