

**INSURE TODAY**  
Auto accidents often are unavoidable, but The Oregon Statesman Travel Accident Insurance Policy costs only \$1 per year.

**WEATHER**  
Generally fair today and Sunday, no change in temperature; Max. Temp. Friday 75, Min. 40, north wind, river -2.5.

## OREGON LINEN MILLS CLOSED TEMPORARILY

Lack of Orders Responsible For Shutdown, Plant Officials Say

Resumption Probable Next Week or By August 1 At the Latest

The plant of the Oregon Linen Mills was closed down here this week due to a shortage of orders with the result that 35 employees are temporarily out of work.

Officials of the company said late yesterday afternoon that there was every prospect that orders now waiting confirmation, would make possible operation early next week but if not then, resumption by August 1.

Manufacturing is being by western factories with resulting hand-to-mouth buying of yarns and twines produced by the plant here were given as reasons for the shutdown.

Colonel W. E. Bartram, in charge of the plant, gave out the statement that he was finishing negotiations for additional eastern contracts which would make possible operation of the mill.

Since January 1, 1936, no linen cloth has been produced at the Oregon Linen Mill, about 120,000 yards of cloth being on hand here since that time. During 1935 this cloth has been sold in the northwest market until less than \$600 yards remain on hand. It is not expected that immediate resumption of cloth manufacture will be begun due to the fact that the majority of the looms at the mill have been found inefficient in cloth manufacture.

Up to the present time, the market for yarn and twine produced by the mill has been good although the company, almost entirely financed by stockholders who live in the Willamette valley, has suffered from lack of adequate working capital. Employees of the mill say the twine and yarn making machinery is in excellent condition and can be operated with marked efficiency.

While the Oregon Linen Mill has not operated at full capacity for years, the fact that it had shut down this week did not become known to Salem until yesterday. Some stockholders made inquiry about the condition of the plant and were informed that the shutdown was only temporary for reasons of a market lull.

Meetings of the board of directors have been infrequent, stockholders declare and no statement of the mill's production record or financial condition has been available for the public in recent months.

## Commission's Order Reduces Power Cost Slightly for Salem

Uniform Cut for Large Area Served by Public Service Company on Commercial and Residence Lighting Announced

A SLIGHT reduction in rates for commercial lighting and residence lighting purposes was ordered on the properties of the Pacific Northwest Public Service company Friday by the state public service commission of which Frank J. Miller is chairman. The reduction includes Multnomah county and the Willamette valley territory served by the company as far south as the Salem area.

The estimated annual savings to consumers under the schedule will be \$340,000. The commission fixed the value of the company's properties, for rate making purposes, at \$45,450,000. This figure excludes the street car properties owned by the company in Portland.

In the new schedule of rates Commissioner Corey concurred but dissent from the commission in the methods used in arriving at the values.

Chas. Haysmeyer, 300 S. 2nd St., Portland, commission expert said the new rates were intended to reduce electric energy cost for the small consumer. J. P. Newell, consulting engineer for the commission, said 75 per cent of domestic customers would find their charges reduced from 2 to 22 per cent.

The first move in the investigation was made by the public service commission April 17, 1935, when, on its own motion, it issued an order for an investigation of the rates, charges and service of the Portland Electric Power company, now known as the Pacific Northwest Public Service company.

About the time the commission received a petition from the city of Portland for an investigation of the rates and service of the Portland Electric Power company and the Northwestern Electric company. In Oregon the latter operates only in Multnomah and Columbia counties.

The first hearing was held without witnesses June 14, 1935. The request of City Attorney Frank S. Grant of Portland, the hearing was continued to June 25. Another was held July 5, and then no further hearings until November 1, 1935. January 15, 1935, was set as a date to continue the hearing, but this was postponed to March 11. There was a jump to October 15, 1935, before another hearing was called. But an order was made by the commission on October 2 consolidating the power and light rate case and the street car fare case and the street car fare case for hearing on November 12. On March 14, 1936, an order was issued disposing of a part of the case by fixing reduced rates for the Portland Electric Power company's service in Columbia county and the Tualatin valley.

