

OREGON: Tonight and Friday, fair; moderate northwesterly winds.
LOCAL: Rainfall, .05; northerly winds; cloudy; maximum, 69; minimum, 56; river, minus .1 foot and rising.

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BRUMFIELD TO APPEAL

CONSULS REVENGE TARGETS

Notes Threaten American Officials In France If Italian Murderers Hang

Paris, Oct. 20.—Retaliatory measures in the event of the execution of the two Italian, Sacco and Vanzetti, convicted of murder in Massachusetts, are threatened against the American consulates in Paris, Bordeaux, Lyons and Marseilles, in letters received at these consulates today signed by communist organizations.

Similar threats were made against the officers of the American reparations commission and an American passport bureau in Paris in letters sent to these offices.

Strong police guards were placed around the American consulate and the reparations and passport bureau offices here this evening.

Widespread Plot Feared.

Alexander M. Thackara, the American consul general, received a letter tonight from a communist organization in a small town near Lille, declaring that American consulates in France would be the object of retaliatory measures if the executions took place.

The passport and reparations bureaus occupy a new building near the Place de l'Étoile. Threats were made in the letters to blow up the building in the event of the execution. It now is believed by the authorities that there is a general plot against all American officials in France.

Forty-six additional letters of protest in connection with the convicted men were received by Ambassador Herrick this afternoon.

LETTERS MAY REVEAL CLUE TO IDENTITY OF BOMBERS

Paris, Oct. 20.—French experts examining several hundred letters sent recently to Myron T. Herrick, the American ambassador, today discovered one which they believe may furnish a strong clue in tracing the maker of the bomb which exploded in Mr. Herrick's home here yesterday.

The letter was addressed to the ambassador personally and was received by him at the American embassy October 14. It is said to have contained a threat to kill him "by scientific means" which the writer declared he had in his possession.

Handwriting Similar

These experts today believed they saw a striking similarity between the handwriting of the letter and that of the address on the box which contained the bomb.

Board Files Mandamus Proceedings

Mandamus proceedings were started in the county court this afternoon against D. G. Drager, county treasurer, by joint school district No. 23, for the purpose of deciding the question as to whether the school district can loan out its \$23,347 fund raised through bond issue for the erection of a new school building.

The proceedings filed by Roy Shields, attorney for the district, state that on April 20, 1920, the voters of the district approved of a \$20,000 bond issue for the purpose of building a new school house. The bonds were issued and sold to the highest bidder for \$23,347 and turned over to the county treasurer. Later it was found that it would be more advantageous to the district to wait before building and the school board decided to accept the offer of the Williams Valley Investment company to pay 6 per cent on the bonds raised by the bond issue.

The county holds, however, that the funds cannot be turned over to anyone for any other purpose than originally intended, and until the case is decided will keep the funds in its vaults.

Bulletins

The prosecution in the case of Mrs. Lyda Southard, on trial here for murder of her fourth husband, Edward F. Meyer, rested its case at 3:10 this afternoon.

Paris, Oct. 20.—The decision of the council of the League of Nations on the Upper Silesian question made public today, divides the peopled area in almost equal parts between Poland and Germany, as to the number of communes, and provides administrative machinery for the gradual inauguration of the new regime over a period of fifteen years.

London, Oct. 20.—The reports that Great Britain was planning the establishment of naval bases in the Bermudas, at Singapore or elsewhere, were termed "pure imagination" today by an admiralty official, who declared he was unable to understand what Premier Hughes of Australia was referring to in his recent speech on the subject.

BIG FOUR LEADERS LAY PLAN

Brotherhood Chiefs Confer Prior to Entering Conference With Labor Board

Chicago, Oct. 20.—Heads of the five railroad unions which have ordered a general strike effective October 30, today conferred with the United States railroad labor board for more than two hours in an effort to find a way to avert the proposed walkout and then adjourned until 7 o'clock tonight for another session. While none of those in the conference made any announcement as to what took place at the afternoon session, all were smiling when they came out and a labor board member remarked that "no one seems downcast."

Chicago, Oct. 20.—Chiefs of the big four brotherhoods and the switchmen's union arrived this morning and went into conference preparatory to their meeting this afternoon with the United States railroad labor board.

