

Hundreds telephone The Statesman each night when basketball at its height, illustrating interest in sport news when it's hot.

Cloudy today and Sunday, no change in temperature; Max. Temp. Friday 50, Min. 32, river 5.7 feet, light variable winds.

Reservoir Excavation Bid Call is Backed

Three Dead in South Dakota Delivery Plot

Hitch-hiking Gunman is Balked in Effort to Release Brother

Kidnaped Warden, One of Convicts and Owner of Car, Victims

SIoux FALLS, S. D., March 6. (AP)—A hitch-hiking Kansas gunman who sought to release his brother from the penitentiary brought death to three persons and wounds to two others here today in one of the most sensational prison breaks in the history of the state.

Warden Eugene Reiley, 72 and Phil Ray, St. Paul desperado serving 30 years for bank robbery, were killed in a running gun fight with a posse. Berlan Meisel of Webster, S. D., died in a hospital early tonight from wounds suffered when he and his fiancée, Miss Freda Rausch, also of Webster, were ordered from their car by the fleeing bandits.

Engineer of Plot Critically Wounded

Miss Rausch was slightly wounded. Claude Carrier, 18-year-old Kansan, who engineered the escape, was critically wounded in the chase, and George Collins, a deputy sheriff, also suffered gunshot wounds.

Meisel was shot over the heart and Miss Rausch wounded in the face when the gunman ordered them from their car and took the machine in a wild dash for freedom.

Reiley, warden at the prison since August 1, 1935, may have been a victim of officers' guns. He was found shot in the back in the rear seat of the gunman's car and died en route to a hospital.

The sensational attempt at prison delivery came with startling suddenness shortly after 2:30 this afternoon. Less than an hour later Ray and Reiley were dead and Claude Carrier and his brother, Harold, were back inside the prison walls.

The younger Carrier was shot in the head and shoulder but his brother was uninjured.

Blood-soaked and weak, Claude Carrier, who said he hitch-hiked here from Kansas City, gave police a vivid account of the prison break in which he and his brother held up a dozen guards and trustees, released Ray and kidnaped Reiley as hostage. They stole three automobiles in their brief mad dash for freedom which ended in a hail of lead only five miles from the penitentiary.

Arsenal Raided, Warden Kidnaped

"The break was my own idea. I figured it out myself," the lanky Carrier told police as they steadied his swaying form before a newsreel camera.

"I stuck two nails under my belt and went up to ask the warden if I could see my brother," Carrier said. "I talked with my brother for about 10 minutes and told him what the plan was. He said 'Okay' and when I got through talking I pulled out a gun and covered the guy nearest me. I gave the other gun to my brother."

Claude told how Harold then went into a cell block to release Ray before the trio took the turkey's rings and raided the arsenal, taking a machine gun and some rifles. Seizing the warden, the gunman stole a car from two women in front of the prison and fled northward.

Three Encounters Precede Capture

Accounts of the running gunfight, in which more than 100 shots were exchanged, showed three separate battles before a combined force of deputy sheriffs, policemen and prison guards.

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Phone Calls Eyed By Lobby Probers

WASHINGTON, March 6. (AP)—The senate lobby committee was disclosed tonight to have followed up its mass seizure of private telegrams by a widespread subpoenaing of records of long distance telephone calls.

Authoritative word of this action preceded briefly a radio speech by J. P. J. Shouse, president of the American Liberty League, in which he charged the committee's seizures furnished an "example of governmental terrorism."

A day-long session of the lobby committee earlier had brought out testimony that Henry L. Doherty, dominant figure in Cities Service corporation, sold out much of his interest several months before the financial collapse in 1929 and a few weeks later bought himself back into control at a profit of \$17,700,000.

WPA Workers Protest Making Up Lost Time; Federal Order, Claim

Requirement for Saturday Labor Sent by Hopkins, Officials Here Explain; Men Say They Begged to Be Allowed to Continue

AN order that WPA laborers must make up for time lost on account of bad weather brought more than 100 workers to the district WPA offices here yesterday afternoon to protest instructions given them to report on the job today. They were met with the statement that the order originated in National Administrator Harry Hopkins' office and that men who failed to work today would be "doctored" a day's wages.

While the workers vociferously demanded that the Saturday work order be dropped, they generally were agreed that it would be better to report for work than to lose \$2.40 in wages.

The standard WPA work week is five six-hour days. The workers averred it was against federal regulations to work on Saturdays.

Instructions Sent

Instructions that lost time be made up by WPA laborers were issued from Washington, D. C., last May but never put into effect. J. J. Karstetter, district engineer, explained later. Yesterday, however, the district office here re-

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Mahoney Pledges Aid to Townsend

400 Hear Klamath Mayor in Address; Explains Early Advocacy

Willis E. Mahoney, Klamath Falls mayor and aspirant for Senator Charles H. McNary's seat in the United States senate, spent a forceful hour at the high school auditorium last night telling 400 Townsend club members why the Townsend plan will work.

