

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight fair; Sunday fair, except probably rain northwest; moderate easterly winds. Local: Partly cloudy; river, 1.4 ft. rising.

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DEFENSE'S CASE IN MONTESSANO CASE NEARS END

Efforts to Impeach Testimony of Witness Takes up Most of Morning Session; Conspiracy Evidence Entered

The defense in the trial here of 19 alleged I. W. W. for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia armistice day parade victim, rested its case today, at the end of the sixth week of the case. Rebuttal testimony by the prosecution is to follow.

A motion for a directed verdict of not guilty preceded the announcement that the defense rested, court denying the motion. Court was to resume at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon, for the purpose of listening to motions of counsel.

Montesano, Wash., Mar. 6.—Last stages of the defense case in the trial of ten alleged I. W. W. here for the murder of Warren O. Grimm, Centralia armistice day parade victim, assumed an uninteresting phase today, part of the court session being taken up in an effort to impeach the testimony of John W. Patterson, a defense witness who testified several days ago.

It was expected the defense would rest its case before noon and that an adjournment of court for the remainder of the day would follow. Offers to prove an alleged conspiracy to raid the I. W. W. hall in Centralia through the testimony of numerous witnesses were made by defense counsel in the absence of the jury, the offer being placed in the record but objection to introduction of such testimony being sustained. The objections were based on the allegation that no showing had been made which would connect Grimm with such alleged conspiracy.

Defense's Offers Many Defense Counsel Vanderveer also made offers to prove alleged events connected with the lynching of Wesley Everest the night of the tragedy; an offer to prove an alleged campaign against the I. W. W. on the part of the employer's association of Washington, which it is alleged Governor Hart approved, and an offer to prove that the governor had selected Judge Wilson to try the case; also an offer to prove that Judge Wilson had delivered the eulogy at the Elks club on the occasion of the funerals of three of the Centralia victims. All were objected to and objections sustained.

Disappearance of Mrs. Brundage Remains Mystery

The disappearance of Mrs. Elina Brundage, who left her home and baby here Thursday afternoon, remained a deep mystery to police Saturday. No trace or clue that cast any light on her whereabouts could be found by authorities, working as they are on the meager information they have at hand.

When Mrs. Brundage departed she left a note in the house stating merely that she was leaving. It did not say where she was going, or what she intended to do.

First intimation that she was gone was discovered by her husband, Ernest Brundage, when he returned to their home on N. Fourth street from work and found his 3 1/2 year old child there alone.

High Exchange Rate Is Cause of Much Strife

The high rate of American exchange is causing serious strife in Belgium, reducing Belgian finance to one-third of its former value, according to a letter received Saturday by Manager T. E. McCoskey, of the Commercial club, from Philippe Baut, Mr. Baut is a former officer in the Belgian army, and spoke before the business men at a luncheon several months ago.

This fact will cause a reduction in the party of Belgians who planned to come to Salem and Marion county to enter into the horticultural business. When Mr. Baut was here he became deeply interested in both flax and fruit culture, and upon his return to his mother land spoke much for this part of the Willamette valley. In his letter he says that he, and some friends, plans to come here in June.

Prosperity smiles on the flax industry there now, he writes.

Finland Attacked By Soviet Forces

London, March 6.—The bolsheviks have begun a new attack on Finland the Central News correspondent at Helsinki reports. After a heavy artillery bombardment Wednesday they attacked the Finnish positions at Suojari.

The greatest breadth of the Rock mountains in the United States is 1099 miles.

\$60,000 Appropriation For Air Patrol Favored By Committee of Senate

Portland, Or., Mar. 6.—The senate committee on agriculture at Washington today agreed to recommend an appropriation of \$60,000 to the government forest service for use in connection with the air patrol to be operated in the Northwest and Pacific states this summer according to a telegram received by the Oregon Fire Protection association.

The money, should it be appropriated, by congress, will be used for clearing emergency landing fields, for the employment of forest officers at landing fields, etc.

Forest service officials here have asked that ninety planes be turned over to the northwest airplane patrol by the war department.

The action of the senate committee in recommending the appropriation of \$60,000 indicates that the war department has agreed, or eventually will agree, to provide the machines.

The senate committee further recommended that no cut be made in the original Weeks appropriation, which the house recommended be cut \$25,000, telegram stated.

The Weeks appropriation is to be dealt out to the various states for co-operation in fire prevention work.

