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Weather Forecast: Unsettled with rains west portion; normal temperature; strong southerly winds on the coast. Maximum temperature yesterday 58, minimum 42, river 2.9, rainfall .47, atmosphere cloudy, wind southeast.

SEVENTY-SEVENTH YEAR

BRITAIN LITTLE WORRIED WHEN WAR LOOMS UP

Report That Ibn Saud Plans Visit To Mecca Discredits Threat Tale

OUT AFTER MONEY, HELD

Nevertheless British Forces Hold Selves in Readiness; Wild Rumors Float Through Atmosphere

LONDON, Mar. 8.—(AP)—British officialdom, with characteristic English calm, tonight viewed the "holy war" in Arabia with less concern. But dispatches from the district near the head of the Persian gulf painted a different picture.

Official observers gave out a report that Ibn Saud, king of Hedjaz and sultan of the Nejd, was planning a visit to Mecca. They pointed out that the Wahabites are not friendly toward the holy city of Mohammedanism and deduced that Ibn Saud was not likely to leave Riyadh, his capital, in the center of Arabia if there was any immediate prospect of putting his own forces into the field.

Just Wants Money, Held This estimate was easily coupled with the previous analysis of Ibn Saud's character which made him out as more anxious for restoration of his yearly subsidy from the British government than for extension of his domain.

Dispatches from Basra, Iraq, showed the British there and at Kuwait, preparing for possible earlier raids on the frontier. Airplanes, armored cars and transport cars have been stationed outside walls of Kowf Kowf, ready for a dash to any threatened point, and marines and blue jackets from a British man o' war are patrolling the streets daily.

Rumors Grow With Space Unconfirmed reports have reached Basra that the western edge of the desert is already blazing with desert warfare with several villages in Transjordan captured and looted by Wahabites. But nothing of that sort came from points near the scene.

All officers and men of the Transjordan garrisons who are on leave have been recalled; frontier patrols have been strengthened and armored cars and air reinforcements moved into the territory. Another report said that the motor route across the Syrian desert from Bagdad to Damascus had been closed. This is the first indication that disorders were threatened that far north, although part of this route is within reach of

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SECOND HICKMAN TRIAL NEARS END

CLOSING ARGUMENTS MADE IN BEHALF OF DEFENSE

Hunt's Counsel Blames Toms Shooting Scrap on "The Fox" As Ringleader

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 8.—(AP)—The blame for the murder of C. Ivy Toms was placed entirely upon William Edward Hickman today by A. Gray Gilmer, attorney defending Welby Hunt, in their joint trial for the holdup killing of a year ago Christmas eve.

In his closing argument the attorney for the blonde haired boy declared to the jury of six men and six women that it was Hickman, the kidnap and murderer of young Marian Parker, who planned the robbery of Toms' drug store, who did all the talking, and that it was he who killed Toms. He pleaded that he would not send "this blue-eyed boy of misfortune" to a felon's cell for life.

On the other hand Hunt just previously had been accused of firing the fatal shot, in the closing argument of Richard Cantillon, one of Hickman's defense lawyers. He testified that it was Hickman, the kidnap and murderer of young Marian Parker, who planned the robbery of Toms' drug store, who did all the talking, and that it was he who killed Toms.

Cantillon pleaded that Hickman be let off with a life sentence. "I'm not asking you to set Hickman free," he argued. "I'm asking you to send him to prison for life." He pleaded that as his client already was sentenced to death for the Parker girl murder another similar verdict would amount to sentencing a corpse to die.

BAPTISTS RAP INTERFERENCE

PASS RESOLUTION AIMED AT MINORITY COUNCIL

Refuse to Hear Report of Conference; Trustees Chairman Removed

By a vote of 208 to 116, the membership of the First Baptist church at the monthly business meeting last night passed a resolution deploring and resenting all outside interference, and particularly aimed at the minority council report prepared by a meeting of representatives of other churches in the Willamette valley here Monday.

The church was filled to capacity for this meeting. The resolution follows: Be it resolved, that the First Baptist church of Salem, Oregon, deplore and resent any and all outside interference of other organizations.

Be it further resolved, that in view of the fact that the First Baptist church of Salem, Oregon, has on numerous occasions gone on record as opposing outside interference, therefore we again request and insist that all outside meddling in our affairs be stopped unless authorized by a vote of the First Baptist church of Salem, Oregon.

