

## SENATE MOVES TO PASS VETS' BILL HURRY

Friends of Measure Seeking To Rush Passage and Avert Pocket Veto

Rules Block Attempts to Vote Tuesday; Latest Date is Saturday

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—The veterans loan bill tonight was headed for precipitate passage in the senate with the administration forces overwhelmed by a stampede that swept across the capitol from the house.

With the roar of a powerful senate majority ringing in their ears after today's debate, republican leaders sent word to President Hoover that the bill would be before him within a day or two. The leaders added that there were not enough votes in sight to sustain a veto should Mr. Hoover take that action.

Fearful of a pocket veto, senate advocates of the loan legislation almost upset senate rules and procedure in a race to get the measure to the White House before Saturday.

On Saturday, the 10-day period before an adjournment begins. Bills passed within that period may be vetoed by the president without returning them to congress by simply not signing them.

Fears such a course might be taken by the veterans bill were expressed by Couzens, republican, Michigan, and Bill, democrat, Washington. They urged the program advanced by the American Legion of adoption of the house bill without change, although pleas for liberalization of the house measure were voiced.

The measure has barely reached the senate chamber from the house when Senator Ashurst, democrat, Arizona, moved to take it up. Blocked by the rules, he entered a motion to discharge the finance committee from its consideration and said he would ask a vote tomorrow.

Pleading for regular procedure, Chairman Smoot, of the finance committee and Senators Watson, of Indiana, and Reed, of Pennsylvania, the ranking republicans, said the committee had consulted with Secretary Mellon regarding it.

## WOMAN IS INJURED BY MYSTERY SHOT

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—A bullet from an unidentified assailant's gun struck down Mrs. Ariene Bowles, 19, in front of her apartment home here late today as she was returning from a grocery store. The bullet pierced her hip, but physicians said she was not seriously injured.

Mrs. Bowles told police, they said, she did not see who fired the shot and did not know any reason for an attack upon her.

Mrs. Bowles, who lives at her home, 1915 Commercial, said she later admitted, police said, she was not yet married to William Johnson, truck driver, who, police said, occupied an apartment with her. She said they were to be married next month. Police were holding Johnson for questioning.

Mrs. Bowles was picked up by passersby who saw her lying on the sidewalk. They took her to her sister, Miss Vivian Hart, who occupied an apartment in the same building.

Several residents in the neighborhood told police they heard the shot but could not tell from where it came. A boy, Robert Nasby, said he heard the shot and saw Mrs. Bowles fall.

Police said they had found no clues to the shooting. They said the bullet ranged upward through Mrs. Bowles' hip, indicating it might have been fired from a basement window.

## Jackson County For 'Agri' Bill

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Endorsement of senate bill 87, establishing a department of agriculture, has been voted by Talent grange, Selleville grange, Ashland Kiwanis club and the Ashland chamber of commerce.

Telegrams have been sent to the Jackson county delegation members asking them to support the bill.

## Pacific Defeats Albany Tossers

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Pacific university defeated Albany college, 40 to 20, in a basketball game here tonight.

Albany took an early lead in the game and held the lead, 20 to 18, at the half. With the second half, however, the Badgers began forcing ahead to gain a final lead of 10 points.

## Governor Lauds Scout Program



—Photo by Kennel-Eliza. Twenty-one Boy Scouts from Marion and Polk county troops called upon Governor Julius L. Meier at the capitol Friday to tell the executive that Boy Scouting had reached manhood, having arrived at its 21st birthday in the United States. An Eagle Scout, Maxey Langford, is here presenting to the governor a book containing history of the scout movement in this country. Men who are leaders in the movement in these two counties also appeared with the boys.

## FINAL HONOR PAID TO DANIEL FRY, SR.

Church Filled to Capacity Despite Storm; Lodge Attends in Body

Despite a blowing rainstorm, a large crowd packed the First Congregational church to capacity Tuesday afternoon to pay final honors to their respected friend and fellow-citizen, Daniel Joshua Fry, Sr., 72, who passed away at his home here Sunday.

Members of Salem Lodge No. 4, A. F. and A. M., Masonic order, paid tribute to their deceased brother by attending the services in a body, the Knights Templars in full uniform.

