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SANTIAM ROAD MAY BE ISSUED THIS SESSION

Mott Ready to act but Court's Agreement is Factor as Well

Legislator Believes Time is Ripe to Press for County's Welfare

By SHELDON F. SACKETT
Whether Marion county will seek the addition of the North Santiam highway project to the state highway map at this session of the legislature is a question as yet undecided.

"Jim" Mott, legislator, made the addition of the North Santiam highway to the state program a plank in his campaign for the republican nomination last May. The people gave Mott the highest vote of any candidate for the legislature from this county. Until recently Mott had every intention of asking the 1931 legislature to add the road to the state highway program. This he planned to fulfill both his pre-election promises and the specific "mandate of the people."

A few weeks ago, however, the county court secured the allotment of \$100,000 of federal road money for the North Santiam route between Detroit and the Linn county line. The court agreed to match this with \$100,000 of county funds and at the same time, had a tacit understanding with the highway commission, that his bargain included an agreement not to ask the forthcoming legislature to add the North Santiam to the state highway program.

Blanket Blinds Pilot, He Hits Mast Then Lake

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Blinded when a blanket was blown over his eyes, United States Customs Inspector Roy Jones flew his seaplane into the topmast of the steamship Curacao and plunged into Lake Union here late today. Henry Peterson, Curacao watchman, on the ship's bridge at the time of the crash, rescued Jones in a rowboat. He received only minor scratches.

Oregon Briefs

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—An airplane piloted by Tex Rankin, noted aviator, and carrying Admiral Richard E. Byrd from Portland to Eugene was forced to turn back to Portland this afternoon on account of fog in the Willamette valley.

SET HIGH RECORD
CORVALLIS, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—A report prepared by Roger W. Morse, extension chairman, today said the Yamhill county herd improvement association made the highest production record among the 17 associations in the state in 1930.

POLICEMAN CALLED
MEDFORD, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Joe Cave, Medford policeman, who is said to have fired a shot during the liquor raid in the Reese creek district when Everett Dahack allegedly was killed, was called before the special grand jury here today.

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EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—A barn on the Clayton Brown farm near Coburg was overturned during a wind and hail storm this afternoon.

Buy A Good Used Car
Turn to the classified columns of this paper and note the many good used cars offered for sale by reliable dealers of this city.

Advices Meier On Power Laws



Colonel Alfred E. Clark of Portland has been the confident and legal advisor of Mr. Meier in framing measures regulating water power development and utility control. Asked yesterday if he would take the post of utility commissioner, if such an office is created, he emphatically answered: "No."

INAUGURAL BALL IS FINANCIAL SUCCESS

About \$1000 to be Turned Over to Charity, is Chairman's Word

According to a statement given out by C. Thom E. Riley, chairman of the mayor's committee in charge of the inaugural ball and reception for Monday night, following a final meeting of the committee late Thursday afternoon, there is approximately \$1000 to be turned over to the mayor to be held by the city of Salem, such fund to be used for charitable purposes. About \$1800 was the amount taken in as receipts of the ticket sale.

The excellent financial showing made comes as a pleasant surprise and will be received with enthusiasm by many who attended the ball and surmised that, owing to the elaborateness of the affair, the committee would be "in the red."

Byrd Plane Forced Back Yamhill Cows top State Dehack Inquire now on Jewel Thief Sentenced

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GET THREE YEARS
EUGENE, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—A man giving the name of Randolph Jennings, arrested at Roseburg, was sentenced today to three years in the state penitentiary. He allegedly robbed the Carter jewelry store here Sunday night.

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SWANS AT KLAMATH
KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—A flock of "whistling" swans, sometimes known as Arctic swans, are wintering on upper Klamath lake.

CONTRACTS ARE LET
PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The state highway commission today awarded seven contracts for highway or bridge construction and deferred action on a number of others.

ELDERLY MAN FATALY HURT AS AUTO HITS

George W. Lucas Dies Few Hours After Struck by Laehr's Machine

George W. Lucas, elder laborer said employed by the Spaulding Logging company, died at 11:30 o'clock last night at Salem General hospital where he had been taken after he was struck to the pavement at the intersection of State and Commercial streets at 5:15 p.m. by a car driven by Theodore Laehr, 556 Edgewater street.

