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RURAL PHONE COMPANIES ASK SLASHED RATES

50 Representatives of County Lines Demand Cut in Charges

Company Asserts Operating Costs Below Receipts, Rate Lowest

With about 50 representatives of the rural telephone companies operating out of Salem present making a demand for reduction of the switchboard charge of the local phone company from \$9 back to \$6, a meeting was held in Judge McMahon's courtroom Thursday with Superintendent Harry Collins of the telephone company present. Collins was opposed to the reduction and it was indicated during the meeting that the matter may be taken up with the public service commission by a special committee named at the meeting. It was figured by Collins that there are 1065 rural telephones operating out of Salem on between 100 and 125 different lines.

FOOD CARRIED TO SUFFERERS

Greenwood, Miss., Jan. 21 (AP)—Coast guard boats from Chicago cruised over 800,000 acres of flooded northern Mississippi today, removing refugees and carrying food and medical supplies.

Red Cross workers loaded some of the boats with medicine and doctors to be taken to Crowder, a small isolated town in Quitman county, where diseases were reported breaking out among the 1400 refugees there.

Conditions at Crowder, which has a normal population of only 400, were reported as growing steadily more serious. Sickness is spreading due to the crowded and unsanitary conditions.

As many as five and six families were reported as crowded into small flood surrounded three room houses. They had been without fresh food for several days. Lack of boats has prevented their removal.

Fourteen members of the coast guard directed the eight boats sent here yesterday. Some of the boats were used to transport supplies to marooned communities while others plied the flood waters removing only those in the greatest peril of drowning.

REFUSE TO IMPEACH CAROLINA JUDGES

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The house judiciary committee today voted to recommend that the house take no action on the impeachment charges brought by Miss Mary Spears of Baltimore, Md., against Judges John J. Parker, Charlotte, N. C., and Elliott Northcott, Huntington, W. Va., members of the fourth circuit court bench.

Governor and Hoss Fling Flaming Words About Cell Episode

The "cell escape" demonstration staged at the state penitentiary Wednesday resulted in an exchange of statements last night between Governor Meier and Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss. The demonstration resulted in two convicts making their escape through the new cell doors at the penitentiary within a few seconds when the gang mechanism of the locking device was on "neutral" position.

Good Evening!

Sips for Supper
By DON UPJOHN

It's a great relief to know that after all the cell door proposition out at the pen has worked out so well and everything is safe and serene.

For instance, Charley Sprague says in a story in the Statesman that while maybe the cons can get out of the cells yet, says Charley, "If a person should get out of the cell he is still in the cell block. If he gets out of the cell block he is still inside the walls."

And we might go on to say if he gets out of the walls he's still in town and if he gets out of town he's still in the country. All he has to do then is to get out of the country.

Of course, as Charley says, "One on the inside of the cell if he has a key may reach around and unlock the cell door and walk out. Sec. Hoss did this."

But, as Charley continues, "The doors are usable; and prison officials and employees will probably be able to get along with them without a great deal of difficulty."

To an outsider who hasn't been in on the tests it would look as though the cons would also consider the cell doors usable and that they, too, will probably be able to get along with them without a great deal of difficulty—and get out of them, too, without any great degree of difficulty.

The chances are, if, as Sec. Hoss found out, a man inside one of the cells, if armed with a key can reach around and unlock the door, it will probably be a lot better for Jim Lewis and Gene Halley if they could, maybe, as a matter of course, this is the last analysis will probably be a matter for the board of control to decide. If they use the same judgment as they did in buying cell doors chances for the cons getting keys might be pretty good.

It seems a lot of sympathy is being extended to the contractors who put in these doors as they lost money on the job. As usual, we'll be against the majority, and waste a little sympathy on the state. It looks as though the state, if it doesn't lose money on the job, is apt to lose a lot of cons.

And that's all we know about the doggone cell doors.

LAND BANK BILL GOES TO PRESIDENT

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—The senate today adopted the conference report on the \$125,000,000 Federal Land Bank bill, completing congressional action.

The house had approved the measure earlier in the day and senate action sent it to the White House. It is the first of President Hoover's emergency economic relief proposals to get through congress.

\$250,000 ROBBERY
New York, Jan. 21 (AP)—Jewelry valued by police at more than \$250,000 was stolen today from the apartment of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Glemby by three bandits who bound Glemby and a butler and escaped.

ASKS MORATORIUM ON ANTI-TRUST LAWS

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—A two-year truce in enforcement of the "antiquated anti-trust laws" was urged on President Hoover today by Charles P. Abbott of New York, executive director of the American Institute of Steel Construction.

