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KAY PROPOSES MOVE FOR AID OF IRRIGATION

State Treasurer's Announce- ment to Project Folk Proves Sensation

Forfeiture of Amounts Ad- vanced Necessary to Save Settlers, Plea

Forfeiture by the state of its claim on irrigation districts which have defaulted, for principal and interest funds advanced under the state guarantee, is now favored by T. B. Kay, state treasurer and member of the state reclamation commission, Mr. Kay told representatives of these districts at their session Thursday afternoon in connection with the Oregon Reclamation congress.

This announcement was the most sensational development of the present congress to date, for Mr. Kay has recognized all over the state as highly conservative in his views on reclamation.

Nevertheless he advised the irrigationists to send a strong committee to the next session of the legislature and urge that this be done, and pledged his own efforts to bring it about, in order that the reorganization of these districts which have defaulted in meeting their obligations may be assisted.

Some people may criticize me for this stand, but if we do nothing, the money is gone anyway, whereas if the state assists and this reorganization is completed, it will bring just so much paying property back on the tax rolls," Mr. Kay said.

The state will not be able to do much in the way of financial assistance for the reorganization work, the state treasurer said, because the state itself has a large deficit now and is going in deeper. He quoted figures to show that the income tax law operative in 1927 was responsible for the condition, as it reduced the base from which the six per cent limitation was figured.

Not an "Al Smith chance" says Place
The irrigation districts haven't an "Al Smith chance" of reorganization unless a court decision is forthcoming that consent of every bond holder is not necessary to this step, Col. E. R. Place of Portland declared in the other striking address of the afternoon.

According to the present understanding of the law, one bond holder with not more than \$100 at stake will be able to wreck the entire plan, Col. Place said, and even if all would agree, many cannot be found.

Irrigation in Oregon will proceed despite the failures which now loom rather large, the speaker predicted; but in addition to this dictation by minority bond holders, the general obligation bond arrangement will also proceed adequate settlement, he warned.

Bill Hanley Opens Great Open Spaces To State Meeting

Next year's Oregon Reclamation congress will meet in Malheur county and spend all of its time "cruising" instead of talking, if the advice given by William Hanley, Harney county pioneer cattleman, is followed out. At the banquet Thursday night Hanley made this suggestion, declaring that the two big government irrigation projects under construction there were the only ones in the state that had been "started right."

GERMAN WARSHIP IS CAUSE OF DEBATES

Strong Animosities Voiced in Reichstag Over Proposed Construction

BERLIN, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The construction of Germany's first battleship since the conclusion of the war brought bitter animosities to the surface in the course of debate in the Reichstag today.

The battleship is one for which nine million marks already have been appropriated, and the construction of which has been supported by both president Von Hindenburg and Lieut. Gen. Wilhelm Groener, minister of defense.

A motion to halt its construction on the ground that Germany can ill afford to spend its money on a lone battleship which will be not match for the more adequate navies of other countries was presented by the social democrat Otto Weis. In the debate which followed partisans and opponents of the construction hurled epithets at each other, and of most that was said Chancellor Mueller seemed to be the victim.

The house and tribunes were crowded for the occasion as word spread around of what was taking place. Army and navy men were conspicuous among those present.

Herr Weis urged that the money could be spent better than for building a battleship and that the financing of land settlements in eastern Prussia—where the Polish corridor makes the sea lane the only avenue of communication, and where twenty citizens' societies have asked the construction of the ship—would be better protection of that area than the projected ten-thousand ton cruiser will afford.

NEW SEA TRAGEDY TAKES LIVES OF 17

LONDON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Great Britain's grief over the losses in the Vestris disaster was deepened today by another marine tragedy which cost 17 lives and almost wiped out the male population of Rye harbor on the Sussex coast.

The dead are 14 men of the regular crew of the Rye lifeboat and three volunteers. The entire company perished in a gallant performance of duty in an effort to bring aid to a vessel in distress off their coast.

To make the tragedy even more poignant, the lifeboat was swamped by huge seas within sight of the mothers, wives and sisters of the men. Crowding the beach they saw the boat upset and saw their loved ones hurled into the water, while over the roar of the seas came their heartbroken cries and screams.

