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FAIR and continued cold tonight and Wednesday. Moderate easterly winds. Local: max. 39; min. -5; rain 4; river 4 foot; clear; north wind.

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PRICE THREE CENTS ON TRAINS AND NEWS STANDS—FIVE CENTS

KING OPENS NAVAL CONFERENCE

MINIMUM OF 5 BELOW ZERO REACHED HERE

Record Low Temperatures Reported Elsewhere in Oregon

Work of Clearing Snow From Streets Will Be Over by Night

TEMPERATURES

Table with 2 columns: Location and Temperature. Includes Meacham, Macraes, Lapine, Crane Prairie, Elgin, Prineville, Enterprise, Vale, Crescent Lake, Pendleton, The Dalles, Baker, La Grande, Hood River, Bend, Longview, Forest Grove, Salem, Cottage Grove, Albany, Corvallis, Eugene, Portland, Astoria, Medford, Marshfield.

Better coasting conditions constituted the only improvement noted in Salem's cold weather situation Tuesday morning.

Surface snow melted by the sun Monday froze again before a minimum.

WET BLOC TO START PROBE OF PROHIBITION

Washington (AP)—The militant and defiant "wet" bloc of the house went ahead Tuesday with plans for conducting its own hearings on proposals for the modification of the prohibition laws.

Under the leadership of Representative J. Charles Linthicum of Maryland, an executive committee will be established to take charge of the hearings.

RAINIER STUDENTS PETITION FOR PROBE

Rainier, Ore. (AP)—An investigation of conditions in the Rainier union high school, sought by students in a petition to the board of directors, was postponed Tuesday, because of inclement weather.

In the meantime interest was intense through the union high school district which embraces 12 school districts and serves five others. Thirty students, or about 12 percent of the student body, signed the petition for an inquiry.

BOOTH'S PROPERTY GIVEN TO HIGGINS

London (AP)—Executors of the late General Bramwell Booth, former Salvation Army head, were ordered Tuesday by the Chancery court to turn over to General Higgins, who now heads the Salvation Army, army property valued at 1,000,000 pounds (\$3,000,000).

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper By DON UPJOHN

"God Save the King" is all we've got to say about him if we happen to run into him this morning. Mrs. Sips slipped one over on us last night by leaving the radio on and setting the alarm at 2:30 unbeknownst to us.

S. O. S. FROM BERT MACY

The great controversy between Bert Macy and the girls from Millers Beauty shop as to who bought the liver for the stray cat had settled down to a draw when Bert called us up yesterday.

Here's a chance for Spauldings to come to the rescue.

Sporting headline writers have overlooked a bet in not writing one. "Doc Spears \$11,500 Contract."

Bob Paulus writes us from the east that he has discovered no legal knowledge is required by the laws of Wisconsin for supreme court judges.

According to posters in the banks Monday was "National Make-a-Will Day."

Fame isn't so much. Last evening we heard a radio announce that the next number would be dedicated to Dr. P. O. Riley of Hubbard.

REPARATIONS UP TO NATIONS

The Hague (AP)—The reparations front shifted Tuesday from The Hague to the parliaments of 15 nations and three dominions whose delegates Monday signed the revised Young plan protocol.

As soon as these governments ratify the agreement, perhaps even before, troops will be on the march again with the last of the French forces evacuating the Rhine.

The Hague conference, which began January 3, and ended Monday, was intended to put a final end to reparations squabbles.

A general agreement was drawn up and signed here whereby Hungarian, Bulgarian and Austrian reparations annuities were fixed, but some minor matters connected with funding of Balkan claims remain for settlement at Paris.

Manager Urges That Miles Mill Capacity Be Doubled At Once

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Recommendation was made in light of experience had especially in the past year in manufacture of the salmon and sock twine products of the mill with the demand for the products evidently running away with the capacity of the mill to turn them out.

Annual reports of officers showed that during the past year 309,780 pounds of twines of all kinds had been manufactured at the mill, representing a cost value of \$245,000 and that a payroll of \$71,023 had been developed with an average of 70 people employed during the year.

