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GREAT MAN OF SCIENCE DIES; WORK IS DONE

Albert A. Michelson Wins Up Final Experiment With end in Sight

Discoverer of Light Speed On Deathbed Dictates Important Data

PASADENA, Cal., May 9—(AP)—The grand old man of physics has gone to the immortal company of Ptolemy, Copernicus, Galileo and Newton. Dr. Albert A. Michelson, discoverer of the speed of light, died here today. He was 78 years of age.

The indomitable will of the most distinguished scientist of modern times astonished physicists by its two years' struggle after a paralytic stroke, holding up the frail body. Three months ago it lost ground and the little professor went to the bed in his bungalow home here from which he did not move since the early part of March. Then two days ago the great mind snapped with a cerebral hemorrhage, Michelson going into a coma Thursday night, a sleep that quietly ended in death shortly before 1 p. m. today.

Michelson was resigned to his death, knowing he had stayed it until his last great experiment had been completed. This was his third and most precise measurement of the speed of light. It was for this that for two years his tremendous will power held back the progress of creeping paralysis with which he was stricken in Chicago some 2 1/2 months ago. Without parallel in the history of science was the scene enacted early this week at the bedside of the man who made it possible for

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'HEALTH PLAN' IS SKIN GAME, BELIEF

Several Salem people have been induced to affiliate with a vague public health education association which now appears to have been a dodge to slobber ready cash from the customers. Memberships were being sold which entitled the holders to enroll children at \$2 each, the members to keep that money.

Vagueness of the explanation led some of the people to mistrust the scheme and Salem police are now working to locate the woman who was described as middle aged, with thin features and driving a large sedan with a California license.

Auto is Stolen From in Front Of City's Hall

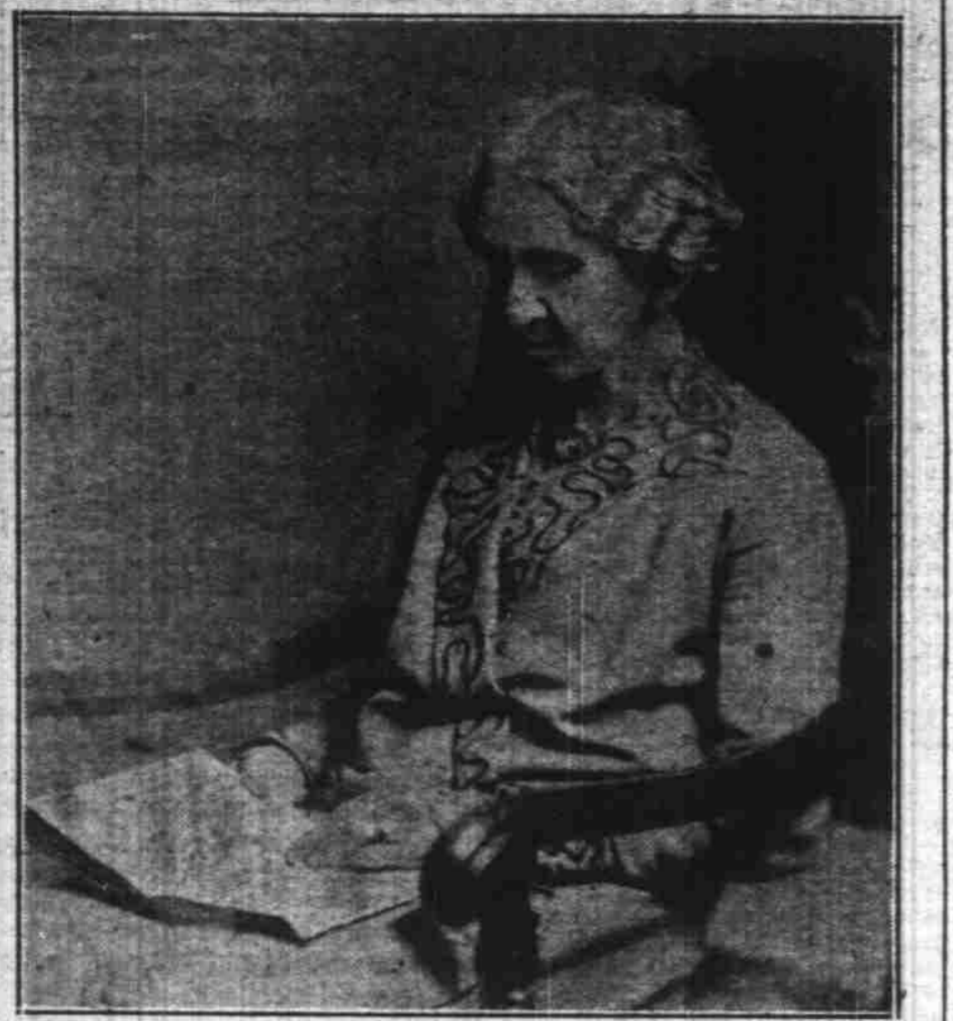
GERVAIS, May 9.—Thieves, whose identity had not been covered today, last night stole the Chevrolet sedan belonging to George Kuschnick from in front of the city hall where the owner was attending a high school play.

