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UNSETTLED
Probably occasional rains tonight and Sunday; moderate temperature; light southerly winds.
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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS FIVE CENTS

THOMPSON IS GIVEN 9 YEARS

LINEN MILL INVESTMENT HELD SOUND

Speakers at Mass Meeting Justify Appeal Made For \$300,000 as Sound Business Proposal.

Speakers who last night addressed the mass meeting called at the Grand theater to discuss the proposal of financing a \$640,000 linen mill for Salem, justified from every angle the appeal that is being made for stock subscriptions of \$300,000 that is being made to Salem people.

They justified the purchase of stock as a sound and profitable business investment.

They justified it from the standpoint of community enterprise.

And they justified it as the likely foundation stone in a campaign to make of Salem an industrial center, as well as a commendable effort to extend substantial relief to the farmers of the Central Willamette valley.

Briefly, the points brought out last evening may be summarized as follows:

That flax is grown nowhere in the United States except the Willamette valley, and that the success of the venture here has been established beyond question.

That Willamette Valley flax can and has been manufactured into

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HINDU STUDENT HELD BY LONDON POLICE OFFICERS

London, April 11.—(By Associated Press)—Scotland Yard authorities are detaining a man whose identity is not revealed in connection with the death of France Bickler, 16, pretty dancing teacher who was found with her throat cut Thursday night huddled on the steps of her mother's home in the fashionable West Kensington district.

The mystery of the case, which previously had been set down as one of assault deepened when the police came into possession of a letter which reached the girl Thursday morning and which, they say, is of the highest importance. The contents are being closely guarded.

Prior to the detention of the man today, Scotland Yard had announced that it was searching for a man described only as a "young Indian student."

It was learned today that the girl for the last five years had been living with her mother, but made her home with Captain Langmaid, a retired regular army officer who upon her father's death promised to act as her guardian during her lifetime. Captain Langmaid, it is said, went to visit his own father and mother over the Easter week end and the girl had returned to her mother's house during his absence, and which she went alone to a motion picture performance Thursday night and a few hours later her mother heard a cry and found the girl on the doorstep with a wound in the throat. The only words she would say, according to the report, were "hey from India." Later she requested that the police should not make an investigation.

The case is complicated by the fact that a young man who was seen loitering about the vicinity several days prior to the crime told officers he was a solicitor clerk watching divorce proceedings.

OUTBREAK OF PLAGUE CHANGES PRINCE'S PLANS

Nakva, Gold Coast, West Africa, April 11.—(By Associated Press)—The Prince of Wales will remain in the Gold Coast colony until April 24, owing to an outbreak of the plague at Lagos, his next contemplated stopping point on the coast, it was announced today. The prince may fill in the time by a visit to the northern territories of the Gold Coast beyond Ashanti.

WASHINGTON CREW WINS OVER BEARS

Last Year's Champions Inaugurate 1925 Season With Easy Victory Over California.

Oakland Estuary, Cal., April 11.—(By Associated Press)—The University of Washington's national intercollegiate championship crew defeated the University of California shell here today in the annual eight oared racing classic of the Pacific coast. The winning boat finished the three miles fifteen lengths ahead.

California was rowing very raggedly at the finish, which was 37 seconds behind Washington.

The Washington varsity crew's victory was apparent almost from the start of the race, when after trailing the California boat by half a length for about an eighth of the course, the northern shell forged ahead steadily until at the finish it was easily 15 lengths in the lead.

Thousands See Finish

The finish of both freshman and varsity races was witnessed by several thousand spectators, including large numbers of alumni and students of both universities. Many of these crowded the Park street bridge from which they were able to look down on the crews as they passed the finish line, while others watched the last few hundred yards of the race from grassy banks on both sides of the estuary.

Throughout the latter part of the race the Washington crew rowed an easy 34 strokes while California strove to overtake them with a stroke of 36 to the minute.

