

WEATHER
Generally cloudy today; moderate temperature; unsettled. Max. temperature Saturday 58; Min. 38; River 2.5; Wind southwest.

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REBELS LEAVE TORREON CITY FEDERALISTS SAY

Escobar Declared Trying to Flee Northwest While Calles Approaches
Both Opposing Camps Giving Out Optimistic Reports on Mexican War

EL PASO, Mar. 16.—(AP)—A declaration that "the rebels are bottled up at Torreon, with the only possible outlet to escape being towards Chihuahua and with the federal forces making every effort to cut the railroad lines north to Torreon to force the revolutionists to fight at Torreon was made here tonight by Mexican Consul General Enrique Lilekens.

EL PASO, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Mrs. Concha Escobar, wife of General J. Gonzalo Escobar, commander-in-chief of the Mexican revolutionists, entered the United States here late today. She was accompanied by her son, and by Mrs. Antonio Villarreal, wife of a general and Mrs. Jose Cuelo.

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Ateger reports reaching here today indicated that rebel General Gonzalo Escobar and his forces are evacuating Torreon, spearhead of their earlier southward drive and their last important stronghold in central Mexico. Aviators report

The government report of this movement was based on observations by aviators. The evacuation had been predicted in government bulletins for several days. Today's news is true it would indicate that Escobar has decided that the five federal columns converging on Torreon are too strong for his troops. The government has said that about 30,000 federal troops and federal aviators engaged in this campaign, while Escobar is reported to have only 5,000 followers, part of whom are not well equipped.

Capture of the revolutionary headquarters at rebel headquarters and the rebels are reported evacuating the city in the latest government communique from Mexico City.

Federal aviators informed their headquarters that Rebel Commander Escobar was moving his troops to the Torreon railroad station and preparing to abandon the stronghold.

PROGRESS IS MADE UPON REPARATIONS

PARIS, Mar. 16.—(AP)—The fifth week of efforts by the international committee studying revision of reparations payments to discover the final solution of the problem has ended with much done toward compromise between Germany and her creditors on questions of how much must be paid and in how many years, but with nothing tangible accomplished so far as definite decisions go.

Much has been achieved toward setting up machines for the future.

Germany and her creditors are now only 400,000,000 marks apart on the annuities figure in place of a billion and a half marks at the outset, soon after Dr. Schacht's returns from Berlin it became known that he had settled down to a real business talk regarding the figures with allied experts.

The best information available indicates that annuities under the new plan will begin at some figure under 2,000,000,000 marks and, if the allies have their way, will increase progressively in proportion to increase of war debt annuities.

A part of this annuity, which is still to be determined but is estimated in French circles at a billion marks, will be considered applicable to reparations and payable unconditionally for 37 years, when it will have been amortized.

Rehabilitation to Present Real Problem After Last Of Flood Waters Subside

ELBA, Ala., Mar. 16.—(AP)—Rehabilitation problems and caring for the refugees, many of whom have yet to be taken from the hospitals, was uppermost in the minds of the last three days rapidly coursed their way toward the Gulf of Mexico.

Dawes to Great Britain?



Despite the recent declaration of former Vice President Charles G. Dawes, left, that he is through with public life, he is now being considered as a possible successor to Ambassador Houghton, right, as ambassador to Great Britain. Ambassador Houghton has already made plans to retire from the diplomatic service.

ENDURANCE FLIGHT RECORD IS SOUGHT

Louise McPhetridge, Present Holder of World Title, After New Mark

OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 16.—(AP)—Plying towards a new endurance aviation record for women, Louise McPhetridge passed her seven-hour slot at 10:51 tonight over the Oakland airport.

OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 16.—(AP)—With the motor of her sturdy biplane roaring steadily over the municipal airport here tonight, Louise McPhetridge, holder of the women's airplane altitude record, had been aloft 4 hours and 24 minutes at 8:15 o'clock in her attempt to break the women's endurance record held by Miss Bobby Trout of Los Angeles.

OAKLAND, Cal., Mar. 16.—(AP)—Louise McPhetridge, holder of the women's airplane altitude record, took off at 3:51 o'clock this afternoon from the municipal airport here in an attempt to break the women's endurance flight record of 17 hours, 5 minutes, 37 seconds held by Miss Bobby Trout of Los Angeles.

