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THE WEATHER

Unsettled today and Saturday with occasional rains; Max. temperature Thursday 47, Min. 37, rain .25 inch, river 1.18 feet.

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No. 289

HOUSE PASSES VETERAN BOND DESPITE VETO

Vote is 328 to 79, Forty Members Swinging to Support Hoover

Substitute Applying Only To Needy Service men Is Shouted Down

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Turning his back upon President Hoover, the house today overrode his veto of the veterans loan bill by 328 to 79. The decision came less than an hour after the house had received the veto message from the White House. The veto then was sent to the senate where it was agreed to take it up at 11 o'clock tomorrow, after Senator Johnson, republican, a. n. California, had sought to bring it up for an immediate vote.

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MURDER SILENCES FRAMEUP WITNESS

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Death-violent and sudden—today overtook a red-headed woman of 32 who had volunteered to tell what she knew of a "frameup" by New York police.

Vivian Gordon, once a reformatory inmate, was found dead in Van Cortlandt park, one delicately-manufactured hand clutching a clothesline with which she had been strangled.

Her long, ruddy hair covered her face; her black velvet dress was torn. An expensive pump, encrusted with brilliant, was found some distance from the body, and a pair of white kid gloves lay in the mud. She had been dead five or six hours.

Police Commissioner Mulrooney ordered that Patrolman Andrew G. McLoughlin, who arrested the woman eight weeks ago on a vice charge, be questioned about the arrest. Mulrooney said McLoughlin had been the partner of a plainclothesman suspended as the result of a vice case not under investigation.

Hydro-Electric Bill is Signed And is Now Law

Governor Meier yesterday signed Senator Brown's bill providing for a hydro-electric commission for the state, and thus put into effect one of the three major utility measures favored by the administration. As soon as a \$50,000 appropriation measure can be passed to furnish funds for the commission's work, the new body can function since the bill contained the emergency clause.

Governor Meier is expected to name his two members of the commission soon. The state engineer is the third member, serving in an ex-officio capacity on the commission. The governor's appointees serve without pay.

Salvation Army Worker's Spare Tire is Stolen

Ensign E. N. Williams of the Salvation Army post here is hoping his hardest he will not find any nails, tacks or bits of glass sticking in the spare tire of his automobile. Some sticky-fingered individual apparently "borrowed" the ensign's spare tire, rim and lock while Williams was holding a meeting at the Army hall last night. Or, "the fire may have come loose and dropped off," he says.

Whatever way it disappeared, Williams would be glad to have the errant tire back on the home rack again.

Longworth Speaker Of House Again if G. O. P. Holds Lead

15 Republicans Fail to Attend Caucus, Some on Account of Disagreement With Party Rule; Choice is Unanimous

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—The house republican caucus tonight renominated Nicholas Longworth of Ohio for speaker during the next session. Longworth already has served six years. There was no opposition to his renomination at the caucus which was held behind closed doors with a number of republicans absent.

It will not be determined until the house organizes next session whether Longworth or a democratic nominee, possibly Representative Garner of Texas, will be named. The republicans will have 218 seats, the democrats 216, and the farmer-laborites in the next congress. Nearly a score of independent republicans failed to attend the caucus tonight because they did not desire to be bound by conclusions reached.

So far as could be learned, there were 15 republicans who did not attend including Sparks, Hoch, Hope, Guyer, and Lamberton of Kansas; Maas, Selvig and Christgau of Minnesota; La Guardia of New York and Frear, Peavy, Schneider, Cooper, Kadings and Nelson of Wisconsin.

There were a number of them absent because of illness.

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AGREEMENT SIGNED ON SANTIAM WORK

Cooperative agreement between the county court of Marion county and the national forest officials on construction and maintenance of the national forest highway along the North Santiam was signed yesterday by the county judge and Commissioner Smith following ironing out of a slight matter.

The contract was presented last week, but upon advice of District Attorney John Carson the article which deals with section on payments of final costs was returned to the federal office for revision to make it definite that each body, the county and federal, pay half the costs, not to exceed \$200,000.

"We know of course that the intent of the original section was to provide for a 50-50 payment of costs, but we wanted the matter stated more clearly," Judge J. C. Slegmund commented yesterday. The first copies of the contract received here stated that the county should pay \$100,000 on the cost of construction and the federal department the balance.

This was the only change in the contract.

WATER COMPANY'S CHIEF DUE TODAY

President E. C. Elliott of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company is expected here this afternoon from San Francisco to commence negotiation and arbitration with city officials concerning the purchase of the company's plant here by the municipality. He notified Walter E. Keyes, company attorney, that he was coming in a telephone call this week from the south.

City Attorney Trindle, Mayor Gregory and members of the council and the water commission are expected to sit in with the water company president at the conference. The result of the arbitration may be submitted to citizens at a special election.