The greater power and uniformity of Washington was sufficient to overcome California's faster stroke. Washington finished in better form than California, although no one in either boat collapsed at the finish.

Assures Eastern Trip

The day was practically perfect for the race, with blue skies and an almost unrippled surface to the water.

It was Washington's third successive victory in the recent event. It means that the Seattle shell will enter the national event at Poughkeepsie, N. Y., again this June. California has not defeated Washington since 1921.

Both crews rowed the famous Combar stroke named after the late mentor of Washington crews. But the northern crew, consisting of five veterans of former coast and national regattas, had the greater mastery of it, and got the smoother, powerful swing that swept the shell ahead length by length.

The inexperienced of the California crew counted against them. The only three California was ahead was for a brief time at the start. Almost immediately the victors passed into the lead.

The boat with the official timers had not reported at noon.

FARMERS TO GET FREE FLAX SEED

Portland, Or., Apr. 11.—Flax seed to plant one acre will be distributed to each of 50 Willamette valley farmers by the marketing committee of the chamber of commerce, it was announced today. One hundred and twenty bushels has been donated by the state flax department and the rest will be purchased by the chamber.

Sufficient flax for 10 acres will be assigned to the vicinity of Hillsboro, of McMinnville, Corvallis, Eugene, Albany and of Dallas.

This plan has been adopted to test the soil and to get the farmers interested.

BROCCOLI SEASON IS OVER

Roseburg, Or., Apr. 11.—The last carload of broccoli to be shipped this season, was sent out of Riddle today. There will probably be a small express shipment, continuing until the last of the month, as the late crop continues ripening, but it is not thought that there will be any more carload shipments, as it has taken four days to gather enough for the final car.

Bagdad Stunt Fails to Work; Falls 6 Stories

San Francisco, Cal., April 11.—Melvin Lewis looked upon a certain insidious beverage while it was red last night. He then decided to emulate the example of a resident of the ancient city of Bagdad, who made a few mysterious passes over the front hall carpet and was transported by said carpet to his country club or wherever he wanted to go. But Lewis used a mattress instead of a carpet.

Thrusting the mattress out of the window of his sixth story hotel room, he also made a few mysterious passes over it and then jumped on it. But the mattress refused to float. It just dropped the whole six stories with Lewis on top.

"Absolutely unhurt," was the astounding verdict of the doctor after Lewis had been rushed to an emergency hospital.

DONEY NOT TO RESIGN HERE

President of Willamette University Notifies Board of Trustees He Will Return.

Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette university since the fall of 1915 and now on a year's leave of absence in the east, will return to the active presidency of the institution on or about May 9. It was announced here this morning by Dr. B. L. Steeves, president of the board of trustees of Willamette.

The announcement ends speculations that have been rife ever since Dr. Doney's departure last August, many believing that his health, which was given as the reason for his temporary retirement, would prevent his resuming his duties here.

A committee, headed by Amodeo Smith of Portland, met in Portland this morning and a letter from Dr. Doney was read at that time, according to Dr. Steeves. The letter from Doney was accompanied by a letter from his physician, stating that he is now in good physical condition, and will be able to resume active work at Willamette.

FEEBLE MINDED TESTS ATTACKED

Attorneys for Nellie Rambo Saunders, who are endeavoring to secure her release from the state feeble minded institution, have attacked the so-called mental test as being incompetent in passing on the mentality of a person, and incidentally the competency of Samuel C. Kohn, psychologist for the court of domestic relations in Portland, a reply filed in habeas corpus proceedings in circuit court.

The reply asserts that Dr. William House, physician who examined the girl, merely looked at her a few minutes and talked to Kohn. It goes on to declare that Kohn is not a competent physician or registered psychologist, and carried on the alleged mental test by asking a few questions. The reply declares if this is an examination it was a farce and void.

