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# The Oregon Statesman

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## WEATHER

Generally cloudy and cool today. Northwest winds. Max. temperature Saturday 50; min. 33. River 21; Rain 0.0. Wind light.

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## MORE THAN 35 DEAD IN FIERCE STORM, FLOOD

5 Missing and Believed Lost in Swollen Streams of Southern Waters  
Thirteen Rescued of Party of 21 Boy Scouts; Three Corpses Recovered

ATLANTA, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Tornadoes, rainstorms, and freshet floods which whipped the south from Louisiana to Virginia this week-end tonight had claimed at least 35 lives. Five were missing and probably swept to their death.

The chief of police at Harrison, Tenn., told the Associated Press tonight that 20 persons were drowned in the swollen Emory river, which covered the city to a depth of 30 feet with its churning mountain water.

White creek, near Rockwood, Tenn., caught a party of 21 boy scouts on the roof of a camping bungalow today and swept eight of them down stream before rescuers could reach them with boats. Three bodies were recovered, five were missing, and 13 were rescued.

Many Communities Reported Isolated  
Many Tennessee communities were isolated tonight, as the waters of mountain streams receded after flooding the countryside. Rainstorms over the week-end brought the deluge of flood waters through gorge-like Piedmont river channels.

Three negroes were killed in a tornado at Harrison, Miss., and two negroes met death in a similar disturbance at Plaquemine, La., today. Tornadoes yesterday took the lives of five negro children in a church used for a school at Carrollton, Ala., and a white child at Small Creek, N. C., a farmer was struck dead by lightning at Alpharetta, Ga.

The week-end disturbances came just as rehabilitation of 23,000 homeless had got to a good start among flood ravaged areas of Alabama, Mississippi, Florida and Georgia. The rain storms added

## PYTHIANS' MEETING TO OPEN TUESDAY

The Knights of Pythias of district No. 15, comprising Marion and Polk counties will hold their annual district convention in this city Tuesday, March 26 at Fraternal Temple. As this meeting is open to all Pythians, many hundreds of the triangle fraternity will be in attendance and a well-fashioned get-together and good time is anticipated.

One hundred fifty delegates and the grand lodge officers will participate in the work of the convention; additional to the business session, liberal prizes will be awarded to the winners of the spirited contests in the ritualistic work of chancellor commander in the rank of esquire, prelate in the rank of page and Pythagoras in the knight rank.

District Deputy Grand Chancellor A. L. Larson of Silverton, has planned and worked untiringly to make this event the greatest Pythian meet of the year for the Salem district. A banquet will conclude the festivities.

## Eight Inch Pipe Carries Steady Stream in Test

Pending completion of the tests the Oregon-Washington Water Service company has made no announcement of its findings in connection with the well on Madison street. Persons driving past the well since the test started, have noticed that an eight inch pipe extending from the pump carries a full head of water.

## Hoover Directs Attention To Foreign Relations as H. L. Stimson Takes Office

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—(AP)—With the arrival here Monday of Henry L. Stimson, to take over the office of the secretary of state, President Hoover will turn his attention to the nation's foreign affairs.

Extended conferences with the new cabinet officer are planned. In these Mr. Hoover is expected to thoroughly into numerous problems now facing the government, particularly those of diplomatic appointments and the Root formula for American entrance to the world court.

Since inauguration day, Frank B. Kellogg has continued at the head of the state department, awaiting the coming of his successor who had to make the long journey from the Philippine Islands, where he has served as gov-

## Petition for Inclusion of Several Districts to City Waits on Special Ballot

No Special Election in Oregon Probable and Thus Districts Adjacent May Not have Opportunity Which They Desire

Increasing evidence that there will be no special election in Oregon this year is causing concern to residents just outside Salem's city limits who have been planning to petition for inclusion in the city.

For several years it has been anticipated that this year, in time so that their residents could be counted as residents of Salem when the 1930 census is taken, several of these well settled districts would be included by extension of the city limits.

