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WEATHER
Cloudy today; Saturday unsettled with rain; Max. Temp. Thursday 48, Min. 37, river 7 feet, rain .68 inch, variable winds.

EIGHTY-SECOND YEAR

MOTOR LICENSE TO BE FLAT \$5, FINAL DECISION

One-Cent Increase in gas Tax, \$1,600,000 County Return Provided

Joint Sessions Upon Moot Issue Terminate for Big Committees

Six weeks of wearying joint meetings were concluded at the statehouse late last night by three legislative committees with a decision to recommend unanimously that the amended "omnibus" motor vehicle license bill, house bill 492, do pass.

The bill calls for a flat \$5 license fee and one cent increase in the state gasoline tax. A flat \$5 fee would be assessed during the first half-year after the measure goes into effect as a means of preventing embarrassment to the state highway program. At the same time the start of the automobile licensing year would be returned from July 1 to January 1.

An appropriation of \$1,600,000 yearly would go to Oregon's 36 counties in quarterly payments in lieu of the revenue counties now receive under the weight system of licensing.

License Increased
On heavier trucks license fees were reduced under the amended omnibus bill from \$9 to 80 cents per hundredweight for trucks from 1700 to 3000 pounds weight. The weight basis of licensing for heavier trucks was increased from \$1.10 to \$1.20 a hundredweight.

Final decision as to the type of license legislation to be favorably reported to the legislature was reached at the concluding joint meeting of the senate roads and highways, house motor vehicles and aeronautics, and highway revenues committees. The three have a membership of 29 senators and representatives.

For weeks the committee members had considered merits of proposals including support of a \$3 flat fee, with or without increased gasoline tax. Adjustments of the present weight system had support. Some sentiment was evident for decrease in all vehicle taxes and material curtailment of the highway program.

The present bill is believed to insure sufficient revenue to allow the state highway commission to pursue a program somewhat but not materially curtailed from the approximately \$10,500,000 budget proposed for this year.

Secretary of State
Other bills to be reported favorably included three measures that would give the secretary of state power to designate the places where motor vehicle license plates are to be displayed on cars.

In an earlier session virtually unanimous support was secured in favor of the second Lynch bill favoring a three-fourths mill ton-mile tax on motor carriers. The amended measure represents a quarter-mill reduction from the first proposal. It would include all types of private and contract carriers and is expected to bring some \$450,000 additional annual revenue.

Pilot Bill Again Downed by House

The house of representatives yesterday again declared itself against a bill to reorganize and augment the pilot commission board in this state. The vote against the bill on reconsideration was 37 to 22. When it came up earlier in the week the vote was 40 to 19 against the measure. Members criticized the reconsideration move sharply, declaring it unnecessarily delayed house progress.

The Day in Washington

By the Associated Press
House passed \$215,419,000 navy appropriations bill and senate approved \$1,000,000,000 independent offices and \$10,000,000 legislative supply bills.

Senator Norris (R.Neb.), assailed interlocking directorates of eight New York banks, and Senator Logan (D.Ky.) proposed government take over profits of industry above fair return.

Francis F. Garvan of New York urged government control of banking before senate finance committee.

Smith senate-approved cotton bill was given legislative right-of-way in house but unexpected opposition barred its way.

Chairman Stone of federal farm board resigned, effective March 4.

Pilot Slain; Air Tragedy Crash Cause

SAN BENITO, Tex., Feb. 23.—(AP)—A falling plane carried two men to death here late today, one of them shot through the head as he sat at the controls in mid-air and the other, according to witnesses, a suicide after the crash.

The pilotless plane crashed on a landing field in the outskirts of San Benito. Watchers at the field declared they heard a shot while the craft still was in the air. As it spiraled downward, the body of Le-man Nelson, 33, pilot, hurtled from the cockpit to the ground. The ship sustained a cut, then nosed over as its wheels struck the ground.

Erin McCall, 20, student flier, climbed out and ran a short distance down the field. Then, witnesses said, they heard another shot and he fell dead. A pistol was found beside the body. Nelson had been shot in the back of the head.

District Attorney D. S. Furl of Corpus Christi, Tex., said three shots had been fired from the pistol.

SIXTEEN ARRESTED IN GANG OUTBREAK

Spokesman for Bootleggers Said to Have Admitted Intent to "Scare"

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Seven men were being held here today and nine others were being sought in connection with the wounding during the night of Forrest Bradley, who was attacked by two men who invaded his home and shot. Bradley told police, when he refused to accompany them "for a ride."

