

CIRCULATION  
Average for December 5613.  
Population of Salem, 1900, 4258;  
1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,879.  
Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk  
County, 1920, 14,181.  
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THE WEATHER  
OREGON: Tonight and Friday  
rain or snow, north, cloudy south  
portion, warmer. Moderate south-  
erly winds.  
LOCAL: No rainfall, southerly  
winds, cloudy; max. 40, min. 17,  
river 3.4 feet and falling.

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PRICE TWO CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

## NINE DIE IN BLAST IN MINE

### Fate of Twenty Others Trapped In Shaft by Explosion Still Uncertain

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-five men are believed to have lost their lives in an explosion early today in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here. Sixteen bodies had been received from the workings at 2 p. m. and experienced miners in the rescue crews trying to penetrate the choked entry leading to the affected workings gave it as their opinion that the nine men still unaccounted for also had been asphyxiated.

Gates, Pa., Feb. 2.—The bodies of nine miners, killed in an explosion in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company here today had been brought to the surface at noon from the entry, one and a half miles from the foot of the shaft, where the accident occurred. Twenty men, it was stated, were still in the mine and experienced miners working feverishly to reach them expressed the opinion that all were dead.

Rescue Work Rushed.  
Reports which came to the surface from Sam Brown, superintendent in charge of the mine, said that such progress was being made by the rescuers through the fallen earth and rock that he expected to reach the entombed miners by noon. There was nothing, the reports said, to indicate whether the men were dead or alive.

Hundreds of persons assembled from nearby mines and a detail of ten states policemen was sent to the shaft to hold them back. In the crowd were said to be many members of the families of the dead and missing miners.

## Regulation of Jitney Busses Left For City

No action was taken by Salem politicians on the street car and jitney bus situation this noon at the luncheon of the association at which T. E. McClain, owner of the jitney bus, and T. L. Billingsley, superintendent of the street car company, spoke.

The reators' association voted to leave the matter on the table and to make no recommendations to the city council in their action regulating the bus line.

Under the proposed change of route for the bus line from North Commercial to North Church street, to within two blocks of the fair grounds, the bus line would lose money, Mr. McClain said. He further said that he did not pick up passengers after crossing the bridge on Commercial street, and many of his patrons on the way out seemed to think they were entitled to service to the fair grounds. He carried no insurance against accident.

Since the bus has been operating the North Commercial street line has lost in revenues from \$12 to \$15, according to Mr. Billingsley. With the total revenue the line was a losing proposition.

The street car company has an investment of approximately half a million dollars in the city. Mr. Billingsley affirmed, pays \$10,000 yearly in taxes, and the operating and equipment loss has been \$29,000 with a deferred maintenance cost of \$71 (3).

The summer street and Seventh street lines have a revenue of seven dollars a day, operating 14 hours. With the proposed paving of both these streets it will cost the street car company \$24,000 for each line. To make the necessary repairs on the State street line this year will call for \$21,000 additional capital. Mr. Billingsley stated that he had no objection to the jitney if it operated in territory which the street car company could not reach.

## Probe Coal Mine War



F. G. Davis and H. B. Dynes, of the Labor Department, have been appointed to investigate conditions in the West Virginia mining centers, the scene of much trouble for years.

## Special State Officers To Be Few In Future

Hereafter no special agents commissions will be issued by Governor Olcott unless the application for the same has the endorsement of the district attorney, sheriff and county court in the case of county officials; the mayor, chief of police and recorder or police judge in the case of city officials, and the department or institution head in the case of state or federal officials.

Even when accompanied by these endorsements the governor reserves the right to reject the application when he believes the public may be better served or protected by so doing.

In a letter forwarded to all former special agents, sheriffs, county judges, mayors and police chiefs, the governor has made plain this new policy governing the issuance of special agents commissions.

Pending determination of this policy, he explains, no commissions have been issued this year and none are now effective. There is only one special agent paid from state funds, the others being employed by the various counties and cities of the state, in special law enforcement work, especially connected with the enforcement of prohibition laws.

"I wish to state frankly, that regardless of care and caution exercised in issuing these badges of executive authority, in some instances they have been a source of annoyance and complaint to this office and in a few in a few instances they have been subjected to abuse by the holder," the governor writes in explanation of the necessity for the new policy. "I consider it wise to place even closer checks upon their issuance and to definitely determine the necessity for their use before further issuing them."