Union headquarters were optimistic and there was a strongly evident feeling that there will be no strike, unless something unexpected occurs to disrupt the conference this afternoon.

Mt. Angel Man Killed Today As He Hunts Geese

Alfred Bourbonnais, 27 years of age, a farmer residing near Mt. Angel, was killed almost instantly about 11 o'clock this morning when a shotgun he was carrying accidentally discharged as Bourbonnais was climbing over a fence.

Bourbonnais, according to word received by Coroner Lloyd Rigdon this afternoon, had been plowing when he saw some geese. Picking up his gun he essayed quickly to mount a nearby fence. In some manner the trigger was pulled.

Dr. Webb, a Mt. Angel physician, was summoned immediately but Bourbonnais was dead before he arrived.

No inquest will be held, Coroner Rigdon said.

Body of Aubrey Jones, War Hero, to Arrive Today

The body of Aubrey P. Jones, killed in action in the Argonne on October 26, 1918, while with company M, of Salem, will arrive in Salem this afternoon from Portland and will be taken to the Rigdon funeral parlors. The funeral will be held from the company M on Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Old members of company M will serve as an escort and as pall bearers. Rev. A. Ted Goodwin, Eugene pastor, assisted by Rev. R. L. Putnam of Salem will conduct the services.

RATE CUT ACTION IS EXPECTED

Decision by I. C. C. Imminent as Result of Strike Conferences Is Belief

Washington, Oct. 20.—Decisions by the interstate commerce commission in pending cases involving requested reductions in the freight rates on grain, hay and feed and on lumber, were understood to be imminent today after a conference on the railroad situation in which President Harding, Chairman McChord of the commission and Action Attorney General Goff participated.

Mediation Urged. Mediation "through regular and constituted authority as a means of preventing a general railroad strike" was urged upon the chiefs of the big four brotherhoods and B. M. Jewell, head of the railway employees' division of the American Federation of Labor, in a memorial forwarded to them today by the National Grange and the National Milk Producers' federation.

"We have only commendation for the admonition against all disorder and unlawful interference by strikers, contained in the order to strike," the memorial said, "but we deplore the calling of such a strike at this time under present conditions in the country and we earnestly hope that mediation through regular and constituted authority may be had to avert the same."

Hoover Ready to Act.

Washington, Oct. 20.—Plans for the movement of essential commodities in the case of a general strike have been completed by the commerce department, Secretary Hoover announced today.

Mr. Hoover said his department was prepared to coordinate the efforts of governors of states and municipalities in continuing the transportation of food, fuel and other primary commodities in the event of a tieup of the railroads. He indicated that the use of trucks and water transportation would be resorted to as well as the rail carriers.

Sleep Not Disturbed.

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Admits Story Wild.

"But just as sure as there is a God in heaven I am innocent."

Prosecutor Reviews Case.

Sometimes shouting at the top of his voice and then again speaking in a tone so low and appealing that he was scarcely audible, District Attorney George Neuner (Continued on page 9)

Oregon Ready To Match Post Road Monies

The Oregon state highway department stands ready to match within the next ninety days every cent of federal aid money made available for post road work in this state in order to relieve the unemployment situation so far as is practical.

This is the answer flashed back to Herbert Hoover, chairman of the federal unemployment conference by Herbert Nunn, state highway engineer, in reply to a query from Hoover as to just how far Oregon could be expected to go in giving employment on road work this winter if the post road bill now before congress was passed.

The bill provides an annual appropriation of \$75,000,000 for post road work, of which Oregon hopes to receive at least \$1,500,000, which would be matched dollar for dollar with state funds.

"We have been waiting for six months for additional federal aid for post road work in this state," State Highway Engineer Nunn explained this morning. "While it is not practical to do paving work during the winter months, the contracts can be let and much preliminary work, such as clearing the rights of way and setting up the paving plants, can be attended to this winter, giving employment to a number of men and getting things shaped up for an early start next spring."

Professor Parvin Dies in Portland

Professor E. M. Parvin, a resident of Portland who formerly resided in Salem, died at his home about noon today, according to word received here today.