AUTO WRECKED AND BURNED; TWO ESCAPE

Roseburg, Or., April 11.—An automobile belonging to Miss Harriett L. Veazie, a school teacher at North Bend, was wrecked and burned yesterday evening on the Coos Bay highway near Camas Valley. Miss Veazie and a lady companion escaped injury when they were thrown out of the somersaulting roadster into a pond at the base of a 10-foot embankment.

The car skidded over the grade, throwing out the two occupants, and landing bottomside up in a ravine. The women were brought into town by a passing motorist and when a service car was sent out to bring in the wrecked automobile the mechanics found it completely destroyed by fire.

SAYS WORK BLINDED TO SITUATION

Attorney For Klamath Irrigation Project Alleges Water Sale To Power Company "Swindle."

Klamath Falls, Or., April 11.—Charges that Secretary of the Interior Hubert Work has blinded his eyes to the true situation in the Klamath irrigation district, were voiced this morning by J. H. Carnahan, attorney for the district, at a final hearing before Reclamation Commissioner Elwood Mead. Dr. Work was not in attendance.

The irrigation attorney declared that the sale of the water rights of the irrigators to the California Oregon Power company for \$120,000 was a "gigantic swindle," and called upon government officials to repudiate the contract.

Blunder Is Admitted

"We have heard the charges repeatedly since we have been here," was Commissioner Mead's answer. "This contract was entered into under the regime of a former secretary of interior. If it was simply a blunder, there is nothing we can do. If there was fraud, as you men have alleged, then give me proof of such fraud in order that we might have something on which to base any investigation."

"We will furnish you evidence of fraud," retorted the irrigation district attorney.

At a public banquet last night, Secretary Work gave residents of Klamath county a figurative spanking when he pointed out that they were too embroiled in community wrangles and controversies to obtain the best results from what he asserted were among the most fertile acres of the west.

He referred to the famous court house controversy of a few years ago when Klamath county was at one time the possessor of three separate courthouses. He said the farmers should be government loan recipients when they irrigated their crops and their irrigation projects and let the power companies develop the power possibilities of the district.

DRUNK KNOCKS WOMAN DOWN

Mrs. Kirby Arnold, 1815 South 13th street, was knocked down on South 13th street near her home last night by an unidentified man who, she believes was in a drunken condition. Her face was painfully bruised and some of her teeth loosened by the blow.

Mrs. Arnold was going to the home of a neighbor and had stopped on the street to listen to some music in a neighboring house. The man drove by in his automobile, stopped, got out and asked Mrs. Arnold if she could direct him to a certain residence in the neighborhood. She did so, and then the man asked her to get into his car and go with him to the place. She refused, whereupon, without warning, he struck her in the mouth with his fist. The number of the car was not obtained and while the police are looking for the man there is as yet no clue to his identity.

2 PLEAD GUILTY TO INDICTMENTS

Albert F. Winklerlock pleaded guilty when arraigned before Judge Kelly yesterday on a charge of forgery, and Eddie Running pleaded guilty to a charge of obtaining property by false pretenses. Both will appear Tuesday morning for sentence.

Today Wong Sam, who was indicted several months ago on a charge of possession of drugs, appeared, but on motion of his attorney his plea will not be heard until Tuesday morning. His attorney contended that Wong's attorney had not represented him while District Attorney Carson contended that he had had legal representation. Affidavits in the case will be presented to the court Tuesday.

BANK RESERVES GAIN

New York, April 11.—The actual condition of clearing house banks and trust companies for the week shows an excess reserve of \$26,644,260. This is an increase of \$26,333,290 compared with last week when excess reserve totaled only \$310,970.

REFERENDUM ON BUS BILL IS ATTACKED

County Courts of Marion and Lane Assert Ballot Title Prepared By Van Winkle Void.

Alleging that the ballot title prepared by Attorney General Van Winkle for the proposed referendum of the "bus bill" does not correctly state the contents of the bill, the county courts of Marion and Lane counties today filed in the circuit court for Marion county an appeal to that court from the attorney general's title. The most important allegation in the appeal is that the ballot title as written by the attorney general mentions "taxes" imposed upon the busses, whereas, it is claimed, the act makes no mention of taxes.

