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WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Promotion of Lieutenant-Colonel Thomas E. Rilea, Oregon National Guard, to the rank of brigadier general will be sent to the senate for confirmation soon. It was reported here today.

Inquiry at National Guard headquarters yesterday confirmed the promotion of General Rilea. It was learned that he has been assigned to the command of the 82d Brigade, composed entirely of Oregon troops.

The confirmation of General Rilea gives to Oregon the youngest general officer in the United States. His rise from the ranks has been phenomenal and has no precedent so far as can be ascertained. Commenting upon the report from Washington, Major General George A. White, commander of the National Guard troops in the northwest, said: "An excellent appointment. General Rilea is an outstanding soldier and his promotion has the enthusiastic approval of those who will serve under his command. He is an Oregon man, won his first promotions in France with the Oregon troops, and all of us are highly gratified to know of his highly merited advancement."

The new brigade commander has seen service during two national emergencies. His commissioned service dates from 1917 when he was appointed a second lieutenant by General Pershing, who later commended him for conspicuous service. He was promoted to first lieutenant a month later, then to captain, both promotions coming to him overseas within the space of a year. His promotion to major followed in November, 1924, and to lieutenant colonel in March, 1927, with assignment to the 41st division.

Since May, 1921, General Rilea has served as executive officer of the Oregon National Guard and in that position has shown outstanding efficiency and qualities of leadership. He recently completed tests and tactical examinations before a board of generals at Vancouver barracks. He is a graduate of the army war college.

## Brigadier General's Rank is Bestowed Upon Local Officer



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## Progress in Cure of Deafness is Claimed

Specialist in Bone Pathology Believes he is  
Approaching Truth as to Causes, Which  
Will Make Prevention Possible

By L. E. CLAYPOOL

BERKELEY, Cal., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Hope that the deaf may be made to hear and that ultimately the affliction will be preventable, was held out here today by Dr. Moritz Weber, associate in research medicine at the Hooper foundation of University of California.

Dr. Weber based this hope on months of study and research in bone pathology and made public his conclusions in a formal report to the foundation. From investigations of the skull bones of persons suffering from progressive or incurable deafness, technically known as otosclerosis, Dr. Weber concluded this common malady presents a definite diseased bone picture and that there is a possibility of finding animals in which similar conditions occur and from which the cause of the condition may be discovered.

"Biochemical analyses have shown," says Weber's report, "that otosclerosis is always accompanied by a generalized disturbance of metabolism which might easily have an influence on the general bone system. Presumably in various cases of otosclerosis this generalized disturbance of metabolism does not necessarily have the same general biochemical aspect."

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California Wins  
LOS ANGELES, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Jack Reed's basket toss in the last few seconds of play won for California 28 to 24 over University of California at Los Angeles at basketball tonight. The home squad led by a point at the half.

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## DECISION UPON WATER ISSUES LOOKING NEAR

Judge Hill is Expected to  
Rule Monday on Charter  
Amendment, Seen

Council Awaiting Outcome;  
Other Matters Coming  
Before Session

The action to be taken by the city council Monday night on the question of city purchase of the Oregon-Washington Water company depends primarily on the expected decision of Judge Gail S. Hill on the question of the validity of the amendment to the city charter passed May 16, 1930.

Hill's decision is looked for Monday. If it is favorable to the city's cause, City Attorney W. H. Trindle will ask the council to place on third reading and final passage the ordinance calling for immediate condemnation proceedings against the plant.

If the city's position should not be upheld, Trindle is not sure whether he will carry the case to the supreme court, or whether he will ask the council to draw an ordinance calling for a special election and the resubmission of the matter of buying the water plant to the citizens.

Trindle's decision, in event the circuit court decision is not in favor of the city, will rest on his judgment as to chances of victory in the supreme court.

In event a special election would become necessary, at least 30 days would have to elapse from the time the council passes an ordinance providing for the election, and the time the actual voting was done.

Urges Four Checks  
On Raising Houses  
V. E. Kuhn, head of the police and traffic committee, will introduce a resolution Monday night asking that the city health inspector, the chief of police, the building inspector and the

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## POLK COURT FACES VARIED CRITICISM

According to reports reaching Salem Saturday Polk county is in for a political upheaval centering about a recent grant of part of the contention is over the court's failure to appoint a county surveyor and part over the adoption of the county budget. Assertion was made that a court attack would be made on the budget, seeking to set it aside on technical grounds. Other claims were made that the county is in the gas business, selling gas at the county garage for 16 cents a gallon to county officials and their families for private use.

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## Senate's Chief Will Give Talk



Willard Marks, president of the Oregon senate, who will be the speaker at the Monday noon luncheon of the Salem chamber of commerce.

## COURT INSISTS ON NO SANTIAM MOVE

Writes Letter to Mott and  
Declares Time is not  
Ripe for Attempt

The present time is not feasible for effort to put the North Santiam highway on the state highway map, the county court yesterday informed Rep. James W. Mott in a letter mailed to Mott as a result of the representative's consultation with the court on the matter.