The theft, apparently was premeditated as another car was looted during the play's performance. It was the auto of C. W. Cutsforth. The thieves ransacked the car, overturning the seats and seeking articles in it but took only \$10 from a purse in the car. Cutsforth and his brother were inside the former's house and their auto stood in front when the thieves were at work.

Fitting Conclusion Put Upon Better Music Week

"Better music" week came to a triumphant conclusion Saturday night in a thrilling and beautiful program, a festival of music arranged by a large group of choirs from Salem churches. At least 1000 people were seated in the armory for this program and spontaneous and vigorous applause greeted each number. The audience, performers and program numbers sparkled with color and life. The Portland Apollo club were guest artists and were in evening dress which gave a dash of black and white, the women of the choirs were in gowns of pastel shades, and the dark suits of the men gave attractive contrast. Even the dress of the audience seemed to be bright

Mothers Honored Today; Here's One Well Known to Salem Folk



Meet Mrs. Armstrong, sweet mother of 90 years. She has three children, Mrs. Dana McNamer of Dallas, with whom she lives, Mrs. Florence Boyd of Salem, and Wallace Armstrong of Pontiac, Ill., 10 grandchildren, 20 great grandchildren, and three great, great grandchildren. For 32 years she has made her home in Oregon. Life to her today is a grand and precious thing full of the activity of her large "family" of whom she keeps careful watch. Reading is one of her chief joys for it keeps her in touch with the world in which she is very much interested. Greetings to a real mother!

Honor Mother's Day Throughout America

Observance had Small Beginning in 1907 With Tribute to one; Designated Officially Seven Years Later; now General

By OLIVE M. DOAK

Years ago Miss Anna Jarvis was requested by the minister of her church to arrange a memorial service for her own mother who had for a long time been an active worker and leading spirit in the church. The work of arranging this beautiful tribute to mother inspired Miss Jarvis with the idea—that of setting apart one day in the year to pay tributes to mothers living as well as to those gone.

ROAD EXTENSION PLEA IS REFUSED

The county court Saturday turned down a proposition advanced by a group of Crooked Finger district farmers wherein they sought to have the court fix the construction of an additional mile of road back into the hills from the end of the present construction.

The court told the delegation it was prohibited by law from expending public funds unless they have been appropriated. The court said this ruling must apply even though the farmers were willing to levy a special tax at a subsequent election and with its proceeds to reimburse the county.

The court this year is constructing an additional mile of road beyond the four miles of market road it constructed last year but this added road has been financed from money received by a special district tax.

Trunk in Attic Yields up \$703

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9—(AP)—Mrs. Elsie Titus was looking through an old trunk in the attic of her home here today. She found a number of old papers that had belonged to her husband, Frank L. Titus who died in 1926.

Leader of Zion City Retaliates

WAUKEGAN, Ill., May 9—(AP)—Wilburn Glenn Voliva, overseer of Zion City, north shore religious colony, today retaliated for a recent attempt to bring him into bankruptcy by filing five damage suits totalling \$170,000 against the leaders of the "independent faction" of the colony.

Veteran Loans Deemed of Aid

NEW YORK, May 9.—(AP)—Ralph T. O. Jell, national commander of the American Legion, expressed the opinion tonight that the recent veterans' loan legislation with its resultant increase in purchasing power, had helped stimulate business and decrease unemployment.

MANY ROBBERY CASES STIR UP POLICE FUROR

Chief Calls in Patrolmen and Committee, Makes Demand for Action

Some Shifts in Beats may Occur With Threat of More Drastic Move

Disturbed by 30 cases of house-breaking or store robbery in Salem since January 1 without an arrest made or a suspect held, Chief of Police Minto yesterday called every patrolman on the police force into the city recorder's office and told them a better enforcement record must be made by the department or there would be trouble on foot.