\$695,000 NEW VALUE PUT ON WATER PLANT

Baar & Cunningham Lop \$180,000 From Estimate of August, 1930

Nothing Allowed for Filter; Material Costs Lower

A revised appraisal of the Salem water plant of the Oregon-Washington Water Service company, filed with the utilities committee of the city council by Baar & Cunningham, engineers, places the valuation at \$695,000, or \$180,000 less than the valuation fixed by the same engineers as of August 31, 1930.

The new report was made under authority of the city council which approved the \$2,500,000 bond measure on December 15 last for the purpose of acquiring a municipal water system.

Entering into the \$180,000 difference in the two recent estimates the engineers said they placed no valuation on the incomplete filter plant and gave due consideration to a reduction in material and labor costs in the last 15 months. In the former report the engineers fixed a valuation of \$41,857 on the incomplete filter plant.

FIND CAR USED BY KIDNAPERS

Denver, Colo., Jan. 21 (AP)—A discovery of a deserted automobile used by kidnapers of Benjamin J. Bower, held for \$50,000 cash or his life, gave police their first clue to develop today in Denver's only abduction for ransom in the history of the city.

An offer of \$300 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the kidnapers was made by the city after the car was found. At the same time, Mrs. Bower, the aged wife of the victim, appealed through the press to the abductors not to kill her husband because police were called in violation of the men's instructions.

Mrs. Bower, nearly collapsed from fear for the safety of her 62-year-old husband, said: "I can't pay the ransom. I haven't the money and the kidnapers haven't communicated with me as they promised."

As the hours passed, her apprehension grew and this was reflected in the attitude of the police. "The must do something soon," Police Chief Albert T. Clark said of the bandits. "They'll either turn him loose or kill him."

\$90,000 PLEDGED TO PROVIDE ODD JOBS

Nearly \$90,000 were reported pledged to the Salem work promotion group when team workers met at the chamber of commerce rooms Wednesday afternoon. The campaign will continue another week and will end at 5 o'clock the afternoon of January 27. It was decided by executives of the drive at a noon luncheon. Pledges for the day aggregated \$12,528.

LYTTON STRACHEY, BIOGRAPHER, DIES

Inkpen, Berkshire, Eng., Jan. 21 (AP)—Lytton Strachey, one of the most prominent biographers of his time, died here today after an illness of many weeks. He was 52 years old.

Earthquake Puts Out Light Of Vesuvius

Naples, Italy, Jan. 21 (AP)—Ancient Vesuvius presented a new problem to scientists today after fresh growlings and explosions last night.

The problem is: Why has Vesuvius' light gone out? No one was hurt by last night's demonstration which consisted of a light earthquake shock and loud explosive noises and rumblings underground.

As soon as the explosions ceased the crater, which always has been aglow at night by internal fires, had become cold dark, and remained that way. Scientists today began an investigation to determine why.

An observatory, a military police barracks, a convent and a railroad (Concluded on page 11, column 6)

DEADLOCK ON REPARATIONS

By Associated Press
Europe has reached another stage in the deadlock over reparations and war debts with the second postponement of the conference at Lausanne originally scheduled for January 15, then deferred to January 21.

Great Britain, which originally proposed the meeting and subsequently changed the date because of domestic political difficulties in France, announced the second postponement. The action was taken with the agreement of the French government.

France maintains her position she will not forego German reparations unless the United States makes a corresponding reduction in the amount due her from France. It is understood the American government has informed France it cannot agree to such a proposal.

France also suggested extension of the so-called Hoover moratorium for another year dating from its expiration on July 1.

Germany, speaking through Chancellor Brüning, has asserted she cannot meet reparations payments when the Hoover holiday ends; that no re-arrangement of the reparations structure can be made without Germany's participation in the negotiations.

No date has been set for the deferred meeting at Lausanne, but both Paris and London it was said the new postponement does not mean that the meeting will not be held later.

FEDERAL AID BILL APPROVED

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—An appropriation of \$375,000,000 for direct federal relief for the unemployed was recommended to the senate today by one of its committees despite President Hoover's opposition.

The manufacturers committee voted 6 to 2 to report the Costigan-Lafollette bill authorizing \$125,000,000 for the present winter and \$250,000,000 for the next fiscal year. The committee's action places squarely before the senate the proposal for direct appropriations from the treasury to aid the jobless.

Early consideration by the senate will be demanded by the bill's sponsors, Senators Lafollette, republican, Wisconsin, and Costigan, democrat, Colorado.

The vote in the committee indicated the relief bill will have strong support in the senate from the democratic side.

The only votes against it were cast by administration republicans, Senators McNary, of Oregon, and Goldsborough, of Maryland.

