

Weather
Partly cloudy today and Sunday. High change in temperature. Max. temp. Friday, 68. Min. 28. South-west wind. River -4 feet. Clear.

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NINETEETH YEAR

One-Man Tax Unit Okehed

House Approves Single Chief Measure

By PAUL W. HARVEY, JR.
Oregon's tax commission would be abolished and its duties would be transferred to a single tax commissioner, under terms of a bill passed by the house Friday and sent to the senate.

The large vote for the bill—44 to 12—surprised many observers. The bill was introduced by Rep. J. D. Perry (D-Columbia).

The commissioner would be appointed by the board of control, which now appoints each member of the tax commission. He would receive \$4800 a year, the same salary now paid each commissioner.

Perry said there is no more reason for a three-man tax commission than there is for a three-man utility commission. Utilities are regulated by a single commissioner.

Rep. Stanhope Pier (R-Mult.) added that "it is better for businessmen to have a single man at the head of the tax department."

One Democrat Opposes Passage of Measure

Rep. Henry Semon of Klamath county was the only democrat opposing the bill, while republicans who voted against it were Chase of Lane, Engdahl of Umatilla, French of Sherman, Heisler of Wasco, Lonergan of Multnomah,

LEGISLATIVE CALENDAR

For Readings

Senate: 9 a. m. today, SB 226, 227, 1: SCR 6; HB 138, 457, 171, 268, 449.

House: 10:15 a. m. Monday, HB 174, 333, 365, 393, 425, 453, 458, 489, 490; SB 51, 79, 99, 118, 121, 143, 198, 244; SJM 3; special order, 10:30 a. m., HB 336.

Marsh of Yamhill, McAllister of Jackson, Miller of Morrow, Newberry of Jackson, Rennie of Benton, and Rodman of Lane.

The legislature ended six weeks of its session Friday, which also was the first day they began to serve without pay. The senate scheduled a Saturday session for the third straight time, while the house, which has not yet met on Saturday, adjourned until Monday.

The so-called compulsory insurance bill was passed 51 to 8 by the house and sent to the senate. The bill provides that persons involved in traffic accidents shall lose their drivers' licenses and license plates until they prove their future financial responsibility. The bill affects both the owners and drivers of such cars. Opponents contend Bill Would Handicap Some Owners. Opponents contended the bill would handicap indigent car owners. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

Group Plans Sub Measure

The senate industries committee will introduce a substitute bill for one already before it revising experience rating penalties and credits under the workmen's compensation law, Sen. Ronald E. Jones (R-Marion) announced Friday afternoon.

The new bill would give employers credits up to a maximum of 50 per cent of the base rate of assessment, for compensation and provide penalties of up to 30 per cent above the base. The penalty rate would be the same as the present law but the base rate would grant an additional 10 per cent in credits to employers earning them by accident-free records.

The measure for which the committee bill will be a substitute would have allowed 25 per cent credits and 15 per cent penalties.

The committee also will propose a specific rule be enacted to guide the industrial accident commission in determining basic rates, Jones said.

Senators Eat Salmon

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—Chinook salmon from Astoria, Ore., fed senators and their wives in the senate restaurant Friday. The salmon was supplied by Senator Holman (R-Ore.) from 75 pounds he received.

Gets Lumber Contract

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12—(AP)—The war department announced Friday that the J. F. Sharp Lumber company, Redmond, Ore., had been awarded a \$3607 contract for lumber. The delivery date was not disclosed.

Axis, Foes Mass for Clash in Balkans

Senator Hints 'Filibuster' Over Aid Bill

Three Conditions Given In Measure

Brooks of Illinois Is Bitter in Denouncing War Involvement

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—Three middlewestern senators denounced the lease-lend bill Friday as likely to lead to war and one of them, Senator Bulow (D-SD), asserted that the measure's opponents might be justified in conducting a filibuster until the war abroad is over.

As the bill stands, he said, "its passage will lead this country to war and disaster," and postponing its enactment by prolonging the debate might have the result of keeping the nation at peace. The tall, gaunt South Dakotan was the third speaker of a day of senate oratory given over to the opposition.

