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WEATHER
Fair today. Foggy. Somewhat colder. Northerly wind. Max. temperature Monday 64; Min. 37. River 2. No rain. Rain Sunday 31.

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CITY OFFICIAL IS SLAIN WHEN FUNDS MISSED

Murder Declared Cause of Max M. Beaver's Death; Inquiry Launched

Mayor of Salt Lake Sending Emissary to Interview Mystery Witness

SALT LAKE CITY, Mar. 18. (AP)—A coroner's jury late today brought in a verdict that Max M. Beaver, Salt Lake City treasurer, was murdered. Beaver was found dead in the apartment of E. J. Colvin, city dog tax collector, soon after a shortage in the treasurer's office had been revealed by auditors. The verdict held that Beaver met death "by a person or persons unknown."

While the inquest was in progress today, an emissary of Mayor John F. Bowman was speeding to Los Angeles in an airplane to interview a witness whom the mayor expects can throw some light on the shortage in the treasurer's office. Bowman refused to reveal the name of the mystery witness. "Someone Else," Is Guilty, Suggestions

The witness, said to be a former city official, is reported to have quoted Beaver as saying: "An audit won't matter so much to me but it may to someone else."

Earl J. Wixey, secretary to the mayor, said he was in Salt Lake by the mayor's office in a car when he was sent to Los Angeles with the witness to an interview with Beaver.

"My informant," Mayor Bowman said, "tells me by letter that Beaver called on him last fall in Los Angeles and expressed worry over a report that an attempt was being made to secure a general audit of the city treasurer's accounts."

Mayor Bowman quoted the witness as saying that he advised Beaver to forget the audit and try to regain his health.

HARDY'S COUNSEL ARGUES DEFENSE

SACRAMENTO, Mar. 18. (AP)—Counsel for Carlos S. Hardy of Los Angeles on trial for impeachment by the state senate for alleged misdemeanors in office in connection with the alleged kidnapping of Almee Semple McPherson attacked four of the five articles of impeachment today, on grounds that no criminal offense was committed.

Objection to the sufficiency of five articles contained in the bill of impeachment filed by the assembly was presented by Rex Hardy, son of the judge and one of his corp of defense attorneys and by Ray E. Nimmo, Los Angeles lawyer.

Sufficiency of the fifth article of impeachment, charging Judge Hardy with misconduct of the trial of William Edward Hickman executed slayer of Marlon Parker of Los Angeles will be attacked by Frank M. Carr, another Hardy attorney as the senate reconvenes as a high court of impeachment tomorrow.

Bottle Thrown At Sen. Hefflin By Anti-Kluxers

BROCKTON, Mass., Mar. 18. (AP)—A bottle thrown at the automobile of United States Senator J. Thomas Hefflin as he was leaving a hall here tonight struck and injured police Sergeant Stephen J. Ryan. Senator Hefflin, speaking under the auspices of Mayflower Klan No. 2, Realm of Massachusetts, by Klux Klan, was greeted with jeers, but there was no other disturbance.

Spring Opening Comes Near As Merchants Give Tickets For Treasure Hunt Contest

Spring—with its ever changing yet ever appealing attractions for young and old alike—will be officially ushered into Salem Thursday night, March 21, when the Salem Advertising club with the cooperation of the city's merchants, sponsors the annual Spring Opening of store windows and the accompanying celebration.

From shortly after 7 o'clock, when the combined bands of Salem high school and Parish high school will begin a program on State street until the final dance has been enjoyed at the Crystal Gardens, the evening will be one of continued merriment.

At 7:30 o'clock on all the streets, windows and various stores will be unveiled to present to the public's attention the finest displays the city has yet seen. New hats and coats, new fabrics and frocks—the new of every description—will be available for the public's viewing.

Co-Ed Stars



Slinging words is a pleasant pastime for most girls, but it is a serious business for these pretty co-eds, who are debaters at the University of Oregon. Top to bottom: Gladys Clauson, Lavina Hicks and Florence McNamee. A busy schedule has been arranged for Oregon debating teams this year.