Justice Harry Belt of the supreme court offered words in reverent praise of the distinguished citizen and druggist, speaking of him both as a close personal friend and as a man active in affairs connected with the social and business development of Salem.

## No Charge Filed Against German; Inquest Planned

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—A coroner's inquest will be held Thursday to investigate circumstances surrounding the death of Louis Lampert, 78, who died last night after he was struck by an automobile driven by Fred W. German, county commissioner.

German has not been arrested nor has any complaint been filed against him in connection with the case. After the accident a charge of "reckless driving" was entered in the docket but it was dismissed in municipal court today because no complaint was filed. German was released on his own recognizance after the accident.

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## Training School Hoopers Escape Following Game

Three youths from the Oregon state training school at Woodburn escaped here last night and were object of search by city and state police. They were George Slagle, 17; Raymond Stoutenberg, 18; and Virgil Tracey, 17.

The training school basketball squad came to Salem to play the deaf school quint. After the game the three youths did not go to the shower room with their teammates but made off into the stormy night in basketball attire, carrying their every day garments. Their absence was discovered as the team prepared to leave for Woodburn.

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Ethelbert Stewart, commissioner of labor statistics, presented a mass of figures which he said showed a "very apparent" failure of retail prices to follow the decline of wholesale prices in milk.

The average price of milk in 51 cities is 13.3 cents a quart, Stewart said, and the farmers are receiving an average price of a little less than 4.5 cents.

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## ORCHESTRA GIVES PLEASING CONCERT

Local Musicians Applauded In First Appearance of Symphony Group

By OLIVE M. DOAK  
Salem Symphony orchestra made its bow to a large and genuinely appreciative audience of at least 1000 persons Tuesday night in the armory. If the audience felt as the reviewer did about the program, it was with admiration and candid astonishment that so much could be accomplished in so short a time by a director and a group of sincere music lovers.

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## COOKING IDEAS DISSEMINATED TO BIG CROWD

Women on Hand Early When Statesman's School Opens Tuesday

Will be Continued 3 More Days on Ground Floor of First M. E.

Although the school was not to begin until 3 p. m. Tuesday by 1:15 the front row seats at the Statesman cooking school were filled with women eager to hear of new "ways to man's heart."

Willie Campbell and Rita Conner kept the audience interested from the start and many were the practical ideas that each woman carried home. Breakfast dishes were stressed at the Tuesday class and for the next few days many Salem families will enjoy unusual treats which are guaranteed to do away with "breakfast blues."

The lovely hash, depleted item of boarding house menus was glorified like Cinderella at the ball by the fairy godmothers of the cooking school and emerged as "Hash cakes with dropped eggs." Now that the price of eggs (Turn to page 6, col. 1)

## Change of Venue To This County Is Not Allowed

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—A defense motion for a change of venue to Marion county in the suit brought by Andrew C. Snyder against the Willamette Valley Mortgage and Loan company, B. G. Giesy, president, Zeno Schwab, secretary, and William J. Phoenix, manager, was denied by Circuit Judge Lusk here today.

The suit asks appointment of a receiver for the defendant company, an accounting by its officers and \$25,000 damages. The defendants wanted the suit moved to Marion county, alleging the offices are identical with those of the State bank at Aurora, recently closed.

## PRESIDENT SIGNS POSTOFFICE BILL

WASHINGTON, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Increased salaries and reduced working hours of postal employees have brought about a deficit in the operation of the postoffice department which President Hoover considers calls for increased postal revenues.

The chief executive outlined his views today at his regular press conference after announcing he had signed a bill providing for a 44-hour week for postal employees.

Before the end of the present session of congress, he said, he will recommend the appointment of an investigating group by congress or for the authorization of existing committees of congress to inquire into methods by which the postal revenues can be increased.

Outside of the services being given to the merchant marine, aviation, and free franking privileges, he said, the postoffice department's deficit for the year will amount to approximately \$100,000.

This deficit, Mr. Hoover said, can be attributed largely to the increased pay of postal employees and the reduction in hours.