Police described the case as a flare-up between bootleggers and hi-jackers. One of the bullets clipped off the end of one of Bradley's fingers.

William C. Anderson was arrested shortly after the shooting. Police said he represented himself as a "spokesman" for a group of Portland bootleggers who had accused Bradley of hi-jacking their product. Bradley told police, they said, that he could not assist them in identifying the gunmen.

Sixteen persons were arrested following the shooting incident, but all but the seven were released on bail ranging from \$25 to \$100 on after hours and vagrancy charges. Later, however, the order went out to re-arrest all of those releases for questioning by the district attorney's office.

Police said Anderson, identified by Bradley's wife as one of those who visited the Bradley residence, admitted he was attempting to "throw a scare" into Bradley, whom he accused of hi-jacking \$700 worth of his liquor.

Coach Choice Is Made But Kept Secret

CORVALLIS, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Final recommendations of the Oregon State college board of athletic control for the man to succeed Paul J. Schiesler as head football coach at the college were made to Chancellor W. J. Kerr at Eugene today by Harry Rogers, chairman of the board.

Although the name of the man unanimously approved by the board was not announced, it was generally believed here that it was the name of Lon Stiner, assistant coach at Oregon State since 1923.

Expense Bills in House; Exceed Meier Estimate

Inability of the joint ways and means committee of this session of the legislature to reduce Governor Meier's proposed 1933-1934 budget was admitted yesterday in an extended summary of proposed state expenditures issued by that body. The proposed appropriations total \$9,430,495 or nearly \$100,000 more than the Meier-Hansen budget.

The ways and means committee appropriated \$112,000 more for general state expenditures than the budget called for and added \$138,753 in items not provided for in the original budget. It likewise restored an item of \$41,000 for employment at the blind institution and \$51,890 for county fairs.

Offsetting these additions to the budget, the joint ways and means committee slashed \$508,918 from higher education and restored only \$242,586 of its continuing appropriations. These changes thereby provide higher schools with approximately \$269,000 less than was called for in the Meier-Hansen budget.

The \$100,000 increase in the total budget the ways and means committee proposes to cover with

SENATE DOWNS BROWN BILL TO ASSIST DEBTOR

Two-Year Moratorium for Foreclosures Defeated 21 to 19 After Fight

Needs of Farmer are Cited On one Side, Denial of Legality on Other

The Oregon state senate yesterday refused approval of Senator Sam Brown's mortgage moratorium bill under which foreclosures of mortgages would be held up for two years in Oregon. The vote was 21 to 19, the matter coming up on a minority report for adoption and a majority report opposing the bill's passage. Brown was the only member of the mortgage relief committee to endorse the bill.

Brown made two extended speeches for the measure, consideration of which consumed most of the senate's time yesterday afternoon. He said "blood was liable to run in the streets unless relief was granted" and held the senate would be responsible for failure to act promptly to help creditors. Brown characterized money lenders as "vultures swooping over men waiting to take their properties from them."

"This is a question of property rights against human rights," shouted Brown, his face flushed. "I stood alone for this bill in committee and if necessary I will stand alone in the legislature. I want to represent the common, ordinary people; I recall that the immortal George Joseph said 'the interests will take care of themselves.'"

Insurrection Feared
Senator Dickson said the insurrection were on the verge of an insurrection because of a condition that would be held in Oregon. (Turn to page 5, col. 3)

EUGENE C. PRICE DIES IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Eugene Crandall Price, 75, whose mother named and plotted the city of Silverton, Ore., died today at the Portland home of his daughter, Mrs. V. E. Moore.

Price was born at Silverton, August 10, 1858, the son of Stephen and Polly Crandall Price. He was an architect and builder, and had followed these professions in The Dalles, Ore.; Butte, Mont., and Ellensburg, Wash.

Besides his daughter, Mrs. Moore, he is survived by a son, Stephen C. Price of Compton, Calif., and a brother, Thomas Coon of Portland. Funeral services will be held in Portland tomorrow at 4 p. m.