"All commissions, from any source, must show clearly and positively that such commissions are necessary and give their reasons therefor."

"In any event, no commissions will be reissued, whether or not accompanied by the recommendations herein required, until the commission and badge now held are both returned to this office for cancellation. If you have not already returned both your badge and commission this office requests that it be returned forthwith."

# MELLON ADVOCATES SPECIAL TAX TO FINANCE SOLDIER BONUS BILL

## FAR EAST PROBLEMS ARE NEXT

### Arms Conference Delegates Now Free To Consider Question of Island Status

Washington, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—Its naval discussions concluded and the results written into treaty form, the arms conference turned its full attention to the Far Eastern situation again today, with the hope of bringing the Washington negotiations finally to an end this week.

The famous "twenty-one demands" was the immediate business before the Far Eastern committee and at the same time, a sub-committee met to try for a compromise on the Chinese Eastern railway problem.

Meantime a possibility developed that the Far Eastern section of the conference might be put into three treaties instead of two, bringing the total number of covenants to result from the negotiations here, to nine. Some conference leaders want to write a treaty on the four Root principles and the open door, another on customs arrangements in China and a third to cover other Far Eastern resolutions adopted by the conference.

It is hoped to hold a plenary session Saturday when the remaining treaties will be presented to the full conference.

Monday the delegation heads would gather in the state department and formally sign all of the treaties remaining. Arthur J. Balfour wishes to leave Washington next Monday night at the latest, to sail on the Aquitania next Tuesday, and within a few days thereafter, under present plans, all the delegations will have left Washington.

## Government Lays Plans To Meet Strike

Washington, Feb. 2.—Plans of the government to cope with the situation which might arise in the event of a strike of the coal miners when the present agreements expire at the end of the next month are being worked out by the department of justice, it was indicated today by Attorney General Daugherty.

The attorney general said he was watching closely conditions in the coal industry as they developed, as well as the proposed junction of the railroad workers with the United Mine Workers to resist wage decreases, but stated he was not yet ready to make known the government's policy.

## Ground Hog Out; Shadow Not Seen; Spring Due Soon

Salem will have an early spring, tradition has it that, on February 2 of each year, the ground hog wakes from his sleep, issues from his hole and dogs a turn in the open. If he sees his shadow, he returns for another six weeks' nap, but if the day is cloudy an early spring is indicated.

## Libel Charged To Pendleton Editor By Two

Pendleton, Feb. 2.—Two libel suits, each for \$10,000, alleged to have been sustained in damages to their character, because of the publication in the Pendleton Tribune of statements in regard to their activities as police chief and member of the Pendleton police force, were filed here Wednesday in the circuit court against H. L. Kuck, publisher, by counsel for W. R. "Jinks" Taylor and Robert Sinclair.

The two latter, against whom a special grand jury, reporting Tuesday night, could not find sufficient evidence to bring true bills, are among several public officers, city and county, under the fire of the Tribune, which brought about the special grand jury investigation.

It was said that E. F. B. Ridgway, special prohibition officer, whom the grand jury recommended be not reemployed by the county, would file a similar damage suit to that of Taylor and Sinclair. R. I. Keator, district attorney, and his deputy, Charles Z. Randall, accused of malfeasance in office by the paper, have not made it known what action they will take.

## Former Baker Hi Star In Tourney Here, Now Aggie

Oregon Agricultural College, Corvallis, Feb. 2.—(Special.)—With the return of "Red" Blakeley to school and the recovery of three injured players the rook basketball squad is in good shape. Strenuous practice is being held by Coach "Bob" Hager in preparation for the games with the Oregon frosh February 3 and 4. Murray, Baird, Steele, Brewer, McCarl, Johnson and Brown will probably make the trip.

## Portland Milk Prices Decreasing

Portland, Ore., Feb. 2.—Deduction of one cent a quart in the price of milk has been put into effect here by distributors. The new price is eleven cents.

Astoria, Or., Feb. 2.—Reduction of the price of milk from 12 to eight cents a quart, promised for Astoria, has not yet gone into effect. Distributors and producers decided the cost of production would not warrant the necessary cut in price to the producer.

