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GEHRKE'S MEN GET TO FINAL

Meet Astoria Fishermen in Big Clash Tonight; Tight Defense May Be Puzzle to 1934 Champions

Oakridge Puts Up Stirring Fight; Salem Outclassed by Portland Dark Horses in Semi-Final Tilt

TODAY'S SCHEDULE IN THE STATE TOURNAMENT
9:30 a. m.—Benson vs. Corvallis (fifth place).
10:30 a. m.—Ashland vs. Klamath Falls (fourth place).
7:30 p. m.—Salem vs. Oakridge (third place).
8:30 p. m.—Jefferson vs. Astoria (championship).

YESTERDAY'S SCORES
Benson 19, Marshfield 16.
Corvallis 28, The Dalles 18.
Ashland 32, Columbia Prep 19.
Klamath Falls 29, McMinnville 21.
Jefferson 45, Salem 20.
Astoria 33, Oakridge 20.

By PAUL HAUSER
Up in the Lane county hills they breed basketball players who die hard; and the battling Oakridge team, the "B" team that fought its way through a district tournament and into the semi-finals of the state basketball tournament, went down fighting last night as the unstoppable Astoria Fishermen defeated it 33 to 20.

Salem high, outclassed and outplayed, lost to a Jefferson team that could have beaten two Salmes. The final score was 45 to 20, one of the worst defeats Salem has ever suffered in a state tournament.

The best teams won as Astoria and Jefferson broke through the upper and lower brackets to put themselves in the final game of the state championship at 8:30 tonight. Astoria, after improving in every game, last night reached its old tournament form and with its dashing, short-passing fast breaks and sure-shot scoring ability is expected to have a slight edge over Jefferson on offense. Jefferson's defense, however, is one of the tightest any team has shown in the tournament. Leonard Gehrke's team that came from a second place in the Portland league to push its way into the finals, can use either zone or man to man defense. It will give Sarpola and company trouble in quantities.

Position Finals to Start This Morning
Benson and Corvallis came out on top in the consolation bracket yesterday and will play this morning at 9:30 for fifth place. Ashland will play Klamath Falls for fourth place at 10:30 and at 7:30 Salem and Oakridge will fight it out for third place.

Eliminated yesterday were Marshfield, The Dalles and Columbia Prep.

Tournament crowds remained about on a par with last year (Turn to page 10, col. 1)

COLLINS KILLED AS PLANE TEST FAILS

NEW YORK, March 22.—(AP)—In the last of a series of ten power dives while testing a new pursuit ship built for the U. S. navy, "Jimmy" Collins, famous civilian pilot, crashed at terrific speed in a cemetery near Farmingdale, L. I., tonight and was killed.

Half a mile away and buried some four feet in the earth was the powerful engine which, according to observers, left the ship as Collins leveled off at an altitude of some 8000 feet.

Collins was widely known as an experienced test pilot as well as a writer of aviation topics.

Hay Creek Ranch Residence Burns

BEND, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—The Hay Creek ranch headquarters and residence, one of the largest and best known farm homes of interior Oregon, was destroyed by fire today.

The spacious residence in Jefferson county east of Madras was built some 20 years ago by J. G. Edwards, original owner of the ranch which is known throughout the northwest.

THEY WENT FARTHER THAN EXPECTED



Above, the Salem high basketball team which on its poor season showing, was not expected to survive the second round of the state tournament, and possibly not the first, so its defeat in the semi-finals was no disappointment. From the left, back row, Coach Hollis Huntington, Gwyn, Quistad, Luther, Skopli, Waddell, Queseth. Front row, Albrich, Cater, Brown, Captain Salstrom. Below, the gallant Oakridge boys who went farther than any of the other "B" teams in the tournament and are without dispute state "B" champions though they lost to Astoria last night. Lower row, Smith, Varrelman, Gale, Nelson, Dorrfer. Back row, Coach Sprague, Fisher, Spallinger, (next man not at tourney), Wert, Manager McTea.

MYSTIC WORD NOT USED BY "SPIRIT"

Thurston Says Doyle Didn't Talk From the Beyond; Recalls Old Pact

LOUISVILLE, Ky., March 22.—(AP)—The lone living man who knows what Sir Arthur Conan Doyle promised to say from beyond death derided New York's airplane seance as a publicity stunt tonight.

Howard Thurston, the magician, turned from "cutting off a girl's head" to declare that Sir Arthur's secret word is not quoted in accounts of the seance.

A piping voice claiming to belong to the great psychic devotee was among several heard from an aluminum horn in a darkened airplane 4000 feet above New York last night. Others purporting to have spoken were Floyd Bennett and Roald Amundsen—without (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Larceny Charge Against Lawyer Puzzles Justice

LAKEVIEW, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Justices of Peace F. M. Duke today continued the case of W. C. Vanemon, Klamath Falls attorney charged with larceny by baillee.