"This is a war bill, with war powers, with the deliberate intention to become involved in not one, but several foreign wars," Senator Brooks (R-Illinois) had said earlier.

Senator Gillette (D-Iowa) said: "I will not support any proposal to dissipate United States defense resources now and leave America defenseless or greatly weakened by the participation in a foreign conflict which means war involvement now and is war now, regardless of our attempts to disguise the facts by self-deception."

Bulow contended that the measure would give the president excessive power. He was "alarmed," he said, at "placing the destiny of my country in the hands of one man to determine when and where an emergency arises and let that one man handle that emergency for 130 million human beings in any manner that he desires."

"No one man ought to want that job," he continued, "and (Turn to Page 2, Col. 7)

Pan-America Blocks Plan

British May Be Balked in Blockade Program in West Indies

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—The apparent intention of the American republics to preserve the Pan-American "neutrality zone" was reported Friday night to be a major obstacle to the establishment of a British blockade base in the West Indies.

British authorities, believing that supplies from South America are escaping the blockade by shipment through the far east and Russia to Germany, have been considering setting up a contraband control station at Trinidad or some British possession in the Caribbean area.

Ship cargoes passing through the Panama canal from South America into the Pacific would thereby become subject to inspection and seizure in the absence of satisfactory proof they were not destined for Germany.

Mama-to-Be-Gorilla Scares Prospective Bridegroom

SARASOTA, Fla., Feb. 21—(AP)—Miss Toto, the gorilla Ringling circus officials hope will soon become Mrs. Gargantua the Great, met her prospective mate Friday and proceeded to scare the daylight out of him.

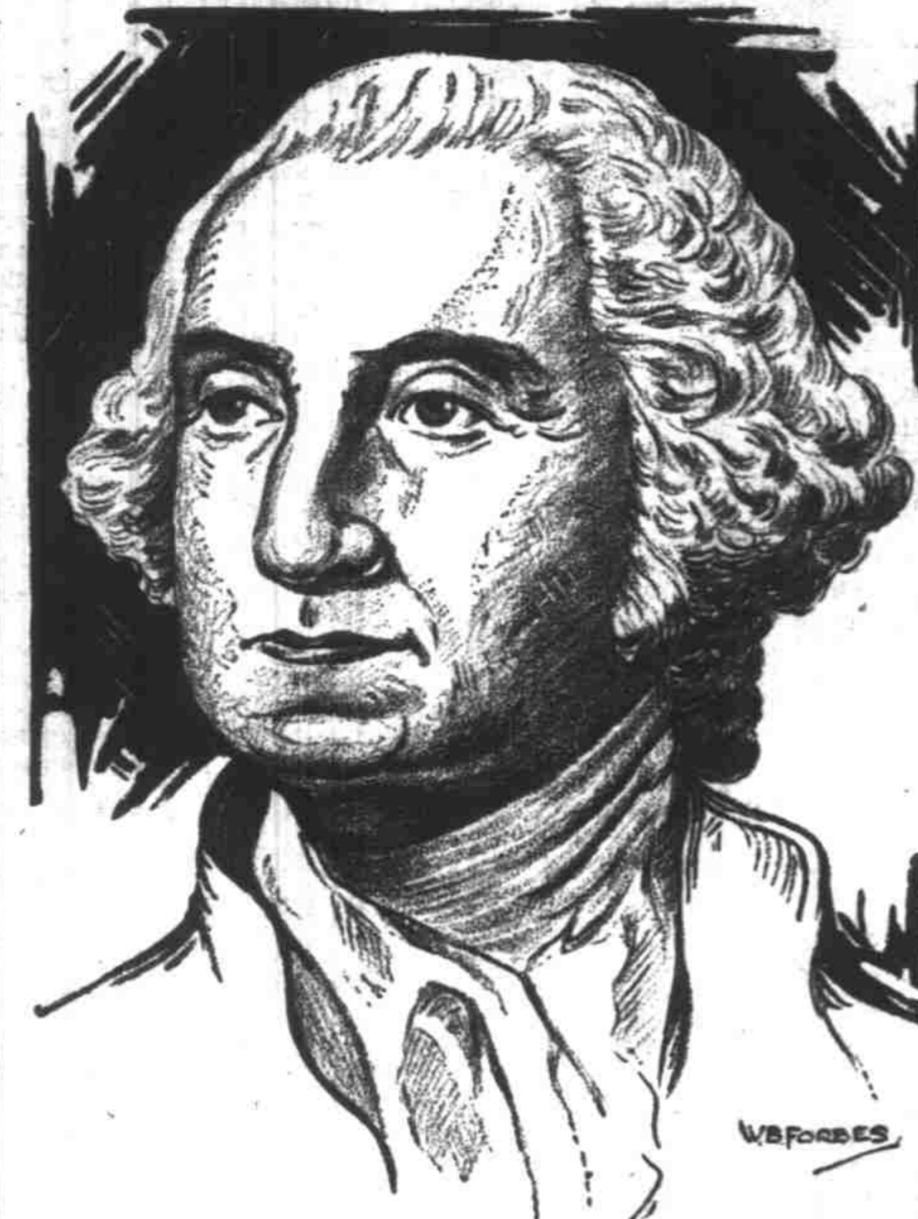
The introduction was staged in old-time circus fashion with press agents, newspapermen and photographers and officials galore, but the general public was barred. The gorillas paid little attention to the audience.