## Theodore Byrd Relatives Will Be Here Today

After four days of searching via telegraph, the Clough-Barrick company succeeded last night in locating relatives of Theodore E. Byrd, who shot himself while lying on a bed in a local hotel room last Friday. A brother-in-law, F. W. Fagan, of Napa, Cal., arrived in Salem last night and Byrd's widow was expected to reach the city today.

## Staters Not to Meet Maryland

BALTIMORE, Feb. 17.—(AP)—Negotiations for a two-game series between the Western Maryland college football eleven, undefeated in more than two seasons, and Oregon State college, failed today when efforts to obtain the municipal stadium for a game next November 21 were called off. Western Maryland officials said notice would be telegraphed to Oregon tonight.

## Pioneer Editor Dies in South

OAKLAND, Cal., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Francis M. Coffin, 80, pioneer who crossed the plains in a covered wagon and veteran Pacific coast newspaperman, died today after a prolonged illness.

He once edited a newspaper at Lakeview, Ore.

## Legislature to be Blamed if Serious Prison Fire Occurs

So Declares Carle Abrams in Urging Changes To Improve Fire Protection at the Oregon State Penitentiary; Gordon bill up

IN case of a serious fire at the Oregon state penitentiary such as have occurred in other penal institutions of the country during the past few years, the legislature and not the state board of control shall assume full responsibility.

This was announced by Carle Abrams, secretary of the board of control, at a meeting of the joint ways and means committee here Tuesday night during a discussion of a bill introduced by Representative Gordon authorizing an appropriation of \$75,000 to improve fire conditions at the institution. Gordon declared that the prison had been branded a fire-trap, and that some immediate action should be taken to improve the existing conditions.

Most of Tuesday night's meeting of the ways and means committee was devoted to consideration of appropriations included in bills now before the legislature.

Among these requests were the following: Klamath Falls armory \$40,000; army at Astoria \$40,000; grasshopper plague, \$15,000; Spanish-American veterans burial plot of River View cemetery \$10,000; study of hydro-electric resources near The Dalles \$25,000; economic survey of forest resources \$25,000; state chamber of commerce \$100,000; armory at St. Helens \$50,000; Douglas county turkey house, \$2000; service officer for veterans or organizations \$7500 and \$2500 to defend suit of the government against the state of Oregon in connection with the title to Malheur lake, Mud lake and Harney lake.

A bill increasing the salary of the state engineer from \$3600 to \$4800 a year also was considered.

No definite action was taken on these requests.

## BUTLER TALKS BUT NOT ABOUT IL DUCE

SOUTH BEND, Ind., Feb. 17.—(AP)—Major General Smedley D. Butler slipped quietly into South Bend tonight for a dinner address on "anything but the Mussolini incident."

Reporters and movie cameramen were at the station to meet him, but they went away empty handed.

He declined to be interviewed "because any other subject would be interesting, and I won't talk about Premier Mussolini."

He refused to pose for sound pictures on the ground "I never had movies of me taken before and I don't see why I should now."

There were one or two indirect references to the Mussolini imbroglio in Butler's speech, heard by an overflow audience.

"God help the man," he said, "who gets in the way of an aroused public opinion—I've had experience of that sort."

And "when public opinion is aroused, Al Capone will go back to Italy—but I can't talk about Italy."

## Stickup Man is Active but Gets Little Report

A "stick-up" man held up Miss Stevens, 436 State street, in the 600 block of North Summer street about 9:15 o'clock last night. All he got for his efforts was seventy cents, and the chance to show off his revolver.

The man was described to police as about 20 years old, hatless, and wearing a black leather coat. No report of further hold-up operations was received by the police at a late hour last night.

## Many Scouts to Advance In Rank at Honor Court

One of the largest Boy Scout courts of honor conducted here this winter will be held tonight at the county court house, beginning at 8 o'clock with 32 scouts scheduled to come up for promotions of various kinds. The event is open to the public.

Justice Harry H. Belt of the supreme court will preside. Other officers of the court will be: Silver Palm awards—Maxey Langford, troop nine, Cal'm, and Roy Brady, troop 20, Silverton.

Star award—Roger Kellogg, troop 20, Salem.

Life award—Val Gardner, troop 25, Stayton.