REBEL FORCES NOW FOUND IN FULL RETREAT

Mexican Uprising Falls When Torreon Stronghold is Hastily Evacuated

Army of General Escobar is Reported 100 Miles to Northward of City

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 18. (AP)—The government tonight announced that some rebel leaders in the north, including Governor Caraveo of Chihuahua, had sued for peace through the Mexican consul at El Paso and had sought to negotiate with the federals for the end of the revolution. President Portes Gil was said to have telegraphed the consul that he could not treat with traitors and that disloyal generals and responsible leaders must face the consequences.

JUAREZ, Chih., Mar. 18. (AP)—General Jose Gonzalo Escobar, commander-in-chief of the Mexican revolutionists who earlier today arrived with his command at Escalon, after having been driven out of Torreon by the Mexican federal army, sent word to rebels here tonight that he expected to meet federal forces in a major engagement within 24 hours.

By The Associated Press
The main army of the Mexican revolutionists was in retreat Monday night 100 miles north of the city.

AMERICAN TROOPS RUSHED TO BORDER

United States Forces Ready to Halt Rebel Attempt to Cross Border

WASHINGTON, Mar. 18. (AP)—Movement of more American troops to the Mexican border was in progress today presumably with a view of reinforcing American immigration officials as a precautionary step to stem a possible wholesale tide of rebel entry into this country.

Acting on his own authority, Major-General William Lassiter, commander of the 8th army corps area, at San Antonio, ordered a platoon of cavalry from Fort Bliss, El Paso to Columbus, N. M., and directed Brigadier-General George Van H. Moseley, Jr., commander of Fort Bliss, to make an investigation of general conditions at the border city of Columbus.

Officials Careful in Use of U. S. Troops
These orders were communicated to the war department and while no further instructions were sent from Washington the indications were widely divergent.

BOY, 14, IS BADLY HURT BY DYNAMITE

Albert Bragg, 14-year-old Mt. Angel school lad, is in the Deaconess hospital here with the thumb and two fingers off the right hand and one of his eyes pierced so that saving it is despaired of, as a result of a dynamite explosion shortly after 1 o'clock Monday afternoon.

Details of the accident are meagre, but it is believed he was playing with a cap when the explosion occurred. His fingers were torn off, necessitating trimming. Although the boy is suffering some from shock, it is believed that he will recover. Albert is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George White.

Disappearance of Ship's Officer Is Puzzling Matter

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 18. (AP)—The disappearance of Alton S. Gates, third officer of the freighter Horace Luckenbach, at sea will remain one of the unsolved mysteries of the deep in the opinion of Harry Eaton, district manager of the Luckenbach company.

The mate left the wheel house early Friday morning while the vessel was inbound and was never seen after that. A thorough investigation was conducted aboard the ship by Eaton and representatives of the United States department of justice Saturday afternoon.

DEATH BARELY MISSED
PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 18. (AP)—Fred Woodward, Troutdale, narrowly escaped death today when he leaped to safety when a slide of earth and rock buried his truck on the Columbia River highway east of Troutdale. The highway was blocked four hours.

Gun Flashes When 2 Coast Men Meet; Fred L. Fox Killed

NEWPORT, Ore., Mar. 18. (AP)—Fred L. Fox, residing near Harlan, was shot and killed today.

For is said to have been slain by G. S. Neal as the result of a neighborhood quarrel.

Authorities here say that Neal was riding horseback and met Fox driving a wagon to Burntwoods. As Neal approached, according to authorities, Fox leaped from the wagon and hurled vile names at the horseman, at the same time threatening to "beat him up."

Neal endeavored to ride past Fox, according to police, but Fox pulled Neal from the horse. Neal drew a revolver and slew him, then telephone Sheriff Horsfall. Deputy Plank and District Attorney Conrad brought Neal to jail here. An inquest is scheduled tomorrow.

HAROLD COOK ASKS BANKRUPT GRANT

Ex-Assistant to Attorney General Waits Action of Grand Jury

Harold L. Cook, until recently an assistant to the attorney general, and now residing in the Polk county jail to await action of the grand jury, filed a petition in bankruptcy in federal court at Portland Monday, according to word reaching Salem Monday night. Liabilities were listed at \$7286.40 with assets \$219.

Cook was arrested recently on a statutory charge involving a West Salem boy. Failing to produce bail he was placed in the county jail at Dallas. Word from Dallas late Monday indicated that the Polk county grand jury will meet about the last of this month, and either an indication or a not true bill will be returned at that time.