Be it further resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the clerk, pastor and delegates to the so-called conference held in the Baptist church at Salem, Oregon, Monday, March 5, 1928. It is further requested that the respective clerks of the churches mentioned below, be asked to read said resolutions at their regular Sunday service.

Following is the list of churches: Albany, McMinnville, Oregon City, Eugene, Corvallis, Forest Grove.

The church also voted 183 to 112 to declare the office of chairman of the board of trustees vacant. This office had been held by H. S. Gile, and the action was taken following his attempt to present the report of the conference referred to.

TOO OLD TO BE MARRIED

Wife, 95, Leaves Hubby, 103, After 8 Years Together

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Declaring that marriage at their age was not a success and that they could be more contented apart, Martin VanBuren Reeves, 103 years of age, and Mrs. Elizabeth Reeves, 95, have separated.

Accompanied to the station by her husband, Mrs. Reeves departed for Coupeville, Wash., where she has relatives. They were married eight years ago.

WRECK KILLS CHILDREN

Fast Passenger Train Crashes Into School Bus; Two Die

CHARLES CITY, Iowa, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Two children were killed and 15 others were injured this evening when a speeding Rock Island passenger train, crashed into a school bus bearing 17 children home from a country school about 12 miles southwest of here.

The children killed were Roger Schaffer, 10, and Harrison May, 12, both of whom live on farms near Greene. Eight of the injured were seriously hurt and were taken to a Waterloo hospital on the train. Seven others were treated by physicians hurriedly called to the scene and later were taken to their homes.

The bus driver, Harry Arthur, was among the injured taken to Waterloo. No explanation of the accident has been obtained from the bus driver, the train crew, or the children.

ELDERLY WOMAN KILLED

Mrs. Laura Yeager Passes Away at Hospital Last Night

Mrs. Laura Yeager, 74, who was struck by a car driven by Robert Ramsden as he was backing out of his garage at 171 South Winter street Wednesday evening, died at the Salem general hospital Thursday night.

Ramsden stated after the accident that he believed the woman had already fallen for some reason and was lying upon the walk before he began to remove his machine from the garage.

Mrs. Yeager was rushed to the hospital immediately following the accident, but internal injuries became apparent and death occurred at about 6:30 last night. She is survived by a husband, Chris Yeager, and six children.

ANNUAL SPRING DISPLAY FIXED ON HUGE SCALE

Details Made Public In Entertainment Furnished By Merchants

PLAN AUTO EXHIBITION

Free Dance Slated for Army on Tuesday Night of Next Week; Band and Drum Corps to be on Hand

Here's last minute news on the Spring Window Display, formal presentation of new spring wares of Salem merchants which the Ad club is putting over next week, beginning Tuesday, March 13:

The auto show will be held on Court street, between High and Commercial. Everyone is invited to participate.

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WOMAN HEADING BOARD

Miss Beatrice Walton Presides at Parole Session

For the first time in many years a woman Thursday presided at the monthly meeting of the state parole board held in the state penitentiary.

She was Miss Beatrice Walton who, because of the resignation of Hal Hoss, private secretary to Governor Patterson, recently assumed temporarily the duties of confidential agent of the executive.

Miss Walton, who has served in the executive department since the inauguration of Governor Patterson, has the title of assistant secretary to the governor. Prison officials said a number of "hard boiled" convicts appeared before the parole board at Thursday's meeting in quest of conditional pardons. Any recommendation that will be made by the parole board probably will not reach Governor Patterson until next week.

The parole board is composed of Rev. Norman K. Tully of Salem and Jay Lewis of Corvallis. Miss Walton is an acting member of the board pending the appointment of a permanent secretary to the governor.

The advisory board is composed of Mrs. Lola G. Baldwin, Portland; Mrs. A. B. Todd, Forest Grove, and Mrs. Martha Randall, Portland.

FIRE DESTROYS SCHOOL BUILDING

BUILDING AT CENTRAL HOWELL TOTAL LOSS

Classes Probably Will be Resumed In Church Structure, Reported

Although the 68 pupils of the school at Central Howell between Salem and Silverton, stood by while their two-room frame school building burned to the ground a half hour after classes had convened yesterday morning, none was injured and it is probable school will be resumed immediately in a small church in that community.