HOOVER PLANS FOR LONG TRIP GAIN IMPETUS

Preparations Take on Added Speed as Date of De- parture Nears

Old Classmates Visit Presi- dent-Elect to Wish Him Great Success

By W. B. RAGSDALE
Associated Press Staff Writer
STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal. Nov. 15.—(AP)—Herbert Hoover was immersed in the work of completing preparations for his good will trip to South America today and laid it aside only to receive some of the well-wishers who called upon him.

Among these was a delegation of classmates of the president-elect at Stanford in 1895, most of them now San Francisco business men. The group, more than a dozen strong, was headed by former Judge George E. Crothers of San Francisco, and Thomas K. Code, the first quarterback Stanford university ever produced.

Another caller during the day was representative W. E. Hull of Peoria, Ill., who called to convey his congratulations. Hull traversed the same route through South America a year or so ago as will the president-elect, the Illinois congressman having been a member of a commission appointed to study and aid in the promotion of good roads on the southern continent.

In addition to discussing the forthcoming South American trip, representative Hull talked to Mr. Hoover for some time concerning inland waterway development, especially the Great Lakes to the Gulf waterway, and the proposed St. Lawrence outlet from the Great Lakes to the Atlantic.

Between callers the president-elect worked away at the multitude of details that must be cleared away before he leaves for his Sunday evening, for San Pedro, to board the battleship Maryland for his voyage.

An additional battery of typists had been put to work grinding out the thousands of replies that still remain to be made to letters and telegrams that continue to pile into the Hoover residence by every mail and over the special telephone loops that have been set up.

Every effort is being made to speed this work so that the president-elect may leave a clear deck behind when he departs.

No decision yet has been reached concerning the possible inclusion of visits to Ecuador and Bolivia in his itinerary for the journey and it has been indicated by Ambassador Henry P. Fletcher who will accompany Mr. Hoover.

No Chance Is Seen For New Portland Road

Grand Council of Party Given Official Authority In Government

Entire Group Made Immune From Arrest; Meetings to be in Secret

"Until all existing projects are finished, and these call for an expenditure of approximately \$18,000,000, there is absolutely no chance of new routes being named as state highways, said Judge Robert W. Sawyer, member of the state highway commission, who was in Salem Thursday attending the reclamation congress.

Judge Sawyer thus reaffirmed the position of the state highway commission regarding new construction when he was asked if there was a chance of the designation of a new route as a state highway between Salem and Portland.

Pleasure over the defeat of the Dunne measures on the ballot this year was expressed by Judge Sawyer.

In analyzing the defeat of the bills, he was especially interested in the fact that all but one county in the state had rejected the measures and that several counties, which had no immediate hope for expenditure of state road funds, had led the list of sections which gave the strongest opposition to the measures.

Saturday he will go to Corvallis to preside at the fall meeting of the executive committee of the state editorial association. Over 100 editors are expected to be in Corvallis that day for the annual homecoming of O. A. G.

GRANGE ARRANGES HOMECOMING PLAN

Pomona Visiting Committee to Meet With Salem Unit at Saturday Session

The annual homecoming day of Salem Grange No. 17 will be observed Saturday, when every member is expected to enjoy the special program arranged. The Grange will meet in Labor hall on Court street, beginning at 10:00 o'clock in the morning.

The Marion county Pomona Grange visiting committee, of which Miss Ethel M. Fletcher, secretary of the local Grange, is chairman, will make its official visit to Salem Grange Saturday. Each grange in the county has four members on the visiting committee. W. A. Jones of Madras, Pomona Grange master, will be there.

FASCIST HOLD UPON ITALY IS MADE TIGHTER

Declared Eliminated

All Suspicion Is

ROME, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The Italian senate today passed a government bill giving constitutional status as an element of the government to the grand council of the national fascist party. The vote was 181 to 19, with two abstaining from the ballot.

Premier Mussolini in a brief speech declared that the bill should and will give to all Italians, and to all the world, the sense of the unshakable stability and limitless duration of the regime which is striving ever to make the fatherland the greater.

Mussolini also said that the bill had given rise to "some respectable and comprehensible hesitations and likewise to some oblique manoeuvres and stupid vociferations."