Laehr was going north on Commercial street and crossing State when the elderly pedestrian stepped in front of the oncoming car and Laehr was unable to stop in time to prevent the catastrophe, according to his report filed at police headquarters.

The injured man was rushed by ambulance to the hospital, where he was unconscious for a short time. Later he regained consciousness, but was irrational. He was suffering from head injuries which had not been diagnosed last night and also sustained a badly bruised leg.

About 10:30 p.m. he began to weaken and died an hour later. No x-ray had been taken to determine the injury exactly, but the attending physician was certain of the shock of the head bruises or both were responsible for the man's death.

Lucas is survived by his widow, Jennie E. Lucas. The remains were to be taken to the Terwilliger funeral home.

RICHFIELD ASSETS SUFFICIENT, HELD

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—(AP)—The sensational rise of Richfield Oil Co. of California from a small organization to one of the largest gasoline and oil distributors on the Pacific coast in a period of five years ended in a receivership in equity today.

The receivership came as a climax to rumors in the past week which sent Richfield common stock exchanges below \$3 a share.

The petition for a receivership was filed by the Republic Supply Co. of California before Federal Judge William P. James. It was granted almost immediately and William C. McDuffie, widely known oil expert, who took over presidency of Richfield three weeks ago, qualified as receiver with a bond of \$3,500,000, the largest ever set in federal court here.

The petitioner alleged that Richfield, with assets of \$120,000,000 and liabilities of \$35,000,000 had insufficient cash on hand to meet its obligations and owed more than \$19,000,000.

The receivership will permit the company to continue as a going concern, whereas a receivership in bankruptcy would have necessitated liquidation.

NEW PLANS TOLD BY POSTMASTER
WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—A new \$45,000,000 plan for the federal building program was advocated today by Postmaster General Brown before the house building committee.

Pair Caught at Monmouth Held For Possession

DALLAS, Jan. 15.—Verd Shrank, deputy sheriff at Monmouth, arrested C. Campbell and E. R. Russell at Monmouth. The two were carrying 10 gallons of alleged moonshine in the car and also had a loaded revolver. They were brought to Dallas and charged with unlawful transportation of liquor. They were held on a \$500 bond and were placed in the county jail, as they were unable to put up bail.

OAXACA HARD HIT AS QUAKE VISITS

At Least 12, Probably 25 Persons Killed, Says Incomplete Report

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Soldiers were turning over the wreckage of the thriving city of Oaxaca tonight, carrying out the bodies of men and women who perished in the earthquake which last night rocked southern Mexico.

At least twelve persons perished and many more were injured, but telegraphic communication was impossible and radio messages irregular. The city itself was reported in ruins and the panic stricken people slept in the open despite intense cold.

The only clear picture of the disaster came out of the ruined city in a message to President Ortiz Rubio from General Evaristo Perez, the military commander in the state of Oaxaca.

He said at least 25 persons had been killed or injured. Another message to the department of communications said 12 had been killed.

It is impossible to describe the "consequence here," the general's message said. "The loss is incalculable."

The general's home was destroyed and he was living in his automobile, he said.

The epicenter of the quake, which struck Oaxaca about 11 p.m. yesterday, was placed a few miles northeast of the city. Mexico City itself was shaken for four minutes. One person was killed there and 25 injured. There also was considerable property damage.

SCRUTINIZE WIRE TAPPING REPORTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Wire tapping by the prohibition bureau to obtain evidence is to be scrutinized by the house expenditures committee.

The committee adopted a motion by Representative Schaefer, republican, Wisconsin, anti-prohibitionist, to that effect today. He had said the bureau was tapping wires in violation of state laws.

The first hearing, Chairman Williamson announced, will be held January 23. The committee proposes to call Attorney General Mitchell, Prohibition Director Woodcock and J. Edgar Hoover, director of the justice department investigation bureau.

ARMOUR CHIEF DIES IN FALL FROM WINDOW

Sits on Sill in Bedroom, Believed Taken Ill; Inquest Called

F. Edson White one of big Figures in Packing Industry of U. S.

CHICAGO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—F. Edson White, 57, president of Armour and Co., was killed tonight by a fall from a bedroom window at his Northside home.