The only thing saved in the blaze, besides a few books, the students carried as they fled from the burning structure, was the school piano. Fixtures, school library, pictures and other belongings were destroyed. Total loss was estimated around \$7,000. The building, constructed in the school year 1923-24 at a cost of \$5100, carried \$4,000 insurance.

The fire, first discovered when flames were seen shooting from the roof, is thought to have originated in the attic from a defective heating plant, J. V. Starrrett, principal, reported in a visit to the office of the county school superintendent later in the day. While a new heating plant had only recently been installed, there had been some difficulty in getting it to work smoothly.

The Silverton fire department was called to help combat the flames, but the fire spread so rapidly the fire fighters from Central to when Principal Starrrett was in voted their efforts to keeping the fire from spreading to nearby buildings. Although no arrangements for

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BOOZE TO BE DESTROYED

Judge Kelly Hands Down Order Here Yesterday Afternoon

Hailed in some quarters as the saddest news that has transpired in these parts for many a moon, a court order was handed down yesterday directing the county sheriff to destroy a quantity of liquor that had been held as evidence in three Marion county criminal cases.

The three criminal defendants against whom the evidence had been used were Louie All Overton, B. W. Wagner and Rose M. Kurrie. All three have been disposed of some long ago that they have been nearly forgotten.

The orders were handed down yesterday by Circuit Judge Percy R. Kelly upon motion by District Attorney John Carson.

Sheriff Oscar Bower asserted late yesterday that his force would need no assistance in disposing of the evidence. It was indicated that already there had been several offers.

OIL BOND MONEY TRACED TO G. O. P.

PROCEEDS WENT TO WIFE OUT DEFICIT, WORD

Chicago Grain Dealer Gives Direct Testimony Incriminating Republicans

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Direct evidence was received today by the senate Teapot Dome committee that at least some of the \$260,000 in Continental Trading company Liberty bonds which Harry F. Sinclair turned over to the republican national committee in 1923 were parcelled out to individuals for sale on the open market and proceeds used to help extinguish the party deficit before the 1924 campaign.

James A. Patten, a Chicago grain commission merchant who years ago started the world by obtaining a near corner on the wheat market, testified that the late Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the republican committee at that time gave him \$25,000 in Liberty bonds in December, 1923, and asked him to make a contribution in an equal sum to the party to help wipe out a deficit which Upham then placed between \$600,000 and \$800,000.

Patten said he sent the national committee his check for this amount, collected the bonds later and turned them over to the Jefferson hospital in Chicago to which he had promised a donation of \$25,000. The one-time wheat king said he was "mad and indignant" at the size of the deficit but saw the necessity of paying it off.

"I wondered why Upham gave me the bonds instead of selling them in the New York market where the best price might be obtained," Patten said, adding that at the time he had no idea of the origin of the bonds. He furnished the committee a list of the serial numbers and a check of these against those of the Continental Walsh, committee prosecutor, bonds by the secretary to Senator showed that \$20,000 or the \$25,000 once had been in the possession of the Continental Trading company.

COMBAT PLANE CRASHES

Captain and Pilot Both Killed in Nicaraguan Warfare

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Captain William C. Byrd pilot, and Sergeant Rudolph A. Frankforter, observer, were killed this afternoon when an American observation plane crashed near Estilla, 40 miles to the northwest of Matagalpa.

Captain Byrd's home was Orangeburg, S. C., where his widow resides. Sergeant Frankforter's widow lives at Quantico, Va. Both men arrived in Nicaragua recently.

Meager advices received here indicate that the accident occurred near the landing field at Estilla and that the two men were killed instantly. The bodies will be brought to Managua.

SMITH SCORES SENATE GROUP OPENING DRIVE

Illinois Candidate Insinuates He Has Been Maliciously Slandered

INITIAL ADDRESS MADE

Seeks Reelection After Being Defeated Seat Due To Fraud and Scandal Connected With First Vote

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Mar. 8.—(AP)—Terminating the United States senate chamber the "supreme and safest vantage point in all this world from which to launch attacks upon the character, morals, politics or religion of anyone whomsoever," Colonel Frank L. Smith, twice barred from a senate seat, tonight opened his second campaign for the republican nomination.

"No one is exempt from either slander or libel in the United States senate—no one from the president of the nation to the prisoner in the penitentiary—except members of the club," said Col. Smith.

