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PROBABLY RAIN
Tonight: Tuesday generally fair with heavy frosts in the morning; continued cool, moderate northwest winds.
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CAPTURE MURDER WITNESS

GOVERNMENT SCORES POINT IN SHIP SUIT

Court Decides To Proceed With Motion Asking for Dismissal of Injunction Request.

Washington, April 20.—The injunction suit by which the Pacific Mail Steamship company sought to block sale of the shipping board's Orient line to the Dollar interests was dismissed today in the District of Columbia supreme court.

Washington, April 20.—The government today won its first point at the hearing on the Pacific Mail injunction suit when Justice Hitz in the supreme court of the District of Columbia decided to proceed with the motion of government to dismiss the suit.

Lengthy arguments by counsel for both sides preceded the court's initial decision in the promised legal battle growing out of the sale by the shipping board of the Dollar interests of the five president type ships operated on the California-Orient line.

Opposing immediate consideration of the motion to dismiss, counsel of the Pacific Mail urged that it be combined with the petition for a permanent injunction and the case be proceeded with "on its merits."

Meanwhile the situation was (Continued on Page Nine)

ANNIVERSARY OF LEXINGTON AND CONCORD OPENS

Concord, Mass., April 20.—A salute of 150 guns today began a spectacular celebration of the 159th anniversary of the battle of Lexington and Concord. Although preliminary observances were held yesterday, the actual anniversary of the battle, the main events were reserved for today.

Vice-President Dawes arranged to visit Concord, Lexington and other towns which figured in stirring scenes of 1775. He planned to ride in an automobile accompanied by General Pershing, over the route followed on horseback by his ancestor, William Dawes, junior, who with Paul Revere, warned inhabitants of the approach of the British troops.

Vice-President Dawes arranged to greet at Lexington two horseback riders impersonating Revere and William Dawes. A reproduction of the figure was a reproduction of the flight at the north bridge over the Concord river. National guardsmen and militia marched down to the bridge and drove back the British regulars.

Neighbors to Blame For Prosecution of Watts Truancy Case

A letter from Tom Watts, Salem Heights father, written some time ago to the district attorney, that he did not want his boy to "be a dead-end to the public school level" in education, is one of the things that stirred up the issue of prosecution of Watts, for failure to send his nine-year-old son to the public schools, it has been learned. The language aroused the ire of people who are sending their children to such schools and injected a bitterness into a small feud which has been conducted in the neighborhood, it is stated.

This language, coupled with the declaration by neighbors that the Watts have no knowledge of the public schools or what they are because their child has never at-

Yankee Tars Take Hand In Revolution

Washington, Apr. 20.—(By Associated Press)—One hundred and fifty five officers and men from the cruiser Denver of the special service squadron were landed today at Ceiba, Honduras. They are under orders to protect American lives and property that may be endangered as a result of the revolutionary outbreak.

Managua, Nicaragua, Apr. 20.—(By Associated Press)—It is reported that Honduran revolutionaries have captured Ocoatepe, Honduras, a village fifty miles from San Salvador, and are marching toward Comayagua, which is thirty seven miles northwest of Tegucigalpa, the capital where the situation is reported as critical.

STEPHENSON DENIED BAIL

Former Klan Dragon And Associates, Accused of Girl's Murder, Arrested In Indianapolis.

Indianapolis, Ind., April 20.—D. C. Stephenson, former grand dragon of the Ku Klux Klan, was arrested today on the charge of first degree murder in connection with the death of Miss Madge Oberholtzer, 28, of Indianapolis.

An indictment on a murder charge was returned against Stephenson by the Marion county grand jury last Saturday.

Earl Klineck and Earl Gentry, former residents of Evansville, Ind., both indicted with Stephenson on the murder charge were taken into custody with him. All were taken to the county jail. Judge James A. Collins of criminal court in issuing capias for their arrest announced they would not be admitted to bail.

Stephenson, Klineck and Gentry were arrested in the office of Eph Imman, their attorney. They had been missing since the return of the murder indictments Saturday. Stephenson told newspapermen he had been in the southern part of the state on a fishing trip and that the fish "were biting fine."

Stephenson had been at Liberty under \$25,000 bond provided following his arrest several days ago on indictments charging him with attacking Miss Oberholtzer. Miss Oberholtzer died last Tuesday in ante-mortem statements alleged to have been given her parents she told of taking poison at a Hammond, Ind., hotel after she had been attacked by Stephenson while on a train en route to Hammond and again in the hotel. Data for Stephenson's trial in indictments charging the attack has not been set.