## FORD PLAN GIVEN TO CONGRESS

### Muscle Shoals Project Proposal Presented With Recommendation by Weeks

Washington, Feb. 2.—Henry Ford's proposal for the government projects at Muscle Shoals, Ala., was submitted today to congress by Secretary Weeks for "such action as congress may deem appropriate." The only suggestion contained in the letter of transmission related to specific clauses in the contract and the desirability of amendments which would in the event the proposal be accepted by congress, further safeguard the government's interests.

Otherwise, the secretary of war carefully avoids reference to congressional action involving the ultimate acceptance or rejection of the offer as submitted.

Requires Big Loan.  
"In the event Mr. Ford's proposal is accepted," he declared, "the government must make new appropriations amounting to \$40,000,000 to \$50,000,000, of which Mr. Ford will have the benefit for approximately one hundred years at four per cent."

"In the event the offer be re-

## Premier And Cabinet Quit After Clash

Rome, Feb. 2.—Premier Bonomi announced the resignation of the cabinet in the chamber of deputies this afternoon.

The cabinet council met this morning to discuss the situation created by the attitude of the parliament, says the statement, and as a result the government's decision to resign was reached.

## France To Send Representative To Genoa Meet

Paris, Feb. 2.—(By Associated Press.)—France will be officially represented at the international economic and financial conference in Genoa early next month.

The assurance of France's attendance was given in a communique from the foreign office which does not say in so many words that France will be represented, but lets it be understood that she is already committed as a member of the supreme council. The statement is in the form of a denial that Premier Poincare had telegraphed yesterday to Premier Bonomi of Italy, accepting his invitation to the conference. In political circles it was explained that the communique was intended to establish that France was already bound under former Premier Briand's action at the Cannes conference of the supreme council.

## Kirby, Rathie And Casey Safe Says Governor

## Belknap Enters Senatorial Race

E. K. Belknap of Monroe, Or., today filed with Secretary of State Koser his formal declaration as a candidate for the republican nomination for joint senator from the ninth district, comprising the counties of Benton and Polk.

In his platform Belknap promises to work for a "practical tax system that will more equitably distribute the burden of taxation, always endeavoring to keep down the expense of government to the limit of efficiency in the public service."

Belknap was a member of the house of representatives in the last legislature.

## ARBUCKLE JURY ASKS MORE DATA

San Francisco, Feb. 2.—The jury in the second trial of Roscoe C. Arbuckle on a manslaughter charge in connection with the death of Miss Virginia Rappe returned to its deliberation at 10 a. m. today after having been locked up since 11 o'clock last night.

There was no indication of how the jury stood, but forecasts that the trial would end in a disagreement were being freely passed about the corridors.

The jury returned to its deliberations today, fortified with the re-reading of the full set of final instructions by the court and the testimony of Josephine Keza, a chambermaid at the Hotel St. Francis, who testified to hearing a woman's agonized cry at the time Arbuckle was supposed to have been inflicting injuries on Miss Rappe while they were alone in his room.

Both instruction and testimony were resubmitted to the jury at its request yesterday after it had retired. The request came as a surprise and confused speculation as to how the jury stood.

The jury came into court and announced that the jury had asked for the entire reporter's transcript of the trial. Both sides agreed to the request and the transcript was ordered sent into the jury room.

"There are a number of points on which we wish to refresh our memory," the jury's communication to the court said.

## Reprieves Expiring On Friday Extended If Appeal Not Decided Today

Unless the supreme court reaches an opinion in the appeal of Elvie D. Kirby today the reprieve granted by Gov. Olcott several weeks ago to Kirby, John Rathie and Dan Casey until Friday, February 3, will be automatically extended until such time as the court does act.

This was made plain here this morning by Governor Olcott who further stated that even if the court opinion was forthcoming today and the validity of the capital punishment act, which is the center of attack in the Kirby case, is upheld, he will move to protect the three condemned men still further should their attorneys indicate their desire to carry the fight still higher.

Kirby and Rathie are under sentence of death for their part in the murder of Sheriff Til Taylor of Umatilla county. Casey was to have hung January 26 for the murder of J. H. "Buck" Phillips, Portland railroad detective.