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## KURD AGED 156 HERE TO FACE SCIENCE PROBE

Never Tasted Alcohol, and Quilted Eleven Wives, Zaro Agha Claims

Father at 96, He Grew New Set of Teeth at 105, But All Gone Now

By LORENA HICKOK  
NEW YORK, July 18—(AP)—Zaro Agha, whose passport indicates he is 156 years old, settled himself luxuriously in a Park avenue hotel tonight and prepared to enter the advances, aesthetic, scientific and economic, of this young western world.

Agha landed today in Providence, R. I., from Turkey and announced he was here to see and be seen—by any American scientists who might care to pay for the privilege of observing a man who says he never tasted alcohol in his life, quilted 11 wives, became a father for the 36th time at the age of 95, and grew a third set of teeth when he was 105. (That's his story and he's sticking to it.)

There was some slight difficulty about his being admitted to this youthful republic whose birth, he claims, took place after his. Agha, it developed, could not pass the literacy test.

Although he speaks three languages, he could neither read nor write in any of them.

Trans Down Offer Of Flea Syndicate

But Agha explained to immigration inspectors at Providence that he is really a Kurd. And the Kurds, he said, have no written language. So after he had repeated in Kurdish some Mohammedan prayers, had conversed in Turkish with a government interpreter, and had indicated he (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## Father Admits Mercy Killing

Andrew L. Breen, 78, in the District Attorney's office at Walltown, N. Y., after admitting that he killed his invalid daughter, Frances, 27, because he feared for her fate after his death.

## SENATE GRINDS INTO NIGHT ON NAVAL TREATY

Wordy Opponents Claim no Filler Planned; Refuse Agreement

Johnson and Smoot Engage in Jangle; Cloture Threat Held up

By FRANCIS M. STEPHENSON  
WASHINGTON, July 18—(AP)—The senate headed into its first night session tonight with treaty advocates determined to exhaust debate by opponents of the London naval treaty who refused finally today to enter any agreement for a limitation of discussion.

There were less than a dozen senators counted in the opposition fold who have speeches to deliver but estimates as to when a vote would be reached ranged from tomorrow night to next Tuesday.

Sensors Moses, republican, New Hampshire, and Johnson, republican, California, led the attack against the treaty today with more than 60 on hand to wait it out with the volatile foes.

Moses lashed out, severely at President Hoover and Secretary Stimson, head of the American delegation to London, complaining against their refusal to give the senate all the papers relating to the London parity. Cloture Planned

Only in Emergency

Before the session started today the band of opponents conferred over the situation created yesterday when the senate leaders threatened to adopt the cloture rule abutting off debate unless an agreement was entered.

The word came out of the meeting that "no surrender" would be made but some of the foes predicted the end of the (Turn to page 2, col. 5)

## Perjured Self 16 Years Ago

Here is the photograph of John MacDonald, published in Baltimore, Md., which led to his recognition. MacDonald is the man who confessed in 1922 that his testimony against Thomas J. Mooney and Warren K. Billings was perjured. Mooney is serving a life sentence in California for the Preparedness Day bomb outrage in San Francisco.



## TYPHOON TAKES HUGE LIFE TOLL IN WIDE SWATH

Dead Will Mount Into the Hundreds, Indicated in Meager Reports

Whole Village Buried by Landslide on Island in N. W. Japan

TOKYO, July 18—(AP)—Swirling out of the western Pacific typhoon west a wind and rain storm of cyclonic proportions slashed its way today across the Loosoo Islands and Kiushiu in southern Japan and then swept unabated northward across Korea, leaving widespread death and damage in its wake.

Ships were smashed and sunk, houses collapsed and landslides caused by the gale and downpour that ripped across the Korea strait at one hundred miles an hour.

