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Fair today, frost in morning, Sunday fair becoming cloudy; Max. Temp. Friday 53, Min. 37, river 4.3 feet, rain .07 inch, S.W. wind.

EIGHTY-FOURTH YEAR

Salem, Oregon, Saturday Morning, March 16, 1935

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## COUNTY COURTS STILL ENTITLED TO BLOCK SALE

Transfer of Timber to U. S. Not Possible Without Approval, Stated

True, Says Commissioner, but Pressure by Owner Will Be Intense

Full power to block sales of privately-owned timber to the federal government rests with the Marion county court or any other county court in the state, insofar as its own territory is concerned, Governor Charles H. Martin yesterday advised Roy Melson, Marion county commissioner, in a letter directed to him at the courthouse here.

The governor's communication came as a result of an interview with Melson in the Oregon Statesman yesterday in which the local commissioner said there were five billion feet of timber in the county subject to purchase by the federal government.

"There is an unfortunate misunderstanding on the part of our county officials in respect to the purpose of this bill," wrote the governor, referring to Senate Bill 189 which went through the assembly at his urgent request. "Neither the federal government, the state board of forest conservation nor private persons can force the sale of a single tract without the consent of the county court of the county wherein such tract is located."

Take Advantage of Weeks Law, Purpose

The governor's letter stated that the only purpose of the enactment was to enable this state to take advantage of the Weeks law which made it possible for the federal government to carry the burden now represented largely by delinquent taxes in forest states.

"Members of the county court here pointed out yesterday, prior to receipt of Governor Martin's letter, that they thought it very doubtful if any county court in the state would take advantage of its power to block sale of privately-owned timber to the federal government."

Pressure for Approval Will Be Strong, Held

"You could get an idea of the pressure the private timber interests could exert by noticing the pressure they put on the legislature to enact Senate Bill 189," Melson commented.

County court members here said the courts would be unlikely to tie up a deal when some timber owner, insisting on liquidating his timber by selling it to Uncle Sam, sought support of the court.

Aside from the payment of back taxes, the courts feel that such sales will take all the income features away from the timber lands which pass to the federal government. While eventually the counties will receive 25 per cent of the income from the timber.

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More than 20 oil tankers remained tied up on the coast by the strike of the sailors' union of the Pacific, which is demanding preferential employment of its members; though the Associated Oil tanker H. T. Harper slipped out of Portland with a crew which union officials said was apparently transferred from another vessel.

## Warlike Note Sounded as Flandin is Upheld; Larger Army is Voted

"France of 1914, of Verdun" Rediscovered is Word of Premier After First Vote of Confidence; Given Powers

PARIS, March 16—(Saturday)—(AP)—Premier Pierre Etienne Flandin won three votes of confidence in the chamber of deputies early today on his demand that army service must be increased as a defense against a heavily re-armed Germany.

The government was given a free hand to increase military service by decree from one year to two years.

After the first vote of confidence Flandin said: "The world will know the country had discovered the France of 1914, the France of Verdun."

The votes approved the tall premier's denunciation of Germany's "vast rearmament" and France's refusal to approve the establishment of military aviation in the reich.

The first vote was 389 to 190 in support of the government, which refused to accept a socialist motion to have the question of two-year conscript service submitted to the nation at large. The socialist attempt was in line with their campaign to force new elections.

CLEVELAND—Wiley Post forced down on cross-country speed flight.

WASHINGTON—1700 jailed in opening of vast federal drive on narcotic peddlers, counterfeiters and other law violators.

WASHINGTON—President files tax return; is told first quarter's total shows an increase.

Floods render thousands homeless in Missouri; Rocky Mountain states are choked by dust storms.

Foreign:

PARIS—Premier Flandin receives three votes of confidence in demand of doubled army conscript service.

BELGRADE—Political and economic entente expected from negotiations between Italy and Yugoslavia.

MECCA—Would-be assassins slain in Mosque in attempt on life of King Ibn Saud.

STOCKHOLM—Princess Ingrid will wed Crown Prince Frederick of Denmark in love match.

PARIS—Robert and Dorothy Switz, Americans, are indicted on spy charge.

LONDON—Rooftop air landings visualized by De La Cierwa, autogyro inventor.