He argued, however, that the six years of loyal governing by the fascist party had put the regime above all suspicion "in all of its men and in all of its political, military and syndical expressions." He emphasized the perfect loyalty of the party to the reigning dynasty, saying:

"When his majesty, the king of Italy, as chief of the state, lighted in the chapel of Bologna the votive lamp which the fascists had dedicated to the black smirts who fell in the movement to create the present regime, he accomplished an act whose significance spoke for itself."

The bill provides that the grand council shall coordinate all activities of the regime. Its meetings shall be secret and no member of the body may be subject to police measures or arrest without authorization of the council. It is to be consulted on all questions of a constitutional character, such as laws concerning succession to the throne, royal prerogatives, relations between the state and the Roman Catholic church, international treaties and changes in the territory of the nation.

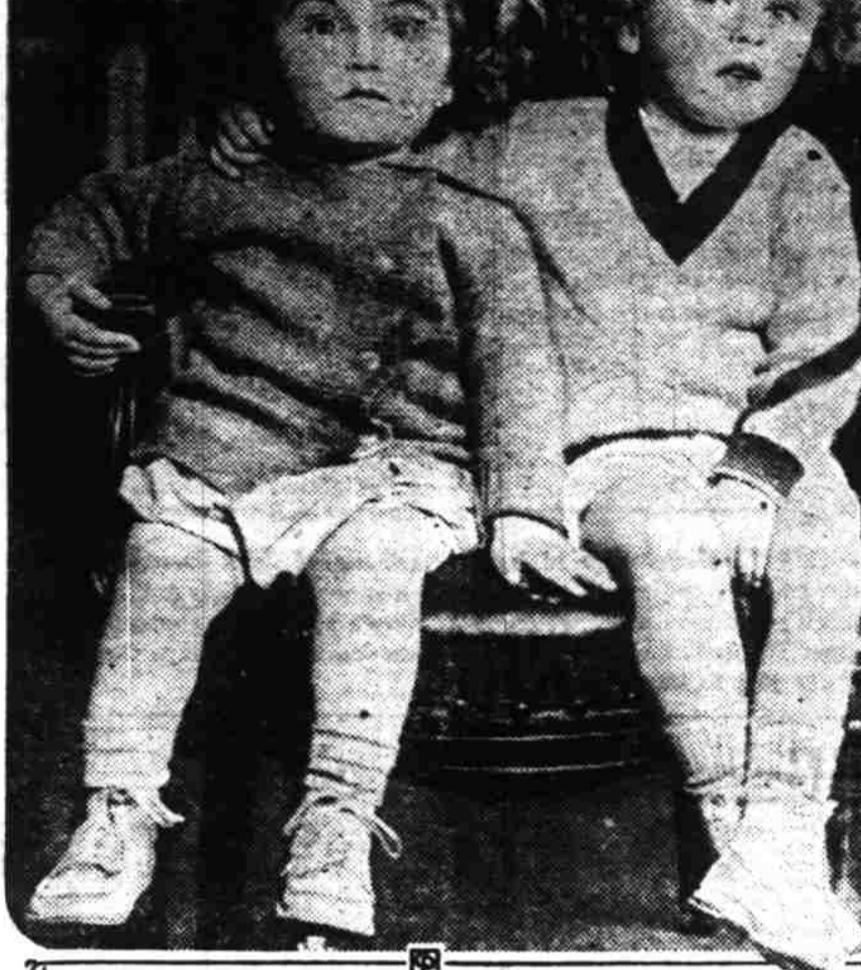
TWO POACHERS DIE BY GUARD'S RIFLE

SANTA ANA, Calif., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Two alleged poachers on the California Gun club preserve near Santa Ana were shot and killed today in a gun battle with J. W. Montgomery, deputy sheriff and gamekeeper at the club. Reports to the sheriff's office here quoted Montgomery as stating that the men fired upon him when he ordered them from marshlands in the club's duck hunting preserve.

Two sheriff's deputies were sent from there to the isolated area to place Montgomery under arrest on technical charges of murder. Montgomery reported that when he ordered the men off one fired upon him with a shotgun, puncturing his hat. He returned the fire with his rifle and the man crumpled, mortally wounded. A moment later, the game keeper declared, the second poacher opened fire upon him and he too was shot down. The bodies had not been recovered from the marsh late today but one has been identified as that of O. B. Mahon, about 40 years of age, who lived at Sunset Beach near the gun club.