Active sentiment toward this end has been voiced from several of these districts, notably Salem Heights and the part of Nob Hill addition which is now outside the city. The city limits on the south are at Hoyt street, and there is a considerable area south of that street settled thickly enough to warrant inclusion, and residents view the proposal favorably in view of the need for police and fire protection, sewers and other conveniences which are to be had only by inclusion within the city's boundaries.

No Referendum Yet  
But as the time draws nearer at which a special election will have to be called, if at all, the indications are strengthened that there will be none. A special election could be called this year for only two possible reasons: referendum of the excise tax, or similar action on the intangibles tax, both enacted at the last legislative session.

Provision was made by the legislature for a special election June 28, in case the referendum was passed against either of these laws. Petitions would have to be completed by June 3. That is more than two months away, but in view of the fact that no steps have been taken to refer these measures and such action has scarcely been suggested anywhere in the state, it is almost safe to assume that nothing will be done.

It is of course, possible for the city council to call a special election even though there is no state election. But the city has no provision for a special election this year; no provision was made in the budget for such an item.

Council Against Specials  
Ordinarily, the council has been unwilling to call elections other than at the time of state elections, and it has also consistently refused to call special elections for which no funds were provided, unless the petitioners would guarantee to pay the costs if the measure failed. In a matter such as the extension of the city limits, in which a bond issue is not involved, the council probably would require the measure carried or not.

One measure which some members of the council hoped to put on the ballot this year involved a small bond issue for remodeling of the city hall. The committee appointed to study this plan pointed out that it would require the council to make a report, for the reason that an election did not seem possible this year.

Manager Form Postponed  
Still another matter which possibly would have been brought into the foreground again this year, but which now there is little prospect of an election, is that of a change to the council-manager form of government. The committee which studied this proposal last year postponed its effort to put the charter revision on the ballot with the idea that it would proceed this year.

## Scientists Plan To Study Sun in Its Next Eclipse

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Professor Harlan T. Stetson, head of the Harvard university expedition to the Malay peninsula to study an eclipse of the sun on May 9, left here today with a party of scientists aboard the Dollar liner, President Wilson for Alor Star in the province of Kedah Malay peninsula.

This year's eclipse will be particularly remarkable because of the long duration of totality. Professor Stetson asserted. It is expected the total period will last five minutes at Alor Star.

## Oregon's Taxation System Is Lauded

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 23.—(AP)—The Oregon action in putting taxation on outover timber lands on a flat five cents an acre basis is a "remarkable and progressive step," E. E. Carter, assistant United States forester, Washington, D. C., said today. Carter arrived in the city for a few days.

The law as passed by the last legislature calls for the flat tax on outover timber lands and provides for a 12 1/2 per cent levy on the lands when they come into bearing again.

"This new law is noteworthy for Oregon's vast timber supply is still far more depleted and it shows an obvious intent to keep the timber areas in production, and it keeps them in the hands of their original timber-milling owners," Carter said.

"Under the former tax system many vast tracts of what was once forest reverted to the state and became 'No Man's land.' Such tracts do not contribute anything to county, state or nation."

Six Two-Gun Men Stage Train Raid  
ELIZABETH, N. J., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Six men held up and robbed the passengers of a New Jersey Central railroad train as it entered the Elizabeth avenue station in Elizabeth tonight. The men, each armed with two revolvers, made their escape in a heavy fog which shrouded that section of the city.

## PEACE HOVERS OVER GASOLINE DEALERS HERE

Association Hopeful That Texaco Men Can be All Lined Up

Threat of Counter-Attack Emerges From Conclave of All Dealers

Salem's gasoline war continued unabated Saturday night but there was a light over the trenches and an armistice was expected at any moment.

For several hours Saturday the association of retail gasoline dealers was in secret session with the result that a "stand pat attitude" was unanimously agreed upon by all the service stations in the city with the exception of five dealers who handle the Texaco products.

All gasoline this morning was to be sold at 25 cents by the association lineup while Texaco, late Saturday night, was still being retailed at 22 cents. It was said on good authority that a canvass of the Texaco dealers by the dealers selling the higher priced products showed a willingness on the former's part to raise their price to 25c although no official announcement had yet been made.