FACTS MAKE REPORT UPON BRIDGE JOKE

North Winter Viaduct Ample to Take Care of Water

Committee Again Showing Spite; Engineers Tell of Conditions

By HARRY N. CRAIN

Action of the "engineering experts" comprising the new bridge committee of the city council in abolishing the contractor on the North Winter street bridge from liability, through attempting to saddle the blame for the high water which flooded basements above the structure during the high water of December upon the engineer who designed the structure, may clear the way for the injured property owners to recover damages from the city but it does not reveal the true cause of flood conditions in that vicinity.

As to the practicability of the committee's proposal, saw flow ed hook, line and sinker by the council Monday night, that 48 inch pipe lines be installed outside the bridge foundations at either side to carry surplus flood water, engineers brand

AIR LINER LOSS DUE TO FURY OF SUDDEN STORM

Los Angeles, Cal. (AP)—The violence of a sudden storm which wracked its fury on the T. A. T. Maddux air liner near Oceanview, Cal., Sunday dashing it to earth and killing its sixteen occupants, was described Tuesday by Nelson, pilot of another plane which was following the ship. Nelson submitted his report at an inquiry here begun by Maddux officials.

Nelson disclosed his own narrow escape from the horrible fate into which the Maddux liner sped, testifying that he was speculating on the probable severity of the storm when he saw the doomed ship sweep past him and he decided to cruise about for five minutes to learn whether the other pilot could get through.

Nelson was at the controls of a Western Air Express transport, as he maneuvered back and forth on the edge of the storm bank he suddenly saw a flash of flame, the fire which followed the crash of the Maddux plane and with this horrible warning before his eyes he sharply banked his plane about and raced back to San Diego and to safety.

The pilot said he had left Agua Caliente with a load of passengers shortly before the Maddux ship departed from the Mexican resort, where its patrons had been spending the day at the jockey races. As his big ship approached Oceanview, he said, he noticed lowering clouds and rain.

Grief-stricken relatives, stunned by the tragedy which Sunday snuffed out the lives of sixteen persons in the crash of a Trans-Continental Air Transport-Maddux air liner

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55 Years Ago 14 Degrees Below Lasted 6 Weeks

"Fifty-five years ago today I was living between Shedd and Corvallis and when I awoke in the morning the thermometer registered 14 degrees below zero," stated Dr. J. N. Smith, old time Salem resident who recently retired as superintendent of the institution for the feeble-minded.

"It began snowing that year 1875, on January 17 and quit on the night of the 20th, snow falling to a level of two and a half feet without drifting. It turned very cold on the 20th. The river froze over and it was as extreme a winter as I remember. Weather like we are having today continued not only so to February 1 but all through February, freezing and thawing, and about March 1 it began to rain and rained every day for thirty-seven days. I remember on April 7 I was at an institute at Albany and on that day light snow fell during the day melting about as fast as it came down and that ended the winter weather. We had fair crops that summer and a beautiful summer, I also remember that."

50 ILL FROM POISONING AT LODGE DINNER

Sacramento, Cal. (AP)—Between fifty and sixty men and women guests at a dinner given by Camella City Circle No. 1102, Foresters of America, here Monday night were reported ill Tuesday either at their homes or in hospitals.

Doctors attending cases in local hospitals declared that "five or six" persons might die from the effects of a poisoning that wracked them violently for several hours.

Physicians who attended other cases in private homes declared their patients suffered considerably.

Dr. Howard Hall, city health officer, was working on the matter, obtaining samples of the food served at the banquet for chemical analysis to determine the source of the poisoning.

Dr. Samuel E. Wells who attended ten of the stricken guests, declared, that judging by the symptoms the illnesses might be ptomaine but that the victims were taken ill too quickly after eating.

Dr. J. E. Yates who attended six cases declared the illnesses might be ptomaine but that "it was a queer food poisoning."

The dinner was given in honor of Mrs. Nellie Kramer and Mrs. Lulu Lehman, both of San Francisco. Mrs. Kramer is grand chief companion of the state order, and Mrs. Lehman is supreme deputy of the organization. Mrs. Kramer was reported as being "very ill."

AVIATRIX SEEKS RENO DIVORCE

Reno, Nev. (AP)—That Lady Mary Heath, famous British aviatrix, may be forced to accept a default divorce decree, which in some states and in some countries is not recognized as a legal decree, seemed a possibility Monday night when her attorney was informed that Sir James Heath who is in London, had refused to be served.