They're Happy In Defeat

Two Members of Smith Family Joyous After Elec- tion Because They'll Have More Time. With "Oompah"



ARTHUR and WALTER SMITH
Exclusive Central Press Dispatch
to The Statesman
ALBANY, N. Y., Nov. 15.—
Two members of the Smith family are extremely happy that "Oompah" isn't the next president of the United States. They are little Arthur and Walter Smith, children of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Smith. "Oompah" is their grandpa, Governor Alfred E. Smith.

They are happy because now "Oompah" can spend more time "over at their house" playing and singing with them. Arthur, by the way, is the youngster whose voice and face were used in a singing movie as part of the Smith campaign. He loves to gurgie the words of "Sidewalks of New York," while his little brother claps.

Governor Smith Plays 15 Holes Of Golf And Receives Real Ovation

Southerners Hail Defeated Democratic Presidential Candidate

SAVANNAH, Ga., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Governor Al Smith launched his vacation today by playing 15 holes of golf, his longest game in weeks, and tonight was given an ovation by a crowd gathered outside the home of Carl Espy, where he was the honor guest at a reception.

What the Governor's score was today, or that of the other three members of the foursome, W. F. Kennedy, his host on the southern trip and friend of long standing, James J. Lloridan, and Mr. Meehanzan a New York broker, remained a secret. They played on the Savannah golf club course.

The governor and his party will leave tomorrow morning for Jacksonville, Fla., from where they will proceed to Biloxi, Miss.

NOTED ASTRONOMER IS TAKEN BY DEATH

CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Professor Thomas Crowder Chamberlin, originator of the planetesimal hypothesis of the formation of the earth, died here today of bronchial pneumonia and heart disease. He was 85 years old.

Professor Chamberlin, a noted geologist, held that a giant star passing close to the sun from three to five billions of years ago drew in its wake fragments of the sun, which eventually came together and formed the earth. Other planets, he believed, were formed in the same manner. Professor Chamberlin elaborated on his theory in his latest book, "Two Solar Systems—The Sun's Children," published just three weeks ago.

SIX SURVIVORS TAKE OATH AT FIRST HEARING

Criminal Negligence and Lack of Discipline Laid to Vestris' Crew

Sailors Order Men Out of Boats and Take Their Places, Is Charge

NEW YORK, Nov. 15.—(AP)—Six survivors of the foundered steamer Vestris today charged under oath before a United States commissioner that the disaster was marked by entire lack of discipline, that neither officers nor men were equipped to meet the emergency, and that lives were needlessly wasted by routing lifeboats that no one knew how to handle.

When the distress signal was at last sent out, hours late they said, the crew was left to its own devices and the passengers neither were told to don life belts nor given any assistance in getting to the lifeboats.

Husbands were ordered out of boats in which their wives were stationed and members of the crew allowed to take the vacant places, they testified, and the lifeboats were sprung in the seams so they leaked faster than they could be bailed out. Two witnesses told of gaping holes in the boats, one saying that women and children were put into a boat that had a hole six inches across in its side. Captain Only Member Of Staff On Hand

None of the witnesses saw any officers except the captain on deck while the crew was making vain attempts to launch the boats. There was one hearsay report of an individual instance of mutiny in which an officer was said to have drawn a pistol which a negro member wrenched from his grasp and threw overboard.

The survivors testified at the opening session of the federal inquiry before United States Commissioner Francis O'Neil conducted by United States Attorney Charles Tuttle and four assistants. Today's witnesses were all passengers, beginning with Frederick W. Puppe, whose wife and seven months old baby were lost when the ship sank, and ending with Carlo Quiron, chancellor of the Argentine consulate general at Washington. Tomorrow officers, and members of the crew of the Vestris will be called.

What I want to find out," he said, "is whether charges are true that American citizens were needlessly broken off through negligence. If anybody's negligence has cost the lives of American citizens those people will be called to account by this office. We'll talk about jurisdiction later."

The first and most dramatic witness was Puppe. In a broken voice choking up the times and once breaking off his testimony to remove his spectacles and polish them—Puppe told how he stood with his wife and baby on the sharply sloping deck of the Vestris Monday forenoon and anxiously scanned the horizon for the steamers we were absolutely sure must have been called to our help.