Soviet Declines Geneva, April 20.—(By Associated Press)—Soviet Russia has refused to participate in the forthcoming conference on control of the traffic in arms.

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tended them, had considerable to do with pushing prosecution, it is stated. County Superintendent Fulkerson gave her version of the Watts case today, stating that she had no knowledge of the fact that the boy was suffering from a physical disability, until she read the statement of the parent in the Capital Journal on Saturday night.

"We want the public to understand that this office is not responsible for bringing up this case for prosecution," stated Mrs. Fulkerson. "When cases of truancy are reported in there is nothing to do but to comply with the law."

"We were careful, even after this case was reported in, to handle the affair as delicately as possible and I personally, not officially, (Continued on Page Seven)

ONE THIRD OF MILL STOCK SUBSCRIBED

Unofficial Estimates Put Subscriptions To Linen Plant To Date At Over Hundred Thousand.

The general belief around headquarters is that \$100,000 or more of the \$300,000 needed for Salem's linen mill has been subscribed, or at least promised, but absence of definite reports from workers make it impossible just at present to give an accurate line on the subscriptions.

A resume, however, of reports received from various workers in an unofficial way make it seem certain that the \$100,000 mark in the march toward the goal has been reached. Not all of this is yet on the dotted line, but virtually so, as it includes some promises from leading citizens whose words are as good as their signed subscription blanks, and the signatures are considered merely a formality. In addition it includes some subscriptions which have been made, which are good for from two to three and even five times the amount offered if the situation becomes so tense that the additional subscriptions are needed.

For instance one prominent local citizen who has stated he will come in for \$5000, has supplemented it with the statement that this probably will not be the limit of his subscription and that he may come in for \$10,000 or even \$25,000 if it is found such action is necessary to get the plant here. Other citizens have made similar assertions.

Riddle brothers of Monmouth, flax growers themselves, have subscribed for \$5250 and it is probable more growers will come in. A carpenter came in for \$200 worth of stock. And many other small subscriptions of this nature have been reported.

With the reorganized plan now functioning it is expected this week will see the proposition go over as a definite success. The hope is to get Salem's share over before any other town interested has returned its quota.

DAR OPENS 34TH ANNUAL SESSION

Washington, April 20.—Opening the 34th continental congress of the Daughters of the American Revolution, here today, Mrs. Anthony Wayne Cook, president-general, in her annual message, urged anew that its members work solidly with the forces of the nation that are building for maintenance of a "respectable, a hard and a free people." Only thus, she said, can the nation fulfill the heritage of its forefathers who fought at Lexington.

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OREGON BANK CASE IS ADVANCED ON DOCKET

Washington, April 20.—The supreme court today advanced for hearing on November 2 the case brought by the superintendent of banks for Oregon to determine whether the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Trust company was entitled to priority in the settlement of the affairs of an insolvent state bank. The Guaranty company pay as asset for the failed bank, had paid the government the amount of Indiana funds on deposit in the bank. The insolvent state bank involved was the First State and Savings Bank of Klarnath Falls.

PIERCE LAYS CLAIM TO TAX PLEDGE NOW

Admits Promise, Off Denied, to Cut Taxes Half; Says Repeal of Income Tax Blocked Fulfillment

A claim that direct property taxes for state purposes would have been reduced by one-half under his administration if the state income tax had not been repealed was advanced by Governor Walter Pierce in an address before the Salem chamber of commerce here this noon.

"In 1922 the tax was 3 1/2 mills, or the highest direct levy of any state in the union except Nevada," said Pierce. "The levy has been reduced until for this year it is 7 1/2 mills. For next year it will be 7 mills, and would have been 4 1/2, yet on the dotted line, but virtually so, as it includes some promises from leading citizens whose words are as good as their signed subscription blanks, and the signatures are considered merely a formality. In addition it includes some subscriptions which have been made, which are good for from two to three and even five times the amount offered if the situation becomes so tense that the additional subscriptions are needed."

Legislature Not Tied He indicated that many states of the union are practically abolishing direct state taxes. Pennsylvania and California have no direct tax for state purposes, and seven other states, not mentioned (Continued on Page Seven)

BULGARIA ASKS PERMISSION TO INCREASE ARMY

Paris, April 20.—(By Associated Press)—The Bulgarian government has asked the allied council of ambassadors for permission to add 10,000 men to its militia.

The request follows the disorders attributed to communists including the attack on King Boris and the bombing of the Sofia cathedral with the loss of 160 lives.