RATIFICATION NOW DEPENDS ON WILSON VIEW IN WASHINGTON

Washington, Mar. 6.—While house officials in discussing today the move of administration senators to arrange a conference with President Wilson to discuss the peace treaty situation, said the president had told Senator Glass of Virginia, two weeks ago, what his attitude was toward a compromise on the article ten reservation.

It was said there had been no decision as to whether the president would see the senators in response to the request of Senator Hitchcock.

Those close to the president, however, pointed out that Senator Glass must have informed his colleagues as to Mr. Wilson's position. The president's attitude toward further conferences with democratic senators as reflected at the White House was learned with manifest disappointment by democratic and republican senators who have been working for a compromise. It was said the negotiations would continue, but many senators predicted that if Mr. Wilson declined to consider further compromise proposals the hope of ratification would be greatly diminished.

Among some of the republicans, however, it was predicted that a refusal to see Senator Simmons would result in further defections from the administration ranks and might lead to a break sufficient to secure acceptance of the republican reservations.

The compromise proposals Senator Simmons had planned to present to the president were worked out in negotiations between substantial groups of the two parties with Senator Simmons acting for the democrats and Senator Watson of Indiana for the republicans.

Hubbard Girls Are First To Complete State Club Project

Oregon Agricultural College, Mar. 6.—The White Cooking club of Hubbard Marion county, is the first club in the state to finish a project in boys' and girls' club work this year. Final reports were filed in the office of H. C. Seymour, state club leader, this week. The club has the additional honor of finishing 100 per cent strong. Besides completing the 10 lessons the seven girls who are members of the club served a meal to eight persons.

The 10 lessons included making white sauce, potato soup and potato cake, creamed carrots, creamed rice, corn bread, light bread—made twice, plain butter cake, baked beans and custard, boiled ham and creamed ham, and meal planning and serving. The number of persons served by the different club girls ranged from five to eight. The menu of one of the meals served gives ample proof of their ability as cooks—chicken, buttered potatoes, gravy, pickles, loganberry pie, coffee, beans, creamed fruit, salad, bread and milk.

The reports filed by each member of the club give a complete record of each lesson including the name of the dish prepared, cost of labor at 10 cents an hour, the number of servings, and the cost of materials. The report is certified by the club member and two disinterested persons who are not relatives of the girl.

The members of the club are Violet Sanders, president; Verna Smith, vice-president; Opal Smith, secretary; Esther Dirksen, Mildred Morgan, Mildred Sanber and Virginia Clukis. Miss Florence Bjerdal acted as advisor to the club.

The Standard Oil company today filed with the public service commission an application for permission to construct an industry spur at grade across the Turner road and Leslie street in the city of Salem.

DANIELS TO REQUEST BIG NAVY PROVIDED RATIFICATION FAILS

Washington, Mar. 6.—Secretary Daniels told the house naval committee today he would recommend a naval building program for the next fiscal year larger than that proposed by the general board "if the peace treaty is not ratified at this session of congress." Withholding final recommendation, however, the secretary added that if this country in the end rejected membership in the league of nations, he would feel impelled to renew his recommendation for another three-year program of construction. Reiterating his statement of last year that "we must have a league of nations by which every nation will help preserve the peace of the world without competitive naval building, or we must have incomparably the biggest navy in the world," Mr. Daniels declared there was no "middle ground."

Board's Figures Increased. The program which the secretary recommended be authorized in the event the treaty is not ratified agreed with the general board's proposal as to capital ships—two battleships and one battle cruiser—but added to that proposal twenty light cruisers and four-tenths fleet light cruisers, or super-destroyers. No light cruisers and only six super-destroyers were recommended by the board.

It had been his intention if the peace treaty were ratified "with the possibility of armaments being curtailed and regulated," the secretary declared to recommend definitely only such a "moderate building program necessary to round out the fleet." No capital ships would have been included in this program, he added, but in the "unsettled condition of the world today," he declared, "The American navy must be prepared for any emergency."

"The question for you to decide," the secretary told the committee "is whether the United States in future building shall undertake simply to round out its navy by building units of types in which we are now short, or shall embark on further expansion in addition."

Secretary Daniels emphasized the fleet's deficiency in light cruisers and other secondary craft. The battleship strength, he pointed out, would not be increased by the ten dreadnaughts now building, "more powerful than any battleships afloat," in addition to the six battle cruisers under construction, necessitating more auxiliary craft.

