

### BRIDGE TOURNEY

The Statesman's contract bridge tournament reaches its climax tonight at the Marion hotel. Play starts at 8 o'clock promptly.

EIGHTY-THIRD YEAR

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## Water Firm's Decision On Offer by City May Be Made Known Today

### Three Possible Deals Are Considered, Council Told

### Fire Prevention Plan Revived as Mayor Breaks Tie

Whether or not the Oregon-Washington Water Service company will accept the city's offer to acquire its local system by taking over the company's bonded obligations, amounting to around \$903,000, probably will be known today or Wednesday, City Attorney Chris J. Kowitz informed the city council last night. At the same time Alderman S. A. Hughes, utilities chairman, spoke in favor of awaiting acceptance or rejection of the city's latest PWA loan of \$350,000 for this purchase, holding the lower interest rate advantageous.

Water company representatives here were uninformed yesterday as to when E. C. Elliott, president, would return here to announce the decision of the trustees for his company in regard to the deal. They, too, said word was expected soon.

Kowitz explained in detail the latest negotiations with the company, saying that three possible deals were suggested by the company: (1), purchase on contract, the company operating its plant and using the mountain water supply if constructed, until the city could sell its water bonds; (2), \$950,000 cash purchase; (3), the bond assumption plan. McNary will make the application.

Senator Charles L. McNary promised to ascertain the status of the city's new PWA application upon his arrival in Washington, D. C., this week, Kowitz said.

No action was taken on Alderman Hughes' suggestion. The water company bonds bear five per cent interest, whereas the PWA loan would bear only four per cent, he stated.

Resolutions urging immediate purchase or construction of a

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## WEEKEND ACCIDENT INJURY TOTAL NINE

Nine persons were injured in weekend motor accidents, according to reports to police. Audrey Fitzgerald of Portland was taken to a local hospital for treatment of serious injuries suffered when the car she was riding in skidded off the Pacific highway north of Salem Sunday. Minor injuries were received by Walter McDougall, Jr., of Salem, Roby Espey of Portland and Frank Pratt of Marshfield, all Hill Military academy cadets.

As a result of a collision between an auto driven by Jack Dewey, 1605 North Cottage, and a truck operated by Jacob Elssner, 800 Highland, avenue, Sunday, Roy Lentz, 13, route five, and Mrs. August Kandelberg, Nebraska and Garner, were taken to Deaconess hospital.

An automobile driven by Jay Mitoma of Independence struck Ella Watson, pedestrian, near Center and Commercial streets. Two boys riding a bicycle, one named Dale Shepard, 569 North 21st, in the report, were hit by a car driven by F. Sutherland, 330 South 14th, at High and Ferry, when the wheel became stuck in the railroad tracks.

## Mayor to Name Council Groups

Next January a Salem mayor will appoint council committees for the first time in four years. The aldermen last night returned to the mayor this power, which was revoked in October, 1929, when the council disagreed with Mayor T. A. Livesley. It is believed Mayor Douglas McKay will make changes in present committee listings unless they are desired by the aldermen.

**ELECTION TILL NINE**  
MADRID, Nov. 20. (AP)—The death toll from Spain's first constitutional election rose from seven to nine tonight when reports reached here two persons had been killed in the isolated village of Paradales.

**DR. HASKINS DIES**  
PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20. (AP)—Dr. Howard H. Haskins, 62, professor of biochemistry at the University of Oregon medical school, died at his home here today from a heart ailment.

## Applicants for Jobs Numerous Barnes Reports

The impending start of civil works unemployment relief projects in this vicinity is bringing a deluge of job applicants into the federal employment agency here, Manager E. T. Barnes said yesterday. The number of job applicants last week increased to 217 in addition to 56 who were re-registered. Barnes said he was as yet uninformed as to how many men would be hired from his office for these projects.