Lady Heath filed suit here Monday alleging that her husband had threatened to deny the paternity of a child should one be born to her and alleged that he employed her former lawyer for the purpose of exacting from him through threats to discharge him statements that were defamatory to her good character and name.

She charged that her husband, who was 72 years of age when she married him, told her a few moments after the marriage that he had made out his will and had left her out of it.

Ottawa (AP)—Government figures, published Tuesday show that \$20,787,100 worth of alcoholic beverages were exported from Canada to the United States during 1929.

BILLS CUT OUT JURY TRIALS IN DRY LAW CASES

House Committee Sponsors Enlarging Powers Of Commissioners

Wickersham Pleads Legality of Measure Eliminating Jury Trial

Washington (AP)—Switching around under the persuasions of President Hoover's law enforcement commission the house judiciary committee decided Tuesday to sponsor two vital measures in the commission's prohibition reform program.

For years the commission has bottled up the proposal to enlarge the powers of the United States commissioners so they can try prohibition cases without a jury. It also has failed to act on the proposed amendment of the Jones law to give the commissioners broader powers to inflict light punishment for "casual and slight violations."

Chairman Wickersham of the commission, former attorney general, argued for two hours before the committee Tuesday that the first proposal is constitutional. At the conclusion of his argument, Chairman Christopherson of the committee, announced he would within a few hours introduce two bills in the house to carry out the commission plan. He said he had been convinced by Wickersham and Rocco Pound, dean of the Harvard law school, that the proposals are "absolutely sound."

ROADS BLOCKED BY SNOW DRIFTS NEAR DONALD

Snow drifted into the roads as high as six feet in places in the north end of the county caused Roadmaster Johnson to send the big caterpillar tractor there as fast as it could make the distance as the smaller graders proved powerless to pull through the deep drifts.

On some of the roads, he stated, drifts four or five feet deep are not uncommon and in sections there has been virtually a tie up of traffic until the county is able to push the big caterpillar through. And that is slow work in itself where the deeper drifts are. The road between Donald and Champego is said to have some of the deepest drifted snow in the north end where it is said to be at its worst because of the long stretches of prairie which allowed a full sweep for the wind.

Both Roadmaster Johnson and Commissioner Smith spent a good share of time in the north end Monday going over such roads as they could travel over.

In addition to the big caterpillar there are two patrol graders of the caterpillar type working, but smaller graders and these are being used on roads where the drifts are not so deep and reported to be making some progress.

MISSING BANK MANAGER BACK

Worley, Idaho (AP)—Michael M. Kramer, manager of the Bank of Worley, who disappeared leaving the bank's money unguarded, returned home early Tuesday while police sought him. Half frozen, he said only that he had "been out on the tracks."

Kramer opened the bank Monday morning, accepted several deposits and opened the vaults for the day's work, but customers who called an hour later found the vaults open, the keys on a table and money on shelves in the cages. Kramer was not there.

Mrs. Kramer, unable to explain her husband's absence, told officers that he had worked almost night and day for several weeks to clean up his bookwork. She thought it possible that the strain might have made him ill.

Capital Journal To Start Probe Of High Water Bills

What foundation there may be in fact for the complaints widely heard of late among Salem residents that their water bills have showed material increases, without corresponding increase in the amount of water consumed is to be the subject of an informal investigation by the Capital Journal.

This investigation to be complete and worth anything in an attempt to remedy the complained of condition, if it is actually found to exist, must have the full cooperation of the public.

As a first step in the survey water users are requested to supply the Capital Journal with comparable figures on their water bills for corresponding months of the year under the prior and present ownership of the water company. The new company took over the water system on July 1, 1927.

Comparative figures submitted should, therefore, cover the same seasonal periods of the year for months prior to and subsequent to July 1, 1927.

Bills for December, 1929, should, for instance, be contrasted against bills for December, 1927.

CANCER KILLING SERUM CLAIMED BY PHYSICIANS

San Francisco (AP)—Discovery by two San Francisco surgeons of what they called a "cancer-killing serum" was disclosed Tuesday when it became known that medical agencies of the University of California had decided to cooperate in further experiments with the substance.

The originators, Dr. Walter Bernard Coffey, chief surgeon of the Southern Pacific hospital here, and Dr. John D. Humber, his colleague, specified that the serum was not to be regarded as a cancer cure but as a "cancer-killing serum" which produced "striking results" in one case.