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Other objectives are to reward producers who supply high grade cream for butter production and to insure payment of premium prices to producers who offer high quality cream.

MARKES MAY COME

HOLLYWOOD, March 15—(AP)—The Marx Brothers and a company of 25 are rehearsing a vaudeville act for appearances soon in Salt Lake City, Seattle, Portland and, possibly, San Francisco. They say they're doing it to try out some gags they've thought up for their next film.

## World News at a Glance

### POST FORCED DOWN WHEN OXYGEN GONE

Record Try Ends Short of Goal; 340 Miles per Hour Achieved

CLEVELAND, March 15.—(AP)—The second attempt of Intrepid Wiley Post to set a new trans-continental airplane non-stop record in the stratosphere between Los Angeles and New York ended at 5:20 p. m. today when lack of oxygen forced him to land at the Cleveland municipal airport.

Post covered the distance of 2,163 miles "as the crow flies" in 8 hours and 4 minutes. His average speed was approximately 270 miles per hour.

The flier made an easy landing on the skids of his plane, the famous Winnie Mae, alighting on the belly of the ship without damage to himself or his craft. Most of the trip was flown at an altitude of greater than 30,000 feet.

Post was 60 miles east of Cleveland when he discovered his oxygen supply was dangerously low. He swung back to the airport here and made a "dead stick" landing.

Post sped downward through the denser atmosphere, ice condensed on the induction coils of his motor and two cylinders "cut out." This did not, however, hamper the flier's maneuvers.

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### RELIEF COMPLAINTS TOPIC OF GATHERING HERE TODAY

Definite plans for handling relief complaints in Oregon are expected to be laid before the state relief committee here this morning when it convenes at 11 o'clock in Governor Martin's office.

Governor Martin would not comment yesterday on the exact plans he had in mind but well-founded reports were to the effect that he expected to ask the committee to move vigorously to counteract an attempt made by the legislature to throw the entire relief setup before a special investigating committee.

Following a conference yesterday with T. L. Edmonds, north-west representative of the Federal Relief Administration, Governor Martin announced that Edmonds had termed Oregon a "model state" in handling its relief moneys.

"Mr. Edmonds told me that the government has always been very much pleased by the efficiency and economy of relief administration in Oregon," the governor said.

"However, Edmonds agreed with me that we must take full cognizance of these complaints and go to the bottom, without fear or favor, to see if there have been any careless or misdirected expenditures."

The governor promised in his campaign that relief affairs in the state would be probed. He had intended to reorganize the relief organization in the state following legislative adjournment. When Representative Erwin informed him last weekend that he would attempt to put an investigation resolution through the house, Martin moved quickly to replace four members of the state committee with persons of his own choosing.

Erwin criticized the governor for looking to his own relief committee for the investigation. He said a separate organization or group of individuals should be picked to probe relief affairs.

## MILL CITY AND WHEELER STAY IN 'B' CONTEST

Marion County Entry Takes 30 to 14 Victory Over Westport Quintet

Benson Portland Champion With Lincoln, Jeffmen Tied for 'B' Spot

McMINNVILLE, Ore., March 15.—(AP)—With driving offenses and air tight defenses, the Mill City and Wheeler high basketball teams boomed to the finals of the district 15 "B" league tournament with top-sided victories here tonight.

Mill City beat Westport 30 to 14 and Wheeler whipped Dundee 25 to 6. The winners play tomorrow night for the championship and state tournament entrance.

Selm, Mill City forward, was high scorer of the first game with 15 points while Frye, a substitute, was high scorer with eight points for Wheeler in the other game.

Lineups:

Mill City 30 14 Westport  
Allen, 2 F..... 6 Lovelace  
Selm 15 F..... 4 Tuohi  
McAuley 8 C..... C. Foyle  
Smith, 5..... G. Forrest  
Catherwood..... G. Belleville  
Wood..... S..... 2 Boone  
Herron..... S..... 2 Quinlan  
Wachter..... S.....

Referee: Emil Piluso of Portland.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—(AP)—Benson high won the Portland prep league championship tonight with a 24 to 17 victory over Lincoln high in a thrill saturated game.

But Portland's "B" entrant in the state tournament won't be decided until Monday when Lincoln and Jefferson play off their second place tie.