The defense contended no crime was committed inasmuch as Vanemon as attorney had a right to a lien of the clients' funds until paid his fee. The defense brought a copy of a complaint against M. D. Enloe and C. P. Enloe, filed in Klamath county, seeking \$2600 attorney fees allegedly due Vanemon. M. D. Enloe brought the larceny complaint against Vanemon.

Hoover Resuming Activity Probably Not as Candidate

By JOHN F. CHESTER (Copyright, 1935, Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Strong intimations that Herbert Hoover intends to become increasingly active in a steadily-formulating, two-fold republican campaign in 1936 were available tonight in the capital.

While quarters in touch with him said it was too early to talk of set speeches, it was added that the former president certainly would speak out on more than one issue henceforth.

World News at a Glance

(By the Associated Press)
The arms situation:
LONDON—Sir John Simon hints England may adopt isolation policy; government hears of Hitler proposal to increase navy, and to ask return of colonies; security conference projected.

PARIS—France prepares to move 25,000 troops to German border; seeks to align Britain in solid front against Germany.

ROME—Italy champions right of Austria, Hungary, Bulgaria to rear.

BERLIN—Nazis insist on equality in proposed security talks.

WASHINGTON—Secretary Hull rebukes circumvention of treaties in indirect reference to Germany.

DOMESTIC:
WASHINGTON—House votes overwhelmingly to pay bonus by inflation.

WHITE PLAINS—Albert H. Fish convicted of murder of Grace Budd, 10; death penalty mandatory.

WASHINGTON—Senate committee majority reports out drastic food and drug bill of Senator Copeland.

KANSAS CITY—Dust clouds continue to roll in Kansas; four deaths in Colorado laid to dust; farmers map fight against drought, soil drifting.

SOUTH BEND—Rev. John Cavanaugh, former president of University of Notre Dame, dies.

WASHINGTON—Borah invited to White House for first personal conference since President Roosevelt was inaugurated.

FOREIGN:
TOKYO—Russia transfers controversial Chinese Eastern railway to Japan, quitting troublesome Manchurian zone.

LONDON—Cousin Jimmy Donahue packs revolver to defend Barbara Hutton Mdivani, servants say.

At the capitol to be the more centered on depicting the new deal as un-American and unsound, while simultaneously concerning itself with uniting the diverse wings of the party.

These themes already have marked republican gatherings of the past few weeks in New York, Kansas and Michigan. And some members of the party here anticipate a further effort to weld right-left factions at a projected gathering of republicans from eleven midwestern states.

It could be stated definitely today that this line of strategy is strongly endorsed within the Hoover camp. As outlined here, the idea of those close to the former president is: Build up the party first, rather than any one candidate.

Behind this was said to be the (Turn to page 10, col. 2)

INDIRECT REBUKE HANDED GERMANY

Circumvention of Treaties Criticized, No Mention of Any Nations

WASHINGTON, March 22.—(AP)—Germany was rebuked indirectly today by Secretary Hull for her defiance of the treaties limiting the reich's armaments.

The state department chief expressed disapproval of nations which circumvent treaties, but avoided specific mention of Germany.

Hull's comment came not long after the chairman of the senate foreign relations committee, Senator Pittman (D-Ore.), had expressed a personal opinion that "our government should not inject itself directly or indirectly into the controversy in Europe over the German move."

Breaking the silence he had maintained since Reichsfuhrer Hitler's dramatic announcement of "the fatherland's" military rejuvenation, Hull today staunchly upheld the sanctity of treaties; deplored prevailing tendencies of nations to circumvent the letter or spirit of international obligations; and expressed the hope that conciliatory moves now in progress would greatly lessen the tenseness of the European situation.

While declining a direct answer as to whether the United States plans to follow Great Britain, France and Italy in protesting Germany's action, Hull declared that the state department was maintaining constant touch with rapidly changing events in Germany.

Federal Mining Laboratory for Oregon Wanted

GRANTS PASS, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—A call for united efforts to secure a federal mining laboratory for southern Oregon was sounded here today by traveler Charles H. Martin, Oregon governor.

Before he and highway officials continued their inspection tour over the Redwood highway and up the coast route, Governor Martin dug into the mining problem at a luncheon with John Hampshire and others.

Governor Martin said a state mining office be secured through the legislature when his attempts to reestablish a state mining commission were defeated, will be useful to represent the state in negotiations for the federal laboratory.

COLUMBIA DROPS

THE DALLES, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Cold weather the past few days has brought a slight recession to the Columbia river which today was at 4.7 foot stage, normal for the season.