Toto had a black-and-white cat—her constant companion—in her cage along with Keeper Jose Tomas and, bolstered by this company, paid no attention at first to 600-pound Gargy when their cages were rolled to within 18 inches of each other.

Gargantua Takes Peek At Prospective Bride

Gargantua, alone, ambled over, grabbed the bars of his air-conditioned, plate-glass, steel-barred home and peered at the nine-year-old 438-pound Toto who had just

Father of His Country



This is the 209th anniversary of the birth of George Washington, first president of the United States and most revered of all. Considered the "Father of His Country," perhaps the best known description of this mighty man is: "First in War, First in Peace and First in the Hearts of His Countrymen."

Winners Named Salem Group In Debates

Willamette Teams in Linfield Forensic Tournament

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Feb. 21—(AP)—Winners were crowned Friday night in two divisions of Linfield college's annual Pi Beta Kappa intercollegiate forensic tournament here.

Mae Vanberg of Linfield topped the list in women's after dinner speaking, followed by Barbara Wood, also of Linfield, and Madeleine Du Puis of Pacific university, Forest Grove, Ore.

First place in senior women's impromptu speaking went to Margaret Stimmom of College of Pacific, Stockton, Calif. June Vincent of Linfield finished second and Pearl Steiner of College of Pacific, third.

Teams entering the final round (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Hold Sought On Fuel Tax

The senate roads and highways committee Friday introduced a proposed constitutional amendment prohibiting the diversion of motor vehicle fuels taxes for any purpose other than highway construction and maintenance and related projects.

The resolution was said to have received approval of the state highway commission which now receives most of the gasoline tax revenues for road construction.

Court Accepts Title to Road

The Marion county court Thursday accepted title to a stretch of what was formerly the Pacific highway south of town which now meets the new highway several hundred yards north of the Cold Spring auto camp.

The strip of highway was offered by the state highway commission, which indicated that unless the county wished to take over the street, it would be returned to its original owners.

Court members indicated that the road would be maintained, since several persons have continued to reside on it.

Named Infantry Chief

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—Brigadier General Courtney H. Hodges, who failed to graduate from West Point, was named Friday to be chief of infantry of the American army with the temporary rank of major general.

Late Sports

PALO ALTO, Calif., Feb. 21—(AP)—Stanford's basketball team maintained its lead in the southern division of the coast conference here Friday night when it defeated University of California at Los Angeles 49-44.

Saigon Is Seen As Japan Base In War Move

Nippon Pushes Forces Into Indo-China; Premier Flayed

SHANGHAI, Feb. 22—(Saturday)—(AP)—Reliable travelers arriving from Saigon, French Indo-China, asserted today that Japan's military and political grip on French Indo-China is being strengthened daily and that foreign residents of Saigon are convinced Japan is preparing to strike at the East Indies with Saigon as a sea and air base.