30-Hour Week on Government Jobs Voted by House

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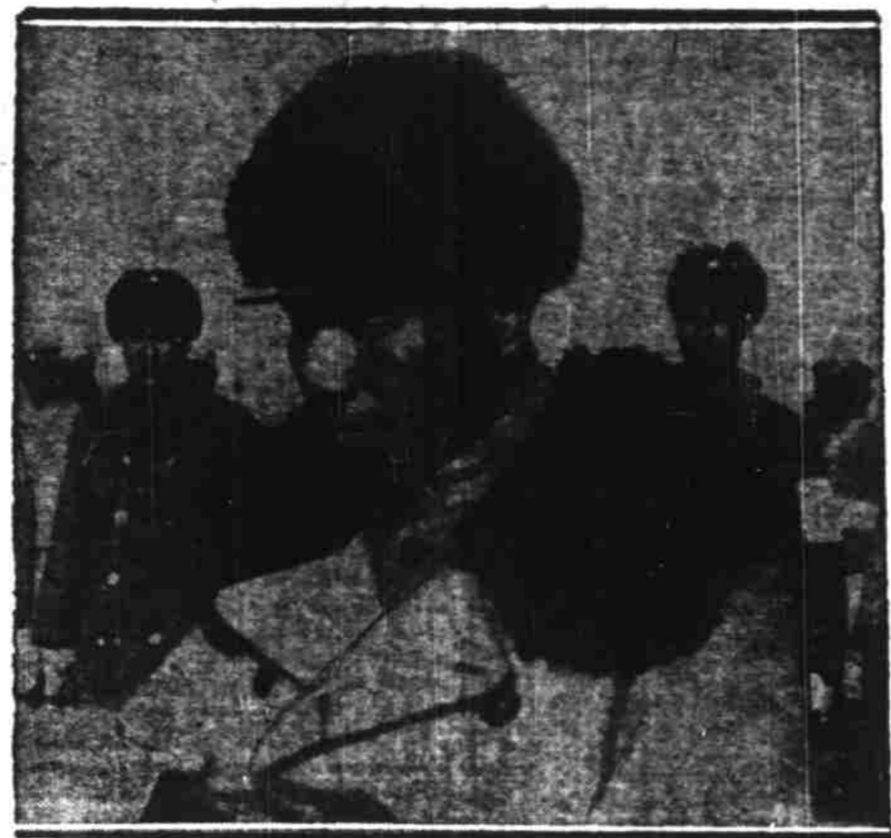
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Grim Chinese Chieftain Awaits Invasion by Big Japanese Army



General Tang Hsu-Wu, commander of Chinese volunteers in southeastern Jehol, is shown above with his aides, wearing furred apparel necessary in fierce winters of war area.

UTILITY DISTRICTS MEASURE FAVORED

Would Permit Formation in Spite of Disapproval Of Isolated Units

A bill to provide amendments to the present grant-sponsored hydro-electric power district law so as to allow formation of utility districts despite unfavorable vote of isolated units will be favorably reported to the house, the committee on utilities decided yesterday.

The measure already has passed the senate. It was written as a means of preventing situations such as resulted last year in the proposed Tillamook people's utility district where the unfavorable vote of one small community held up formation of a large power district.

The house committee continued in its deadlock over the so-called Thomas bill to give the public utilities commissioner greatly increased powers over holding companies' securities issues, budgets and general supervision. Some members favor the senate-amended bill curtailing the commissioner.

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TEN SUCCESSFUL IN POLICE JOB EXAMS

Seven men and three women earned a passing grade in the recent civil service examinations for placement on the city police department eligibility lists, Dr. O. A. Olson, special examiner, announced yesterday. Fourteen men and four women, just half of the number who applied, took the tests, which covered general and special knowledge.

Successful male candidates in their rank by grade are Orville W. Coffman, James H. Jennings, Hobart Kiggins, Elmer E. Armstrong, T. W. Campbell, L. J. Barrett and A. F. Huffman. Winning a place on the waiting list for the police matron job are Maude H. Pointer, Ruby Jean Meyer and Elizabeth Ross. Two men who earned high grades in the written work were ruled out on account of physical disability.

High score of the examinations, 99.75 per cent, was made by Mr. Coffman, who is now covering a night business district beat in the absence of Patrolman Walter Kestly, who recently underwent a surgical operation. Passing grade is 75 per cent.

Oxygen is Kept Ready for Use To Aid Cermak

MIAMI, Fla., Feb. 24.—(AP)—Hospital attaches at 3 a. m., today said Mayor Anton Cermak of Chicago was somewhat restless and his pulse was 132, temperature 99.6 and respiration 26 to 28. They said they had been instructed to have an oxygen tent ready in event it should be needed but added there was no indication it would have to be used. The mayor's pulse rate was increased slightly over the midnight reading but his attendants did not consider this important enough to awaken his doctors.