Title Defective

"The ballot title provided by the attorney general," says the complaint, "refers to the charges imposed for use of the highways as 'taxes' whereas in fact said act does not provide for the levy of any tax, but the charges imposed by the act are tolls or charges imposed by the state for the use of the highways."

Further, it is alleged that Van Winkle's ballot title does not indicate that the act applies only to common carriers, "but an elector reading such ballot title will assume that it applies to all motor vehicles transporting persons or property for compensation, including motor vehicles operating under private contract."

Offer Substantial Title

The referendum of the act is now pending and the bus lines back of the referendum have until May 28 to complete their petitions. If the petitions are successful in the number of names signed the act would be held up pending the outcome of the general election in 1926. There is a tendency here to believe that the appeal by the two county courts is for the purpose of blocking the circulation of the petitions, since they cannot be placed in circulation until the ballot title is definitely approved. The complaint presents a substitute title.

SALEM BOY WINS FIRST PLACE ON PEACE ORATION

Forest Grove, Or., Apr. 11.—Benoit McCrowley of the University of Oregon, won first prize in the annual oratorical contest of the Intercollegiate Peace association of Oregon, a sub-division of the Intercollegiate Oratorical association of Oregon, at Pacific university last night. His topic was "The Last Milestone."

J. Merle Applegate of Eugene Bible university, won second place with an oration on "The Will of Peace."

Other contestants and their topics were: Albany college, Wayne Overholser, "Imperialism and Democracy;" Oregon Agricultural college, Frank B. Lacy, "The Pillar of Fire;" Pacific university, Frank Brodersen, "An International Conscience for Olive Arms;" Pacific college, Miss Olive Armstrong, "America's Best;" Linfield college, Harris D. Erickson, "The Drama of Democracy;" Willamette university, Mr. Hammond, "The Pledge of Youth."

The judges were Hal E. Hoss and Judge J. U. Campbell of Oregon City and W. S. Hare of Hillsboro.

ESPEE DENIES DALLAS REPORT

Southern Pacific officials today denied a report from Dallas that the railroad company was contemplating taking off the passenger service on the Salem-Dallas-Falls City line this spring as was done. It was admitted there may be some curtailment in the passenger service, but there has been no definite decision on this or any actual determination as to whether there will be. It was only admitted that there might be.

Last year the passenger service was taken off for a little over two months and handled by the bus lines. Considerable local protest was made in Dallas at the time and a number of conferences held which resulted in the re-establishment of a service.

Babe Ruth Better

New York, April 11.—Babe Ruth spent a comfortable night and was feeling better this morning, said a report at noon today from St. Vincent's hospital, where the Yankee star is an influenza patient. Although he is much improved, his physicians are almost certain that he will not be able to play in the opening game

VON HINDENBURG TO MAKE CAMPAIGN AS MONARCHIST



Field Marshal von Hindenburg

Berlin, April 11.—(By Associated Press)—In a proclamation to the German people issued today Field Marshal Von Hindenburg, presidential candidate of the united parties of the right, the nationalist-conservative bloc, appeals to all patriotic Germans who desire to safeguard the honor of the German name and social peace.

The proclamation in which the

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GRAND DRAGON FAILS IN FIGHT TO ESCAPE TRIAL

Indianapolis, Ind., Apr. 11.—The first legal move of L. C. Stephenson, former Ku Klux Klan grand dragon, to prevent his trial on five indictments charging him with an attack on Miss Madge Oberholzer failed today. Demurrers filed by the prosecution in answer to pleas in abatement of the indictments presented by Stephenson's counsel, were sustained by Judge James A. Collins in criminal court.

Eph Tamm, chief of counsel for Stephenson, countered with a motion to quash the indictments. Arguments on this motion was set for April 13.