The multimillionaire packer came to his death by accident, in the opinion of Coroner P. J. Dwyer, and P. L. Reed, treasurer of Armour and company.

Reed said he had been talking to White five minutes before he toppled from the window. At that time White was sitting on the sill "to get a little air," he explained to Reed.

He was alone in the room at the time of the fall.

It was Reed's belief an accidental blow suffered by White at a banquet of Armour employees yesterday had caused him to become dizzy and lose his balance.

Reed said he had retired from the room and returning, found White had disappeared. Looking out of the window, he saw the body jammed against an arched window at the base of the house.

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PROHIBITION LAW ELEVEN YEARS OLD

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Eleven years old at midnight, prohibition ended the first year report of the Wisconsin law enforcement commission, admittedly controversy-laden.

A brewing storm upon capitol hill over the prohibition bureau's request for 500 additional dry agents and an added appropriation of more than \$2,000,000, in the supreme court over the recent ruling of Judge Clark in New Jersey, holding the 18th amendment invalid. Dry leaders tonight, although conceding few peaceful moments, for prohibition in its 12th year, nevertheless stood firm the law would remain.

Despite "imperfect observation and enforcement," said a statement tonight from the Women's Christian Temperance union, "prohibition already has increased the national purchasing power by \$6,000,000,000 a year."

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—The state narcotic commission, in cooperation with the Anti-Narcotic association, will introduce four bills at the present session of the Oregon legislature, officers of the association said today.

Bowles Case Figure Stabbed, Will Live

Object Thought Wreck of Plane Renews Search

SEATTLE, Jan. 15.—(AP)—An object Pilot Ansel Eckmann sighted from the air, which he believed a large piece of the wreckage of the Pilot Robin Renahan plane, sent United States and Canadian coast guard cutters to the west shores of Duke Island today, information received here said.

Duke Island is about 20 miles south of Ketchikan, Alaska. Other wreckage and two airplane landing wheels found in the vicinity have led to the belief Renahan, Sam Clert and Frank Hatcher plunged into the ocean and were lost October 28. They were flying to search for the late Captain E. J. A. Burke and two companions, who later were rescued.

The Eckmann reports indicated he saw the object from a considerable height and was prevented from inspecting it more minutely by high winds and a heavy sea.

DeKleine Makes Report to Red Cross; Counties Receiving Relief

405,000 Persons in Nation Being Cared for With Cash Grants, Word

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Word that thousands of mules and cattle would die of starvation in Arkansas unless fed is furnished at once came today to the Red Cross.

In making public information telegraphed by Dr. William DeKleine from Arkansas, the Red Cross said the final enactment of the feed and seed loan measure came at an opportune time.

These two states were hardest hit, but the distress had extended to 383 counties in 21 states.

Chairman John Barton Payne announced that 405,000 persons are now being cared for. Cash grants, he said, have totaled \$619,781.80 and total expenditures for all types of aid \$1,352,837.54.

Fearing increasing illness with winter weather Judge Payne dispatched the national medical director to Arkansas, first, with instructions to go into all the other critical drought centers as rapidly as possible.

SEAPLANES FINISH 6000 MILE FLIGHT

RIO DE JANEIRO, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Eleven swift Italian seaplanes today completed the flight of more than 6000 miles which began December 17 at Orbetello, Italy.

General Italo Balbo, the 34-year-old Italian air master, took the 11 ships off the water at Bahia at 8:17 o'clock this morning (6:17 a. m., E.S.T.) and set them down upon beautiful Botafogo bay between 4:54 and 5 o'clock this afternoon (2:54 and 3 p. m., E.S.T.) completing the last lap of 747 miles.

The ships arrived over the Brazilian capital at 3:40 p. m., local time, but circled widely for more than an hour before skimming down to the bay.

From early morning crowds gathered in front of newspaper offices to watch the progress of the journey.

MRS. HOWARD SUFFERS FROM THREE WOUNDS

No Trace of Assailant is Found in Vicinity; Case is Mystery

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Physicians attending Mrs. H. W. Howard, 56, state's witness in the Bowles murder case who was stabbed and beaten by an unidentified person today, expressed the opinion tonight Mrs. Howard would recover. Her condition was still serious, however, they said.