He interspersed his remarks, which drew repeated applause, with a careful explanation of his own advocacy of the Townsend plan since the fall days of 1934. The visiting mayor, who has been accused of not supporting the "plan" until it became widely popular last year, said he demanded in his speeches in the gubernatorial campaign in 1934 that each candidate support the Townsend plan. Seeking further to prove his early support of the cause, Mahoney said he introduced a resolution for the Townsend plan in the Klamath Falls city council in May, 1935.

Will Pay National Debt

Mahoney made great promises for the Townsend idea. He said it would not only pay \$13,000,000 (Turn to Page 10, Col. 1)

Cabinet Quest in Tokyo Prolonged

TOKYO, March 7. (Saturday)—(AP)—A conference expected to determine whether Koki Hirota will abandon or continue his efforts to form a cabinet to liquidate Japan's crisis began today when Count Jirochi Terauchi visited the premier-designate.

Count Terauchi, selected by Hirota to become minister of war, had withdrawn under pressure from high militarists who opposed some of Hirota's choices.

After the Terauchi-Hirota conference, a war office authority said there were indications Hirota was seeking a cabinet lineup to compromise with the army, but the negotiations might drag on for a day or two longer.

Methodist Ban Lifted By Polish Government

WARSAW, March 6. (AP)—The Polish government today lifted a suspension no the American Methodist society in this country, acknowledging the ban was applied through a "misunderstanding."

A school and mission in Warsaw and an orphanage outside the city were affected by the order.

Record Demand for Tickets Precedes W. U. Glee Tonight

Tickets were at a premium yesterday for tonight's 25th annual Willamette freshman glee, gala musical event of the university's year. Requests for seats exceeded those of any former year, although the contest between the classes will for the first time be broadcast over a Portland radio station.

The class of '36, champions for three successive years, tonight seeks to repeat its former victories and to establish itself as the first class in the school's history to have won the glee each year of its school career.

The motif for tonight's glee will be a serenade song, each of the four classes presenting an original composition, in words and music, as its offering for honors. Mathews as Usual

To Announce Losers

Two weeks of strenuous practice by each of the classes last night were at an end and the Willamette university gymnasium, where the event will be held, was being carefully decorated for the

Salem Leading For Mat Title After Prelims

Thirteen Local Boys are in Semi-Finals; 54 Bouts are Held

Benson Close With 11 in Running; 30 Matches Slated Tonight

With 13 entrants qualified for the semi-final matches in the State high school wrestling tournament at Salem high gym, the local squad headed the list of seven schools still remaining in the running after last night's workouts.

The cream of the state's prep Simon-Pures went through 54 six-minute rounds. Tonight beginning at 8 o'clock 30 more semi-final and final matches will be completed.

Running close to Salem in wins is Benson High of Portland registering 11 nods in the quarter finals. Franklin has four left in competition, Corvallis two, Chemawa two, Sandy two and Oregon City one. Ten schools entered the tourney with weight divisions divided ten ways from 105 pounds to the heavies. One division, the 175 pounders, advanced to the final round.

Bouts Numerous in Some Divisions

The winners by divisions: 105—Mio, Salem, over Puls, Benson, T. Arthur, Chemawa, over N. Taylor, Franklin, England, Benson, over Marshall, Oregon City, Salto, Salem, over Brossig, Franklin.

112—Jack Wallace, Benson, over Lee, Sandy, Quamme, Salem, over Taylor, Franklin, T. Mio, Salem, over Martin, Corvallis, Nishiki, Benson, over Crownwell, Franklin.

118—Nichols, Salem, over Arai. (Turn to Page 10, Col. 1)

Milton-Freewater District Champion

MILTON-FREEWATER, Ore., March 6. (AP)—Milton-Freewater tonight clinched the basketball championship of district No. 2 and won the right to compete in the state tourney at Salem by defeating Hood River 44 to 29 in its second straight victory over the Apple Pickers.

LA GRANDE, Ore., March 6. (AP)—La Grande and Nyssa will battle for the right to enter the state tournament at Salem. La Grande eliminated Baker 33 to 15 tonight and will play the undefeated Nyssa quintet tomorrow. La Grande, defeated once, must win two games from Nyssa if it is to enter the state meet.

ASHLAND, Ore., March 6. (AP)—Myrtle Creek and Malin went their way to the finals of the Southern Oregon Normal Invitational "B" league basketball tournament tonight. Myrtle Creek defeated Powers in a close contest, 23 to 20. Malin had less trouble winning from Merrill, 25 to 15.

