

Salem, Oregon, Thursday Morning, March 26, 1931

THE WEATHER
Fair today and Friday.
Frosts at night; Max. temperature
Wednesday 50.
Min. 36, rain .08 inch, river
7 feet, southwest wind.

EIGHTY YEARS
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EIGHTIETH YEAR

JURY MAY GET BOWLES CASE BEFORE NIGHT

Arguments to Start Monday With Separate Ones For Defendants

Surprise Rebuttal Witness Says Irma Returned to Scene of Tragedy

HILLSBORO, Ore., March 25—(AP)—A millionaire and his former secretary crossed the tiny "bridge of sighs" to their cells in the Washington county court-house here today, with the realization that possibly before another twilight a jury will have retired to determine whether either or both stabbed Mrs. Leona Bowles through the heart.

Nelson C. Bowles, the 34-year-old millionaire, and Irma Loucks, 25, his former secretary, today heard the fatal words of their attorney—"the defense is..."

The two who have admitted intimate association during the past three years, are charged with the murder of Bowles' wife, who was stabbed to death in Miss Loucks' apartment after she had discussed with the two plans for a divorce.

Mrs. Raudsep Is Surprise Witness
Bowles and Miss Loucks declare Mrs. Bowles thrust the long-bladed breadknife into her own breast in a fit of despondency and despair.

POISONS CHILDREN TO SAVE ON MILK

HARRISONVILLE, Mo., March 25—(AP)—Martha Kennedy, middle-aged, unmarried farm woman, admitted in justice court here today she put poison in a jar of milk destined for the children of Elmer York, tenant on her farm. She was bound over to circuit court.

Unwritten Law Prevails Again

BEAUMONT, Tex., March 25—(AP)—A. B. Johnson was convicted of the murder of Otis Lee Adams by a jury in criminal district court here early tonight and was given a five year suspended sentence. Adams was the alleged betrayer of Johnson's 17-year-old daughter, Elizabeth, who was found shot to death last December in Port Arthur, Texas.

Reports are Filed on Aurora, Hubbard Banks

First data from the state banking department on conditions of the defunct banks at Aurora and Hubbard was filed yesterday afternoon with the county court. The reports were compiled by S. M. Laws of the state banking office, of which A. A. Schramm is superintendent.

Canners Organize Cooperative With Marketing as Aim

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25—(AP)—Representatives of Oregon and Washington cooperative canneries met here today and organized the North-Pacific Canners and Packers, Inc., an association which will act as regional service and sales agency for cooperatives affiliating.

MAYOR UNDECIDED ABOUT USING VETO

Portland, Ore., March 25—(AP)—Mayor P. M. Gregory declared yesterday that he was undecided as yet whether he would use his veto power to block the council's ordinance for submitting to the voters of the city a proposal that the Oregon-Washington Water company's plant here at a price of \$1,100,000. The question will not be brought before the council until the offer is accepted but the thought prevails that President E. C. Elliott of the company will accept the offer before the time is up Saturday afternoon.

Ford Firm Uses Foreign Vessels Charges Jenkins

WASHINGTON, March 25—A memorandum charging the Ford Motor Co. with using foreign vessels in competition with American trans-Atlantic lines was filed today with the shipping board.

Plots Against Il Duce Viewed

ROME, March 25—(AP)—Two more arrests in connection with plots against the life of Premier Benito Mussolini were announced today by Italian Secret Service "Ovra". Authorities said the men arrested were members of a bombing gang headed by Michele Schirru, naturalized American citizen, who was arrested Feb. 3 and is awaiting trial.

CUSTOMS UNION AFFAIR MAY GO BEFORE LEAGUE

Question of Violation of Geneva Protocol now Eyed by Nations

Brueening Replies It's Only Economic Matter but Welcomes Probe

PARIS, March 25—(AP)—The entire question of whether the Austro-German customs treaty violates the Geneva protocol and the St. Germain treaty would be put up to the council of the league of nations in a suggestion made today by Great Britain.

BERLIN, March 25—(AP)—Chancellor Bruening today told Sir Horace Rumbold, the British ambassador, the projected customs union between Germany and Austria was entirely within the bounds of the Geneva protocol of April, 1922, and that in his opinion there was no reason for taking the agreement before the league of nations council.

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Henderson - Hefner Cases Settled Just Before Trial to Start

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CAPTAIN SPOTWOOD AUTO CRASH VICTIM

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 25—(AP)—Captain M. W. Spotwood, about 60, of Port Townsend, Wash., was injured fatally, and a certified woman, believed to be Mrs. Spotwood, and Isidor D. Diaz, Filipino chauffeur, were critically injured in an automobile accident 40 miles south of here tonight.

Charles Wright Named by Meier On Parole Board

Charles F. Wright of Portland Wednesday was appointed by Governor Meier a member of the state parole board to succeed Jay Lewis of Corvallis, who has resigned.

Hoover Sailing Homeward From Virgin Islands

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Islands, March 25—(AP)—Terminating a visit to Porto Rico and the Virgin Islands, President Hoover sailed for home today aboard the U. S. S. Arizona.