His speech was also the first detailed statement since being named senator three times, once by election and twice by designation of Governor Len Small. He was unable to take his seat because the senate barred him for accepting campaign contributions from public utilities.

Bitter Attack Made "What are 800,000 citizens of Illinois to ask a hundred senators?" he asked in referring to the 800,000 votes he received in the election more than a year ago. "What, indeed, are the whole 7,000,000 of our people in Illinois to that little half hundred, when presidential nominating conventions are approaching . . . ?"

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PORTLAND KEEPS MILL

Million Dollar Woolen Textile Industry to be Saved

PORTLAND, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Through the cooperation of business interests of this city, the future of the one million dollar woolen textile industry represented by the Portland woolen mills seems safely insured. This announcement was made today by W. P. Olds, Portland business man.

Complete reorganization of the corporation, substantial increase of its capital and sweeping reduction of plant operating costs were said to assure profitable manufacture at full capacity.

WOMAN RELATES HER LOVE AFFAIR

WALLA WALLA WIDOW TESTIFIES AT TRIAL

Mrs. Bessie Mae Bidwell Takes Stand in Own Defense in Murder Case

WALLA WALLA, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Mrs. Bessie Mae Bidwell, middle aged woman accused of poisoning her husband, took the stand in her own defense today and related the story of her love affair with Preston Clark. She declared that Clark who is jointly accused of the murder, forced his attentions upon her.

She married Alpheus Bidwell who was poisoned last December 21, years ago, she stated, under direct examination by her lawyer, and said they quarreled occasionally but had no serious difficulties.

Calmly she related that Clark, a boarder at her home, laughingly kissed her one day then tried to "force attentions" upon her but that these were repulsed at first. Finally, she said, she "gave in."

Clark was subject to "fits" or "spells," she said, and came home one day with a bottle of poisonous medicine "which he was going to take for his spells."

Then Mrs. Bidwell described her preparations of the food which Bidwell ate on the morning of his death. She offered some to Clark, she avowed, but he "hung his head and refused." Bidwell complained during the meal that his food tasted "bitter," his widow averred, and later became ill, telling her it was his heart. She denied putting poison into the dish and said that a doctor had told her that Bidwell's death was caused by his "heart."

FLYERS FORCED DOWN BY STORM

STINSON AND HALDEMAN NOT ABLE TO STAY UP

Failure Meets Attempt to Remain Aloft Until Saturday

DETROIT, Mar. 9.—(AP)—The big Stinson-Detroit monoplane in which Eddie Stinson and George Haldeaman were attempting to break the world's endurance record was forced down at Selfridge field shortly after three o'clock this morning in a blinding snowstorm.

The plane was circling around a huge beacon light at Selfridge field and the snow fall became so thick that Stinson said he could no longer see the light. Although the field was in total darkness the plane was brought to a safe landing on the field after it had been decided that further attempts to remain aloft were futile.

The plane, an old one which had been recently overhauled, had been in the air since 8:29 yesterday morning and had been flying at an altitude of approximately 1,700 feet.

DETROIT, March 8.—(AP)—Eddie Stinson and George Haldeaman circling low over Selfridge field barracks in their orange-winged Stinson monoplane in an attempt to break the world's record for continuous flight prepared to meet their first serious obstacle, stormy weather—as darkness descended on the field today.

With a load of 3,845 pounds gradually decreasing as gasoline and oil were consumed, Selfridge observers hoped the flyers would be able to take an altitude sufficient to avoid predicted rain storms late tonight.

The heavily loaded plane left the ice of Lake St. Clair at 8:29 a. m. and for several hours Stinson, who was at the control, was able to make only about 200 feet altitude.

The flyers declared before they took off that barring motor trouble they would remain in the air until 2 p. m. Saturday providing their gasoline supply held out. The present endurance record is 52 hours, 22 minutes and 31 seconds, which must be exceeded by one hour to be officially recognized.

Stinson, Detroit airplane manufacturer, decided to take off from Lake St. Clair, because the snow-covered ice formed a perfectly smooth three mile runway.

FINDS CAR MINUS TIRES

Pilferers Out in Force; Car Stolen Also; No Clues

Pilferers were out in full force last night when they stripped the car owned by C. F. Temple of this city, of five tires last night while it was parked in front of the Elks temple. Mr. Temple attended lodge during the evening and when he was ready to leave he found that his car was minus the four tires and the spare. It was immediately reported to the local police, but no trace of the thieves could be found.