Price Fight-Back May Be Employed  
The association of retailers has decided upon retaliatory warfare if the price cutting practices of the Texaco stations are not ceased. It was stated after the Saturday meeting. The plan suggested was to concentrate selling activities on one or more dealers who would cut below the Texaco price with the loss being absorbed by the association. It was agreed by the association that such a measure would only be taken in case the price-cutting was continued and Texaco made no move to come up from the 22 cent level.

A group of directors was chosen by the association to represent it in any negotiations it might carry on. On this group were representatives from all the various gas products sold in the city, save Texaco. Cliff Townsend, William Watkins, Al J. Rossen, John Harrison and Eugene Eckertlin composed the group.

Uniform Signs to be Placed at Pumps  
Associated dealers agreed upon placing uniform signs on the gasoline price in 35 cents in prominent place at front of their pumping stations.

It was stated at the association meeting that a movement in Eugene to place the Texaco men on the same basis as the other dealers had been worked out successfully.

## LONG FIGHT AGAINST FLOODS NECESSARY

Lower Mississippi Valley Faces Difficult Time for Many Weeks

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Mar. 23.—(P)—The lower Mississippi valley faces prospects of a long fight against high water.

Extremely heavy rains along the upper Tennessee and Cumberland rivers sent those streams and their tributaries far above flood stage. W. E. Barron, meteorologist at Cairo, Ill., said today he could not tell just what effect they would prolong high stages of the Mississippi river between Cairo and New Madrid, Mo.

Meanwhile, because of local rainfall, F. W. Brist, Memphis meteorologist, raised his crest prediction for the Mississippi here for Tuesday from 40 to about 41 feet, six feet above flood stage.

The river has crept up the foot of Beale avenue, making it necessary for traffic to the wharves to use another route.

The Yazoo City, Miss. Today and water was spreading over unprotected lands. The spreading checked the rise. Following a 4-12 inch rainfall Friday, the Tombigbee river passed the 32 foot gauge at Aberdeen, Miss., and was expected to reach 35 feet by Sunday. That stage, it was predicted, would cause thousands of acres of land to be overtopped and the highways probably blocked. The Tombigbee does not affect the Mississippi river.

## M. L. JONES SOON TO PASS 80-MARK

Hon. M. L. Jones of Brooks will be 80 years old on Friday next. Members of his family and friends plan a celebration of the event at his farm home near Brooks, in the afternoon and evening.

Mr. Jones has had a long and useful career. He is an alumnus of Willamette university. He was prominent for many years in the hop industry in its various phases. He is the father of the colony in the state of the Lake Labish section.

When he was president of the state fair board, he promoted the building of the stadium at the state fair grounds; personally endorsing a note to secure the necessary funds.

No doubt a large gathering will be at the Jones home to help in the birthday celebration.

## D. A. R. CLOSES ITS ANNUAL CONVENTION

MEDFORD, Mar. 23.—(AP)—The annual state convention of the Daughters of the American Revolution closed here today. The final act was the acceptance of incorporation of the organization to remove any legal obstacle from the building of Champego Memorial building.

Officers were named this afternoon as follows: Mrs. S. S. Gannett, Eugene, was named state director for the national society; Mrs. F. Louise Stockell, Portland; honorary director: Mrs. Wilbur Reid, Portland; recording secretary: Mrs. E. E. Richardson, Eugene; treasurer: Mrs. Emma Lee Mills, Klamath Falls, chaplain: Mrs. G. Q. Dalbini, Medford, historian.

## BOTH SIDES IN MEXICAN FIGHT CLAIM VICTORY

Rebel Contingent Hurts Full Strength Against Strong Federal Defense

Uncertainty Beclouds Fate of Mazatlan; Yankees Believed All Safe

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 23.—(AP)—The United States embassy tonight received a telegram signed by William T. Blocker, American consul at Mazatlan, filed at noon, stating that all Americans in that city were safe. (An unconfirmed report at Nogales had said that the consul had been killed during the battle at Mazatlan).

(By The Associated Press)  
Fate of Mazatlan hung in the smoke of battle as the Mexican rebel west coast army threw its full strength on the seaport city before heavy federal reinforcements could arrive. W. T. Blocker, American consul, was reported killed in the fighting.