Pending arbitration, appeal of the water bond case will not be made to the state supreme court.

Commissioner Critically Ill

Condition of John Porter of Silverton, county commissioner, is considered grave and all visitors have been forbidden from the house now, according to word received here. Mr. Porter has been confined to his bed since the latter part of January, when he suffered an attack of influenza. Complications have caused his condition to grow steadily worse.

The Legislative Calendar

SENATE TODAY Third reading, senate bills 343, 347, 348, 349, 397, 340, 219, 281. Third reading, house bills 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 369, 376, 10, 150, 276, 296, 307, 197, 187, 305, 215, 184, 115, 309, 334, 324, 319, 103, 326, 273, 354, 35, 370, 146, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 393, 388, 390, 99, 139, 60, 343, 278, 298, 290, 113, 395, 342, 340, 317, 177, 297, 63, 265, 319.

HOUSE TODAY Third reading, house bills 207, 409, 193, 254, 121, 402, 403, 404, 405, 70, 173, 331, 332, 367, 372. Third reading, senate bills

SAMUEL HILL ROAD BUILDER PASSES AWAY

Taken ill While on way to Salem for Address at Senate Chamber

Noted for Railroad Development, Widely Known Throughout World

PORTLAND, Or., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Samuel Hill, 74, friend of royalty and internationally known railroad builder, died here tonight after an 18-day fight against intestinal influenza.

His illness developed suddenly here February 9 while he was en route to Salem, Ore., to discuss good roads before the state legislature. Last week he submitted to an operation but he failed to rally and his condition was such that his son, James Nathan, was called here from his home in Washington, D. C.

Resides his son, Hill is survived by his widow, Mrs. Mary Hill, the oldest daughter of the late James J. Hill, the "empire builder."

Body Will Lie In State Today

The body will lie in state here tomorrow afternoon. Funeral services and cremation will be in Seattle. An urn, containing the ashes, will be taken to Maryhill, lonely and desolate castle which a revolution last August.

The Plur troops rebelled Tuesday under the leadership of Colonel Manuel Valde Iglesias.

Hence with the speed of armed revolt to the north and the south of the capital, the Lima government has dispatched troops in both directions to suppress the rebellions.

Official statements have said that a loyal cavalry regiment from Tacna is approaching Arequipa, the southern point which has been held since Friday by revolting soldiers, while a fighting division mobilized at Lima to move southward.

The government also claims the adjacent departments of Moquegua and Apurimac are loyal and loyal forces hold the port of Mollendo, key to Arequipa's sea trade.

Government forces were started northward yesterday to crush the Plura insurrection, although its existence was not made known at that time.

Well, Al is Gallant One Girl Learns

CHICAGO, Feb. 26.—(AP)—A girl reporter approached Al Capone in a timely fashion during court recess today and after gulping once or twice, stuttered out her name.

Capone arose and bowed gallantly. "I was supposed to ask you a question," she said, "but I can't think of what it was."

Capone stood smiling. "Oh, I know," said the girl, "What do you think of the American girl?"

"I think you're beautiful," said Capone. The girl retired in confusion.

Bootlegger is Real Article; Quart in Each

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Karl Wigen, said by Sheriff Harley J. Slusher to be a Portland bootlegger, was arrested here today when Sheriff Slusher found eight quarts of liquor in his car. Two quarts were concealed in boots in the car.

Wigen was brought into justice court where he pleaded not guilty to charges brought against him. He was held under \$500 bail.

PAIR EXECUTED OSSINING, N. Y., Feb. 26.

(AP)—Anthony Vellicca, 40, and Anthony Lucianio, 36, both of Amsterdam, N. Y. were executed tonight at Sing Sing prison for the murder of Libero Barnell.

Nedham One of 15 Indicted by U. S. Grand Jury

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—The federal grand jury today reported 15 general true bills involving 18 defendants, five secret indictments and two not true bills in Federal Judge McNary's court here.

The indictments included Charles Neenan prohibition act, Marion county, February 2, four counts.

Not true bills were reported in the cases of W. E. Braniger, Klamath county, and Emmett Leahy, Marion county, both charged with prohibition violations.

Logging Camp To Start Work

MOLALLA, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Eastern and Western Logging company officials announced today their logging camp near here would begin operations Tuesday. About 180 men will be employed.

Career of Rail Pioneer Ended



SAMUEL HILL

FEE OF PENDLETON IS FEDERAL JUDGE

Nominated by Hoover to be Bean's Successor in Portland Court

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 26.—(AP)—James Alger Fee, of Pendleton, Ore., was nominated today by President Hoover to be United States district judge in Oregon. He will succeed the late Judge Robert S. Bean.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Circuit Judge James Alger Fee, who was nominated by President Hoover today as the successor to the late Judge Bean, said, when informed of the nomination, he was "very, very appreciative of the confidence shown in me by my friends and the trouble they have taken in supporting me for this position."