Jefferson, an in-and-out team, finished strong this last night of

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## Leader in Move To Free Islands



His smile reflecting satisfaction at the progress of the campaign for Philippine independence, Manuel Quezon, president of the Philippine senate, is shown on his arrival in the United States bringing the new constitution which he will ask President Roosevelt to sign.

## PLOTTERS AGAINST ARABIA KING SLAIN

Famed Mosque Sees Battle; Two Shot by Guards, Ibn Saud Grapples Third

MECCA, Saudi Arabia, March 15.—(AP)—Three thugs stealing into ancient Mecca's most famous mosque were shot down and killed this morning as they attempted to assassinate tall, bearded Ibn Saud, "warrior king" of Saudi Arabia.

The assailants, men of Yemen, launched their sudden, daring attack as Ibn Saud and his son, the Crown Prince Emir Saud, joined 200,000 pilgrims in celebration of the sacred Mohammedan "feast of sacrifice."

The king's armed bodyguard shot two before they reached the spot where he stood, while Ibn Saud himself grappled with the third, staying his knife, until pistol shots stretched him lifeless.

They fell close to the sacred black throne, an object of especial reverence to every Mohammedan making the pilgrimage to Mecca, which followers of Islam believe the angel Gabriel gave to Abraham.

An official announcement said "it has now been proved that the would-be assassins were Zeidus (presumably residents of the Zeldi river area in trans-Jordan) from Yemen."

Last year Ibn Saud heavily defeated the Imam Yahyi of Yemen in warfare started by border disputes, capturing the port of Hodeidah and other Yemen territory. A treaty concluded last May 13 ended the war, the Imam Yahyi accepting Ibn Saud's peace conditions.

"Investigations are still proceeding," the announcement said, "to ascertain their motive and find out whether they had any accomplices."

## More Levees Cut Away by Rising Water

(By The Associated Press)

The turbulent St. Francis river tore a gap in the levee in Kennett, Mo., yesterday and surged over a mile wide area, driving 60 families from their homes.

Before the Kennett levee was washed away the Red Cross had estimated the flood homeless at 5000, and it was feared the number might be doubled by today. Backwaters of the Mississippi inundated 3000 acres in Perry county, Mo.

The danger was lessening in Illinois and the Ohio river valley for the most part, although forecasts of rain held a threat of rising waters again this weekend.

Saline county, Illinois, which was 40 per cent under water in midweek, was drying speedily and residents were moving back home.

Resorts in southern St. Louis county, Mo., were under 10 feet of water from the rampage of the Meramec river but the creak had passed last night.

Flood conditions were most serious around Pisk and Kennett, Mo., and St. Francis, Ark. More than 50,000 acres near Kennett were under water, and 2000 families depended on the Red Cross for temporary shelter.

## POETRY IS READ TO LAMSON CASE JURY

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 15.—(AP)—The state suddenly shifted tactics today in the second trial of David A. Lamson, charged with wife murder, when it introduced poetry written by Mrs. Sarah Kelley, red-haired Sacramento divorcee whose name was linked with Lamson's in the first trial.

This evidence was a variation from offerings by police and former sheriff deputies who had been on the witness stand for several days, telling of the scene in Lamson's home on Stanford university campus after Mrs. Lamson's body was found in the bath.

Edward Buffington, jailer, confronted by Lamson in the courtroom, said the scar on Lamson's forehead resulted from the scratch he saw on the defendant's head the day the body was found.

## VANCOUVER EVENS UP HOCKEY SERIES

VANCOUVER, B. C., March 15.—(AP)—Rapping in two goals in the second overtime period, the Vancouver Lions defeated the Portland Buckaroos 2-0 here tonight to tie up the two-out-of-three series in the Northwest-fern pro hockey league semi-final playoffs at one game each after a sensational game.

The Lions speeded up the pace in the first of the two 10-minute overtime sessions but found Aikenshield's stonewall defense in the Portland goal too much to beat. Hextall and Clint Smith each broke through the defense to slam hard drives from short range but the Bucks' goalie handled everything that came his way.

Hammerling soloed through the Vancouver team twice but both times was wide of the goal. A third attempt was stopped at the Lions' blue line.

Gordon Fraser and Munson followed Hammerling to slash a pair of bullet-like drives at Clark, but the Vancouver goalie saved sensationally, sprawling on the ice to stop Fraser's shot which slipped for the corner of the net.