Dr. Karl Meyer, director of the Hooper Foundation of the University of California, described the discovery as "the most notable advance made in the field of cancer research" and as being "of utmost possible importance."

Dr. John Galloway, prominent San Francisco surgeon said the serum had "proved itself potent in killing malignant tissues," but that at this stage it would be inadvisable to hail it as a cancer cure.

The serum is derived from the outer layer of the adrenal glands of sheep and was asserted by its discoverers to have the power, when injected into the human body, of "destroying the tissues of the malignant areas."

DAWES MISSES KING'S SPEECH

London (AP)—Ambassador Dawes, one of the seven American naval delegates, did not hear King George's address opening the naval conference Tuesday.

The American ambassador was delayed by the dense fog which rested over London and did not arrive at Westminster palace until after delivery of the king's speech had been delivered and translated into French and the monarch himself had departed.

The American ambassador was not the only notable left out in the fog while the king delivered his address. Former Premier David Lloyd George, the liberal leader, needed an hour and three-quarters to make a short journey and missed the plenary spectacle altogether.

SENATE EMPLOYEES ON LOBBY PAYROLL

Washington (AP)—Employees of the senate finance commission and the House ways and means commission were on the payroll of the American Tariff League, high tariff organization, the senate lobby investigating committee learned Tuesday.

Records of the league showed several payments to Edward Nelson Dexter, finance committee tariff expert, and Clayton Moore, clerk of the house committee,

COOPERATION OF 5 POWERS IS PROMISED

Spokesmen of Nations in World Wide Broadcast Prophecy Success

Pledge to End Competition in Building Ships of War, Common Good

London (AP)—Sounding a call in words heard round the world, the five great naval powers consecrated themselves anew to peace Tuesday, as the opening session of their long-awaited conference on the further limitation of armaments on the sea.

Their first meeting was opened with impressive dignity in the royal gallery of the palace of Westminster by King George who bespoke success in ending competition in building ships of war. The nations each in turn declaring in eloquent phrases their readiness for common sacrifice in the common interest.

When the formal opening addresses which were broadcast by a worldwide hookup, had been completed the conference adjourned to reconvene Thursday morning at 10 o'clock in St. James' palace. Wednesday the delegates will spend an informal discussion to clear the way for Thursday's meeting which will be a private one.

"I believe that you to whom your governments have entrusted the high mission of continuing the task begun at Washington," said King

STIMSON SEES NAVAL CUTTING AS CONTINUOUS

London (AP)—A declaration that the present effort at naval limitation is not regarded as final was made here Tuesday by Henry L. Stimson, the American secretary of state, in his address at the opening of the naval conference in the Royal gallery of the house of lords.

"Naval limitation is a continuous process," he said. "We regard disarmament as a goal to be reached by successive steps, by frequent revision and improvement. A solution reached today, however perfect, may not respond to conditions at a later date."

The chairman of the American delegation added that he and his colleagues were ready to remain in London until the problems were solved, until the opportunities were grasped and until the world was given an agreement that would carry it happily on to the time when the nations could meet again in the same spirit to look over the situation anew.

"We are profoundly impressed and moved by the significance of the speeches we have just heard," he said. "The cordial and hospitable welcome extended to us by his majesty the king and the wise analysis of our problems which has been so movingly presented by the prime minister, I am so convinced that all members of this conference share the lofty idealism that has been expressed in the two preceding speeches that I look forward with confident hope to the success of our labors."

Doughton Holds Back Resignation To Allow For Council Politics

Alderman L. M. Doughton of the first ward turned in his resignation from membership in the city council at the meeting Monday night, but did not do it until after adjournment of the meeting when it was submitted in writing to Mayor Lively.

The fact that Doughton did not resign prior to or during the meeting forestalled the election of an alderman to succeed him.

Doughton stated that it was by request of other members that he did not turn in the resignation until after the meeting. Presumably city politics entered into this request, for it is pretty well known that the insurgent majority of the council has not succeeded in agree-

ing to vote as a unit on either of the two men mentioned as candidates for Doughton's place. The two candidates are A. A. Keene and George Arbuckle. The election of Doughton's successor will be on the slate for the next meeting.