"I recognize the responsibility of the position," he said, "and am particularly appreciative of the necessity of immediate action to help clear up the work which has accumulated in the federal court since the death of Judge Bean."

If the nomination is confirmed, he said, he will move to Portland from Pendleton as soon as possible.

Judge Fee was born in Pendleton, Ore., September 24, 1888. He graduated from Whitman college in 1910 and then went to Columbia university, New York, where he was graduated with his bachelor of laws and master of arts degree in 1914.

He was appointed to the circuit bench in 1927 by the late Governor Patterson. His term expires in 1935.

ASSERTS WOMAN'S DEATH ACCIDENTAL

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 26.—(AP)—William M. Fraser of Rahway, N. J., confessed today to killing Mrs. Phoebe Stader, but said it was accidental. He agreed to return to New Jersey to face a charge of murder.

The 31-year-old former restaurant worker arrested here yesterday told Abe F. David, Union county, New Jersey, a .22 caliber rifle he carried in his automobile for protection, accidentally was discharged while they were riding from Elizabeth, N. J., to Rahway, the night of Tuesday, February 17.

Physicians at Rahway today found the bullet in her head. Her body was taken there after its identification at Bowling Green yesterday by her husband, Philip Stader, a metal worker. It was found Sunday.

Bakery Plant at Seattle Bombed

SEATTLE, Feb. 26.—(AP)—A plant of the Golden Rule bakery was bombed here tonight, injuring Charles Short, 22. Four others working in the plant were unharmed. One side of the structure was wrecked. The explosion shattered windows in nearby residences and was heard over a radius of three miles.

It was the second time within five days that an attempt has been made to bomb the buildings. A large quantity of dynamite was discovered outside the walls Sunday. Ed Hagen, former Seattle policeman and ex-convict was charged with "attempting to endanger life and property by explosives" in a complaint filed today by Chief Deputy Prosecutor Emmitt G. Lenihan, in connection with the attempted bombing.

Hagen was identified as one of two men who were seen on the building by a watchman.

Deadlock Reached on Session Dates

WASHINGTON, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Formation of a constitutional amendment fixing new meeting times for congress was blocked today when conferees became deadlocked over the house provision fixing a limit for one session.

With only a few working days left in which to iron out the disagreement, Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, called another meeting of the conferees for tomorrow in an effort to bring together the senate and house on an amendment to be submitted to the states.

The stumbling block is the provision put in the proposed constitutional amendment by the house at the insistence of Speaker Longworth providing that the second session of a congress, as now, have a definite day for termination.

Both the senate and house agreed to do away with the existing order whereby an old congress meets after the elections of a new congress.

Flax Growers Agree to Cut in Price by State

SILVERTON, Feb. 26.—A meeting of flax growers of this section was called Thursday afternoon at the Edwin Overlund farm.

F. Schwab, field man for the flax in this district, called the meeting for the purpose of finding out whether or not the flax growers were willing to take a \$2 a ton cut. The situation, as Schwab explained it, was that the state officials were trying to cut down expenses as much as possible all around and that the flax industry was one place they were forced to cut because of market conditions.

Contracts had been signed whereby the farmers were to grow flax of number 1 grade at \$35 a

NON-PARTISAN ELECTION FOR BENCH PASSED

Candidates not Permitted To Tell Affiliations In Ballot Slogan

Primary Vote Date Change Also Approved Upon Reconsideration

The senate Thursday approved a bill introduced by the judiciary committee providing for the non-partisan nomination and election of judges in the state of Oregon. The proposed legislation applies to judges of the supreme, circuit and district courts and the court of domestic relations for Multnomah county.

Senator Crawford explained that under the provisions of the bill no reference would be made on the non-partisan judicial ballot to the political affiliation of the candidate. Judges in office would be allowed to have printed on the ballot after their names the words "present incumbent," and the department of the court in which they were serving. The two candidates receiving the highest vote at the primary election would be before the voters at the general election.

"This bill would make it possible for a good democrat to be elected to the office of judge in Oregon," said Senator Crawford. "Governor Meier recommended the non-partisan judiciary. Poll-

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FIERCE HURRICANE COSTS 230 LIVES

SUVA, Fiji, Feb. 27.—(Friday)—(AP)—Two hundred thirty persons were killed Saturday in the worst hurricane ever experienced in the Fiji islands. Most of the victims were Fijians and East Indians. One European was electrocuted.

