

Dr. Lela Hunt Peters, whose articles appear daily in the Statesman, is a recognized authority on diet and health.

Rain today changing to snow; Much colder tonight. Max. temperature Friday 65. Min. 36. Wind 1.2; Rainfall .06; Wind north.

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JURY TAKEN TO CHICKEN RANCH BY NORTHGOTT

Defendant in Murder Trial Faces Task of Building Own Defense

Prosecution Completes Case Without Calling Its Star Witnesses

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott tonight was faced with the task of producing testimony to disprove a towering mass of evidence upon which the state will base its demand that he be hanged for the slaying of Lewis and Nelson Winslow and an unidentified Mexican lad.

Neither Jessie Clark, sister of Sanford Clark, the 15 year old boy whose story of alleged atrocities at Northcott's Wineville chicken ranch set the police on his young uncle's trail, nor Cyrus Northcott, Gordon Stewart's 62-year-old father, were placed on the stand.

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Corvallis Man Gets Interest In Statesman

C. A. Sprague Joins Present Publishers as Manager On February 1

C. A. Sprague, co-publisher of the Corvallis Gazette-Times, who on January 1 acquired a substantial interest in the Statesman Publishing Co., completed plans Friday for removing to Salem with his family on February 1.

The new member of the Statesman and its allied enterprises, being associated in the corporation with Sheldon F. Sackett and Earl C. Brownlee.

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HUBBY AND POLICE SUBDUED ACTRESS

Alma Rubens Runs Amuck With Paper Knife; is Taken to Sanitarium

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Alma Rubens, motion picture actress, was reported "resting nicely" at a sanitarium here tonight after she had been subdued and taken there by her husband, Ricardo Cortez, screen actor, and police.

Miss Rubens broke away from Dr. E. F. Myers and an assistant, who were taking her to the sanitarium, after the doctor reported, she had struck him in the face several times with a paper knife.

Mrs. A. Driscoll, an aunt of Miss Rubens, living at the Rubens-Cortez bungalow apartment, said that the screen actress had suffered a complete breakdown due to the overtaxing of her strength in completing a picture.

Senator Assured Of Cooperation On River Project

Assurance was received Friday by J. F. Ulrich, president of the Salem Realty board, from Senator Charles L. McNary that the senator will cooperate fully in the effort to obtain an adequate channel in the Willamette river between Salem and Portland.

OLD KING WINTER GRIPS MID-WEST

CHICAGO, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Winter was monarch of the country today as the Rocky mountains to the Atlantic seaboard.

His domain was swept by swirling snowstorms, gnawing gales, sleet and rain as sub-zero temperatures settled over a large part of the territory with the usual supplement of accidents, injuries and deaths.

A passenger airplane was forced down in the drifting snow between Salt Lake City and Elko, Nev., and six airplanes were sent out under the leadership of Lieut. Russell Maughan, dawn-to-dusk flier, in search. It was feared the survivors would not be able to survive many hours in the frigid weather if they were any distance from habitation.

A rural mail carrier, his horse and wagon, were swept by high winds from the highway near Morris, Ill., and at Gary, Ind., another was killed when his truck was hit by a train, while out in Utah an engine and two cars of an Oregon short line passenger train were buried under a 15-foot snowdrift. No one was injured on the train.

Concerted Effort Made By Farm Group to Get Full Tariff Protection

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover's campaign promise to aid agriculture through the tariff apparently has given impetus to an organized effort on the part of farm groups to see higher protection of nearly every commodity in this section of the tariff act.

Cross examination of Shorthill developed the increase in tariff on farm products to the level of protection afforded manufactured products would be of little assistance if the duties on the latter were increased.

COOLIDGE ASKS ELIMINATION OF TIME PROVISION

President Supports Senator Borah; Senate Fight Looms Probable

White House Occupant Denies Motive is to Open Peace Negotiations

WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—A heated controversy in the senate over striking from the pending cruiser construction bill of a clause to require a start on the program within two years was indicated today when it became known that President Coolidge still is insistent upon its elimination.

It became known late today that the president holds the opinion that the time clause should be eliminated because of budget considerations and not because he objects to immediate building of the cruisers.

Further it was ascertained that Mr. Coolidge sees little practical good in the amendment of Senator Borah, of Idaho, accepted to the bill yesterday, proposing an international conference for the codification of maritime law.

The president's views on the time clause were turned down by (Turn to Page 10, Please.)