Income of Water System Revealed

Gross income for the Salem water commission in February was \$13,826, Cuyler VanPatten, manager, reported to the commission last night. The income is thought to be considerably above the gross sales of the private utility in February, 1935, although exact figures are not available for comparison.

Operating profit of the water system for the month was \$5,636 before any allowance was set up for depreciation or for interest on bonded debt.

Expenses for the month were \$1440, of which administrative costs were 28 per cent, source of supply 4 per cent, pumping expense 23 per cent, purification expense 5 per cent, and transmission and distribution 40 per cent.

The commission deferred until its next meeting a decision on whether or not a service charge would be made for meters installed during the summer watering season.

The commission had cash on hand as of March 6 of \$27,641. Accounts receivable totaled \$992.

Polk First County to Send Quarter Taxes In

Polk has the distinction of being the first county in Oregon to remit its first quarter taxes for 1936 to the state treasurer. These taxes were levied for 1935. The check was in the amount of \$11,492.20.

ITALIANS' VICTORY MAY LEAD TO PEACE



Ras Kassa



Scene of four-day battle

Possibility of peace negotiations and early settlement of the Italo-Ethiopian war loomed following the crushing defeat administered the forces of Haile Selassie when they were trapped by 20,000 Italian troops in the mountainous region of Tembien where a four-day battle crumbled the Ethiopian line and left 10,000 of their men dead on the battlefield. Venerable Ras Kassa, leader of the Ethiopian forces, was reported to have been captured or to have committed suicide. Fighting raged along an extended front west and southwest of Makala. Italian bombing planes took heavy tolls on roads in the vicinity of Quorum and the mountain citadel of Amba Alaji. The Italian drive climaxed a campaign to solidify their lines of communication from Makala southward toward Addis Abba in the face of guerrilla warfare tactics of the Ethiopian forces.

British Red Cross Bombed Is Charge

Ethiopians Deny Italian Victory Claim; Haile Leads Drive, Rumor

ADDIS ABABA, March 6. (AP)—The Ethiopian government claimed today a British Red Cross airplane was bombed by Italian planes. The Italian government denied the charge.

The bombing was protested vigorously to the league of nations in a message from Bellatene Gueta Heroy, Ethiopia foreign minister. Sir Eric Drummond, British ambassador at Rome, was instructed to protest to the Italian government tomorrow.

Ethiopian Capital Fearful Attack

Women and children in Addis Ababa were ordered to be ready to evacuate the city tomorrow in the event of an air attack. An airplane circled over the capital today and escaped apparently unscathed from the fire of machine-guns and anti-aircraft guns.

A report from Dessaye that an Italian airplane bombed the headquarters of Crown Prince Wosana and that two Greeks were killed went unconfirmed.

The government, denying Italy's claims of new victories in the north, said a battle was about to begin in the mountains near Amba Alaji. Emperor Haile Selassie was believed by some to have reached the northern lines to lead a major fight, but there was no official confirmation of this.

LONDON, March 6. (AP)—Great Britain ordered its ambassador to Rome today to protest strongly against the alleged bombing of a British Red Cross unit in Ethiopia by Italian planes.

Sir Eric Drummond, the British ambassador, was instructed to urge Premier Mussolini's government to press an investigation of the attack and to order his military leaders on the way from Rome to make certain such an incident did not occur again.

Government officials asserted they had no official word of Addis Ababa reports that Major G. A. Burgoyne, attached to the British Red Cross unit near Quorum, Ethiopia, had been killed.

Hospital Inmate Picked Up Soon After Escape

Ernest Good, who escaped late yesterday afternoon from the Oregon state hospital, was picked up at 10 o'clock last night near Brooks.

Good was hiking along the highway on his way to Portland when a state patrolman noticed him and returned him to Salem.

Hoover, Freshman Glee On Radio KOIN Tonight

Tonight at 7 o'clock Herbert Hoover may be heard over KOIN in an address on the "new deal" which he will deliver before the Young Men's Republican club at Colorado Springs. His time is one-half hour. At 8 o'clock the Willamette Freshman Glee will be broadcast over the same station.

Locarno Pact Coming Up at Parley Today

BERLIN, March 6. (AP)—Adolf Hitler tonight called a special session of the German reichstag for tomorrow and invited ambassadors of the other four nations which signed the Locarno treaty to visit him before the national assembly convenes.

Well informed sources said Hitler, speaking personally before the reichstag, will make a last appeal to the Locarno signatories to observe the spirit and the letter of the treaty guaranteeing mutual security in western Europe.

Only if this appeal fails, these informed sources declared, will Germany move to the final consequence of denouncing the five-power pact.

Yugoslav Premier Unhurt in Attack

BELGRADE, Yugoslavia, March 6. (AP)—Police charged tonight that a spectacular attempt to kill Premier Milan Stojadinovich in the Yugoslav chamber of deputies was the culmination of a political conspiracy.