The hurricanes and heavy floods devastated the districts of Singatoka, Ba and Lautoka, cutting all communication until today. One hundred died in Singatoka, 80 in Ba and 50 in Lautoka. More are expected to die of exposure and cold before help arrives.

A train on the Ba-Lautoka railway was blown off the tracks, killing one person and injuring many.

A Fijian woman, struck by three sheets of iron simultaneously, was cut to pieces.

Tanks containing 600 gallons of water were hurled 60 feet. A house was blown on top of another.

Hot gusts of wind from leaden skies Saturday morning developed into furious hurricane at 3:30 p. m. It lasted until 3 a. m. next morning, with torrential rain pouring throughout.

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Hewitt Speaker At Bar Meeting

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—Dean Roy E. Hewitt, of Willamette university, will be the principal speaker at the meeting of the Southern Oregon Bar association here Friday evening. E. E. Kelley, Medford, president of the association, will preside at the meeting.

Annual Run of Smelt Reaches Sandy's Mouth

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 26.—(AP)—William H. Rosch, deputy game warden, said today the annual run of Sandy river smelt had arrived off the mouth of the river at Troutdale.

The extent of the run could not be determined, he said, because the fish apparently were waiting for a rise of water before crossing into the Sandy from the Columbia.

PANTAGES CASE SET

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Trial of Eunice Pringle's million-dollar suit against Alexander Pantages, theater magnate convicted of criminally attacking her, was set today for June 1.

Agriculture Measure Consolidating Boards Gets House Approval

'Meanest Thief' Makes Haul of Ear Phone Sets

Goes to Governor, who Championed Plan; Vote 53 to 7

Representatives Laud Movement as one For Efficiency

A state department of agriculture, as provided in Senate Bill 87, was approved late yesterday afternoon by the lower house by a decisive vote of 53 ayes and 7 nays after an hour of oratory, the bulk of which was favorable to the passage of the measure.

Already approved in the senate, the bill now goes to Governor Meier for signature. The executive is known to be a staunch supporter of the bill and his influence in the house was clearly evident yesterday afternoon as member after member said he would stand with the governor.

The bill abolished a dozen boards and commissions now existing in relation to state agricultural problems and substitutes for them a director of agriculture serving in a five-section department over one division of which he is chief and with four deputies handling the work of the remaining divisions. The divisions are provided for as administration, plan industry, animal industry, foods and dairies and markets, grades and standards.

Chief to Receive \$5000 Annual Salary

Under the act's provisions, the new head of the department is to be appointed by the governor to serve four years at an annual salary of \$5000.

Representative Chindgren opened the debate for the bill. He argued that the measure was one of efficiency. Representative Gill said the agricultural department law was a distinct step forward in state's affairs.

Representative McCormack of Lane opposed the measure which he said was not amended as he thought necessary. Opposition to the act was expressed by Representative Chindgren on the ground that there was a limitation made on salaries to be paid the deputies.

Representative Andrews made a fervent plea for the bill. He contended it was distinctly a move towards administrative efficiency. His proposed Governor Meier as a leader among Oregon business men and said the measure would introduce the cabinet system of government in a sound way, that is by gradual steps.

Other representatives commending the measure included Nicholas MacPherson, Tompkins and Hamilton.

Members voting against the bill were Allen, Chincock, McCormack, McCourt, Nash, Smith of Hood River, Weatherford.

RULING TO PERMIT NEWSPAPER'S SALE

NEW YORK, Feb. 27.—(Friday)—The New York World newspapers were sold to the Scripps-Howard syndicate early this morning for approximately \$5,000,000.

NEW YORK, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Surrogate Foley tonight granted trustees of the Joseph Pulitzer estate permission to dispose of the world newspapers.

The surrogate ruled at midnight that the will of the late Joseph Pulitzer does not prohibit the sale of the New York World's to permit the three sons of the late Joseph Pulitzer to sell the morning, evening and Sunday Worlds, permission to do which they sought from the Surrogate.

Judge Foley did not rule on the contract for sale, by which the World newspapers would pass to the Scripps-Howard interests to be merged with the New York Evening Telegram.

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WITNESS TELLS OF CARD GAME DEATH

KANSAS CITY, Feb. 26.—(AP)—Charles Hoffman, a participant on the game, related at the murder trial of Mrs. Myrtle Bennett today how a contract bridge bid of four spades doubled and led to a quarrel which ended in the fatal shooting of John G. Bennett, in the couple's fashionable apartment here September 29, 1929.

Hoffman was the first witness called for testimony Prosecutor James R. Pags told the jury would prove Mrs. Bennett deliberately shot her husband as he was leaving home angered by the card game controversy.

The witness, admittedly a friend of the dark clad, weeping defendant, told his version of Bennett's death immediately after former Senator James A. Reed, defense attorney declared to the jury that the shooting was wholly accidental.

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