GRANGERS DISCUSS NEW TAX MEASURES

Dr. A. Slaughter of Portland, master of Salem Grange No. 17, gave the principal talk before the group at the monthly meeting Saturday afternoon in Labor hall, dwelling largely on the tax measures passed at the recent legislative session. He talked chiefly on the excise, property relief and tax measures, though other works of the solons were mentioned.

Girls Hitch-Hike Way to Tacoma

Miss Marcel Fuesman and Miss Leah Fanning, students at Williamsport university, will spend part of their spring vacation "on the road." The girls left here Friday planning to hike to Tacoma where they will visit Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Acheson, formerly of the Jackson Lee church here. The girls rode as far as Portland in company with Rev. and Mrs. Harry Gardner and Miss Dorothy Whipple, the latter being on her way to spend her vacation with her parents at Vancouver.

PIONEER OF 1853 DIES AT AGE OF 89

Mrs. Catherine Pugh, who came to Marion county with her father in 1853, died suddenly at the family home at 441 North 18th street Saturday evening. Death was due to apoplexy. She was 89 years old.

ROYALTY EVICTED

MOSCOW, March 16.—(AP)—Two grandchildren of the former Grand Duke Constantine Constantinovitch were evicted today from a Moscow apartment for nonpayment of rent. These descendants of the former imperial family had to seek shelter at the home of friends.

HOOVER MAKES FINE RECORD IN FIRST 2 WEEKS

Protection of Oil Reserves and Abolishment of Tax Secrecy Effectuated

Full Publicity Will be Given Refunds From Treasury, President Asserts

By RICHARD L. TURNER Associated Press Staff Writer WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Although the week just past was but the second of the Hoover administration, the force of the ideas which the new chief executive brought to the White House is being felt throughout much of the governmental organization.

Irish Chief Sends Word To America

DUBLIN, Irish Free State, Mar. 16.—(AP)—President William T. Cosgrove today gave the Associated Press the following message for the people of America on St. Patrick's day. It was signed with the Gaelic form of his name, Liam T. MacCosgair.

"On St. Patrick's day hosts of Ireland's thought take wing across the oceans carrying her children's and friends' message of gratitude and confident call of their fealty and friendship.

"The whole system is based upon wrong theory," said Senator Borah today. "I have given much time to the investigation and consideration of the so-called spy, or undercover, system in our penitentiaries. It is my judgment it can not be justified upon any theory of law or of practice or of expediency. General Mitchell is a great lawyer, trained in law from childhood and, basing my opinion upon this fact, I predict that the system will be discontinued."

ALLEGED RUM RING TO BE PROSECUTED

SACRAMENTO, Cal., Mar. 16.—(AP)—Five alleged members of a powerful liquor ring operating along the Pacific coast today were indicted by the federal grand jury for violation of the federal prohibition law in the first case of the statute since the enactment of the Jones bill.

Roy Killion Sent Back to Oregon

FRESNO, Cal., March 16.—(AP)—Roy Killion, who entered a plea of guilty in the U. S. district court here to violation of the Mann act, was turned over to Oregon authorities today for prosecution as a parole violator. Killion was charged with bringing Ernie Clark to California from Oregon.

Olympia Quintet Wins Hoop Title

SEATTLE, Mar. 16.—(AP)—For the second time in history a west side team captured the Washington state high school basketball championship when the powerful Olympia quintet defeated North Central of Rockaway 28 to

Medford Team Is Winner Of State Championship; Steadiness Big Factor

Captains and Cups Depart



Medford bore home the largest trophy while Astoria lugged the next honor down the river. To Washington high went consolation honors. Left to right: Runner-up, championship and consolation trophies.

BORAH HITS SYSTEM OF SECRET AGENTS

Senator Flays Methods Used to Obtain Evidence Upon Prison Conditions

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Severely condemning the use of "under cover" agents in the federal penitentiaries, Senator Borah, republican, Idaho, in a statement today predicted that the new attorney-general, William D. Mitchell, would discontinue the practice.