Destroyers and other anti-submarine craft construction during the war, Mr. Daniels said, has taxed facilities and prevented balanced additions to the fleet, while Great Britain had been able to carry out a well balanced program. He pointed out that the British navy had increased its light cruisers to seventy-six, against which the American navy has only three, all of doubtful value.

In additional capital ships, the secretary's contingent program includes six scout cruisers, eight mine laying cruisers, six submarines, four airplane carriers and other auxiliary craft.

Shriners From Silverton and Salem Go South

Several Salem and Silverton Shriners mounted the "Shrine Special" here at the Southern Pacific depot at 10:05 Saturday morning and journeyed to Eugene, where, in the afternoon they aided in putting on a ceremonial for a new tent in the college town, and this evening will attend the Ashland Shriners in the final initiation of the Al Kader men.

The Shrine special was laden with the Shrine band of Portland and numerous members of the Al Kader Temple of that city. The band was joined here by Oscar Steethammer, Salem mand leader. Several musical selections were rendered on the train platform at the depot.

Following the ceremonial at Eugene, the Shriners will return to Salem and Silverton, arriving Sunday morning.

Northwest Mills Again Operating At Normal Mark

Portland, Or., Mar. 6.—Lumber mills in western Oregon and western Washington are running practically at normal again, according to the weekly report of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, published here today. The output last week of 123 mills contributing to the report was 85,379,474 feet. The normal output would have been 59,508,000 feet. Actual production was thus within 4,432,526 feet or 95.96 percent of normal.

The only unfavorable element in the lumber situation, the report continues, lies in the continued shortage of cars. Shipments for the week were 1945 cars, but the unshipped orders remaining on the books of the mills aggregate 12,691 cars.

EASTERN COAST STORM GRIPPED BY BIG BLIZZARD

Business and Traffic Along New England Shore Line is Almost at Standstill as Result; Wave Passing

Billings, Mont., Mar. 5.—A drop of 22 degrees in about 12 hours established a new record for Billings last night. At six o'clock last evening the thermometer stood at one below zero and reached its lowest point between 6 and 7 o'clock this morning when 3 below was registered. The record low mark since the establishment of a government weather station here was 35 below, which was reached late in November, 1918.

Washington, Mar. 6.—While the storm which swept out of the northwest two days ago was passing slowly out to sea today, high winds continued along the Atlantic coast and severely cold weather prevailed over the entire country east of the Rocky Mountains.

Weather bureau officials said the cold wave probably would continue for several days. Storm warnings still were displayed along the coast with northwest gales forecast for this afternoon and tonight.

Some few reports of damage to shipping by the storm had been received today and more were expected to follow as the gale last night and this morning was directly in the coastal steamer lanes.

Business and transportation was at most at a standstill throughout Connecticut and Vermont, as well as the other New England states.

Philadelphia, Mar. 6.—Freezing temperatures, which came on the heels of a raging snow, wind and rain storm, were expected today to check over floods which last night broke over eastern Pennsylvania and Delaware, causing heavy damage and driving many persons from their homes.

The storm which raged from 8 o'clock last night until shortly before daylight was one of the most severe of the winter. Snow piled up and trolley service was at a standstill.

Virtually every stream near here overflowed its banks and ice gorges swept away bridges and railroad tracks. Scores of houses along the banks of the swollen streams were washed away and many mills and factories had to shut down because of flooded boiler rooms. Men, women and children, marooned in their homes, were rescued in boats, some of them being taken from second story windows.

Power Is Shut Off. Towns along the Schuylkill and Susquehanna rivers appeared to be the heaviest sufferers. Reading, Lancaster, Harrisburg, Williamsport and Wilkesbarre reported heavy damage. Parts of these towns were inundated and much of the surrounding lowland was under water.

All industries in Reading using electric power, closed down. Bridges and houses were swept away at Lancaster. All streams in the Wyoming valley overflowed and low lying sections of Wilkesbarre and suburban towns were under water.

At South Wilkesbarre all traffic except by boats was suspended and scores of families were marooned in their homes. The pumping station at Allentown was flooded and the city was without water for several hours. The Lehigh river was packed with ice and the bridges at Bethlehem were closed throughout the night.

Refugees spent the night at fire houses and police stations in Wilmington.

New York Hard Hit. New York, Mar. 6.—The storm king paid another unwelcome visit to New York today just as the city was commencing to recover from the effects of the \$5,000,000 blizzard of a month ago and within 12 hours the metropolis struggled with a peeing rain, a driving sleet storm and a biting snow squall. In the early morning the wind had reached an unofficial velocity of 60 miles an hour, which bores ill for shipping off the coast.