DEFENDANT PROTESTS INNOCENCE DESPITE JURY VERDICT OF GUILTY REACHED AFTER THIRD BALLOTING

DEATH ON GALLOWS PENALTY

Judge Bingham To Pass Sentence Saturday; Dentist Admits Story Sounded Wild

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 20.—Sentence of death by hanging is to be imposed Saturday morning upon Dr. R. M. Brumfield, according to announcement in court after a verdict was returned at midnight by the jury which for days had been hearing the story of the wrecked automobile and the headless body of Dennis Russell.

The prisoner, who throughout the two weeks of trial maintained a stolid exterior, showed no emotion when the verdict was read, and walked with firm step to the jail.

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Brumfield's sole interest when he was awakened about 8 o'clock this morning was in when he might see his wife. He declared that he had slept well, except for a sore throat.

"Doctor," he was asked, "were you surprised at the verdict?"

"Well, I will tell you," he answered. "I am just as innocent of that as anybody could be, but I was not surprised at the verdict because I wasn't able to help my lawyers and the evidence was as damning as could be."

Today, in the Salem Deaconess hospital, 655 South Winter street, little Thelma Perry, 15 years of age, is held against her wishes. Thelma is a quiet, demure little girl and no charge has been brought against her character. She has done no wrong. The sick folk for whom she labors will testify that she is a good worker. In school she is a bright, willing pupil.

Held Incommunicable. For her hours of scrubbing in the gray, silent hospital with its peculiar odors, for her tray carrying, her dusting, her attention to the sick, Thelma gets no money. With her other odd-jobs it is the same. Thelma cannot even talk to outsiders unless they have been granted special permits to see her, and even then an hospital attaché must overhear every word that is uttered. In many respects she is virtually a prisoner.

Thelma was given to the hospital by the Marion county court.

Why is 15-year-old Thelma Perry so treated? Why is no one permitted to converse with her unless he holds a permit from the county court? Why is it that, if the visitor is sufficiently fortunate to procure the elusive order, an hospital official makes sure she hears every word that falls from Thelma's lips? Why are she and her sister, Violet, who was released to Portland by the hospital after she had been placed in its care, not permitted to return to their parents?

Worked for Children. Out in the country, near Livesley station, a few miles from Salem, live the mother, the stepfather and the baby sisters of Thelma. Their home is a ranch of five acres—not of much value, perhaps, but paid for through long months of hard work that came after the two eldest daughters had been taken away. Judge W. M. Bushey had ruled that the (Continued on page 8)

American Delegates to Disarmament Conference Who Met in Second Session at Washington Today



Left to right: Elihu Root, Senator Oscar Underwood, of Alabama; Secretary of State Hughes, Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, of Massachusetts, and Basil Mills, secretary to the delegation.

CHILDREN TAKEN FROM HOME To Drudge For Sweet Charity's Sake; Bushey Says

"I AIN'T GOING TO RELEASE 'EM"

Nearly a year ago a hearing was held in the dingy little court room of County Judge W. M. Bushey. Over in one corner, huddled together, were a man, his wife and their children. Two of the babies were quite small and passers-by who heard them howling lustily smiled at the confusion. The passers-by had no way of knowing that the mother, who had hidden her face in a cheap handkerchief, was losing her two oldest girls.

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Osborne Trial Set; Seven Other Cases Facing Judge Unruh

The jury trial of Earl G. Osborne, Portland salesman, charged with driving at an excessive rate of speed in connection with an automobile accident near Brooks many weeks ago, in which Mrs. Roy Westley of St. Johns, Portland, and Rudolph Samuelson of Salem sustained injuries from which they later died, will be held in the justice court here at 10 o'clock Wednesday, October 26, Judge G. E. Unruh announced this morning.

Mrs. Edith Grebe's case, Judge Unruh stated, will be heard on Thursday, November 3. Mrs. Grebe was charged with careless and reckless driving after her car had struck and injured C. W. Penn, a Portland-Salem stage driver, in an accident which occurred near the Valley Packing company's plant just north of Salem.

Conger Trial Set. John Conger, Salem printer, charged with libel in a complaint signed by G. G. Quackenbush, Salem garage man, will have his preliminary hearing on Saturday, October 29.