Mott in conference with Judge Siegmund Thursday, said he hoped to carry out in the legislature a promise to put the North Santiam on the state road lay-out. Siegmund at that time pointed out that the court had committed itself, when the court matched \$100,000 appropriation of federal funds, that no attempt would be made to make the route over the Santiam part of the state program.

Mott maintained that the court should have consulted Marion county legislators before it committed the county definitely on a program, but the court can not see it this way, holding apparently that its word is the final one in road matters. The representative is of the opinion also that inclusion of the road in the state map would not exclude expenditure of forest highway funds.

Copies Mailed  
Highway Officials  
The letter of the county court, copies of which were mailed to the Marion county legislators, and state and federal highway officials, follows:

"Pursuant to our recent discussion (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## CINDER ARRESTER TO BE READY SOON

A cinder eliminator, said to be the latest mechanical development in choking out cinders from the smokestacks of industrial plants, is to be in operation at the Oregon Paper & Pulp company here shortly after February 1. Walter Keyes, attorney for the company, announced yesterday. Keyes said the operation of the device would be begun several weeks before the ending of the time allowed the mill under the fact that the state's activities, which constitute one of Salem's largest industries, have not been materially lessened when other industries have curtailed their expenditures.

Here is our opportunity to show our appreciation of the good fortune which has favored the Willamette valley by making a liberal contribution to another portion of our country which is visited by distress, suffering and misfortune.

Contributions may be made to H. V. Compton, assistant cashier at Ladd and Bush bank; Harold Eakin, vice-president First National bank; Linn C. Smith, cashier United States National bank, or at the local office of the American Red Cross, 558 First National bank building.

## DROUGHT RELIEF AID IS ASKED; \$5000 IS QUOTA IN MARION, POLK

The American Red Cross has issued an appeal for a contribution by the American people to relieve distress and suffering in the drought stricken area of 21 of our sister states. It requests Marion and Polk counties to contribute \$5000 towards this sum. The appeal is a most deserving one and should meet with quick response.

When homes in a stricken area are intact and the aerevents which have brought misfortune and suffering have crept in upon us so slowly that the situation lacks a dramatic appeal there is grave danger that the demand may not meet with an adequate response. Under such circumstances those who can give ought to be generous and ought to bring the appeal to the attention of others.

## SEEK LAWS TO OVERCOME RED PERIL IN U. S.

Communism Serious Men-  
ace say House Probers as  
Report is Filed

Refusal of Entry, Depor-  
tation and Other Means  
Proposed by Group

WASHINGTON, Jan. 17.—(AP)—The special house investigating committee today termed communism a grave threat to democratic government, reported the communist party extremely active in America, and outlined legislative means of combatting the radical cause.

After eight months of study, the committee submitted a voluminous report, recommending that aliens who advocate overthrowing the government by force be refused admission to the United States and more stringent deportation laws.

It was signed by Chairman Fish, Representative Bachmann, republican, West Virginia, and Representatives Eslick, Tennessee, and Hall, Mississippi, Democrats.

The fifth member of the committee, Representative Nelson, republican, Maine, filed an individual report.

Would Deny Reds  
U. S. Citizenship  
Bachmann immediately introduced a bill to prohibit the entry of alien communists into the United States. Fish said he and other committee members would place in legislative form other recommendations for which law is required. They include:

Deportation of alien communists; denial of naturalization and the cancellation of citizenship of (Turn to page 2, col. 7)

## GARBAGE DISPOSAL ISSUE FACES DELAY

Matter Will be Blocked in  
Council With new Deal  
Coming up Later

Efforts of the Salem Sanitary service, a new garbage company formed by Fred Thelsen of Salem and L. D. Jones of Medford, to get the city council to give that service exclusive right of handling garbage in the city will be blocked as the matter comes before the city council Monday night, it was said here today by those who purport to know.

The move, it is understood, will be in form of a consolidation of the City Garbage company and the Salem Garbage company, the merged company to bid for the contract on basis that it is strictly a local concern and also because it will promise a distillation process.

It is not probable the matter will be closed Monday night, as members of the city council, and especially the incinerator committee, have been investigating a distillation plant offered by the Communities-Chemical Service corporation of Seattle through the field manager, Phillip S. Gregory. Gregory has proposed to the council that the city purchase his equipment and install it in the present incinerator to make the incinerator a self-supporting, and even money-making proposition to the city.

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## Tuomala Given One Year Term In Prison Here

ASTORIA, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—John L. Tuomala, 42, justice of the peace in the Astoria district for nearly ten years, was sentenced by Circuit Judge Howard K. Zimmerman today to serve one year in the state penitentiary and pay a fine of \$1000.

Tuomala was convicted this week of misappropriating funds passing through his office. An audit of his books revealed a shortage of several thousand dollars.

Tuomala, who has maintained he is innocent, waived a motion for a new trial.