Registrations last week reached a total of 2000, but were reduced to 1958 by 42 jobs given applicants by 30 employers. Ninety Polk county men registered for work but none received work.

## HEPBURN MISSING; BELIEVED SUICIDE

Remark in Barber Shop by Portland Man Recalled; Vicinity is Combed

STAYTON, Nov. 20.—(Special)—Supposed mysterious disappearance of A. C. Hepburn of Portland, about 75, has caused considerable anxiety here. He was last seen about 3:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon between the flour mill and Santiam river.

Hepburn came here from Portland Saturday, supposedly as far as Turner by train, as Charles Cladek picked him up there and brought him here. He entered George Davie's barber shop, asked for a shave, during course of which he remarked that it was "the last time anyone would shave him." He asked Davie to buy an old gold watch which was "too good a watch to spoil." He left the shop, leaving his suitcase and overcoat there.

Deputy Sheriff Henry Smith and 14 or 15 men have been combing the country in search of the aged man, and the water was turned out of the mill ditch to no avail.

Hepburn lived here 25 years ago, working in the flour mill and livery stable. It is thought he may have become dependent upon returning here and finding few people whom he knew and so many changes. So far as is known, he had but little money on him.

A daughter is believed to live at Enumacaw, Washington, though she has not yet been reached; and he also has nieces at Salem and Seil.

## Oldest Resident Of Monmouth is Called by Death

MONMOUTH, Nov. 20.—(Special)—Mrs. Elizabeth Landes Ebert, 93, Monmouth's oldest resident, died here tonight at the home of her son, E. M. Ebert. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Harriet Goodman and Mrs. Mallie Bristow of Eugene, Mrs. Lulu Geddes of Hereford, Ore.; two sons, Henry Ebert of Philomath, and E. M. Ebert of Monmouth. She had been a resident of Monmouth for 50 years.

Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 2 p. m. from the Monmouth Christian church.

## Prune Market Outlook for Next Year is Exceptional

The best prospects in several years face Oregon and northwest prune growers on their crop next fall, as result of heavy buying activities so far on the 1933 crop. "Export business on northwest prunes has been unusually good the past two weeks, and right now it looks as though there will be the best cleanup in prunes in three or four years, with probabilities that the entire crop will be gone just after the turn of the year," Manager Walter T. Jenks of the Willamette valley prune association, one of the two big handlers here, said yesterday. With the cleanup on the last crop in sight so early, this means European markets will be making heavy demands for prunes at harvest time next fall, presumably, as consumption starting so early on the 1933 crop should put a low bid to supplies on the continent by next fall. This in turn should stiffen prices to growers.

Practically all the 1933 crop now out of the hands of the

## FIND NO CLUES TO MURDER OF PORT'S PROBER

W. Frank Akin Shot Fatally In his Portland Home; Threats Recalled

One man Questioned but is Not Implicated; Meier Shocked at News

PORTLAND, Nov. 20. (AP)—After a day's intense investigation, city, county and state police said tonight they had failed to establish a motive for the slaying here today of W. Frank Akin, 43, special agent appointed by Governor Julius L. Meier to investigate the management of the Port of Portland.

The body of the investigator was found in the living room of his apartment today with a bullet wound in his head. The wound was caused by a bullet from a small calibre revolver. The officers said no clue to the identity of the slayer had been found. They declared the wound was such as to indicate it could not have been self-inflicted.

Besides the bullet wound, which Dr. Warren C. Hunter, University of Oregon medical school pathologist who performed an autopsy, said brought instant death, a small abrasion was found on the side of the head. This, the coroner's office said, could have been caused when Akin's head struck the floor as he fell.

Mrs. Inoo E. Akin, wife of the investigator and a school teacher here, left the apartment at 8:05 a. m., she told police.

The shooting occurred between then and 9:30 a. m., the time the body was discovered, the officers said. Akin was fully dressed and apparently about to go out when he was attacked, they said.