Hot rebel attacks by land and sea began Friday night and lasted all through Saturday.

Insurgents expected speedy capture of this key city in the west coast campaign after their headquarters at Nogales were informed insurgent troops had occupied the Mazatlan cemetery which faces a long bridge, the only land entrance.

In Mexico City the government confirmed news of the fighting but had no casualty figures.

Other Victories Are Claimed By Rebels  
Rebel headquarters claimed a federal airplane had been brought down and that fire of the federal gunboat Progreso was ineffective. They gave no list of casualties.

Meanwhile, rebels at Jimenez with their main army declared 300 federal infantrymen had been routed at Colima, south of Zacatecas, south of Torreón and in the rear of the Calles army.

Federal troops on their side were moving into three fields of action against the rebellion, north against Escobar's main army at Jimenez or Chihuahua City, west to relieve Mazatlan, and south against what the government described as "Fanaticos," a term it

## BRYANT TRIAL WILL START TOMORROW

CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Lanza Bryant, 20, charged with the murder of Lewis (Chip) Dickerson, senior student, and former football star of Oregon State college, will go to trial Monday before Judge G. H. Skipworth, Eugene, here.

The state will demand the supreme penalty, charging that Bryant stabbed Dickerson in a fit of jealousy in the early morning of December 17, last. Dickerson, at the time of the altercation, was escorting Mae Troxell, waitress, to her home.

Bryant pleaded not guilty to a charge of first degree murder when he was arraigned after Dickerson died five days after he was fatally wounded.

Since then Bryant has been held in jail. The trial was first set for January but the illness of Miss Troxell caused a postponement.

The trial will be held in the courtroom of the Oregon state building.

## PORTLAND-YAKIMA ROUTE CONSIDERED

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 23.—(AP)—A. C. Clausen, secretary of the Portland committee of the Mount Adams highways association, received today a letter from Representative John W. Samuels of Walla Walla, Wash., indicating the federal government had appropriated \$5000 for a permanent survey of the highway through the Yakima Indian reservation.

Appropriation of this amount is the first recognition of the proposal to construct the highway given by the government.

When the highway is completed it will connect Yakima and Hood River on the Columbia river highway, providing a direct paved route between Portland and Yakima.

## Camp Fire Girls Movement to be Aided by Group

A city-wide organization in support of the Camp Fire Girls movement was perfected at a meeting Saturday night. Representatives of civic clubs are included in the group, which was called together for this purpose.

Officers of the central organization are Mrs. LaMoine R. Clark, president; Mrs. L. Clement, vice president; Dr. David B. Hill, secretary and Leonard Smith, treasurer.

## Who'll Rule Tammany?



A MID secrecy, a great factional battle is to be on for the control of Tammany, powerful New York City Democratic organization, complicated by an approaching mayoralty campaign. Whether the successor to the retiring leader, George W. Olvany, will favor Alfred E. Smith or Mayor James Walker, who seem to be on opposing sides, may determine the future fate of either one of these men.

Olvany quit suddenly. It is believed, because of disagreement with Smith and Smith's wealthy contractor friend, Wm. F. Kenney.

## ARRIVAL OF COAST CUTTER IS WAITED

Inquiry Into Sinking of Rum Runner of Coast to be Started at Once

NEW ORLEANS, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Federal authorities here were waiting anxiously tonight the arrival of the coast guard cutter Dexter to start an official investigation into the sinking by coast guard gunfire of the British schooner Imalone, smuggling suspect, near Sigbee deep in the Gulf of Mexico.

The ship went down in one of the deepest spots in the gulf, 200 miles from the Louisiana coast and 150 miles from Yucatan. Reports said it sank while some officials here were inclined to believe that it was only partly submerged from the drilling of the three pounders.

This point was of particular interest to the attorney's office since United States Attorney Edward E. Taltot expressed the personal opinion that the stiff resistance of the Imalone crew indicated the schooner was also carrying a cargo of aliens, who probably were drowned.