Oscar Underwood Famous Political Light, Passes On

Lingering Illness Proves Fatal to Noted Leader Among Democrats

By JAMES L. WILLIAMS Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Oscar W. Underwood, of Alabama, one of the notable political leaders of his time, died today at Woodlawn, his country home in nearby Virginia where he had retired at the end of a public career which had seen his name repeatedly brought forward for the presidential nomination of the democratic party.

Death came at 11:15 o'clock this morning in the massive brick structure overlooking the Potomac river and the George Washington shrine at Mount Vernon. The former senator had been unconscious for two days and his death had been expected since yesterday.

His family however, had withheld notice of his condition until the last, hopeful that he would rally.

Even his former colleagues in the senate and the house, in both of which he had served as leader of his party, were unaware of the gravity of his illness.

Mr. Underwood died as a result of a cerebral hemorrhage suffered early in December. Two weeks later he had a stroke of paralysis from which he rallied for a time, giving rise to a belief that he might recover.

KAISER AVERS GERMANY NOT GUILTY IN WAR

Official Statement Issued by Former Ruler on Eve of Birthday

Preliminary Treaty at Close of Conflict Violated, He Asserts

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER Chief of the Berlin Bureau of the Associated Press DOORN, Holland, Jan. 25.—(AP)—On the eve of his 70th birthday, former Emperor Wilhelm II, speaking through a friend and co-worker, Baron Ulrich von Sell, gave the chief of the Berlin bureau of the Associated Press, who visited Doorn, an interview.

The former emperor himself, however, dictated a foreword which he signed, in placing this foreword in the hands of the correspondent, Baron von Sell described it thus:

"Foreword of His Majesty, the Kaiser and King, for an interview to be published January 26, 1929, which I have given the chief representative of the Berlin bureau of the Associated Press with the approval of His Majesty."

"To promote the welfare of the German people and to preserve the peace in the world—this has ever been the supreme law governing my actions. In the firm faith in God the all just, I therefore hope to live to see the day that shall free us Germans from the burden of the false accusation of having unleashed the greatest of all wars."

In the interview the former emperor speaking through Baron von Sell, declared that "the preliminary treaty of November 5, 1918," bearing directly on the reparations problem, had been broken and that he had observed with satisfaction that the thefts of Germany's sole guilt for the war was becoming more and more untenable.

He denied German cruelty in the conduct of the world war.

The former ruler of Germany has grown very shy of publicity. He does not now even receive German correspondents or approved monarchist views. The most that can be obtained from him is a prepared statement handed out through a third person, or an authorized interview had with someone in his confidence.

2 DIE, ONE BLINDED IN AUTO COLLISION

ALBANY, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Blamed for the deaths of two youths and the blinding of a girl, 20, in an automobile accident here late last night was officially placed on Delbert Ackerman, 22, dead driver of the car today following a coroner's investigation.

Charles Maring, 19, of Albany, an occupant of the automobile machine, tonight was reported near death.

The Ackerman car collided head on with another driven by Catherine Irvin, of Corvallis. Miss Evelyn Pike was permanently blinded by driver's headlights. Charles Yoakum and Miss Irvine were seriously injured.

But One Doctor Left With King George, Report

LONDON, Jan. 25.—(AP)—For the first time throughout the illness of King George only one doctor, Lord Dawson of Penn, tonight was in attendance upon his majesty. Although no medical bulletin was issued, it was stated that the king's progress was being maintained.

Friday In Washington

(By the Associated Press) Former Senator Underwood of Alabama died at his home near Washington.

Kaiser's 70th Birthday



Ceremonies reminiscent of the old days in the palace at Berlin have characterized festivities attendant to the seventieth birthday, January 27, of former Kaiser Wilhelm, at Doorn, Holland, where he lives in exile with his second wife, the Princess Hermine. German generals, representatives, war veterans and Field Marshal von Mackensen have made the trip to Doorn to pay him homage, but the birthday itself has been reserved for a reunion with his sons, daughters and grandchildren. Upper left, a recent photo; right, his wife, Below, Wilhelm and the princess walking at Doorn, and, right, the Kaiser at the height of his power, in 1915.

Facts and Gossip . . . Brief Bits of News and Belief Gathered Here and There in Legislative Halls.

Health and accident insurance salesmen flocked to the chamber of the house of representatives Friday morning, upon hearing that Representative Robison of Clatsop county, in an attempt to open his desk, more or less seriously injured his forehead.

Prayer was offered at the opening of the house of representatives this morning by Dr. Ernest S. Hammond of the Kimball School of Theology.