Charged with breaking quarantine when he was alleged to have been suffering from smallpox, Paul Townsend will have his jury trial in the justice court Monday, October 31.

The preliminary hearing of William A. Shelton, who yesterday pleaded not guilty to a charge of shooting a dog owned by Mrs. O. L. Hightsham, near Salem, has been set for Saturday.

Alfred Hayworth of Newberg, who is accused of tearing down a barricade on the Pacific highway near Jefferson, will face a jury in the justice court Thursday, October 27, at 10 o'clock.

Merle Morley, charged with hunting Chinese pheasants out of season will have a jury trial Friday, October 28, at 10 o'clock.

Nicholas Lambert, charged with assault and battery on Melvin Nipple of West Stayton, will be tried next Tuesday morning at 10 o'clock. The trial originally was set for tomorrow morning.

Registration at Oregon Agricultural college at the close of the fifteen day was 2328 in comparison with 1920 for the same date last year, or an increase of 25.25 per cent.

WIFE TO KEEP UP BATTLE

Convicted Man's Nerve Breaks, but Helpmate Says "Brace Up" We Will Fight It Out.

Roseburg, Or., Oct. 20.—The iron nerve of Dr. R. M. Brumfield, exhibited during the trial which ended last night in a verdict convicting him of first degree murder, for which he will receive the death sentence, broke this morning in jail when his wife arrived about 9 o'clock, bringing with her a clean shirt for him. He could not speak to her.

Wife Says "Fight."

"Brace up," she said with a smile. "This thing isn't through. I'm a fighter and I'm going to fight it out!"

Tears ran down the convicted man's face. He told the sheriff he couldn't stand it any longer.

Application for a new trial, appeal and "everything possible," will be made in Brumfield's behalf, his attorneys announced today.

Jurors said today they first took a ballot to decide whether the body found under Brumfield's wrecked automobile on the Melrose road on the night of July 13 was that of Dennis Russell, whom Brumfield was alleged to have murdered. The ballot said it was.

Then they voted to decide whether Brumfield was sane or insane on that night. The ballot said he was sane.

Then, after a careful examination of all the exhibits and a general discussion of the evidence, another ballot was taken to determine whether Brumfield was guilty or not. Every ballot said guilty.

Crowd Hears Verdict.

When the jury announced at 11:25 last night that it was ready to report, word was sent to Judge G. B. Bingham at his hotel and to the attorneys. Some spectators at the trial had remained in their seats during the waiting hours, but as soon as the word began to spread the room filled with people, some of whom had apparently left their beds hurriedly and rushed to the court room without paying much attention to dress.

Brumfield's two brothers arrived and stood in the doorway. Mrs. Brumfield had not yet reached the court when her husband was brought into the room.

The jury filed in slowly. Judge Bingham asked them if they were ready to report. For a while no one spoke. Finally W. E. Clingempeel, a farmer of Looking Glass, who had been elected foreman, said one word in reply to the judge—"Yes."

Then he handed up the verdict. Judge Bingham looked at it, read it over slowly to himself and then handed it to County Clerk Riddie who read it aloud.

It was over when Mrs. Brumfield came in with Miss Venita Ellenburg, former nurse with the family. She sat down by the side of her husband, ignorant that the jury had rendered its judgment. She smiled at him and he smiled back. Then she whispered to him. Brumfield's reply was inaudible. Mrs. Brumfield turned pale and she bit her lip in an effort to hold herself together.

Wife's Greeting Pathetic.

The judge then said sentence would be passed Saturday morning at 9 o'clock.

Tears came to Mrs. Brumfield's eyes, and an instant later when some one tapped the doctor on the shoulder to take him back to jail she broke down. Her head dropped on her husband's shoulder and she wept.

Later, they took her into the judge's chambers until she had recovered sufficiently to walk from the court room.

Senate Confirms Appointment of George U. Piper

Washington, Oct. 20.—The senate late Wednesday confirmed George M. Piper as collector of customs for Oregon, and Edward N. Wheeler appraiser of merchandise. There was no objection or comment made. Senator Stanford arrived this afternoon from the west, where he has been since the present session of congress opened one month ago.