## RIGHT HAND MAN OF F. R. SERIOUSLY ILL

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(AP)—Louis McHenry Felt, 25 years has stood at the right hand of Franklin D. Roosevelt, lay seriously ill today at the White House.

Throughout the wide corridors of the executive mansion voices were softer, faces graver. The president worked in the executive offices much as usual but he received frequent reports from the bedside of the man who in the last two decades has been friend, confidant and secretary.

Callers came and went from the executive offices. The cabinet held its regular meeting. Newspapermen came for their semi-weekly interview. The president chatted with them, laughed with them. But those who watched closely seemed to catch a glint of concern in his eye, to notice a deeper line about his mouth. His hand trembled a little as he stuffed a cigarette into its ivory holder.

No mention of the illness was made at the press conference.

## HIRING SPECIAL LAWYERS BACK TO OLD STATUS

Martin Vetoes Measure He Was Presumed Backing; Says Abuses Kept

Governor Explains Bill He Favored Was Different; Van Winkle Silent

After constant attack on the "racket" of special attorneys for state departments, Governor Charles H. Martin yesterday about-faced his assault and sent Senate Bill 359 providing for selection of attorneys by the attorney-general to the execution squad.

In a brief veto message, the governor said: "The employment of special attorneys by boards and commissions to perform legal services which should have been performed by the attorney-general's office has cost the taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars and has become all but a public scandal. This bill legalizes the old abuses and prevents their correction."

"I'm going to prevent a continuation of this racket and to hold all boards and commissions to strict accountability to me and not to the attorney-general," he added.

Doesn't Dovetail With Bill's Working

The veto statement was in strange contrast to the provisions of Senate Bill 359. That enactment, which passed the senate unanimously and went through the house with only Representative Wallace dissenting, provided that the attorney-general's office should do all the legal work of the state except where attorneys with special qualifications were needed for a departmental attorney. In such instances, the attorney-general's office and the department were authorized to agree mutually on a deputy attorney-general to act as departmental counsel. In event a deputy could not be agreed upon the governor was to have the deciding vote.

Governor Martin had tacitly approved Senate Bill 166, written by the attorney-general's office and containing most of the provisions of Senate Bill 359 which he vetoed, except that the latter afforded him more control than did the first named bill.

While the governor's office did not send the legislature a formal veto, he indicated his position.

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## PREVAILING WAGE ADHERENTS LOSE FIGHT IN SENATE

Compromise Proposal Wins Over Six, Upsetting Result of Previous Vote 50 to 38; New Proposal is Then Approved Almost Immediately; President Permitted to Set Wages Except on Federal Building Jobs

Way Cleared for Early Adoption of \$4,800,000,000 Aid Bill; Wagner, Champion of Organized Labor, One of Die-Hards to Shift Over; Robinson Announces New Plan Will Have Administration Approval

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(AP)—Roosevelt forces today pushed a prevailing wage compromise through the revolt-torn senate, ending in a matter of minutes the deadlock that for weeks has held the \$4,880,000,000 work-relief bill stationary.

Gaining six votes, they defeated 50 to 38 the McCarran amendment, written into the bill by 44 to 43 nearly a month ago. Opposition to the compromise then crumbled as if by magic and it was swiftly adopted, with just two members voting against it.

The compromise, bearing full White House approval, directs the president to set such wages as would not tear down existing wage levels, but with prevailing wage rates to be paid on all federal public building projects. The McCarran proposal flatly directed that prevailing wages be paid.

The ending of the weeks' long impasse cleared the senate air, and there were predictions that the pace of the big measure through the senate would be measurably swifter next week. Other amendments remain to be dealt with, but leaders expressed confidence that the bill could be shoved along substantially as the president desires.

The climax of the long battle came as three senators—Wagner of New York, G'Mahoney of Wyoming, democrats, and LaFollette (Prog-Wis) a republican they would support the administration's compromise.

Portly Senator McCarran (D-Nev) ended the argument for his amendment after a long day of debate by assailing Senator Wagner for his shift to the administration proposal. Wagner earlier had defended his position, saying the compromise gave protection to the "going wage" scale and fixed the responsibility on President Roosevelt.