## Marks to Speak At Luncheon of Local Chamber

Senator Willard Marks, president of the 54th senate of Oregon, is to be the speaker Monday noon at the chamber of commerce luncheon here. He will discuss the legislative program he anticipates to be introduced and debated during this session. Senator Marks is a resident of Albany.

The following week Speaker Frank Loneragan has been invited to be the speaker at the chamber here. His subject will concern legislation.

## Law Making Body To Speed Up When New Week Started

## FARMER DIES DUE TO CRASH INJURY

Fred Krieger of Aurora is  
Struck by car Driven  
By Salem Youth

AURORA, Jan. 17.—(Special)—Fred Krieger, 44, farmer residing a mile and a half south of town, suffered fatal injuries shortly after noon Saturday when he was struck by a car driven by Fred Snyder, 19, of Salem and employed at a service station there.

Krieger suffered a great gash in his head. Effort was made to hurry him in an ambulance to an Oregon City hospital, but he died before the hospital was reached.

Krieger had walked across the highway to the mailbox to get the morning mail, and was returning back over the road, reading a paper, when the car driven by Snyder approached. Snyder said he saw the man, but thought he would stop to let him pass, and that it was too late when he discovered Krieger had no intention of stopping. Snyder drove his car into the ditch in an attempt to avoid hitting Krieger, but did not succeed.

The accident victim has lived in this territory for many years, and has been living for some time with his brother, Raymond, south of town. There are two other brothers.

No funeral services had been arranged late Saturday.

While state traffic officers were here to investigate the accident, it was not known here whether any action would be taken against Snyder.

Although the accident in which Fred Krieger was fatally injured was reported to the county coroner here, no action concerning the inquest had been taken last night.

Snyder reported the accident to the sheriff yesterday afternoon. He said: "I was driving south on the highway. Mr. Krieger had gotten the mail from the box on the east side of the highway and was walking across the road. He was near the middle when the car approached. Thought he would halt so car could pass. He continued walking and car driver kept pulling further off the right side of highway to miss him. Car hit him with left front fender and was run into ditch."

Hydro Program  
Bills Coming In  
Tomorrow will probably bring the introduction of the Meier bills on hydro-electric power conservation and on public utility regulation. At the same time the Oregon grange is expected to toss its much-debated and carefully prepared power bill into the legislative hopper.

## INVITING RUSSIA YET MOOT ISSUE

GENEVA, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Representatives of 26 European nations debated all day a proposal to invite Soviet Russia and Turkey to participate in their examination of Aristide Briand's project for a federation of European states, but at the end of the session they turned over this problem to a sub-committee with instructions to report on Monday.

This evening they turned again to the economic situation, seeking a basis for concerted action to remedy the ills of industry and commerce. They discussed tariffs, the possibility of preferential rates for agricultural countries and the application of the "most-favored-nation" principle.

Its work must go over now into next week and the commission will have to divide time with the League of Nations council which convenes on Monday, facing the grave questions of disarmament and minority interests.

Arthur Henderson, the British foreign minister, supported the original suggestion of Dr. Julius Curtius, Germany's foreign minister, that Russia and Turkey be asked to sit in.

This situation did not continue for long, however, and by the end of the second week the late Senator Joseph had organized a bloc of 14 members who announced themselves in readiness for battle. Pitted against Senator Joseph and his followers was Senator Moser, veteran member of the senate, supported by a faithful and loyal group. Although Senator Joseph had his followers were unable to dictate the policies of the senate, their interference, was sufficient to worry the opposition and block the passage of a number of bills dear to the heart of Senator Joseph and his (Turn to page 2, col. 3)

## BULLETIN!

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 18.—(AP)—(Sunday)—Eight additional deaths and the entire disappearance of three towns, at least two of which were towns of 2,000 population or more were reported in messages early today from Oaxaca to Exelsior.

Eight persons were killed in San Pedro Apostol, a town of 2,500 which it is reported is entirely destroyed, as is also Ayoquezo, a small town below Oaxaca, and an unnamed small town in the Province of Pochutla, south of Oaxaca.

The reports say that earth tremors still continued late tonight not only in the state of Oaxaca but also in the neighboring state of Vera Cruz.

MEXICO CITY, Jan. 17.—(AP)—Belated reports from the southern Mexico zone, stricken by an earthquake Wednesday, indicated the death toll already had reached 106 and possibly would prove greater when communication to damaged areas was restored.

### Oregon Briefs

WOULD WARM CITY  
LAKEVIEW, Ore., Jan. 17.—(AP)—Lakeview is drilling a well to heat the city. The bit today reached a depth of 562 feet. The water is almost boiling hot, registering 200 degrees. If the well will provide 1000 gallons a minute at 200 degrees, engineers said, it will heat the entire city of 2000 inhabitants. Tests will be made in a few days.

LAKEVIEW BORES FOR HEAT  
Barn is not Protection  
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One hotel, a hospital and three homes now are heated by water from a well drilled several years ago.

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