Stephenson is charged with assault and battery with intent to kill, assault and battery with intent to rape, malicious mayhem, kidnapping and conspiracy to commit a felony.

While the court action was in progress physicians planned to operate on Miss Oberholzer, who is in a critical condition, poison taken following the alleged attack, has resulted in an infection which the physicians hoped to relieve through an operation. She has been unconscious for ten days.

ROOSEVELTS START FOR WILDS OF ASIA

New York, April 11.—Departure of the Leviathan for Southampton at noon today marks the beginning of a journey which is to carry Colonel Theodore Roosevelt and his brother, Kermit, into the wild-jungle of central Asia on the hunting expedition for the James Simpson Field museum.

From England the Roosevelts and others joining the expedition at that point will go to France and then to India. In India they will strike out for the north, where lies the game country they seek. A strong body guard of natives will accompany the party.

PAROLE ON ONE COUNT IS REVOKED

Must Serve Up To Seven Years After Completion of Two-Year Term; Asks Speedy Judgment.

Pale, unshaven, and seemingly on the verge of nervous collapse, Clarence W. Thompson, former cashier in the state treasurer's office, stood before Judge Percy R. Kelly today and was sentenced to serve a maximum of nine years in the state penitentiary. It was said that Thompson would probably be "dressed in" at the state prison today.

Without an attorney Thompson, escorted by Sheriff Bower, was brought from the county jail into the court room at 10 o'clock. His appearance was for arraignment, and not necessarily for sentence today even should he plead guilty. But Thompson pleaded guilty in person, and chose not to accept the two days allowed by law before imposition of the sentence. A crowded court room heard the prisoner's plea and the statement made by him in almost an undertone. Thompson avoided the gaze of the crowd and kept his eyes on the court.

WALVES SENTENCE DELAY

"I will fix next Tuesday," said Judge Kelly, "as the time to impose sentence."

"Your honor," interrupted Thompson, "I want to waive time. I have been sick since Tuesday. If I have to go 'out there' I want no delay—so I can have some attention. I had hoped to be situated so I could pay back the money."

The maximum of nine years which Thompson must serve is a combination of penalties for the first and the second charges on which he was haled into court, for today in pronouncing a sentence of up to seven years on the second charge, which had its origin after disposal of the first case, Judge Kelly announced revocation of the parole granted in the first instance and in its stead the alternative of a state prison sentence of not more than two years.

"This case," said Judge Kelly in explaining his previous parole of Thompson, "first appealed to the court as that of a young man with an invalid wife who had taken about \$1000 of state funds. He said he had intended to repay it, and showing was made that he had repaid in that amount. The court believed the case at that time showed a genuine penitence on the part of the defendant. Since that time it has been disclosed that the defendant took more than three times the amount that he swore he had taken. It is the judgment of this court that the parole previously granted be revoked and that you be sentenced to the state penitentiary without limitation of time with a maximum of seven years."

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KID M'COY GOES TO SAN QUENTIN

San Quentin, Cal., April 11.—Norman Selby, better known as "Kid McCoy," former dapper idol of the prize ring, arrived at San Quentin state prison from Los Angeles today to begin serving an indeterminate sentence for manslaughter in the slaying of Mrs. Theresa Moran.

McCoy, sober and unkempt, with only a faded rose in the buttonhole of his worn and shapeless blue serge coat to suggest the prize ring dandy of a few years ago, was doleful until a news photographer attempted to snap him. The kid shielded his eyes with his hands and broke the lens. Then he quieted down again.

VETERAN PORTLAND DETECTIVE RETIRED

Portland, April 11.—Portland's oldest detective—Joe Day—was retired today, after 45 years, five months and 13 days in the harness. He was, with probably only one exception, the oldest detective in point of service, in the United States.

Day entered the service November 17, 1879, the year Chief of Police Jenkins was born.