Williams Held In Jail Here on Serious Charge

William R. Williams, arrested in Stayton yesterday on a warrant issued out of the Salem justice court, was in the county jail last night, charged with contributing to delinquency of minors.
At least eight girls, ranging from seven to 11 years old, are alleged to have been molested by Williams. One of the girls lives in Salem, and most of the others are said to live around Aumsville. Williams is 52 years old.
He may be given preliminary hearing in justice court today.

Noted Writers Who Figured in "Unpleasantness" at Banquet



Theodore Dreiser (left), noted American author, loomed up as the heavyweight champion of American letters as a result of a slapping Lewis (right), the Nobel prize winner, whose remarks on plagiarism are said to have roused the author of "American Tragedy" to action.

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OPPOSE INCREASE ON CANNED GOODS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25—(AP)—Efforts to prevent a proposed freight rate increase from 3 1/2 cents a hundred to 34 cents on canned goods shipped in coastwise steamers from Portland to Los Angeles were launched today by the Portland chamber of commerce.

Williamson to Recover, Word From Hospital

Condition of George P. Williamson of Portland, injured Tuesday afternoon in an automobile accident near Lake Labish, was reported last night as being fairly good, despite the fact he spent an uncomfortable day. Williamson sustained a broken left leg. Attendants at the Salem general hospital said last night it is not now believed he has any internal injuries and that there is excellent prospect of recovery.

Oregon Briefs

DEPUTY'S CAR STOLEN
EUGENE, Ore., March 25—(AP)—Deputy Sheriff John Carlie's automobile, stolen this afternoon while parked in front of the court house, had not been recovered tonight.

THE CAR WAS STOLEN WHILE Carlie was in the court house transacting business. The search for the automobile was not started until late in the day because Carlie thought the machine had been borrowed by other deputies.

ONE BODY RECOVERED
ASTORIA, March 25—(AP)—Aino Hendrickson, 42, and Fred Elnell, 25, Warrenton crab fishermen, were drowned off the mouth of the Columbia river some time last night.

THEIR SMALL BOAT, disabled by mountainous seas, was washed up on the beach near the wreck of the Peter Iredale during the night and today the sea gave up Hendrickson's body. It was found on the beach a mile and a half south of the wrecked boat. Finnell's body has not been recovered.

HIT BY AUTOMOBILE
MEDFORD, Ore., March 25—(AP)—J. R. Potter, 79, of Ash-

RIOTERS SLAIN; GANDHI JEERED BY COMMUNISTS

Turmoil Breaks out in India Again Over Executions Of Three Hindus

Thirty Killed at Cawnpore and Many Injured When Strike is Opposed

KARACHI, India, March 25—(AP)—Turmoil broke out again in India today as Mahatma Gandhi, here for the nationalist congress meeting, was jeered by communists and British troops at Cawnpore shot down at least 30 rioting nationalists.

These disorders grew out of the execution of three Indians convicted of murder on a 21-year old police official in 1926.

A group of 30 or more known to be of communist leaning, made for him with jeers and one even made as to attack the frail little man with a flagstaff. Some carried a tray with a gruesome mess of mud and blood.

CHORUSES PRESENT PLEASING PROGRAM

Madrigal Club and Men's Civic Group Receive Copious Applause

By OLIVE M. DOAK
Applause, long and genuine, from a large audience, and splendidly deserved, was given the joint concert of the Salem Madrigal club and the Salem Civic Men's chorus under the direction of Prof. E. W. Hobson Wednesday night in Nelson hall. A meritorious choice of numbers and an excellently trained group of voices achieved a brilliant program to be remembered in musical circles.

Hoffnell Given Appointment as "Dollar" Cadet

Edwin "Bud" Hoffnell, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Hoffnell, has received notice of appointment as a cadet on the Dollar steamship lines and will leave here Sunday, to report in Seattle Monday morning. He will sail from that port April 4 on the President Lincoln.

Gabriel Supply Company Winner In Two Actions

Cases of Gabriel Powder and Supply company against Blanche B. Huffman and others and against Amy Melsarvey and others, tried before Judge Hill yesterday, were decided for the plaintiff.

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POCATELLO, Ida., March 25—(AP)—Pilot Henry C. Hollenbeck, flying a National Parks Airways plane from Butte, Mont., to Pocatello, was forced down on the lava fields five miles south of Spencer, Idaho, during a severe snowstorm this afternoon.

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Crosswhite had gone into the fuel pit to break down shavings and sawdust. The sawdust caught fire, and the flames carried him slowly toward the furnace. Fellow workmen went to the pit to see what had happened the flow of fuel and found him. His condition tonight was still critical.

Telephone Company Manager Promises Full Cooperation

PORTLAND, Ore., March 25—(AP)—Informing here tonight of an investigation order issued by C. M. Thomas, public utility commissioner, R. D. Wise, vice-president and general manager from Oregon for the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, said:

"The people of Oregon and the public utilities commissioner can be assured of our desire to cooperate and expedite the investigation in every way."