The comparatively warm rain was at first welcomed by the street department as the fall washed some of the filth, muddy relics of February's blizzard, but soon sewers were clogged. Cars were flooded, small streams in cellars were flooded, small streams in the outlying sections overflowed their banks, roads were washed out and high tides contributed to damage along the waterfront. Thousands of emergency calls were received by the water department.

Traffic Tied Up. The street and drifting snow made successful attacks on the transportation system. Service on nearly all the trolley lines in Manhattan and on some of the elevated lines was crippled.

The telephone and telegraph companies reported that wire communication out of the city was badly crippled.

Have You Done It

With the greatest presidential primaries in the history of the country in prospect, Marion county voters are reminded that failure to register, on or before April 21 will result in loss of ballot right at the spring primaries.

All citizens who have not voted during the past two years, or who have changed precincts since their last valid registration are required to make the journey to the county clerk's office if they desire to place their favorite candidates in the running.

New residents of state or county are also required to make their initial registration in order to exercise their voting franchise.

The registration desk in the county clerk's office at the court house is open from 8 to 12 o'clock mornings and in the afternoon from 1 to 5 o'clock, any week day.

County Clerk U. G. Boyer reports that registration for this county is much lower than at the same time during other presidential years.

AVIATOR HOPS OFF ON ONE-DAY FLIGHT SEATTLE-SAN DIEGO

Seattle, Wash., Mar. 6.—Major A. D. Smith, United States army aviator, left Camp Lewis, shortly after 5 o'clock this morning in an attempt to fly to San Diego, Cal., before daylight.

Major Smith expected to make his first stop at Eugene, Or., for breakfast, fuel and oil. From Eugene he intended to go on to Red Bluff, San Francisco, Fresno and San Diego.

At Eugene he expected to be joined by Major T. G. Lanprier, another army flyer, who left Camp Lewis yesterday in a Sopwith plane which Major Smith piloted north from San Diego recently.

Major Smith used a DeHavilland plane in today's flight.

No Stop at Eugene. Eugene, Or., March 6.—Major A. D. Smith, United States army aviator, who left Camp Lewis this morning on a day's flight to San Diego, Cal., is believed to have passed over Eugene at seven forty-five this morning. This region of the Willamette valley was still enveloped in a dense fog at 10 o'clock, but citizens who claim to have heard the hum of an airplane engine shortly before eight o'clock believe Major Smith slowed down here but flew on when he found landing was impossible.

Medford Passed. Medford, Or., Mar. 6.—A plane, supposed to be driven by Major A. D. Smith, U. S. A. aviator, passed over Medford at 11:15 at an altitude of 5000 feet.

No Stop For Lunch. Red Bluff, Cal., Mar. 6.—Major A. D. Smith, army aviator, who is attempting a one-day flight from Camp Lewis, Wash., to San Diego, Cal., landed at Red Bluff shortly before 1 o'clock this afternoon.

He had intended to land at Eugene, Or., Major Smith said, but became lost in a fog and circled around, finally landing at Albany, Or. Thus an hour was lost, he said. In order to make this up, Major Smith declined to take time for lunch at Red Bluff as had been planned. He said he expected still to make San Diego before daylight.

Commercial Club At Dallas Seeks Better Quarters

Dallas, Mar. 6.—At the regular meeting of the Dallas commercial club held Wednesday night that body commended the efforts of the board of directors in their endeavor to secure new quarters and passed favorably on a room in the Imperial hotel building on Mill street which the directors have under consideration.

The move into the new quarters will probably be made the first of next week.

The new room makes an ideal home for the commercial club as the kitchen in the rear of the building can be used to serve the weekly luncheons which the club is planning to hold each week in the near future for its members. There is also a probability that the new agricultural agent for Polk county will have his office in connection with the commercial club in the building. This will be decided on at a meeting of the Polk county farm bureau at a meeting to be held in Dallas next Saturday.

The need for better roads in Polk county was taken up and the roads and highway committee instructed to confer with the county court to see if something can be done to preserve what roads we have in the county and save them from inevitable ruin which will happen if they are neglected this summer as they were said to have been neglected during the last year.

Reindeers use their antlers for removing the snow covering of Hehens on which they feed.