HINTS AT NEUTRAL ENGLAND

Sir John Simon in Address Suggests Isolation From European Quarrel; Heads for Berlin Soon

French Unconvinced German Pledge Will Be Kept and Insists Upon Regrouping of Allied Nations

(By the Associated Press)
The startling possibility Great Britain might replace her position of peacemaker with a policy of isolation arose today in the European situation.

Sir John Simon, foreign secretary who starts to Berlin Sunday for talks with Adolf Hitler, said in an address last night "we cannot indulge in every sort of foreign adventure over all the world or pledge our activity to everybody's quarrel."

Earlier a united front against Germany's rearmament seemed more likely with the scheduled start of tri-power conversations at which France seemed certain to try to get London to drop the role of mediator and assume that of ally.

The London Daily Express' Berlin correspondent said Adolf Hitler would make two new demands upon Simon: a navy equal to Russia's in the Baltic and assurances Russia's Black sea fleet would not be allowed past Gibraltar in the event of a war between the soviet and Germany.

France's Lack of Faith in Evidence
Evidencing France's lack of faith in the prospect of the British getting Germany into any security agreement was Foreign Minister Pierre Laval's assertion yesterday that France "must regroup the allies" and reported preparations to move 25,000 French troops from the Italian to the German border.

PARIS—Laval's statement found echo in other French quarters which, demanding "action rather than words," said they expected little besides "vague formulas and inadequate pledges" from Germany. The chamber of deputies overwhelmingly ratified the new French accords with Italy.

NICE, France.—Reports said 25,000 of the 45,000 French troops stationed along the southern border would be moved to garrisons closer to the German border in line with War Minister Felix Murrin's expressed intention to have enough men ready to man the elaborate Rhine fortifications.

BLOOD ON CLOTHING IN BONFIRE, CLAIM

SAN JOSE, Cal., March 22.—(AP)—Tests showed blood on cloth fragments found in a bonfire which David A. Lamson was tending on the morning his wife's body was discovered, Dr. Frederick Proescher, county pathologist, testified at Lamson's murder trial today.

Defense Attorney Edwin McKenzie immediately attacked Dr. Proescher's statements and accused him of adding to his testimony given at the previous trial.

While it became known the state had possession of a San Francisco hotel register which it hopes to prove trysts were kept by Lamson about 10 times between December, 1932, and May, 1933. The defense contends Lamson has positive alibi for many of the occasions.

Dr. Proescher said he had tested three pieces of cloth found in the bonfire Lamson was watching on May 30, 1933, when the body of Mrs. Allene Thorpe Lamson was discovered in her bathtub.

Warehousemen Plan Tri-State Combine Group

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Plans for consolidation of the Oregon and Washington Warehousemen's association, and possibly the Idaho association, will be discussed tomorrow by warehousemen who convened here today.

The Oregon association's new officers are H. M. Clarke, president; Don Lewis, vice-president in charge of the merchandising division, and Sam Gaddis, vice-president in charge of the household goods division. Willis McMurtry was appointed secretary-treasurer.

ROBOT PLANE'S TRIP SUCCESS; SNOW RESIGNS

Commander Quarrels With Roper Over Authority for Longer Cruise

Radio-Guided Ship Survives Squalls and Static on 1400-Mile Jaunt

OAKLAND, Calif., March 22.—(AP)—Conclusion of present tests with the government's experimental radio compass plans was announced tonight by James L. Kinney following the sudden resignation of its commander in a purported controversy with Secretary Roper of the department of commerce.

Kinney, of the department of commerce staff, said no more test flights with the compass would be made here and that the plane would be turned back to Transcontinental-Western Air, from which it had been leased, within five days.

OAKLAND, Calif., March 22.—(AP)—Major Chester Snow, in charge of the government's "robot" airplane here, announced tonight his resignation from the department of commerce staff. He declined to give the reasons but associates indicated a controversy over a projected Hawaiian flight was the cause.

Major Snow wrote out his resignation during today's test flight and telegraphed it to Eugene Vidal, chief of the bureau of air commerce at Washington upon landing here again.

Associates in the flight tests said Major Snow felt nothing could be proved by further flights unless a longer one, perhaps to Honolulu, was made. Secretary Roper has withheld permission for such a cruise.

OAKLAND, Calif., March 22.—(AP)—The department of commerce radio compass experimental plane landed here at 4:48 p. m. after a nine and a half hour flight to sea to make contact with the Matson liner Mariposa, now near San Pedro from Honolulu.

Completing the latest in a series of flights to test her automatic triangulation equipment, the new (Turn to page 2, col. 1)

DISPOSAL PROJECT IS FROWNED UPON

The city of Salem's long-extended and thus far fruitless attempt to secure federal funds for any of its local projects met another snag yesterday.