One report said a village of 300 on Kiashiu Island had been buried in a landslide loosened by the rain. The governor of Nagasaki prefecture said many ships in Nagasaki harbor had capsized with an undetermined number of casualties. Several bodies were recovered after the storm passed.

A Rango dispatch from Fusan, important Korean seaport, said the storm struck there at noon, crushing buildings and causing a panic, continuing inland undiminished.

Authorities Fear Hundreds Killed

Even tonight, hours after the peak of the typhoon had passed, only fragmentary reports were available from the stricken regions, due to disrupted communications and confusion. But authorities placed these reports together and estimated the dead would run into the hundreds in southern Japan and Korea. No definite estimate of damage was possible, but it was considered the worst typhoon in 49 years.

Electric light plants at Kiashiu Island were put out of commission and the people were without lights and newspapers tonight.

Aside from Korean towns, where reports were lacking, it was believed that the cities of Nagasaki, Kagoshima, Fukuoka, Kyushu, Yamaguchi, Omura, and Moji bore the brunt of the storm. The home ministry anxiously awaited further details.

## MAMER ENDS TRIP 25 MINUTES LATE

Falls by Narrow Margin to Make 24 Hour Trip to Coast and Return

ST. PAUL, Minn., July 18—(AP)—Nick Mamer, Spokane pilot tonight completed a round trip flight from St. Paul, to Seattle and return, but failed to make it in the 24 hour period he had set for the journey.

He landed at 7:05 p. m. (C. S. T.) or 24 hours and 25 minutes after he had left here.

Mamer left the St. Paul municipal airport at 6:40 p. m. (C. S. T.) yesterday and reached Seattle at 5:44 a. m. (P. S. T.) after a stop at Miles City, Mont.

Without refueling, Mamer departed from Seattle on the morning trip ten minutes later and reached Spokane at 7:42 a. m. (P. S. T.). After loading up with gasoline, he left at 8:10 for Miles (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

## COLORADO BANDITS PAY FULL PENALTY

CANON CITY, Colo., July 18—(AP)—A double execution tonight threw the debt side of Colorado's ledger of justice back into approximate balance in the Lamar bank holdup of 1928.

With the hanging of Howard L. Royston and George J. Absher the state had exacted three lives in payment for four which were snuffed out by murder in the bank robbery.

The trap was first sprung at 9:40 o'clock. Absher was the first to go. He was pronounced dead at 9:53 o'clock.

Royston followed at 10:37 o'clock. He was dead at 10:52 a. m.

Ralph Fleagle, third member of the gang, was hanged last week.

## SLAYER KNOWN TO POLICE, SAYS AL

Capone Denies Claims He Had Fallen Out With Jake Lingle

CHICAGO, June 18—(AP)—The police know who killed Alfred Lingle, Tribune crime reporter, according to Scarface Al Capone, gang chief, as quoted by a reporter who interviewed the notorious hoodlum in his home at Miami.

Capone denied imputations he had broken with Lingle, who, it is generally conceded, was assassinated by some disgruntled gangster.

Before the police had the information Capone is quoted as saying they had, they did not reveal it. Neither has any definite action been taken except for the arrest in Los Angeles and indictment here of Frank Foster who bought the pistol found by Lingle's side.

Foster is due here tomorrow but it has never been charged he fired the shot.

Before the grand jury to question him this same body Harry Brundage the reporter who interviewed Capone is also to appear to tell what he knows of the charges made in the St. Louis Star that Lingle was not the only Chicago newspaperman who had alliances with crime and politics.

## RETAIL FURNITURE DEALERS CONVENE

About 100 to Assemble in Salem Today to Open Annual Convention

About a hundred are expected to assemble in Salem today to attend the convention of the retail furniture dealers of Oregon. This is the second year that the organization has held. The convention headquarters are at the Hotel Marion and the sessions will be held at the chamber of commerce rooms. The program of the day will be as follows:

9:00—Roll to Order.