Mrs. Akin told police her husband had been threatened during his investigation of Port of Portland management which resulted in an 1800-page report charging James H. Polhemus, port manager; Kenneth D. Dawson, commissioner, and Frank M. Warren, retiring chairman, with practices against the best interests of the commission and the public.

J. Stewart Yoeman of Portland, was questioned by police late today in connection with the case, but the officers stated afterward that he was not implicated and that he was not held.

Akin had accused Yoeman of (Turn to page 7, col. 1)

## HEARING ON TRUCK LAW SLATED TODAY

With repeal of the much discussed bus and truck law one of the first matters to come up for open argument at this special session of the legislature, an appeal to all supporters for the change to be on hand at the public hearings this afternoon and tonight was issued last night by A. C. Anderson, president of the state Truck Owners' and Drivers' Protective association. The hearing today will be held in the hall of representatives.

"This law has caused a great deal of excitement and discussion all over the state and many people are interested in seeing a more just law substituted for the present one," Anderson declared, adding: "While we did not expect the hearing to come so soon, we are glad to see this movement started, and have a substitute bill which this association hopes will be acceptable. Our bill will bring sufficient revenue for the state's roadwork, and at the same time will work no hardship on operators."

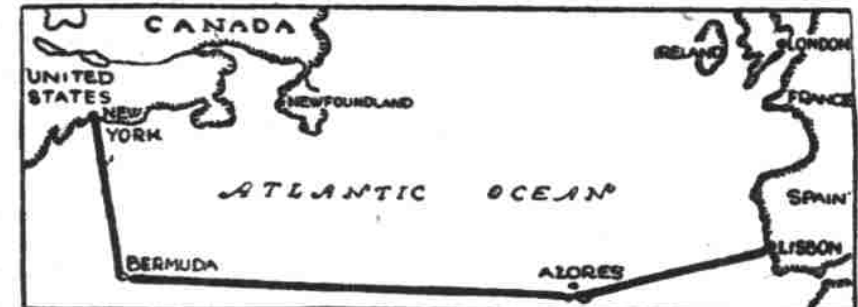
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## Lane Gets More Time to Finish Siuslaw Bridge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (AP)—Lane county, Oregon, today was granted another year in which to start and complete construction of a bridge across the north fork of Siuslaw river near Florence. The war department granted authority for commencing construction by September 13, 1934, and for completion by September 13, 1936.

## Lindbergh Flies Toward Azores For Third Crossing of Atlantic



Reports early this morning by Associated Press from Lisbon, Portugal, were that Col. Charles A. Lindbergh had taken off for the Azores, presumably on his projected southern route crossing of the Atlantic. Whether Mrs. Lindbergh accompanied him or not was not learned immediately. His plans call for the route outlined above, it is believed; a route which experts claim will eventually be the one adopted for regular air service to Europe.

## DALLAS MILL CASE SET DECEMBER 18

Four Days are Allotted to Hearing of Injunction Suit Over Hours

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20. (AP)—The injunction suit brought by the Willamette Valley Lumber company of Dallas against the West Coast Lumbermen's association and Carl Donough, United States district attorney for Oregon, will be heard Monday, December 18, at 10 a. m. The date was set definitely here today when attorneys for all parties appeared in federal court before Federal Judge John H. McNary.

Judge McNary allotted four days for the hearing, and the attorneys agreed to that time limit. The company was granted a temporary restraining order to prevent the West Coast Lumbermen's association, administrative agency for the national lumber code, from enforcing certain provisions that would put into effect a reduction in hours the company's plant at Dallas is running and consequently result in reduced employment.

The association has been ordered to show cause at the hearing why the injunction should not be made permanent. Meanwhile, the company is continuing to operate its regular two shifts.

## OIL HEIR SLAIN IN DOMESTIC QUARREL

PAULSBORO, N. J., Nov. 20. (AP)—A. Sheldon Clark, Jr., wealthy young heir and son of an oil company executive, was shot dead in his palatial home tonight after what police described as a quarrel with his wife, a former actress.