Taking the floor shortly before the roll call votes were demanded, Senator Glass (D-Va) told the senate he was authorized to say that President Roosevelt would approve the compromise, introduced by Senator Russell (D-Ga).

## JUNIOR COLLEGES BILL MEETS VETO

Expense Chief Reason; Ax Also Falls on Sunday Closing Measure

As he had indicated Thursday, Governor Martin yesterday vetoed the junior college bill and the Sunday closing bill.

Five reasons were given in the veto message disapproving Senate Bill 89 which permitted school districts to organize and operate junior colleges. They included failure of the bill to provide any means, other than tuition charges, for out-of-district pupils, too low a valuation limit on the territory permitted to organize a junior college, inability of property to stand a higher tax for education purposes and existing aid furnished by the federal government to needy students who wish to go away from home to attend institutions of higher learning.

"This is no time to enact legislation which would authorize increased levies on real property," the governor said in his veto message. "What is needed is some vigorous pruning in the school orphans and not the planting of more trees as potential excuses for taxation."

The governor said the Sunday closing bill, applying only to

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## THREE PASS BRUNG TO ELECTRIC CHAIR

TRENTON, N. J., March 15.—(AP)—Waking one by one past the three convicted murderers met death in the electric chair tonight.

Michael Mule, 24; Connie Scarpono, 26, and George De Stefano, Jr., 25, all three—like Hauptmann, convicted of murder in the commission of a felony—paid with their lives for the holdup slaying of John Sztykowski, 37.

Hauptmann shook hands with each of the men as they passed his cell.

"Pray to God," he was quoted by a prison official as saying to each.

Scarpono, the first to die, startled the gathering of reporters and officials in the execution room by making a statement in which he invoked another man in the Sztykowski slaying.

"I'd like to say something before I go," he declared, as the executioner prepared to slip the mask over his face.

"Any members of the press here? They tell Detective Di Luccio to go arrest —" (He named a man who gave evidence against him in his trial. "He was in on it.")

## Records for Tax Payment Broken; Over Half Paid

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—(AP)—All recent records for prompt tax payments were broken today when more than half the \$15,286,665 current county roll had been collected today at the end of the first quarter of the tax collection season.

Sheriff Martin Pratt gave much credit for the showing to the state bargain tax rate plan under which discount is given if full taxes are paid at this time.

At the corresponding date last year 47 per cent of the year's taxes were remitted.

## Monorail From Grants Pass to Sea Is Proposed

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 15.—(AP)—A "monorailway" line with a single overhead rail carrying an engine and cars suspended beneath it, was proposed by its inventor, P. S. Combs, to link Grants Pass and the Pacific coast at Crescent City, Cal.

Combs left for the coast today after outlining his proposal to business men here last night.

## Seventeen Hundred Jailed in Federal Drive on Crime

WASHINGTON, March 15.—(AP)—More than 1700 in jail, and contraband valued in the millions were the rewards tonight of a swift and widespread anti-crime campaign which linked all the agents of the treasury in a concerted offensive.

Narcotic peddlers and addicts, smugglers, counterfeiters, liquor tax evaders, violators of every law for which the treasury holds enforcement responsibility were rounded up the nation over.

The seizures made a varied list. They ran from silks to tapestries and veered off to cabin cruisers, morphine and lottery tickets. In Baltimore alone, they were valued at \$1,025,540, including \$913,928 in lottery tickets and 700 gallons of liquor.

Secretary Morgenthau received reports on the progress of the

## Oregonian Held On Counterfeit Count in South

SACRAMENTO, March 15.—(AP)—A man identifying himself as Rex Alexander Hall, 24, of Lincoln county, Oregon, is in jail here today charged with possession of counterfeit coins, following his arrest in Arbutle, near here.

Federal agents who arrested the man said they found him playing a slot machine with counterfeit coins. He is held on \$2500 bond, but his mother, who came here from Oregon, is attempting to obtain his release on his own recognizance.

## Necessity Made Robbery Defense

PORTLAND, Ore., March 15.—(AP)—Admitting his guilt, Noble C. Smith, 30, who was charged with assault and robbery with a dangerous weapon today told the court "fellow's got to live."

So Circuit Judge Jacob Kansler handed Smith a 30-year prison and board ticket to the state penitentiary.

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