SCOTT'S MILLS GIRL CRITICALLY INJURED

Hazel Crites Suffers Skull Fracture in Accident East of Silverton

SILVERTON, March 25—(Special)—Hazel Crites, 17, of Scott's Mills is in the Silverton hospital in a critical condition as result of injuries suffered in an automobile accident this afternoon near the Mrs. T. H. Brakke home, two miles east of Silverton. She has a probable fractured skull and other head injuries and has been conscious but part of the time.

ASSERTS BROTHERS FLED DEATH SCENE

CHICAGO, March 25—(AP)—The Leo Brothers murder trial jury was told by an eye witness today three men scammed off of the Randolph street pedestrian subway after Alfred "Jack" Lingie was assassinated last June, that the brothers were one of those men and Frank Foster, Chicago gangster, was another.

Plans of Board Will Depend on Wheat Acreage

HUTCHINSON, Kas., March 25—(AP)—Chairman James C. Stone of the federal farm board today met Kansas hard wheat farmers within the shadows of their own elevator and told them it was up to them what the board will do with its 200,000,000 bushels of stabilization wheat purchases.

Governor Urges Economy In all State Activities

Strict economy in the conduct of all state activities was urged in a letter prepared by Governor Meier here Wednesday. Copies of the letter are being sent to all state departments, boards, commissions and institutions.

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THOMAS MOVES FOR TELEPHONE RATES INQUIRY

Investigation Will Cover Practices and Rules as Well as Charges

Date not set; no Previous Survey Since 1923, is Shown on Records

Investigation into the rates, charges, tolls and practices of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, was ordered here Wednesday night by C. M. Thomas, public utility commissioner.

The last previous order involving the rates of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company was issued by the public service commission in 1923, based on the property valuations of the corporation for 1914. Rates prescribed by this order were higher than those previously in effect.

"Having considered the rates, charges and tolls imposed and collected by the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, it appears that sufficient grounds exist to warrant a formal investigation to determine whether such rates, charges and tolls are unjust, unreasonable, discriminatory or in violation of law."

"It is therefore ordered that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company appear before the public utilities commissioner and give testimony concerning all issues involved in the proposed investigation."

No date has yet been fixed for the hearing, according to Commissioner Thomas. Although the scope of the proposed investigation has not yet been determined definitely, Commissioner Thomas said it would go beyond the rates, charges and tolls and would include the practices, rules, regulations and service of the corporation. Neither Commissioner Thomas nor his engineers would estimate the time that would be required to complete the probe.

The records show that the previous hearing in connection with the rates of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company lasted approximately 40 days and was said to have cost the state of Oregon more than \$50,000. Engineers for the public utilities commission spent more than a year preparing data used at the hearing.

Commissioner Thomas said that every effort would be made to bring the investigation to a definite conclusion as soon as possible. He also said that the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph company, the investigation was ordered on motion of the utilities commissioner.

Late Sports

WALLA WALLA, W. a. h., March 25—(AP)—After losing the first fall in one minute and thirty seconds to Freddie "Doc" Meyers, New York, Ted Hyde, Portland heavyweight wrestler, came back to take the next two with his notorious shoulder bats to win the bout here tonight.

ST. LOUIS, March 25—(AP)—John Schwabe, St. Louis, heavyweight, outpointed Johnny Risko, Cleveland veteran, in a six round bout here tonight. Schwabe weighed 224 1/2, Risko 193 1/2.

MILWAUKEE, Wis., March 25—(AP)—Erlin Schaeppeler, Milwaukee, disqualified himself in his wrestling match with Gus Sonnenberg, former world champion, tonight by throwing his opponent out of the ring.

STRICT ECONOMY IN THE CONDUCT OF ALL STATE ACTIVITIES WAS URGED IN A LETTER PREPARED BY GOVERNOR MEIER HERE WEDNESDAY. COPIES OF THE LETTER ARE BEING SENT TO ALL STATE DEPARTMENTS, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS AND INSTITUTIONS.

"According to the state budget commissioner," read Governor Meier's letter, "the state deficit now approximates \$5,000,000. This amount represents a material increase over the preceding biennium and emphasizes the absolute need of retrenchment in state expenditures."

"It follows, of course, that this retrenchment must be general, and the purpose of this communication is to urge you to make a careful survey of your operating expenses with a view of curtailing wherever possible. Among the more important items of expense deserving close scrutiny are payroll, traveling expenses, telegraph, telephone, postage and supplies in general."

Figures prepared by the state budget commissioner disclose that the payroll for the state for the previous biennium totaled \$16,863,939. In addition to an apparent lack of uniformity in salaries paid, there are departments where the payroll has been padded and employees are incompetent.

"The figures of the budget commissioner further disclose that the traveling and subsistence expenses for the state during the previous biennium totaled \$1,156,685, seven percent of the total. This amount includes \$127,587, postage \$137,215, stationery and printing \$166,286 and general office supplies \$61,642."

"From investigations made outside travel requisitions submitted to me since assuming the office of governor, I am convinced that travel expenditures by various state departments and other activities have been extravagant and wasteful, not only outside of the state but within its borders."

"From investigations made with reference to such items of expense as telegraph, telephone, postage, stationery and general office supplies, I am also satisfied that there has been considerable waste of public funds."