Charles E. Anderson, chairman convention committee.

"Welcome to Salem"—Thomas Livesley, Mayor, City of Salem. Greetings from California and Washington associations.

Resolutions and president's message—Herbert L. Stiff, president retail furniture dealers of Oregon.

"Unethical and Unlawful Advertising"—Robert Munn, manager, Portland Better Business bureau.

"In or Out of the Radio Business"—A. L. Shellworth, sales manager, Sunbelt Electric company.

"The Trend of the Times"—Al (Turn to page 6, col. 5)

## CLIFFORD DENIES ALL OF CHARGES

Talk of "Commercializing" Never Occurred Says Game Official

PORTLAND, Ore., July 18—(AP)—Harold Clifford, state game warden, began his defense to charges of inefficiency and incompetence today by reading to the game commission a statement of his major accomplishments of his administration during the past three years. He also entered a general denial of the charges against him.

Clifford during cross examination by John C. Kendall, counsel for the sportsmen's organizations that have brought charges against him and Edward Clark, chief deputy, replied to allegations made by J. Page Bond to the effect Clifford and Clark had been overheard discussing "favors for friends."

Clifford said he had gone to Clark's home to discuss sealing bass from Columbia slough. He said remarks about \$2,000 may have been made, but, if so, it was brought into the conversation by Clark's asserting he must have that income to support his family.

Clifford admitted he may have had a bottle of beer while at Clark's home but denied any discussion of "commercializing."

## RENEWED BILLINGS HEARING IS URGED

Effort Made to Reopen Case Before High Court as MacDonald on Way

SAN FRANCISCO, July 18—(AP)—Justices of the state supreme court will decide Monday whether they will reconsider an advisory pardon board for the governor, the new petition for pardon lodged with them today on behalf of Warren K. Billings, convicted bomber.

Meanwhile John MacDonald, the witness whose identification of Billings and Thomas J. Mooney is largely responsible for the life prison sentences they are serving, was on his way from Baltimore to retrace the steps of his Electric light plants at Kiashiu Island were put out of commission and the people were without lights and newspapers tonight.

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## SHOOTING IN SELF DEFENSE CLAIMED

ROSEBURG, Ore., July 18—(AP)—District Attorney Guy Cordon said tonight J. W. Hamm, 70, believed to be the shooter, killed Urbain Barrett, 55, in self defense after an argument over the measurement of a wheat field on a small mountain farm in a remote section of Douglas county today. Officers brought him to Roseburg.

Barrett and Hamm leased the mountain farm last fall. Hamm told officers, and had no trouble until today. Recently they entered into an agreement for the sale of their standing wheat.

This morning Barrett began preparing a tape for measuring the field and Hamm objected on the grounds they had been offered a flat price and the work was unnecessary.

Barrett became enraged, Hamm said, and attacked Hamm. Hamm eluded him but realized he would be unable to escape Barrett, described as a large muscular man. Hamm ran to his bank, seized a .25 calibre automatic pistol and fired three shots. Then he notified officers and waited at the cabin until they arrived.

## Cap Hogan Heads V. F. W. Senator Staples Injured Slayer's Body Is Found Carnegie Medal Claimed

ASTORIA NEXT YEAR  
BEND, Ore., July 18—(AP)—Veterans of Foreign Wars, department of Oregon, ended their tenth annual encampment here today with the election of officers and the selection of Astoria as the 1931 convention city.

Cicero F. Hogan, Portland, was elected department commander, succeeding C. O. Garfield. Other officers named were:

Charles E. King, Portland, senior vice-commander; Phil P. Brogan, Bend, junior vice-commander; Monte C. Walton, Fort Hood, quartermaster; Glenn R. Jack, Oregon City, judge advocate; H. W. Straw, Portland, chaplain; Dr. William G. Scott, Portland, department surgeon; Edward Daly, Albany, elected to the council of administration for five years; W. C. McComby, Klamas Falls, Deputy Sheriff Thompson to a deep pool in the river where they discovered the body of Charles Maler, who killed his neighbor Andrew Nelson, last Monday after a dispute over a cow.