In a letter received from PWA officials at Washington, Mayor W. E. Kuhn was informed that the public works administration had reneged on its commitment of \$360,000 for a sewage disposal plant here.

The reason set out in the letter, Kuhn said, was the fact that the \$475,000 in sewage disposal bonds authorized by the city were voted under an RFC setup rather than on a PWA plan.

In order to go ahead with the sewage disposal project a special election would be required, Kuhn was advised. He indicated that should a citizen be asked to vote for bonds which would be salable without PWA assistance.

Yesterday's word from Washington was a surprise to local city officials. C. C. Hockley, state engineer for PWA, knew the bonds authorized by the city were severed years ago. He approved the recent \$360,000 grant of PWA funds for the project.

While the house voted the senate was having inflation troubles of its own. Senator Thomas (Ore.), talked for about six hours on his silver inflation amendment to the \$4,880,000,000 relief bill. But when the Oklahoma threatened to keep on talking for more hours tomorrow, senate leaders answered with a threat to drastically limit debate.

Another development was a statement by President Roosevelt that he was going to press for passage of the measure to extend the NRA two more years.

In this connection it appeared likely that the administration might endorse the Wagner labor disputes bill, for Donald B. Richberg, new chief of NRA, said today he thought some outside agency was needed to take care of section 7A. All this was mixed up in speculation about why the American Red Cross of Labor, which has been lambasting Richberg, appeared so pleased with his being made chairman of the new NRA administrative board.

SUICIDE PACT IS GIVEN BLAME IN POISONING CASE

State Hospital Inmate Swallows Bichloride of Mercury Tablets, says They Were Given Him by Woman He was to "Meet in Heaven Tonight"; Elsie Brown Denies Entire Story of Victim

Patient in Critical Condition Although Antidotes are Administered; Police Hold Woman Pending Further Investigation; Man Committed From Yamhill Found to Have Prison Record in Middle West

VICTIM of what he termed was a suicide pact, Harley Davis, 34, a patient at the Oregon state hospital, was hovering between life and death here late last night after taking several bichloride of mercury tablets late yesterday afternoon.

Davis, found in convulsions shortly after a visit of Elsie Brown, 48, to his ward at the hospital, said the woman had given him the tablets during the visit with the understanding that both were to commit suicide. She was said by Davis to be his common-law wife, having lived with him for several years in the middle-west.

Police, notified of the poisoning by Dr. R. E. Lee Steiner, hospital superintendent, immediately took Mrs. Brown into custody. She had been residing here at 1365 North Summer street.

Although vigorously cross-questioned late last night by District Attorney Trindle, Mrs. Brown denied emphatically that she had given Davis poison.

"I love him," she cried. "I couldn't have done such a thing."

In moments of consciousness last night Davis reiterated his statement that a suicide pact was planned. "We were to meet in heaven tonight," Davis said. "It had been unable here; we thought we would be happy there."

Dr. Steiner said no bichloride of mercury was kept at the hospital and consequently it was impossible for Davis to take such poison without it being brought to him by outside persons. He said the recent visits of Mrs. Brown, (Turn to page 10, col. 3)

RELIEF PROBERS AT WORK; INVITE KICKS

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—Governor Charles H. Martin's committee investigating Oregon's relief setup opened offices here today and expressed its ear to any and all complaints.

Setting itself up in room 207, Oregon building, the committee started taking affidavits from persons with grievances.

Chairman Elwin A. McCormack urged any persons having complaints against administration of relief in Oregon to call in person or write, stating the nature of their grievances in such form as will permit putting in affidavits. The office will be open from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m., each week day.

The investigation is limited to 30 days, so it is imperative that complaints be filed as soon as possible, McCormack said. Because of lack of space public hearings will not be held, but delegations of three to five persons representing organizations will be welcomed.

Other members of the investigating commission are Verne Dusenberry, executive secretary, and Miss Grace Phelps.

OSBOURNE'S WORDS ADMITTED IN TRIAL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 22.—(AP)—The prosecution scored with both barrels today in the Joseph J. Osbourne murder trial when reputed verbal and signed statements to police by the defendant were admitted as evidence.

Strenuous defense efforts to bar the statements as evidence failed.

The prosecution which is attempting to send the former special policeman to the gallows for the fish pond slaying of Simon Mish, called Judge James W. Crawford's rulings as an outstanding victory.

The prosecution procured testimony that Osbourne made "inconsistent statements" to officers in describing his movements and explaining how he received his wounds the night of the slaying.

The defense also failed to wring from police detectives on the stand any admissions of alleged third-degree methods in securing statements from Osbourne following his arrest.

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