These sources said the Japanese who entered Saigon on the pretext of mediating the border conflict between Indo-China and Thailand already had completely undermined French authorities and now are dictating the colony's internal and external affairs, duplicating conditions in northern Indo-China.

With Japanese warships tied up at Saigon and others patrolling the coast, and with Japanese bombers at the Saigon airport, the French have been reduced to the roles of puppets, the travelers said.

"Instead of acting like peace-makers, the Japanese have adopted a conqueror's role," said one traveler, reporting numerous "incidents" between Japanese soldiers and French civilians. He said he saw a Japanese soldier slap a French woman who refused to buy a Japanese-made hot water bottle in a French pharmacy.

Trouble between the French authorities and the natives also was said to have increased since the Japanese arrival, with disorders almost daily.

On leaving Indo-China, the travelers said they saw four Japanese cruisers, apparently 10,000-tonners, patrolling off Cape St. Jacques. Since then the Japanese naval forces are said to have been increased. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 5)

In One Ear..

—Paul Hauser's Column

Well, here George Washington is having another birthday (it's his 209th) and it will be properly observed by the banks and the house of representatives, which will be closed all day. The senate is going to mix its patriotism with work and will stay in session.

The senate is funny that way. It has not become thoroughly convinced, like the house, of the value of the five-day week and persists in believing that a little work on Saturday never hurt anybody, not even a senator.

We have come a long way since George Washington's day. If we chop down any cherry trees, or maple trees even, we keep quiet about how we did it and get the WPA to dig a hole and plant another tree in it so nobody would know the difference.

There are two new trees up behind the state capitol. They weren't there last week and they aren't cherry trees.

They aren't maple trees, either. We don't know what kind of trees they are.

They had quite a time at Valley Forge. We don't know if that was where those Spirit of 76 boys with the files and drums and bandages paraded or not. It was along about then and they walked even if they did limp. They didn't have a drum majorette in front of them, either.

We saw a parade the other day. It was a funny parade. There were five drum majorettes, a band and a truck. The (Turn to Page 2, Col. 2)

Death Calls



EDWIN LINCOLN WIEDER

Noted Mason Dies at Home

E. L. Wieder, Known in Salem Affairs, Was Revered in State

Edwin Lincoln Wieder, laundry proprietor in Salem since 1918, prominent in civic affairs and in Masonic circles of Oregon, died at his home, 885 North Summer street, shortly after 8 o'clock Friday night. He had been ill for a number of weeks.

Born in Hamilton, Ohio, October 28, 1860, Mr. Wieder's early life was spent in Paris, Ill., where the family moved in 1861. There he established a laundry in 1889, and in addition to its successful operation was active in civic affairs and in politics, holding several local offices.

In 1912 he moved to Albany, Ore., and was associated with his brother, C. H. Wieder, in operating the Albany laundry with which they later merged the Magnolia laundry. E. L. Wieder bought the Capital City laundry in Salem, selling it in 1925, three years after he and his brother had purchased the Salem Laundry, an establishment which Col. C. J. Olmsted had started in 1897.

The brothers were associated in the Albany and Salem businesses until 1925, the year that the present building on South High street was completed. In that same year the brothers ended their business association, C. H. Wieder continuing in business in Albany and E. L. Wieder in Salem, where his son, Van Wieder, has been associated with him in the ownership and management of the business. (Turn to Page 2, Col. 1)

Report on Case Boys Unfounded, Says Sheriff

Marion county sheriff's officers said Friday night there appeared to be no foundation for a report that Kenneth and Robert Case, Salem youths believed to have drowned in the Willamette river last week, had been seen Thursday near Albany. City and state police said they knew nothing of the report or its origin.

Stalin Purges Former Envoy, Wife of His Successor

MOSCOW, Feb. 21—(AP)—A new house-cleaning by the communist party Friday night swept Maxim Litvinoff, the former foreign commissar, off the party's central committee and removed Paulina K. Zhenchuzhina, wife of Vyacheslav Molotov, present premier and foreign commissar, as a candidate for the same group.