Cook has lived in Salem for many years and for some time was prominent in boy scout activities. He graduated from the Willamette law school in 1926 and was admitted to the bar the same year.

Automatic Morse Machines Bring on Operator Strike

NEW YORK, Mar. 18. (AP)—Installation of automatic telegraph printing machines to replace Morse code instruments and the employment of cheaper labor to work them caused a strike of some of the Morse operators employed by the Wall Street brokerage firm of Logan & Bryan today.

Just how many of the company's 250 Morse operators here and in its thirty branch offices in this country and Canada, had answered the strike call could not be determined accurately for company and union statements were widely divergent.

FLOOD WATERS COVER AREA 10 MILES ACROSS

Alabama River Spreads Until Situation Becomes More Critical Than Ever

Many Reported Clinging to Trees to Escape Death in Raging Torrents

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 18. (AP)—The Alabama river, rising and spreading out until it is 10 miles wide in places, has inundated an area estimated to be several times as large as that flooded last week by the Pea river and its tributaries.

First news of the new dangerous situation in four Alabama counties was brought here today by aviators while plans for rehabilitation of the flood-stricken towns and communities in the Pea river section were being put in execution.

Major W. R. Weaver, commandant of Maxwell field, reported to Governor Bibb Graves that "people were clinging to trees" in the newly flooded area, and the governor himself flew over the section, remaining in the air for three hours. Lieutenant John F. Gill, pilot of another plane estimated the flooded area to be ten times that of the Geneva-Elba district.

Large Proportion of People Are Negroes
Lieutenant Gill said the river is ten miles wide at Primrose, Wilcox county. Primrose is about 40 miles southwest of Selma. It is in a horseshoe formed by the river. No report has been received from Miller's Ferry, five miles west of Primrose which is also on a horseshoe.

Wilcox county is in the heart of the famed black belt section.

WATERS RECEDING IN MANY FLOOD AREAS

Rehabilitation Work Started In South Coast States; Disease is Fought

ATLANTA, Mar. 18. (AP)—Receding waters today improved conditions rapidly in most of the flood swept regions of the south in which the known death list stood at 50 and property damage at several millions of dollars.

Two principal exceptions were noted. One was in the lower reaches of the Flint river, Georgia, and at River Junction, Florida, where the Flint and Chattahoochee rivers join to form the Apalachicola. The other was along the Alabama river east and south of Montgomery, Alabama. There a new flood menace of such proportions was reported to Governor Bibb Graves that he personally inspected.

Salem High Banned From State League As Discipline Act

Order Issued by Athletic Board to Hold Until Fall; Baseball, Track and Tennis Schedules Sure to Suffer

Suspension from the Oregon state high school athletic association for the remainder of the present school year, was the punishment meted out to the Salem high school for the action of some of its students in threatening two members of the district board with a "ducking" recently.

Definite information that the suspension was voted by the board of control of the state association when it met here last Saturday, was released to The Statesman Monday night for the reason that announcement of the ruling was mailed that afternoon to other high schools in the state. The board had at first intended not to release the information until after its letter was in the hands of Salem school authorities. The letter is expected to reach Principal J. C. Nelson of the high school this morning.

The suspension was voted, members of the state board said, not in any spirit of enmity against the local school, but in order to protect the interests of orderly athletics in all of the schools. When told of the board's action, Principal Nelson said that it was less severe than he had been led to expect, as rumors were current here Monday that the suspension had been for an entire year.

Nelson Unaware of "Trial Hearing"
While declining to comment as to the justice of the punishment.

HAMILTON NAMED TO HEAD STATE GROUP

R. T. Bishop Vice President of Organization; Ide to be Manager

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 18. (AP)—R. S. Hamilton of Bend was named president of the Oregon state chamber of commerce today when the organization conducted its annual meeting. A banquet tonight closed the session.

Other officers elected are: R. T. Bishop, Portland, first vice president; L. D. Drake, Astoria, second vice president; John F. Daly, Portland, treasurer.

Directors elected from eastern Oregon are: A. C. Miller, Enterprise; Hamilton, Bend; J. E. Akey, Pendleton; from western Oregon: E. W. Murphy, Marshfield; I. E. Vining, Ashland; J. F. Miller, Albany. Daly was re-elected director at large and Julius Meier re-elected director of Multnomah county.