Sofia, April 20.—(By Associated Press)—Nikoff, said by Bulgarian police to have placed the infernal machine which killed more than 140 persons in the Sveti Kral cathedral Thursday was cornered by the police today and when he resisted was shot and killed. Nikoff, a former officer in the engineer corps was sub-chief of the Sofia communist executive central committee.

The leaders of the various parties summoned by General Vukoff, have given the war minister assurances of their support in his endeavor to maintain order in the face of the terrorist campaign ascribed to the communists.

Among the latest arrests was that of a man wearing an army officer's uniform and carrying a document giving the composition of a revolutionary cabinet which was to have been set up, the authorities say, if as the plotters hoped, all the government ministers were killed in the bombing of the Sveti Kral, cathedral last week.

Investigation of the cathedral ruins indicated that an infernal machine was placed on the roof several days before the outrage and that it must have weighed from 40 to 50 pounds.

UNIFORM NAMES FOR HIGHWAYS ARE SOUGHT

Washington, Apr. 20.—The joint board on interstate highways composed of state and federal highway officials meeting here today discussed the feasibility of adopting a uniform system for designating the main highways of the country in an effort to avoid duplication of routes.

It was brought out that one road in the west, 1500 miles long had 15 different names. An effort will be made to retain the names of some of the principal highways, such as the Lincoln highway, but the board expressed approval of abandoning certain names of roads which are only links of some national highway.

CONFESSED SLAYER OF 7 HELD INSANE

St. Paul Woman who Gave Poison To Seven Not To Face Charge of Murder Says Prosecution.

St. Paul, Neb., April 20.—Mrs. Della Sorensen of Dannebrog, a small town near here, who confessed to County Attorney Dobry and newspaper men Sunday she had poisoned eight persons, seven of whom had died, will be taken to the state insane asylum at Hastings today in accordance with a ruling by the Howard county insanity board. No formal charges will be filed and no prosecution will be carried out against the woman, authorities announced.

Dobry announced last night that an investigation had shown that Mrs. Sorensen was mentally unbalanced and that she would be placed in the state insane asylum. If she should be released from the institution "within two or three weeks," the state's attorney said, the murder charges could be revived.

The investigation into the series of deaths extending over a period of seven years, which led to Mrs. Sorensen's arrest Saturday, and subsequently her confession, was started three weeks ago following the serious illness of two small children, to whom Mrs. Sorensen is alleged to have given some poisoned cookies.

Killed Own Children In her signed confession yesterday, Mrs. Sorensen related how she had killed two of her own children, a baby, Deloris, and her three-year-old daughter, Minnie; the former because her "crying and fretting" irritated and the latter because she was ill with St. Vitus' dance, and "I could do nothing for her."

"I wanted to relieve her suffering," she said. Her husband, Joseph Weidam, she said she poisoned after a quarrel between the couple.

Mrs. Wilhelm William, Mrs. Sorensen's aged mother-in-law, died of poison, administered by the accused woman, according to her confession, in the summer of 1920. "She was feeble and child-like and a burden on my hands; I wanted to get her out of the way," the confession continued.

Two children of Mrs. Wetzel Cooper, Mrs. Sorensen's sister-in-law, were slain because, Mrs. Sorensen said, she had offended their aunt by gossiping about her. The first of these, a little (Continued on Page Eight)

FIVE WEEK END CRASHES FATAL

Portland, April 20.—Automobile accident fatalities in Oregon and southwestern Washington totaled five over the week-end.

Mrs. George H. Swinheart, 25 of Black Bluff, Oregon, was killed when a car driven by C. H. Busse of Cottage Grove swerved to avoid hitting a truck.

John Morris, nine, was killed at Merfeld last night when thrown from a bike under the wheels of an automobile. The accident was attributed to poor vision on account of a driving rain.

Mrs. Nina Goldstein was killed in Portland yesterday in a traffic accident. George L. Withrow, Portland, was killed late Saturday when an automobile left a road near Brightwood, Ore.

Mrs. Iva Goodwin was killed Sunday near Washougal, Wash., when an auto left the road and plunged into the Washougal river.

ASTORIA STORE IS BURNED

Astoria, April 20.—The Dollar and Kolitz men's clothing store was burned out early today. A woman, Miss Rogers, was slightly injured when she jumped from a second story window of the Dixie rooming house above a portion of the store. The entire stock of the store was destroyed or badly damaged.