Mrs. Howard was found in a semi-conscious condition a few moments after the attack. She was being cared for at her home tonight and physicians said she had been stabbed above the heart, slashed across her face and struck across the back of the head with a blunt instrument.

Because of Mrs. Howard's condition police were not allowed to question her closely. From what few words she had been able to speak, police said, they learned she had exclaimed "I'll get you this time!"

Previous Attack
Story Recalled
Mrs. Howard had previously reported being attacked and beaten in her home December 2 by a man who threatened her with death if she told what she knew about the state's case against Nelson C. Bowles, Portland millionaire, and his former secretary, Irma G. Loucks, charged with the murder of Bowles' wife. Mrs. Bowles died from a knife wound here last November.

Mrs. E. Brencley and Mrs. George A. Robson, neighbors of Mrs. Howard, told police they heard her scream. They ran to the residence and found Mrs. Howard lying on the floor, door was nearly unconscious. They called police and doctors.

Mrs. Elizabeth Steinhauer, living near the Howard home, told detectives she had noticed a light gray coupe driving past her residence just a few minutes before the attack. She said she saw a similar car parked near the Howard home about an hour before the attack.

Police said they had found prints of a man's boot in soft dirt in the Howard yard. They also said they found palm prints on the glass covering of an electric meter on the porch and similar prints on the wall of the porch.

Mrs. Howard will be questioned in detail tomorrow if her condition permits, police said.

Great Mails to Coach Tossers At Santa Clara

SANTA CLARA, Cal., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Walter Mall, former major league pitcher, now with the Portland club of the Pacific Coast league, was today named coach of the University of Santa Clara baseball varsity.

Malls succeeds Marvin "Freck" Owen, the boy coach who directed the varsity last season. He will assume his coaching duties on January 26 with 30 players ready to report to him.

TREMBLE BUNNIES!

MERTON, Tex., Jan. 15.—(AP)—From 150 to 1,000 hunters are expected to assemble here tomorrow for one of the largest rabbit drives ever held in the southwest.

COASTING FATAL

LIBBY, Mont., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Lyle Egbert, 12, coasted his sled into a truck today and was killed, and his brother riding with him was hurt. Lyle's head was crushed.

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SELLING FUNERAL IS SLATED SUNDAY

Portland Merchant is Noted As Civic Leader; was In State Senate

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 15.—(AP)—Funeral services for Ben Selling, 78, prominent Portland merchant who died here today, will be held Sunday, members of the family said tonight.

Selling had been ill from bronchial pneumonia for about a week.

The deceased was born in San Francisco April 29, 1852, and came to Portland with his parents ten years later. In 1880 he married Miss Tillie Hess, San Francisco. She survives him.

Selling operated first a shoe store and later a clothing store in Portland. He also was active in republican politics and was a member of the state senate for eight years. In 1912 he was nominated for the United States senate but was defeated in the general election.

He was widely known for his charitable work and civic activities.

Polish Youths Murder all of Near Relatives

LUCK, Poland, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Two brothers threatened with dishonour by their family, which disapproved of their career as bandits, killed all their near relatives today.

With an ax and bayonet the brothers, Ivan and Michael Bondoruk, who had turned from peasants to brigands, slew six, including their father, mother and grandmother.

They were captured by police, who had difficulty in restraining a mob of villagers from revenging the family.

Negro Robbers Tackle Ex-Policeman

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 15.—(AP)—Two negro robbers suspect admit they made one terrible mistake, tonight when they attempted to hold up Jack Phillips, 225-pound retired police sergeant.

Phillips said he grabbed the negroes by their coat collars and banged their heads together. Before they recovered from the shock Phillips had them in a position so they could not resist.

They gave their names as Curtis Kerby, 27, and John McMath, 18.

Day in Washington

(By the Associated Press)
President Hoover signed the \$45,000,000 drought relief appropriation bill and the Stobbs bill to modify Jones "five and ten" act.

House expenditures committee decided to investigate telephone and telegraph wire tapping by prohibition bureau agents.

Postmaster General Brown advocated \$45,000,000 construction program for postoffices, branches and garages.

House passed \$446,024,000 war department appropriation bill.

Campaign funds committee excused witnesses for Pennsylvania investigation on account of lack of funds.