W. G. Ide was retained as manager.

R. E. Shepherd of Jerome, Idaho, principal speaker at the afternoon session, president of the Idaho state chamber of commerce and chairman of the board of the Federal Land bank, Spokane, asked for adherence to the pioneer spirit which prevailed the old Oregon territory and a united effort to develop the resources of the states in which it was divided.

COUNCIL PICKS WILKINSON TO FILL VACANCY

Wenderoth's Post Filled Before Resignation is Submitted

Oden Gets Contract to Put in New Bridge in South Church Street

F. L. Wilkinson, realtor, was elected alderman from the fifth ward following a surprise move by members of the city council at Monday night's meeting to declare the seat of George J. Wenderoth, member of the council for 12 years, vacant because of Wenderoth's removal from the city.

David O'Hara, the other member from the fifth ward, objected to this action, stating that in fairness to Mr. Wenderoth he should be permitted to resign. The resolution declaring the seat vacant, introduced by Alderman Kovitz, carried by a vote of 7 to 1. Acting Mayor Dancy at first ruled that the resolution failed, holding that a majority vote of the entire council was necessary to remove a member. He later changed his ruling when the city attorney failed to find such a provision in the council regulations.

O'Hara Raises Second Objection
Mr. O'Hara also objected to electing an alderman until the people of the ward should have an opportunity to indicate their preference, but was again overruled. Mr. Wilkinson was the only nominee, his name being placed before the council by Alderman Johnson.

The vote was seven for Wilkinson and four for C. E. Albin. Another argument arose over whether a majority of the council or a majority of those present was necessary to elect; but this was settled by the declaration that Mr. Wilkinson was elected.

F. L. Oden, Salem builder, was awarded the contract to erect the new Veterans hospital.

EAKER FORCED TO QUIT LONG FLIGHT

Dawn-to-Dusk Hop Panama to Texas Fails; Flyer Lands at Tampico

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 18. (AP)—Word was received here tonight that Captain Ira C. Eaker, balked on his second attempt to make a dawn to dusk flight between Brownsville, Texas, and the Canal Zone, had landed safely at 6:30 o'clock tonight. He will spend the night there and resume his flight to Brownsville tomorrow.

Brownsville, Tex., Mar. 18. (AP)—Captain Ira C. Eaker abandoned his attempted dawn-to-dusk flight from Panama to Brownsville stopping at Tampico at 6:30 o'clock tonight, the naval radio station here was informed just before 8 o'clock tonight. No reason was given.

Eaker was in good condition, the information said, and would resume his flight probably tomorrow.

Eaker brought his little Boeing plane safely to rest on the Huasteca Oil company field at Tampico, and will remain there tonight, starting on the 200-mile hop to Brownsville early tomorrow.

Two thousand persons who had gathered to welcome the intrepid flyer here slowly deserted the field when announcement of his landing was made. Elaborate plans for a celebration to honor Eaker had been made.

This makes the second failure by Captain Eaker within a few days to span the distance between Brownsville and the canal in a dawn to dusk flight. His first try was the southbound effort several days ago, which was defeated by bad weather conditions.

Here's News To Cheer! Only 10 Now Are In Jail

Population of the Marion county jail dropped to 10 Monday, only four above the low record that was established April 1 of last year. The previous record low record was 12, reached Friday of last week. This record was the lowest since April 6, 1928, when there were 12 confined in the jail.

Three men were released Monday after the population of the jail had risen to 13. Albert M. Jackson, facing a charge of non-support, was released on his own recognizance after he had appeared before Justice of the Peace Small. His case was continued until 4 p. m. today. J. H. Childs, against whom a similar charge had been filed, was released. H. L. Williams, had check artist, was sentenced to one year in prison and paroled to B. W. Macy, his attorney.



Central Press telephoto, above, of the wreckage of the White Triplex racing car at Daytona Beach, Fla., snapped just after Lee Bible, who piloted the machine, met death, after losing control of the car and crashing into a sand dune near the finish line. Bible had been clocked speeding at a rate of 202 miles an hour. Below is a view of the finish line where Bible lost control of the car. The car in the lower picture is driven by Major H. O. D. Segrave, English racer, who set a mark of 221 miles an hour on the course three days previous.