E. S. Lauderdale, Salem, Route 5, reported to Salem police that his Ford touring car had been stolen from in front of the local Elks temple last night. He had parked his car there about 7:30 o'clock in the evening and after lodge found it missing.

It is thought by local police that the same gang which relieved the Temple car of its tires are responsible for the theft of the Lauderdale car. Both were stolen at about the same time and from the same place. Local officers immediately notified Portland police to watch for the stolen car.

Austin McDermott of Portland was arrested by Officer Kuykendall last night charged with being drunk and panhandling. He was given a lovely room in the city jail to think the matter over.

I. O. O. F. HEAD TO VISIT

Supreme Monarch of Shrine Division Here Next Tuesday

Edgar Mosher, of New York, supreme monarch of the Ancient and Mystic Order of Samaritans, the Shrine division of the Odd Fellows lodge, will visit the Salem Sanatorium next Tuesday evening. This will be the first time since the organization was perfected that the local chapter has been honored by a visit from the grand lodge.

Mosher will visit with six other lodges in the state before he returns to New York. He is making a tour of the west and will go as far north as Vancouver, B. C. This will be an open meeting so that all members will have an opportunity to meet the grand officer, and will not be limited to Samaritans only.

The local lodge is also arranging a program in honor of the grand officer, which will be given the same evening.

HOOVER MAKES ENTRANCE INTO INDIANA'S RACE

Secretary of Commerce Financially Persuaded To Let Name Be Filed

OPPOSED BY NATIVE SON

Senator James E. Watson Already In Field For Support of Own State; Forces Express Confidence

INDIANAPOLIS, Mar. 8.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover, secretary of commerce, entered another favorite son field late today when he filed notice of republican presidential candidacy and thus becomes an opponent of United States Senator James E. Watson in the Indiana primary to be held May 8. Hoover recently filed in Ohio and will oppose Senator Frank B. Willis, also a favorite son.

The cabinet member's entry followed two hectic days of cross country telephoning, speedily taken canvasses of various Indiana counties and the refusal of Hoosier boosters to give way to some eastern advisers that his name not be filed. Late today however, and with only a few hours remaining in which to conform to the primary law, Oscar G. Foellinger, Fort Wayne publisher, won his point and was told by Hoover to enter him in the contest.

Lowden Keeps Out Following Hoover's announcement word was received from Chicago definitely stating that Frank O. Lowden, Illinois state governor, would enter the Indiana presidential contest.

M. Burt Therman, national campaign manager for Senator Watson, declared he regretted "that Mr. Hoover has deemed it best to strike at party harmony by invading our state." We are "prepared however to meet the challenge that has been offered to Senator Watson in his native state and we have no fear of the outcome," he concluded.

National Effect Viewed The secretary and his advisers consulted with friends as to the effect on his national campaign of failure to enter the Indiana race. It is said to have been the belief of a majority that it would be harmful to his candidacy, particularly in Ohio. It was argued that such a decision might make it appear that he had singled out Willis for a foe, and that this impression among voters might work to Willis' advantage in the April 24 primaries in Ohio.

While the situations in the two states were regarded in the Hoover camp as similar in many respects they were looked on as

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KIMBALL LIBRARY GETS 500 BOOKS

VALUABLE VOLUMES COME FROM JENNINGS COLLECTION

Highly Prized Texts on Church History and Religion Are Included

More than 500 books from the large private library of Dr. Henry C. Jennings of Portland, arrived at the Kimball School of Theology Wednesday evening. Most of these books are very valuable and will be of great help to students of Kimball and of the university.

Dr. Jennings, who resided in Portland for several years, died in the east a few weeks ago. He had been one of the leading ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church for many years, having represented his Minnesota conference at general conferences in former years. It was largely under his wise leadership that the Methodist book concern made its rapid stride in the last quarter century.

Being a great lover of books, he accumulated what was considered a very large private library. Also there came to his desk many choice editions from leading American and English publishers.

Some years ago he placed in his will the gift of his books on Methodism to his own alma mater, Hamline School of Theology, at Hamline, Minn. Together with his wife he decided to give to Kimball School of Theology the remaining books that would be of any particular value to a seminary.

Two consignments from his library had previously been in-

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ANOTHER PLACE WHERE "TEAM WORK" MIGHT COME IN HANDY