REFUND APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The house passed tonight the Hawley bill to authorize a refund of \$957 collected in taxes from the Withycombe post No. 11, American Legion, of Corvallis, Ore. It goes to the senate.

CHINESE MILITARY CHIEFTAINS CONFER

Consider Emergency; Japan Warns Fighting may be Extended Southward

NANKING, China, Feb. 24.—(AP)—China's military and civilian chieftains held an emergency meeting this morning to consider the Japanese thrust into Jehol.

The national defense council, a newly organized group solely engaged in unifying and maintaining national defense efforts, went into secret session, refusing to divulge the nature of the deliberations.

Among those attending were Marshal Chiang Kai-Shek, the principal military leader of China; T. V. Soong, acting premier; Ho Ying-Ching, minister of war, and all other officers of the cabinet.

NANKING, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Japan cannot guarantee that fighting in the province of Jehol will not spread south of the Great Wall if Marshal Chang Hsiao-Liang takes positive action in Jehol, the foreign office was informed today in a Japanese memorandum.

"If Marshal Chang's troops and other anti-Manchukuo elements persist in taking positive action in Jehol, it will be difficult to guarantee that fighting will not spread to North China," the memorandum said.

FLOOD, SNOWSLIDES HALT RAIL TRAFFIC

SPOKANE, Wash., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Floods and snowslides played havoc with rail and highway traffic in the Inland Empire of western Montana, northern Idaho and eastern Washington today.

Two Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific trains, one a passenger, the other a freight, were stopped by a series of slides near the Montana border. The passenger train, the line's Number 15, westbound, still was held fast on a siding at Kyle. It was due here Tuesday night. Information on the number of passengers on the train and their condition was not available here, as telephone and telegraph lines were destroyed. The freighter, eastbound, was held near Pearson.

The slides roared down from high mountains between Avery, Idaho, and Salt Lake, Mont. Two huge snowplows bored into the masses of snow, ice, snow and trees for nearly 48 hours, but were reported today to have broken down. Clearing operations were held until a freight, westbound, was sent in. In the meantime all Milwaukee passenger trains were being routed over Northern Pacific tracks, and freight shipments were being held up, company officials said.

Archerd Case to Start This Morn

The case against Charles R. Archerd is scheduled to be heard at 9 o'clock this morning in circuit court. It will be argued before either Judge L. G. Lewelling or Arlie Walker of McMinnville. Attempts to change the time of trial earlier in the week failed. Demurrer to the complaint will be argued before the case proper comes up this morning, attorneys have agreed.

JAPANESE OPEN MAJOR ATTACK IN JEHOI AREA

Biggest Force Since Russo-Japan War Commanded By General Muto

Start March With Mercury At 10 Below; Guerilla Bands are Routed

CHANGCHUN, Manchuria, Feb. 24.—(Friday)—(AP)—General Nobuyoshi Muto, the emperor's generalissimo in Manchuria, has begun his long-heralded Jehol campaign with more troops under his command than any Japanese war lord has directed in Manchuria since the armies of Field Marshal Prince Oyama returned home after the Russo-Japanese war a generation ago.

Marching with the Japanese is the army of the state of Manchukuo. A Manchukuo column, commanded by Chang Hai-Peng, set out yesterday, despite snowstorms and a temperature of 10 degrees below zero, in an advance on the northeastern frontier of Jehol. A cavalry screen preceded the column.

A dispatch from Tungliao said a Japanese infantry division and a cavalry brigade opened the Jehol offensive Thursday, continuing their progress into the province after dispersing guerilla bands 20 miles southwest of Tungliao.

Chinese Already Retreating, Word Starting from points north and south of Tungliao, the Manchukuo troops were traversing treeless plains along the Heiliao Ho (river) called the Eastern Gobi. It was reported that the Chinese in the Kailu, Lupeh and Tienshan (Turn to page 5, col. 4)

REVISION OF BANK LAWS IS APPROVED

The lower house in the legislature Thursday afternoon acted quickly on two major banking bills, already approved by the senate. Revision of existing banking laws as proposed by the state banking examiner was passed without dissenting vote while the new banking code permitting branch banking in this state was carried with only four dissenting votes.