She was taken to a hospital with an injury to her head which authorities said had been inflicted by a billiard cue wielded by Clark, and police placed a guard around her bed. No charge has been placed against her.

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## Late Sports

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 20. (AP)—Otis Klingman, 160, of Oklahoma City, defeated Bulldog Jackson, 161, of Klamath Falls, two falls out of three in the main event of tonight's wrestling program here.

Robbin Reed, 157, Reedsport, won the semi-windup from Hugh Adams, 161, Portland, two falls out of three.

Jack Stewart, 147, Seattle, defeated Jess McCann, 150, Portland, taking one fall.

Dorry Detton, 157, Salt Lake City, won the opener from "Tom Pole" Anderson, 160, Fort Lewis, two falls out of three.

NEW YORK, Nov. 20. (AP)—Jim Browning, 230, Verona, Mo., successfully defended his claim to the heavyweight wrestling championship in Madison Square Garden tonight, tossing Gus Sonnenberg, 305, of Boston, in one hour, 10 minutes and 26 seconds.

PITTSBURGH, Nov. 20. (AP)—Avery Brundage, Chicago, tonight was unanimously re-nominated for his sixth term as president of the Amateur Athletic union. The action was taken at a conference of delegates after the annual dinner.

## STRATOSPHERE BALLOON SEEN IN NEW JERSEY

Believed Down in Woods but Police Fail to Find; Ascent Success

Settle and Fordney Report On Radio Reaching 11 Mile Altitude

SALEM, N. J., Nov. 20. (AP)—State police said they had a report that the stratosphere balloon had come down in the woods near Alloway, nine miles east of here. State police are searching. The balloon was last seen at Elmer and Baretown, in Salem county. State police reported they could find no trace of the balloon in the woods around Alloway.

AKRON, O., Nov. 20. (AP)—Swinging beneath a giant balloon, two daring Americans attached to the nation's fighting forces today shot into the earth's third and outermost atmospheric layer—the stratosphere—to take soundings on the nature of the universe.

The voyagers, Lieut. Com. T. G. W. Settle and Major Chester L. Fordney, made the fourth recorded flight in all history in a free balloon into the stratosphere to reach a height which the skipper estimated at an excess of 53,000 feet, almost 11 miles. Their "top," thus apparently was about a mile short of the almost 12 miles which three Russian balloonists claimed to have attained September 30.

But today's foray into one of the last unknown frontiers within man's current reach, in one respect partook of the remarkable on a scale never before attempted. As Settle, attached to the navy, and Fordney, to the marines, cruised beneath a sky described as "beautiful blue," hanging suspended 53,000 feet above sea level, they talked with those on earth below them, casually, calmly, in the fashion of men telephoning to a friend to impart a bit of ordinary information.

Taking off at Akron airport at 9:27 a. m. (E. S. T.) the adventurers held the specific mission of studying the nature of the cosmic ray, that elusive beam bombardment of the earth which has claimed the undivided attention of famous scientists for years. The rays, 100 times as powerful in the stratosphere as at sea level, were to be recorded on delicate instruments carried by the aeronauts.

## CONFERENCE LOOMS ON BUILDERS' CODE

WASHINGTON, Nov. 20. (AP)—Stumped for two months in its effort to work out an acceptable code for the construction industries, NRA tonight decided to employ the method used in ending the long coal negotiations and called for a committee of employers and labor to thresh out their differences.

This course was chosen by Hugh S. Johnson after a day long hearing in which employer and labor spokesmen presented opposing demands, accompanied by suggestions of non-cooperation if either side failed to get his own way. "He put the committee to work immediately and arranged to reconvene the public hearing a week from today to hear a report. Two of the highest ranking men in the NRA organization, Robert W. Lea, assistant administrator, and Donald R. Richberg, general counsel, were assigned to sit in on the conferences.