M'NARY OUTLINES VIEWS ON FARM AID

Oregon Senator From Salem Speaks With Smith of South Carolina

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—Senators McNary of Oregon and Smith of South Carolina, who shortly will take prominent parts in the drafting of farm relief legislation at the special session of congress tonight turned to the radio to give their views to the country.

McNary, chairman of the senate agriculture committee, and Smith, the ranking democratic committee member, disclosed their views through the National Radio Forum, a nationwide hookup arranged by the Washington Evening Star.

Bit 'o Green For Honor of Old St. Pat

We'll be wearin' o' the green this morning in memory of old St. Patrick "hissel," who do be protectin' all we colleens and laddies throughout the year through.

Film Actor Weds Canadian Woman

HOLLYWOOD, March 16.—(AP)—Bryant Washburn, motion picture actor, was married here today to Miss Dahlia Peers of Toronto, Ont., known to the screen world as Virginia Vance. This was Washburn's second marriage.

Musicians Union Is Hit by Talkies

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Union musicians met here today to decide what retaliatory measures may be taken against the talkies. The situation became acute tonight when another San Francisco theatre, the Castro, discharged union musicians after talking pictures had been installed.

FLOODS SWEEP FLORIDA TOWN; 4 HOUSES LEFT

Inhabitants Believed Safe as Warnings Issued and All Flee From Homes

Death Toll Mounts in Lower Mississippi Valley With 20,000 Threatened

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 16.—(AP)—Flood waters that engulfed several southeastern Alabama towns late tonight had begun to subside and rescue work apparently was nearing a successful termination.

PENSACOLA, Fla., March 16.—(AP)—Flood waters here forced relief workers in the northwest Florida flood zone tonight, said that the town of Milligan, Fla., was being swept away by the highest water ever recorded on the Yellow river.

The approximately 500 inhabitants of the town, warned here of the coming floods had moved out in advance of the rushing tides and were safe in a school house out of the inundated area, Salvation Army workers reported.

The Salvation Army workers said residents of the town expressed the belief that the entire town would be swept away by the river, which although at the highest stage any of them remembers, still was rising tonight.

Only four dwellings were left on the town site, report said, and added that these had been swept from their foundations.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., March 16.—(AP)—Unprecedented torrents which raged seaward between Alabama's two watersheds tonight were a handicap to the relief agencies affected by flood waters. Clear weather, however, was aiding the rescue workers, who had helped thousands to safe ground during the past 24 hours.

While only 13 bodies had been recovered estimates here were that the fatalities would run into the scores.

The greatest immediate emergency tonight appeared to exist in the neighborhood of Geneva and Elba, in the Choctawhatchee-Chattahoochee watershed, but many other towns in that valley, as well as Brewton, Garland, and several other communities, were flooded and in great need of food and medical supplies.

Elba, with water from Pea river, Choctawhatchee tributary, 25 feet deep in its main sections, was the scene of a great exodus.

CAPITAL SHOCKED AT LIQUOR SEIZURE

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—Diplomatic Washington shocked today by the first shoe over the seizure by the police of 60 cases of diplomatic liquors consigned to the Siamese legation and speculated on the prospect of a test being made of the case to determine once and for all the rights of diplomats to any liquor they may desire to import.

The first inclination of the diplomatic corps had been to regard humorously the seizure of the liquor. Its subsequent delivery to the legation by the police and the arrest of the private driver and his helper, after a night of sleeping on the subject, however, the realization came that the case might be of vast benefit to the corps.

Control Board Lauds Salem's Tournay Support

In view of doubts cast upon the attitude of Salem citizens toward the state tournament in newspapers and elsewhere prior to the opening of this year's event, the following statement was issued Saturday night:

"The board of control of the Oregon High School Athletic association wishes thus publicly to thank the good citizens of Salem for their support in this tenth annual tournament. (Signed) W. J. Mishler, president, Board of Control."

Lindbergh Maps Out New Air Route to Cross U. S. In But Thirty Six Hours Time

PITTSBURGH, March 16.—(AP)—The Sun-Telegram, in a copyrighted story tomorrow, will say that it has learned authoritatively that Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh is working out plans for a coast to coast air-mail passenger service with a traveling time of 36 hours between New York and Los Angeles.