One solution for the financial situation of Oregon is seen in a bill before the house as a result of the work of the Property Tax relief commission. It proposes to put property of municipally owned public utilities on the assessment rolls, and would yield \$125,000 each year according to some figures, and as much as \$600,000 according to others.

DR. JENKINS MADE BISHOP OF NEVADA

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Dr. Thomas Jenkins of McMinnville, Ore., general missionary of the Episcopal diocese of Oregon, today became bishop of Nevada at the age old services originating in the first century of the Episcopacy.

Church dignitaries from the entire Pacific coast attended the ceremonies, the first of its kind ever conducted here.

City Officials Prime Big Guns for Attack on Plans For Property Tax Relief

Officials of cities and counties in Oregon were reported Friday to be priming their heaviest guns for an attack next week on the program, characterized by many of them as paternalistic, revealed by the property tax relief commission Friday morning when it introduced a long series of bills in the house of representatives designed to limit and provide state supervision over the financial activities of the smaller governmental units.

The first of these bills, H. B. 231, proposes to limit the bonded indebtedness of all municipal corporations to 10 per cent of the assessed value of property, and to limit all bond debt on any tract of land at one time, to 33 per cent of the assessed valuation.

PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Thomas G. Masaryk, president of Czechoslovakia, today signed a treaty of ratification of the Kellogg pact.

SENATE SPEED INCREASES TO GAIN HOLIDAY

Important Measure Provides For Appointment of Alternate Jurors

Norblad Measure Would Abolish Park Board for Astoria's Good

Speeding up toward a noon-hour adjournment, the state senate Friday morning approved three state bills on third reading, gave the same treatment to 12 house bills and passed a half dozen amendments and resolutions, in addition to receiving 10 new bills.

One of the most important of the bills passed provides for alternate jurors in criminal cases. Appointment of a maximum of two alternate jurors is within the discretion of the presiding judge.

The senate also approved a bill introduced by President Norblad authorizing abolishment of park boards and transferring the duties of these boards to municipalities.

Approval of the bill would cancel interest on delinquent taxes and penalties on delinquent taxes on property acquired by the state, was authorized in a bill introduced by Senator E. F. Bailey and approved by the senate. Senator Bailey said that this law would prove more than 100 times as important to the state bonus commission and the state land board.

The senate adopted a house joint memorial introduced by the Marion county delegation authorizing the appointment of a committee of three senators to confer with Salem officials with relation to the sale of certain state lands for airport purposes. The committee is composed of Senators Kiddle, Bailey and Reynolds.

HOOVER SPENDS DAY UPON OCEAN FISHING

KEY LARGO, Fla., Jan. 25.—(AP)—President-elect Hoover had another day of deep sea fishing somewhere south of here today, but no word has come ashore as to what luck he has had since he "lost" himself off the Florida coast yesterday.

Present expectations are that he will be back all tomorrow and return to Belle Isle in Biscayne Bay during the forenoon Sunday, landing his "catch" from the yacht Amite upon arrival at the J. C. Penney estate, his vacation home in Florida.

Secret service men are still being kept at a distance and even they had no information about Hoover except that he was somewhere off the coast, either fishing in the remote Keys to the south or on the edge of the Gulf Stream, the two favorite grounds for anglers who know these waters.

Upon his return to shore the president-elect will learn that Alfred E. Smith, his opponent in the presidential race, is expected to visit Miami early next week, making his headquarters at a hotel at Coral Gables, a few miles south of the city.

Italian Vessel Sends Distress Calls For Help

NEW YORK, Jan. 25.—(AP)—The Radio Marine corporation tonight intercepted an SOS from the Italian steamship Capo Vado which gave her position as longitude 31.23 west latitude 40.46 north.

The Capo Vado, of 2,713 net tons, was en route from Catania, Sicily, to Baltimore. She is owned by the Genoese Steamship Navigation company of Genoa.

Passenger Dies PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—An unidentified passenger on a trolley car dropped dead here today. No marks of identification were found on the body.

Officers of Western Division Plan Meet PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 25.—(AP)—Officers of the division staff of the forty-first division, composed of National guard troops from Oregon, Washington, Idaho, Montana and Wyoming, will assemble here tomorrow afternoon for the semi-annual conference.

Czechoslovakia Head Signs Peace Treaty PRAGUE, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 25.—(AP)—Thomas G. Masaryk, president of Czechoslovakia, today signed a treaty of ratification of the Kellogg pact.