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## Whistle Blast Narrowed Down To Track Ahead

CHICAGO, July 18—(AP)—Some day perhaps, his pointed remark straight to the ear of the motorist facing him to the crossing.

Railroad men talked over the noise situation with the city health commissioner today and disclosed that engineers are developing a straight shooting whistle that sends its warnings straight down the track like a gun instead of exploding noise all over the neighborhood.

## Burkhart Found Guilty, Murder In First Degree

LOS ANGELES, July 18.—(AP)—William Burkhardt, 22, bookie, was convicted today of first degree murder tonight by a superior court jury, which recommended he hang for the shooting of his wife, Anne McKnight Burkhardt, actress, March 24. Sentence will be pronounced Monday.

Burkhart was charged with murdering his wife, from whom he was estranged, after efforts to effect a reconciliation failed.

## Schafer Judged Sane, Will Hang Within 2 Weeks

SHELTON, Wash., July 18.—(AP)—Twice before successful in temporarily evading hanging for the slaying of Mrs. Joseph Kirk, rancher, nearly two years ago, Alfred Schafer today lost his third and final attempt here to escape the gallows.

A commission of three doctors found him sane. Superior Judge John Wilson said he would call Schafer in court tomorrow and sentence him to be hanged within the next week or two.

Schafer, apparently without motive, shot Mr. and Mrs. Kirk through an open window of their ranch home in September, 1933. He originally was sentenced to be hanged April 8, 1929.

## Traffic Officer Lured to Death Trap on Highway

SAN BERNARDINO, Cal., July 18.—(AP)—Charles W. Hunt, 32, traffic officer, was killed and probably fatally wounded today when he occupied a speeding automobile he was pursuing spotted fire with a machine gun.

Hunt picked up the trail of the car on a tip received in an unsigned letter that a gang of rum runners would pass an outlying intersection at a given time. Authorities believe the letter was a lure.

## Poisoner of 15 Husbands Not Found; All Mistake

JACKSON, Miss., July 18.—(AP)—County officials were convinced tonight the story told by a stranger to a county sheriff that a prominent Harrison county widow was Belle Gunness, who years ago poisoned 15 husbands on her farm near Laporte, Ind., was a case of mistaken identity.

The sheriff and deputies went to the widow's farm today but learned the woman was in Peoria, Ill. They learned she was prominent socially in Gulfport where she had been known for years.

When friends heard the story they became indignant and gave her history for the last 45 years, dispelling all suspicion of any connection between the woman and Belle Gunness.

On investigation it was learned the Harrison county sheriff had acted at the request of the Hinds county sheriff who said he had been prompted by a stranger coming into his office and telling him he had recognized the widow as Belle Gunness, on whose farm he had worked about 20 years ago.

The report got out when the Hinds county sheriff wrote to ask Laporte, Ind., authorities if Belle Gunness was wanted there.

The Laporte officials interpreted the message to mean the woman was under arrest and gave the information.

Belle Gunness was supposed to have been burned to death when her farm home was destroyed by fire, started by a farm hand, who died in prison while serving a sentence for the crime committed about 20 years ago. It should be alive Belle Gunness would be 71 years old.

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## Iceland Flight Ended by Graf; Lands in Storm

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Ger., July 18.—(AP)—The Graf Zeppelin, concluding a smooth 60-hour flight over Norway, Iceland, France and Switzerland, returned to her home port tonight in a violent storm that delayed her landing and caused some anxiety for her safety among watchers on the ground.

The Graf was compelled to circle over Lake Constance for about twenty minutes before there came a lull in the storm. Then she made a smooth landing at 7:55 p. m. and 25 minutes later was safe in her hangar.

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