The chief informed no one of his plans but says that his demands were backed up by the presence of Alderman V. E. Kuhn, O. A. Olson and Hal Patton, members of the city council police committee. Mayor P. M. Gregory was there too, and each man backed up Minto's demand by a statement that the work of the chief was law and any disciplinary actions he saw fit to take among the policemen would be backed up by the councilmen.

Minto indicated that his first step in securing better enforcement would be to make some shifts on the night beats of patrolmen. He asked and received permission of the councilmen to suspend from the force any policeman who failed to make a

PROGRESS NOTED, LINEN MILL DEAL

Members of the stockholders' committee of the Oregon Linen Mill company were informed at a meeting Saturday afternoon that the company had \$40,000 of additional bonds of the company had been placed to cover outstanding debts of \$53,000.

E. D. Wells, manager of the plant, said he was hopeful that another week would see the bonds fully sold or else traded for current debts, in order to enable the present company to offer its stock in trade for stock in the Salem linen mills which is to be formed if the former company cleans up its obligations.

Representatives of the contemplated new organization said yesterday that their funds were ready but declared the new organization would not be incorporated until it was assured the Oregon Linen Mill company could fulfill its present debt reduction program and turn the plant over subject only to a total outstanding bond issue of \$150,000.

Washington Man Wins Northwest Title in Tennis

SEATTLE, May 9.—(AP)—In bitter three set final, Lloyd Nordstrom, University of Washington, defeated John Rhine, University of Oregon 1-6, 6-2, 6-5 here today to win the northern division Pacific coast conference singles tennis championship.

Legion Juniors Will Vie Today

SILVERTON, May 9.—The Silverton Legion Juniors are out Sunday for another practice game, this time with Stayton, at Silverton.

Influenza Takes Alaska Victims

SEATTLE, May 9.—(AP)—Three natives were reported dead and the entire native population ill with influenza at Kotzebue, Alaska, in a message received today from Nome by the United States army signal corps. Aid was reported sent from Nome.

Reno Divorces 122 First Week

RENO, Nev., May 9.—(AP)—A total of 122 divorce cases were granted in Reno this week. Attorneys filed 275, many of which will be disposed of next week. There are 47 set for trial next Monday, and there will probably be 30 on Tuesday's calendar.

Honor Meier With Plaque In Synagogue

PORTLAND, Ore., May 9—(AP)—A large bronze plaque, hung above the altar in the synagogue of the congregation Shaare Torah in honor of Governor Julius L. Meier, was unveiled here tonight.

The plaque was the gift of the congregation. At the top of the plaque bears the inscription: "Hear, O Israel, the eternal our God; the eternal is one." Below are the ten commandments. Below them is the inscription in Hebrew: "This is the gate unto the almighty one. The righteous may enter herein."

Then follows the name of the congregation and the inscription "In honor of Julius Meier." All the congregations in the four sides of the plaque were turned on by Mrs. Meier. Dr. Holmes, Forest Grove Congregational minister, delivered one of the principal addresses of the program, praising the work of Governor Meier.

CHAMBER TO OPEN MEMBER CAMPAIGN

Free Luncheon on Monday Is Kickoff; Achievement of Group Marked

The Salem chamber of commerce will inaugurate its annual membership renewal campaign tomorrow with a free-for-all luncheon at the chamber at noon.

Leaders for the canvass will be E. T. Barnes, T. M. Hicks, Douglas McKay, J. N. Chambers, W. W. Chadwick, Leon N. Childs, Newell Williams, T. A. Windshar. Members going to the chamber luncheon will be asked to select any table they choose and to each group will be assigned prospect cards of firms or individuals.

Medford Debate Team is Winner Of State Title

EUGENE, Ore., May 9.—(AP)—The Medford high school debate team won the state championship here tonight, defeating Prineville high school, 2 to 1. Medford defeated Astoria recently for the western division championship. Prineville previously had won the eastern Oregon championship.

Radio Troubles Are Now Blamed On Man in Moon

CLEVELAND, Ohio, May 9.—(AP)—Investigators seeking to convict the man in the moon of serious interference with radio interception will watch every move he makes for two months this fall, it was announced here today.

Pair Killed in Crash of Plane

SHERMAN, Tex., May 9.—(AP)—Paul Woodall, 24, Dallas flying instructor, and Joe Garrett, 21, Corpus Christi, senior student at Southern Methodist university, were killed today when the plane piloted by Woodall went into a spin and crashed at the Municipal airport here.