Reprieves were granted by Governor Olcott to all three men pending determination of the validity of the capital punishment act which is being attacked as a violation of the bill of rights.

## Power Company Seeks Right To Place Poles

J. C. Thompson of Medford, treasurer of the California-Oregon Power Co., who is in charge of extension work on the proposed new power line from the Prospect power plant on Rogue river to Eugene, to connect with the Mountain State Power company and supply power to the Willamette valley, was a Salem visitor Thursday appearing before the state highway engineer for permission to construct power line along the highway from Cottage Grove to Springfield. The rest of the line will be across the mountains on the Umpqua divide at the head of Elk creek.

Estimate \$6000 Per Mile.  
Mr. Thompson stated that it is estimated that construction costs will probably be approximately \$6000 a mile for the suspension pole high tension power system that is planned by the engineers, capable of carrying 25,666 horsepower at 110,000 volts from the plant at Prospect, between Medford and Crater Lake, to the Springfield sub-station of the Mountain States concern. The total cost of the transmission line will be close to \$750,000, the contracts have all been completed, the finances are ready and preliminary work has already started on the survey of the route from the south.

The California-Oregon company at present operates power lines from Glendale, in Douglas county, Oregon, to Kennett, a few miles north of Redding, Shasta county, California, and with the completion of the line to the Springfield sub-station, the system will extend over a territory of 372 miles north and south. It is now raising the dam at Copco on the Klamath river, so as to utilize a steam unit of the Copco plant, and give it a capacity of 37,000 horsepower.

CHEMAWA PLAYS  
With hopes of victory the Chemawa basket ball quintet will play the Pacific university team in the gymnasium of the Indian at two o'clock Saturday afternoon.  
Coach Bent's red men badly walloped the South Parkway team last Saturday by a score of 31 to 15, and the big chief believes he can show more speed against the Congregationalists.  
The line up for Chemawa will be: Downey and Buchert, forwards; Colby, center; Mix and Lapps, guards.

## SEEKS TO ADVANCE POSTAGE

### Three Cent Charge For Letter Mail and Higher Tobacco Levy Suggested to Congress

Washington, Feb. 2.—The soldiers' bonus should be paid out by special taxes, such as increased first and second class postage and tobacco levies, Secretary Mellon declared today before the house ways and means committee. Secretary Mellon reiterated his belief that it would be impracticable to depend upon the foreign debt for financing the proposed "five way" adjustment compensation plan because the revenue from special sources were made by the secretary:

Points of Sources  
One cent increase in first class postage, \$70,000,000.  
Increased second class postage to wipe out deficits in that branch of the post office department, \$30,000,000.  
Increased cigarette tax, the same amounting to fifty cents on one thousand, \$25,000,000.  
Increased tobacco tax, two cents a pound, \$5,000,000.  
Increased documentary stamp taxes, \$40,000,000.  
A tax of two cents on each bank check, \$30,000,000.  
A license tax of fifty cents a horsepower on automobiles \$100,000,000.  
The total estimated return from the taxes was \$300,000,000.  
Mr. Mellon said the bonus would cost \$425,000,000 a year for the first two years and told the committee that it could extend the list of taxable sources to make up the deficiency. He made it clear that he was not "recommending" any of the taxes suggested.

## Opposed Sales Tax

The treasury secretary opposed a general sales tax, on the ground of the cost and difficulty of administration. Questioned by Representative Frear, republican, Wisconsin, as to the basis for the estimate of a cost of \$850,000,000 for the bonus the first two years, Mr. Mellon said this was on the assumption that half of the former service men would take cash.

## Harbison Sells His Interest In Valley Motor Co.

A deal through which W. L. Phillips, formerly associated with the Phez company of this city, becomes the owner of a one-third interest, formerly held by John Harbison in the Valley Motor company of Salem, was completed here this afternoon.

Mr. Phillips, who was formerly secretary of the Phez company, will assume his duties as manager of the motor company immediately.

## Stage Operator Is Convicted For Having No License

Oregon City, Or., Feb. 2.—Circuit Judge J. H. Campbell today upheld the conviction of W. W. Dent, Portland-Salem stage driver who was found guilty in justice court of operating an auto bus through Oregon City without having applied for a franchise.