Coast guard officers gave little credit to the attorney's opinion, however, saying the ship probably was carrying liquor and narcotics.

The proposed investigation tomorrow will center particularly on whether the schooner was first encountered within the 12 mile limit to determine if there will be any diplomatic complications with the British government. If the chase started within the limit, officials said the guardsmen were within their rights in running her down.

The cutter, bearing the schooner's crew in irons and the body of a drowned negro seaman, was not expected here until early in the morning when United States Attorney Taltot, customs and coast guard officials plan to start the inquiry to determine if the sinking and capture of the crew were legal.

## MOVIE STAR WON'T GO NEAR BIG FIGHT

SAN DIEGO, Mar. 23.—(AP)—At Agua Caliente tonight Douglas Fairbanks denied that he, with Mary Pickford and others as their guests had started an airplane trip along the Mexican border for the sake of a birdseye view of the Mexican revolution. He said he had started east to Albuquerque with his party for a pleasure trip and to meet Joseph Schenck. He was not interested in the Mexican revolution to the extent of flying over it, he said, when someone asked him below in a shooting state of mind might get interested in his flying party, which includes several children. The plane put into Agua Caliente for tonight, Fairbanks explained, on account of the plane, but made flying more of a workout than a pleasure trip.

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CANADIAN FORD LOSES  
NEW YORK, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Ford Motor company of Canada, Ltd., today reported a net loss of \$3,400,951 last year.

## PORTLAND BALL CLUB IN WRECK 1 DEAD, 5 HURT

Danny Williams, 36, Killed in Highway Crash Going to Training Camp

Oncoming Auto Strikes Car in Which Beavers Are Making Way Home

SAN CLEMENTE, Calif., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Danny Williams, 36, outfielder of the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league, was killed and five other members of the club were injured in an automobile accident five miles south of here tonight.

The players were returning to the training camp at Anaheim when the car in which they were riding was sideswiped by another automobile and turned over twice. Williams died while he was being brought to a hospital here.

Tony Rego, Beaver catcher, was driving the players' car. Others with him were Mack Hills and George Wuestling, infielders; Art Jahn, outfielder and Curtis Fullerton, pitcher. None of them except Williams was seriously injured.

## Woman Sees House Razed By Officials

VANCOUVER, B. C., Mar. 23.—(AP)—It is embarrassing enough to be carried out of one's home but alone have the structure torn down before one's eyes.

A deputy sheriff yesterday went to the home of Miss Kathleen Polley with an eviction order. He found Miss Polley, who had resisted for two years efforts of the city to take over the property in connection with a replanning and park scheme, obdurate. The deputy spoke to the woman through a small window and when he failed to persuade her to let him in he burst open a door.

As the furniture disappeared to the street in the arms of officers Miss Polley threw herself on the bed and defied the evictors. Undaunted an officer picked up the bedding and the woman and carried both to the street.

After everything had been moved out the arms of workmen, armed with crowbars and axes, ripped down the bungalow, plank by plank. Miss Polley's protesting screams were drowned in the din of crashing lumber. Today all that remained of the dwelling was a heap of lumber and the furniture on the side of the road.

Miss Polley had refused a payment of \$1325 from the city for the property.

## I. C. C. CONCLUDES ITS RATE HEARINGS

MEDFORD, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—The Interstate Commerce commission before Leo J. Flynn, examiner, upon the application of the Southern Pacific railroad for lower rates to meet water competition and for fourth section relief under the transportation act was concluded today.

The examiner set July 1, and the final date for filing briefs with the proviso that if conditions warranted the parties interested of Portland, San Francisco and Los Angeles, the Oregonians relied upon the transportation act was concluded today.

The issue is freighted with many highly involved technical points. Most of the afternoon session was devoted to the questioning of C. G. Hallmark, assistant traffic manager of the Southern Pacific, by Attorney W. J. Matthews, representing the McCormick Steamship company and the Pacific Steamship company coastwise operators.

The sinking of the ship also disclosed that the coast guard headquarters here had taken a hand in spreading a network of cutters to watch the vessel.

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notorious smuggler with a record of nearly five years in rum running off the American coast.

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