Customs Union Not Rival Plan

BERLIN, May 9.—(AP)—The Austro-German customs accord is not intended to interfere with Aristide Briand's larger plan of European union, Foreign Minister Julius Curtius told the Foreign Press association tonight.

Unmasked Pair Rob Taft Bank

TAFT, Cal., May 9.—(AP)—Unmasked and cool in their manner, two bandits robbed the state bank of Taft of \$5075 at closing time today while customers carried on their business not knowing it was being held up.

CHANGED VIEW ON WAR DEBTS IS NOW URGED

Re-Examination is Favored At Last Session of World Chamber

Reduction of Armaments is Backed; World Silver Parley Approved

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—The international chamber of commerce adopted a set of rules at the conclusion of its sixth biennial congress today designed to aid in solving most of the world's economic problems, including war debts.

The chamber went on record as believing the integrity of international obligations would not be impaired by a re-examination of them if warranted by changed economic conditions, but called attention to its previous position that ability to pay, including military expenditures, should be considered.

Collection of Debts Not Job For U. S. Army

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—A basic foreign policy of the United States, touched on for the first time by the Hoover administration, was explained tonight by Secretary Stimson in a radio address in which he said American armed forces would not be employed for the collection of debts abroad.

At the same time the secretary of state, in referring to Nicaragua, said the United States had "no objection to removing from American citizens in Nicaragua the protection which American citizens in foreign lands are entitled and accustomed to receive under the law of nations."

Bullet in Tire Halts Indians; Violate Parole

BEND, Ore., May 9.—(AP)—William Barkley and "Bull" Effman, Indians, were stopped by Deschutes county officers near here today after a bullet had punctured a rear tire of the automobile in which they were riding. The Indians were wanted as alleged parole violators.

Limit on Sugar Production Now Is Agreed Upon

BRUSSELS, May 9.—(AP)—Seven of the world's great sugar exporting countries today signed the agreement evolved by Thomas L. Chadbourne under which they hope to save the industry from over production by limiting exports.

Dedication for Pioneer Tablets Here Wednesday

On Wednesday, May 13, Multnomah chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution will hold dedication services for the two cemeteries in Salem which are being placed upon the graves of all those who had a part in forming the provisional government of Oregon on May 2, 1843.

State Police Project Will Save Oregon Big Amount, Now Claimed

Robert Dollar Says Physician Governor in Statement Deplores Attack on Constabulary Law

SAN RAFAEL, Cal., May 9.—(AP)—Captain Robert Dollar, noted shipping figure, remained in a critical condition today though he was reported "some better" with temperature abating.

8TH GRADE EXAMS DRAW OPPOSITION

System may be Discarded if Alternative Plan is Made Available

Eight graders of tomorrow may dance in glee for several examinations of yesterday may soon be a thing of history. Leaders in education in Marion county headed by Mrs. Mary Fulkerson, county superintendent, in conference here yesterday, decided unanimously that if the approval of State Superintendent Howard can be secured, Mr. Eighth Grade Examination will be buried happily and unceremoniously.

The reasons set forth by the educators include the claims that the examinations are not a fair test of student ability, interrupt and hamper the regular work of the eighth grade and afford no information of value to the high school.

Speedy Justice Follows Flight Of Bank Robber

HASTINGS, Neb., May 9.—(AP)—James Thomas, 33, convicted bank robber, today escaped from jail here, was re-captured, sentenced to 25 years in prison, and placed in the state penitentiary at Lincoln, all within the space of 12 hours.

Rumanian King And Queen Will Be Reconciled

BUCHAREST, May 9.—(AP)—Queen Helen of Rumania was hastening home from Bolgrade tonight and reports here said she would be reconciled with King Carol tomorrow after a year's estrangement.

Mate Winner of Preakness Race; Outsider Third

BALTIMORE, May 9.—(AP)—Answering the challenge of the east's greatest three-year-olds, A. Croswick's Mate charged down the old hilltop stretch to win the 6th running of the Preakness at Pimlico today.

Eye Operation For King Today

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., May 9.—(AP)—Dr. John M. Wheeler and his corps of aides prepared tonight to remove a cataract from the left eye of King Prajadhipok of Siam early tomorrow. The king came to America especially for the operation.

Briand May be Next President

PARIS, May 9.—(AP)—Suddenly galvanized into political enthusiasm, France is discussing the chances of Foreign Minister Aristide Briand, apostate of peace, to be elected president of the republic.