WASTE AND INEFFICIENCY PURGED AIRCRAFT PROGRAM OF ALL CHANCE OF SUCCESS INVESTIGATION SAYS

Colonel Disque And Spruce Production Division Come In For Grilling At Hands Of Chairman Of House Probe Committee At Hearing On Report.

Washington, Mar. 6.—All investigations of the management of America's aircraft program during the war have revealed "inefficiency, irresponsibility and enormous waste of money," Representative Frear, republican, Wisconsin, chairman of the house committee that made the latest investigation, declared today in discussing the committee report before the house. He agreed with his republican colleagues on the committee that there was a "notorious failure to provide fighting planes."

"In spruce production," continued Mr. Frear, "Secretary Baker ignored all the loggers and lumbermen on the coast and selected Colonel Disque, a warden of the Michigan penitentiary and former captain in the army, who knew nothing about lumbering. Colonel Disque tried to learn the business and surrounded himself with 30,000 soldiers who were largely clerks, lawyers, doctors, farmers out on cost plus contracts logging railroads in Washington and Oregon."

Contractors Inefficient. "Four cost plus contractors were selected by Disque to get out lumber, and three of these, who got \$55,000,000 in contracts knew nothing about lumbering. The only contractor with any experience above he had been interfered with by under officers sent him by Disque so that three months were lost and 30,000 feet of logs prevented from reaching the market."

Others in charge of the air program including John D. Ryan, Colonel Deeds and W. C. Potter were complained of by Mr. Frear for lack of experience in lumbering operations, which he charged resulted in waste of much money.

Representative Magee, republican, New York, a member of the committee, told the house that not one American-built battle plane or purely bombing plane was produced during the war from the expenditure of more than a billion dollars for aircraft.

"The Liberty motor," he said, "was the only achievement of merit of the American air service in the United States."

The 231 American-built DeHavilland planes sent to France, he said, "might be used for light day bombing." He said these planes were "awkward and dangerous" in service.

Criticism of the airplane lumber production in the Pacific northwest was also made by Mr. Magee, who argued that if experienced lumbermen of that locality had been organized, all the lumber needed "would have been produced at moderate cost."

Lea Charges Partisanship. "Those who are responsible for this unlawful expenditure," he added, "should be held strictly accountable therefore. The Stems-Carey-Kerbaugh corporation was actually paid by the war department a seven per cent commission on civilian wages paid to soldiers working for sub-contractors in the construction of the Lake Crescent railroad, in excess of the compensation fixed by the congress."

Representative Lea, democrat, California, discussing the report that the critics made by republican committeemen were "absurd contentions and groundless conclusions." Answering Representative Magee of New York, as to the net results of America's effort in aviation during the war, he declared that the republican member's statement of planes sent to the front was but a fraction of the truth.

"The 213 machines at the front declared by the majority report to represent the American production," declared Mr. Lea, "represent only one seventy-ninth part of the number of machines owned by Americans during the war."

Many Planes Built. "America had 213 American-built planes on the front the day of the armistice but they were only part of 525 American built planes available at the front on that day. She had 1620 service planes available for use at the front when the armistice was signed. Four hundred and seventeen American built planes went over the German battle lines."

"This is the first investigation I have found nothing but faults," continued Mr. Lea, referring to various inquiries into the aircraft program conducted during and since the war. "The American aircraft effort made possible the maintenance of allied aircraft at the front, and finally led to allied predominance by over 100 per cent."

SALEM GIRL ACTIVE WORKER ON ANNUAL O. A. C. BOOK Oregon Agricultural College, Mar. 6.—Grace Presley of Salem, sophomore in home economics, is taking an active part in assisting the staff of the Beaver annual, the college year-book. Miss Presley is using her talent in designing title pages, page-headings and other special illustrations. She is minor-ing in art in addition to her regular degree course. She spent her freshman year at Willamette university.

DEMOCRATS ASKED TO SIGN HOOVER NOMINATING PETITIONS

Petitions have been sent to the Capital Journal office and can be signed there to place Herbert Hoover's name upon the primary ballot as a democratic candidate for president.

The fact that Hoover has refused to state his party allegiance does not prevent the people of either or both parties from nominating him against the wishes of the politicians, and his own wishes. It is a case of the job seeking the man.

Only registered democrats are eligible to sign these petitions, but if any republican will get out similar petitions to nominate Hoover, the Capital Journal will render similar aid in securing signatures.

It is up to the people to beat the politicians to it and name the next president. If you are a democrat, sign this petition. If you are a republican, get out a petition of your own.