"You would do everyone a big favor if you would turn down all panhandlers plying their business in Salem," declared Chief of Police Frank Minto yesterday in answer to reports that transients were besieging housewives for food and money. "Send them to the city hall," advised the chief. "If they say they can't get anything there, they are liars. The trouble with many is they stay out their time at the transients' quarters we maintain, then try to live off the public and remain in the city."

## Civil Works Projects to Be Outlined Here Today

Employment for more than 1,200 men in Marion county is planned in the new list of civil works act projects, being outlined by county, city and school board officials today. The outlines of the various programs must be completed and in the hands of the state committee in Portland tomorrow.

The emergency relief work which will have listed more than a score of projects for this territory, must be approved by the state group before any advancement may be made. The listing of the projects was decided after a meeting of the various groups at the Red Cross headquarters Sunday afternoon.

The committee going to Portland Wednesday will consist of County Judge Stegmann, J. N. Chambers, chairman of the county relief committee, County Commissioner Nelson and Glenn Niles, relief committee secretary. Approximately a dozen road projects are being drafted by County Engineer H. S. Swart while city officials are planning

## SOLONS PLUNGE AT SESSION JOB WITHOUT DELAY

Rapidity of Organization in Both Houses, Early Attack of Problems in Committee Following Clear Outline by Governor Presages Absence of Usual Legislative Delay; House has Steering Committee

Group to Sidetrack Irrelevant Matter is Dominated by Multnomah Delegation; Proposed Boost in pay for Session Employees is Defeated in House; Relief and Control of Liquor are Major Objectives

BY MID-AFTERNOON Monday the second special session of the 1933 legislature had settled down here to the serious business of enacting relief and liquor control legislation. The rapidity of the session's organization, the prompt and clear address delivered by Governor Julius L. Meier, the early meeting of committees, all pointed to a session in which customary legislative delay would give way to early enactment of the measures which the citizens of the state demand.

Aiming to expedite the work of the session which by law must adjourn within 20 days, the lower house placed in the hands of a special committee of seven the job of shifting

## BRIDGE TOURNEY TO REACH ITS CLIMAX

Leaders Bunched and Final Round may Upset any; Crowd Expected

The Oregon Statesman's first contract bridge tournament and the first ever to be staged in Salem, is to be concluded tonight with a final evening of play at the Marion hotel, starting promptly at 8 p. m., Mrs. William H. Quinn, Culbertson associate, directing.

Outlook yesterday was for the largest attendance of any evening. A number of legislative members and their friends have asked for reservations and as many more as can come will be cordially welcomed. While grand prizes are only available for scores of six out of eight score prizes will be available based on tonight's scores in addition to a half dozen door prizes.

As usual, classes for bridge beginners will be held at the Marion at 2 p. m. today and for advanced students at 3:30 p. m. Hands tonight will be set. Play will be on duplicate boards, the (Turn to page 5, col. 3)

## Doorstep Relief Evil, Says Minto

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## World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)  
Domestic: Akron. — Settle's stratosphere balloon soars to 53,000 feet. Decatur, Ala. — Deputies guard seven negroes and attorneys in Scotsboro case; defense seeks change of venue. Pittsburgh. — A. A. U. will ban Olympiad in Germany if Nazis bar Jewish athletes. Warm Springs, Ga. — President rests in Georgia sunshine, but keeps world's activities at fingertips. New York. — Waxeey Gordon jailed on intimidation charge as U. S. opens income tax trial of bootlegger. Washington. — Welles pauses at state department before returning to Cuba. Atlanta. — Henry L. Harriman says "many ways" in which NRA and AAA should be amended. Foreign: Tokyo. — Unsuccessful attempt made on life of Baron Watkauchi. Berlin. — Nazis confiscate Einstein's property. Moscow. — Kallinin, president of soviet, greets American people.