The premier ducked under the desk of the speaker's rostrum as Damjan Arantovich, Macedonian deputy, fired two pistol shots at him. One of the bullets struck the railing of the diplomatic gallery where Charles S. Wilson, United States minister to Yugoslavia, sat with other foreign representatives.

Officers said they were convinced Arantovich was one of a faction determined to use the premier's assassination as a means of achieving its political goal.

Police raided the clubhouse of the Yugoslav national party, arrested four opposition deputies and issued warrants for several more.

City Auto Camp to Become Recreational Park, Planned

Salem is to have a new recreational park. Such was the indication yesterday, as a result of a decision to introduce a resolution at the council meeting calling for the abandonment of the municipal auto camp. The plan to cease the operation of the auto park came as a result of a conference held by Mayor V. E. Kuhn, the park board and members of the council park committee.

Principle reason given for recommending the abandonment of the camp was the fact that a large capital outlay would have to be made to put the park in condition to operate for 1936 and because revenues from tourists are dropping each year with a resulting deficit to the city.

Landscaping for Recreation Planned

Tentative plans call for the landscaping of the grounds of the auto park to make them suitable for recreational use, the sale of the old buildings located on the property which could not be used for the later addition of a large hall that would be available for club use and civic enterprises.

"I feel that Salem has a fine opportunity to develop an outstanding recreational park on that property for which there is a real demand," Mayor Kuhn said. "In my opinion it would be foolish to keep putting more money into the grounds for an auto camp when the demand for its use is constantly lessening."

H. S. Poisal, manager of the park, pointed out that the buildings in the park were not modern and that it was poorly located in regard to the highway to do a good business. He also stated that if the city should modernize the park it would be in competition with numerous privately owned camps.

Deficits Created Each Year, Report

Committee members stated that whereas the park had paid a good profit during the first years of its operation, now it was running deficits each year. In 1934 a deficit of \$333.07 was sustained and due to fewer customers the loss for

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Committee to Ask Approval From Council

Water Commission Seeks to Clarify Position; Asks Legal Advice

Engineers to Make Full Study of Source on Santiam Island

An immediate call for bids for excavation of the new reservoir for the Salem water system was agreed upon last night by the special council committee, meeting with the city water commission at the latter's offices.

The council committee, headed by Mayor V. E. Kuhn, will report its findings to the next meeting of the aldermen and if the latter approve the excavation project, bids will be called for. Forty-two thousand feet of rock and dirt are to be excavated in preparation for the construction of the reservoir which will be founded by John Street on the east and by Luther and Rural streets on the north and south.

While the water commission, as individuals, approved the excavation project, it did not vote formally on the matter, members taking the stand that all new construction on the water system was a matter for the council to pass upon.

Commission to Seek Opinion on Liability

Feeling that the water commission might be liable for the expenditure of the funds for the construction of the filter plant and pipe line to the North Santiam river, the commission last night decided to seek the legal advice of Custer Ross and Walter Winslow on the responsibility of the water commission under the charter amendment.

Commissioners explained that the water plant was purchased by the city and it is understood they will give their services as a continuation of their duties in that connection.

Island Source to Get Through Airing

A thorough survey of the proposed water plant on Santiam Island in North Santiam river will be made by Engineer Koon, the commission advised the council committee. Koon has advised the water commission that he will make this survey within the \$6000 contract already made with the water commission.

The proposal of the engineer is to be reduced to writing and will probably be approved by the commission and the council.

He explained that he would make this survey in lieu of additional work yet to be done on the Willamette river as a source of supply. While preliminary work had been done on the Willamette source, the final work was not needed when the city voted to get its water from the North Santiam. If the island intake should prove feasible, the city should get a natural filter as the water used would go through gravel beds in the Santiam basin.

Funds for excavation of the reservoir in south Salem were available from the residue of the \$1,100,000 bond issue still retained by the city council. Thirty-three thousand dollars remain in this fund. In addition the water commission has \$10,000 advanced by the council not needed as working capital.

The council is expected shortly to reimburse the water commission for all its expenditures for engineering work, both on the North Santiam survey and on the survey of the city distributing system.

Lack of License Charged to Leek

Vernon D. Leek, operator of the Four Corners-Salem Heights bus lines, was haled into municipal court yesterday afternoon on charges of operating a motor bus without a city franchise or license. The complaint against Leek was signed by George E. McGuire. McGuire is manager of the Oregon Motor Stages here.

After Leek pleaded not guilty, Judge Warren Jones released him on his own recognizance and delayed setting time for trial until suitable dates could be arranged between Leek's and the city's attorney.

The Four Corners-Salem Heights line's lack of a city franchise has been discussed several times by the council police committee but no action taken.