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Meier Appoints Judge Carey for Corporation Job

Judge Charles H. Carey, prominent Portland attorney and well-known Oregon historian, yesterday was named state corporation commissioner by Governor Meier. He will succeed James W. Mott who retires March 1 to assume his duties as congressman from the first district. Judge Carey was here yesterday morning to confer with the governor. Neither he nor Governor Meier would indicate whether there would be other changes in the corporation department personnel.

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The service station was built on the platform. A Portland truck driver parked a truckload of construction steel on the platform last night. The truck broke

BOMBS BURST IN HAVANA, HERALD GENERAL REVOLT

Revolutionary Movement Threatened by Reports Coming From Mexico Recently Seems Under way; Rebels Said To be on way From Mainland; Dancers Flee as Five Explosions Occur Early This Morning

38th Independence Days Finds Unrest Pervading Nation; Communication Interrupted; Rebels Numerous Around Some Cities; Sugar Mill is Burned; one Arrested Made Of man Carrying Bombs in Pocket

HAVANA, Cuba, Feb. 24.—(AP)—Three large bombs exploded here early today. The capital was awaiting anxiously for morning to learn whether a revolutionary movement rumored for today was materializing.

It was recalled Mexico City dispatches predicted bombings in Havana simultaneously with a concentration movement of rebels from the mainland toward the island. An explosion of a large bomb in the Bedado suburb at 12:30 a. m., was so far unlocated by police. Two other large bombs exploded shortly after 2 a. m.

Five small bombs exploded at the Centro Asturiano at 1 a. m., causing several hundred dancers to flee in confusion, deserting the ballroom.

Unrest was pervading throughout the island as the 38th Cuban independence day began. Communications were interrupted eastward from the capital. Santiago and Camaguey correspondents reported those cities were quiet but unconfirmed rumors said rebels were numerous around Cienfuegos and the situation was tense at Neuvitas.

After the ballroom bombing, police arrested Bartolomeo Mas, declaring they found liquid fire bombs in his coat pocket. Bombs were found shortly after midnight at the National casino.

A dispatch from Santiago at 1:45 a. m., reported the burning of the Jibacoa sugar mill near Manzanillo yesterday afternoon. All buildings were destroyed, except the machinery house. The cause of the fire was unknown.

EX-MONITOR BANK CASHIER INDICTED

Charges of false entries in the books of the Monitor State bank, defunct, are made in two indictments returned against C. W. Conyne, former cashier. The indictments were reported in yesterday afternoon by the Marion county grand jury.

The charges involved \$4,000 from the account of William J. Lubcke, now of eastern Oregon but a former resident of Monitor. One indictment alleges that on August 24, 1929, Conyne made false entry to indicate that \$1,000 held on deposit by Lubcke had been withdrawn, while in reality the money was still in the bank. The second indictment covers the same procedure, except that it involves \$3,000 on which false entry was made under date of March 11, 1929.

Bail for Conyne, who is understood to be residing on his hop ranch near Monitor, was set at \$1500, and bench warrant issued yesterday.

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Gleemen to Give Concert Tonight

Tonight at the armory the Eugene Gleemen will give a concert. A chorus of 75 voices directed by John Stark Evans will give a full program, assisted by several vocal soloists and Howard Halbert, violinist. They appear under the auspices of the Salem Rotary club for Boy Scout benefit. The concert begins at 8:15 p. m.

SEVERANCE TAX ON TIMBER DEFEATED

Target of Many Lobbyists Goes Down 45-15; Mill Owners win Point

The timber severance tax—a proposed law which has consumed hours of committee time and brought lobbyists to Salem in large numbers—went down to defeat late Thursday in the house, that body turning down the proposal, 45 to 15.

Representative Ryan led the fight for the measure, holding the proposed yield tax would keep timber from glutting the market and destroying the lumber industry. He claimed the yield tax was a sounder principle than a straight valuation tax on timber.

The proposed bill provided a ten per cent elimination annually of the present property tax on timber and the addition annually of a yield tax of one per cent a year of the value of timber when cut. At the end of ten years the yield tax was to be 12 1/2 per cent of the timber's value when cut.

A number of legislators spoke in opposition to the bill. Representative Beilon said it helped one class of taxpayers at the cost of another. Representative Beckman said the tax was theoretically sound but would be dangerous now as governments would be de-

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