"Suddenly, though we heard no orders and though no officers were in sight," he said, "the crew began to take down the lifeboats. You could see that none of them had even tried to lower a life boat before. They ran from one boat to another, taking things from one and putting them into another. I didn't realize what this meant, but later I discovered. At night, when we were out in the lifeboat, we saw that there were flares in some of the other boats, though just a faint glow.

Gale On Pacific Causes Havoc In Shipping Circles

Portland Vessel Sustains Damage

Chicagoans Have Very Warm Spell

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Word of toll taken by the Pacific coast storm was received here today by the Merchants Exchange, in reports which said that the Portland-owned steam schooner Ernest H. Meyer lost her deckload, mainmast and one or more lifeboats, and that her Dorothy Winterme had lost her deckload, while door and ventilators were carried away.

The Ernest H. Meyer left the Columbia river last Tuesday for San Francisco. She was reported today off Mendocino, feeling out her course.

The Dorothy Winterme left out last Monday for Los Angeles.

Homecoming Is Set For Today

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CHICAGO, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The mildest November 15 in the history of the Chicago weather bureau greeted Chicagoans today when the temperature soared to 68 at 1 p. m. The warmest November day on record here was November 7, 1915, when the temperature touched 75.

Commission Will Select Textbooks

Members of the state textbooks commission will meet here Monday to select one-third of the textbooks to be used in the public schools of Oregon, outside of Portland, during the next two years. It was said that proposals already have been received from more than 30 textbook publishing companies.

Subjects in which the texts are up for change in the grades this year are drawing, history, language and physiology, writing, and the dictionaries. High school subjects involved are botany, chemistry, domestic art, domestic science, Latin, physics, physiology, stenography and typewriting.

The defendants successfully entering the demurrers were Dave and Ben Getzoff, named as "fixers" who obtained the bribes alleged to have been passed by defendants in the Julian Petroleum fraud cases; Ed and Jack Rosenberg, two of the Julian defendants who won dismissals and acquittals of their cases and Charles Reimer, special investigator under District Attorney Keyes.

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HONOLULU, T. H., Nov. 15.—(AP)—The Venice Maru, bound from Portland to Kobe, limped into Honolulu port today with a cracked tiller. The ship's fuel was nearly exhausted after battling a storm in the Pacific. It will take two days to make the repairs.

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DETROIT, Nov. 15.—(Special)—The Chevrolet motor company is about to desert the four-cylinder field and manufacture six-cylinder automobiles exclusively, according to information given out unofficially here today. It was indicated that the official announcement would be made Friday.

Tramp Indicted On Death Charge

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EUGENE, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—Joseph L. McDaniel, 22, of Clatsop county, was indicted by the grand jury here today on a charge of first degree murder, in connection with the death of A. E. McGrew, Southern Pacific brakeman. McDaniel was arrested by a posse after McGrew had been stabbed to death when he attempted to put several tramps off the train. McDaniel is said by police to have admitted "having a fight" with the brakeman.

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WASHINGTON, Nov. 15.—(AP)—The gayest White House social function of the year, the diplomatic reception to which more than 2,000 people had been invited to meet President and Mrs. Coolidge, took place tonight. Arranged in the order of the seniority of the embassies and legations, the diplomats, dressed in their gold embroidered uniforms with swords at their sides and plumed hats in their hands, were received by the chief executive. In addition, numerous other prominent guests had been invited.

STORM THREATENS
BEND, Ore., Nov. 15.—(AP)—A new snow storm appeared to be brewing in the summit country of the Three Sisters divide at sunset tonight.

David Campbell Obtains Unusual Musical Effects

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For the pleasure of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence S. Hamilton's guests, David Campbell created the surge of the sea, the beat of lanting rain, the soft glow of moonlight and quiet waters, the rush and sweep of wind, and the languid flight of dainty butterflies from the keyboard of the big piano on the Elliotts stage Thursday night. The noted Portland pianist, cousin of Mrs. Hamilton, gave the finest informal program presented in Salem so far this season.

In his inimitable manner, Mr. Campbell combined his offerings with descriptions replete with humor and vivid imagery. The number of the grand concert of Nature expressed in musical art, and Mr. Campbell had arranged that a co-ordinated whole that was once unique and highly entertaining.

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