Litvinoff and three others were accused of "failing in their duties." No explanation accompanied the dropping of Zhenchuzhina, as she is known in the USSR.

As Foreign Commissar Litvinoff, ardent supporter of the League of Nations and the idea of collective security, was removed as foreign commissar on May 3, 1935, and supplanted by Molotov, who in that year negotiated the non-aggression pact with Germany which preceded the present war.

Litvinoff dropped almost completely out of the public eye, although in December of 1938 he (Turn to Page 2, Col. 6)

Major Battle Forseen As Nazis Ford River; Nile Army Prepares

Hitler's Push to Mediterranean Will Be Met by British Army From Egypt to Aid Greece

Strong and seemingly well-founded hints that Germany and Great Britain are massing men and weapons for a major contest in the Balkans within the very near future came early this morning from Balkan and middle eastern capitals.

A reliable diplomat in Belgrade, Yugoslavia, declared the Germans had put considerable numbers of pontoons across the ice-free Danube river and that a movement of a German expeditionary force into Bulgaria toward Greece and the Mediterranean would come shortly.

His information was followed in a few hours by a Turkish official radio broadcast to the effect the British are holding their victorious army of the Nile ready in Egypt for a quick dash to help Greece.

That something big is brewing in the middle-east has been indicated by the arrival there of Foreign Secretary Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill, chief of the British imperial general staff. They are there for "big decisions" with General Sir Archibald P. Wavell, designer and executor of the brilliant campaign against the Italians in Libya. Cabinet of Yugoslavia Holds Emergency Session

The cabinet of Yugoslavia—the latest nation to feel the Hitlerian pressure—held an emergency session. It failed, however, to answer a demand by the Bulgarian parliament on what would be Yugoslavia's attitude toward a Nazi movement through Bulgaria toward Greece.

While the army of the Nile stood behind a curtain of secrecy, other British forces in Africa kept up the fight against Italy's colonial empire.

A dispatch from Chisnallo, Italian Somaliland, in British hands since last week, said a detachment of the King's Africa Rifles captured the Italian ocean islands of Desiderata and Mohagayapap in Refuge bay, at the mouth of the Juba river, just south of Chisnallo.

The British said their forces invading Italian Somaliland breached the Juba river at two points, and are operating satisfactorily from both these bridgeheads.

Italian sources said all available native and Italian manpower in Eritrea, Ethiopia and Italian Somaliland is being called to defend the east African empire against the British.

With a stalemate existing on the ground in Albania, the Greek-Italian war went into the air. British and Greek air forces said 12 Italian planes were downed in fights—but the Italians said that 12 British and Greek planes were shot down in the same actions.

Ominous allusions were made (Turn to Page 2, Col. 4)

Coast Floods Continue

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 21—(AP)—Heavy rains and hail pelted Los Angeles county Friday night and swelled flood waters to danger levels in Canoga park and Reseda, forcing many residents of those areas to flee their homes.

Firemen and emergency crews rescued several families in boats and prepared for all-night duty. Canoga park and Reseda, in the San Fernando valley, were virtually isolated by flood waters all day.

Two deaths were attributed directly to the storm today, with four additional traffic fatalities being charged indirectly to the rain.

British Send Planes West

WASHINGTON, Feb. 21—(AP)—Seeking to discourage Japan from undertaking a drive to the south while Britain is preoccupied with Germany, the British government announced Friday that planes are being flown from this country to its forces in the Far East.

The statement made by officials at the British embassy did not mention the purpose of the plane movements nor disclose the numbers, types or routes of the aircraft.

Post to Hold Registration

Leaders of Capital Post No. 8, American Legion, Friday indicated that Legion headquarters at Chemeketa and Cottage streets would be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. today to accept registrations for defense activities of all veterans residing in the Salem area.

The post is sponsoring the registration, in which veterans are asked to specify their former service and their availability for work of a national defense nature at the present time, as a part of its cooperation with the national defense effort.

Demand Daylight Time

PORTLAND, Feb. 21—(AP)—The Portland Retail Trade bureau demanded today that a nation-wide daylight saving time system be adopted this summer.

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