Second class awards—Herb Stirt, Charles Collier, David Collier, Charles Roblin and Richard Hiday, all of troop two, Salem; Jaxxy Bohannon, Paul Burger and Harold Kastner, all of troop 11, Salem; and Elmer Amundson, troop nine, Salem.

First class awards—Robert Law and Walter Bailey of troop two; Wallace Sprague of troop nine; and Gerald Newton of troop 12, all of Salem.

Merit badge awards—Winston Williams, John Hayward, Roger Kellogg, Walter Bailey, all of troop two; Wallace Sprague, Donald Arnpriest, Eugene Tower, Wallace Tower and Maxey Langford of troop nine; Fred Edmondson, troop 11; Billy Holt and Gordon Black, troop 12; Phillip Himmel, Bernard Cross and Ralph Langley, troop 20; William Fischer, Joe Guthrie and Howard Campbell of troop 24; Val Gardner of troop 25; Stayton; and Wilford Hinamon of troop 27.

## UTILITY BILL IS PASSED

Some of "Ayes" Feeble as Public Service Commission Wiped out so far as House Vote Concerned

Vote is 50 to 10; Hamilton and Taylor Loudest in Opposing the Asserted "Mandate of People"

After a debate which lasted only 30 minutes, the house of representatives yesterday afternoon wiped out the three-man public utility commission and substituted in its stead, under House Bill 77, a one-man commissioner form of government. The vote on final passage was 50 ayes and 10 nays.

The roll call on House Bill 77, follows:

Ayes: Allen, Anderson, Andrews, Angell, Bronough, Bynon, Chindgren, Chinnock, Day, Deuel, Eckley, Fisher, Gill, Glass, Gordon, Gouley, Hellberg, Janssen, Johnson, Keasoy, Lawrence, Lee, Lewis, Macpherson, Manning, McAllister, McCourt, McGraw, McPhillips, Mott, Nichols, Norton, Oxman, Peters, Proctor, Schappert, Scott of Umatilla, Smith of Morrow and Umatilla, Smith of Hood River, Smith of Marion, Snell, Stewart, Stockdale, Swift, Tompkins, Wells, Winslow, Yates, Lowman.

Nays: DeNap, Hamilton, Hill, Howard, Knapp, McCormack, Nash, Taylor, Thornburgh, Weatherford.

By this majority did the lower chamber follow what the bill's leaders declared was the "mandate" of the people. The measure now goes to the senate for its consideration while the house this week will take up the hydro-electric commission bill which Monday was passed by the senate yesterday. The bill substitute two of the Big Three of the administration's program for power and utility control.

Support of Bill Not Always Hearty

On the vote in the house yesterday any number of "ayes" were spoken faintly, so low in fact, that hearers at the speaker's desk had difficulty in discerning which side the legislator took. Very apparently the members had the idea firmly fixed in mind that one-man commissioner bill was destined to pass and any (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

## MADRID ON VERGE OF GREAT CRISIS

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NEW YORK, Feb. 17.—(AP)—(By radiophone from Madrid)—The great city of Madrid, lying under the towering guns of artillery and with soldiers in barracks for any emergency, tonight quivered with expectancy as King Alfonso and his supporters of his regime struggled desperately to find a solution of the vital political crisis now facing the Spanish monarchy.

In a radio telephone conversation that flashed across the Atlantic clear as a bell, Clarence Du Bose, chief of the Associated Press bureau in Madrid, outlined the gravest crisis that has faced King Alfonso in his 47 years on the throne.

"Anything may happen," he said. "There is no telling from one moment to the next what the developments may be."

As the military took every precaution to prevent possible trouble, crowds gathered in the central part of the city.

Some shouted for the king. Others charged him.

Police chased the mob, dispersed and arrested some, but there were no serious disorders. Everyone was waiting.

## Poultry-Dairy Show Proposed For Corvallis

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 17.—(AP)—The Corvallis chamber of commerce announced today an all-Oregon poultry and dairy show would be held here October 7 to 10 inclusive.

The plans for the show would permit state fair exhibitors to bring their poultry and livestock to Corvallis before going to the Pacific International in Portland.