Slayer and Informer



SAYS WHEELER AGREED TO USE POLITICAL PULL

Great Falls, Mont., April 20.—(By Associated Press)—Testimony that Senator Burton K. Wheeler agreed to "fix things up in Washington" for his client, Gordon Campbell, Montana oil operator, was given in the trial of the Montana senator here today by L. J. Wertheimer, formerly a stock salesman for Campbell.

Wertheimer said Wheeler's remark was made during a general discussion of Campbell's oil prospecting permits, obtained from the department of the interior. The government charges that Wheeler wrongfully used his influence in prosecution of Campbell's claims.

Under cross-examination Wertheimer said the remarks about fixing things up referred to the ability of Campbell to transfer titles to certain lands from one of his companies to another for the purpose of organizing a \$10,000,000 concern.

Wertheimer declared that while he was in New York a department of justice agent and a postoffice inspector called on him and told him to go to the federal building and make an affidavit regarding Wheeler's statement about federal permits.

Washington, April 20.—Conversations looking to the opening of negotiations for a settlement of another foreign debt have been inaugurated, Secretary Mellon announced today.

METHODISTS REFUSE TO CONDEMN KU KLUX

North Adams, Mass., Apr. 20.—A condemnation of the Ku Klux Klan was eliminated from the report of the committee on the state of the nation at the close of the Troy conference of the Methodist Episcopal church today by a vote of 66 to 58.

SNOW INCH DEEP AT BEND

Bend, April 20.—More than an inch of snow covered the ground this morning and snow continued to fall. The snow followed a considerable fall in temperature but there was no wind.

While there have been flurries of snow several times during the last week at no time has the ground been white as it was this morning. While the snow melted on downtown pavements it gave no indication of forecasting at once the other spots.

BOOTLEGGER CAUGHT HERE AS SPEEDER

Herbert Thom Held In City Jail for Santa Barbara Authorities; Also Sought as Auto Thief.

Herbert Thom, held today in the Salem city jail, was wanted recently in Santa Barbara, Cal., and possibly is still wanted as main witness for the state in a murder case. He is also wanted there on charge of embezzling an automobile. Thom and his wife, Rose Thom, were picked up for speeding on South Commercial street last night by Officer Edwards of the police department, and the records at the police station disclosed that he was wanted on the embezzlement charge.

Thom belongs to a well known family of Lebanon, Ore. Thom told the story of the murder here today, but said he was giving no information that was not already known to Santa Barbara authorities.

Partner of Hijackers Thom, according to his own story, was acting as salesman in Santa Barbara for L. C. Duntin and Irving Ries, alias Denton, bootleggers who handled Canadian liquor. One night early last February, says Thom, Duntin and Denton went into the country about six miles to "hijack" William Keefe alias Turner, another bootlegger. While they were getting his stuff Turner appeared and was shot dead by Denton.

Duntin went into hiding and Duntin returned to Santa Barbara where he sought Thom, informing Thom that he needed his assistance. Thom says it was not until they were on their way into the (Continued on Page Nine)

FROST FORECAST FOR TOMORROW

Portland, April 20.—Frost that is likely to do some damage is predicted for most of Oregon tomorrow morning. E. L. Wells, local observer believes it will not be so bad in Portland, but the Rogue river valley, Salem and points east of the Cascades are likely to be damaged to the point of considerable damage. Apples in the Hood river district are not quite so likely to be damaged.

Medford, April 20.—A new record for depth of snow at Crater Lake for this time of year was announced today, the total being over 37 feet, with snow still falling. Rain was general throughout the month today, the total for the month to date being 1.32 inches.

Work Commences On Community House at Auto Camp Grounds

Active work on construction of the new community house at the Salem camp grounds was begun this morning. The house is to measure 24 by 36 feet. It will face west, and have a 4 foot porch running across the entire front of the house. The inside will be one large room, without partitions. A huge fireplace, will be built at the east side of the room. The inside will be finished in wood. It being thought inadvisable to use plaster. The room will be well lighted with numerous large windows.

The house is located at the east end of the camp grounds, at the right of the entrance and immediately opposite the headquarters house. It is estimated that the house will seat 150 people. Speakers will be furnished from time to time, and crowds gathered particularly from among the campers, to hear them. Programs of various kinds will be given, and when nothing in particular is offered at the house it is expected that it will be used as a general lounging and recreation place by the campers.

The cost will be approximately \$1200. C. W. Thompson, local contractor, is doing the construction. He states that it will be finished in approximately three weeks.

The purpose of the community house is to furnish an added attraction to the camp grounds, the expectation being that campers will be brought to the city in greater numbers. It is believed that many parties who would otherwise stop elsewhere to camp will stop at the local grounds on account of the house.