THREE LIVES SNUFFED OUT ON HIGHWAY

Mrs. Henry Siegmund, Mrs. Frank Fery, Chris Giebler Victims

Two Others in Hospitals; Automobile Collides With Heavy Truck

Death unseen mingled with the Pomona grange crowd at Chemawa Wednesday and when the selection of victims was complete the lives of three pioneer residents of the Stayton district were claimed and the lives of two others threatened.

Mrs. Henry Siegmund, 54; Mrs. Frank Fery, 45, and Chris Giebler, 70, driver of the ill-fated automobile. Henry Siegmund, 55, is in a Salem hospital where his condition is pronounced critical while Frank Fery, 45, is in Stayton hospital. His injuries, the splinter of the two, consist of a fractured collar bone, jaw, ribs and cuts about the face.

Henry Siegmund is a brother of County Judge John C. Siegmund. The group, however, bound from the quarterly meeting of the Marston county Pomona grange, was in a light touring car driven by Giebler. Turning south on the pavement that leads from Turner to Marston near the old county gravel pit, Giebler attempted to pass a truck going in the same direction and driven by H. C. Edwards. Apparently he failed to see a north-bound wood truck driven by Irving V. Hedges and the light machine (Concluded on page 11, column 6)

JAP WARSHIPS SENT SHANGHAI

Tokyo, Jan. 21 (AP)—The Japanese government today announced after the government had ordered a cruiser, an aircraft carrier, and four destroyers to proceed to Shanghai, and some warships at Sasebo were ordered to prepare for action.

All the same time official figures were issued listing Japanese casualties in Manchuria since September as follows:

Killed, 278 men and 21 officers; total 299. Wounded, 964 men and 38 officers; total 662.

The political development was not unexpected. Apparently the five weeks' old government of Premier Inukai decided it better to hold an election, which was ordered for February 20, than to attempt to exist with a parliamentary minority.

The diet was dissolved by Imperial order of Emperor Hirohito. The recent attack on the emperor in a bomb at Hirohito's carriage gave the political opposition much ammunition. For the government is traditionally responsible for the safety of the emperor and at least the ministers responsible for army and police were expected to resign.

STORM WARNINGS FLYING ON COAST

Portland, Jan. 21 (AP)—Southwest storm warnings were ordered up to day at Washington coast stations and at the mouth of the Columbia river. The weather bureau predicted strong southwest winds with occasional gales this afternoon and tonight, shifting to the west and diminishing Friday.

Shipping Board Head Says American Ships Sell Liquor at Sea

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Chairman O'Connor of the United States shipping board, today told a house committee under questioning that American lines operate bars outside the 12 mile limit. O'Connor was testifying in the investigation of the house merchant marine committee into the shipping board sale of the United States lines.

Oregon City-Salem Widening Endorsed At Highway Session

Project Recommended by Good Roads Advocates from All Over State As Start of Permanent Program; War Declared upon Reduction of License Fees To Impair Finances.

By HARRY N. CRAIN
Adoption of a permanent building program by the state highway commission to cover a period of five years or more and provide for a balanced development of the highway system in all parts of the state was advocated in a resolution adopted at its meeting in Woodburn last night by the Oregon Pacific highway association,

which also went definitely on record as being opposed to any "impairment" of state highway finances and ready to do battle against any and all proposals for a reduction in automobile license fees not counterbalanced to make up any deficit in highway revenues.

The association further went on record as: Recommending that reconstruction and modernization of the Pacific highway from California to Portland, both east and west side, be embraced in any stipulated program. Pledging its support and assistance to the highway commission (Concluded on page 10, column 7)

MEIER LEAVES FOR WEEK END

Governor Julius L. Meier left for Portland this afternoon, the last member of the board of control to absent himself from the state capital for over the week-end. The governor expected to return here Monday for a few hours prior to leaving for the east.

Tuesday night Governor and Mrs. Meier will leave Portland for Washington, D. C., where he will appear in the interests of the power development of the Columbia river. Others who expect to accompany him include Henry M. Hansen, state budget director; State Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg, member of the hydroelectric commission, and Colonel A. E. Clark, Portland, attorney. The governor stated several others were expected to attend the Washington hearing before the United States senate.

Secretary of State Hal E. Hoss left the capital yesterday for Portland to attend the state sheriffs' convention. The remainder of the week he will be in attendance at the newspaper conference in Eugene. He expects to return to his office here next Wednesday.

Rufus C. Holman, state treasurer, left last night for Roseburg where he will make several addresses. Tomorrow he will represent the governor at the sheriffs' convention in Portland. Holman was expected back at his office late Monday.

PREXY HALL DENIES RESIGNATION STORY

Eugene, Jan. 21 (AP)—A rumor that he had resigned or was about to resign as president of the University of Oregon brought a denial from Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall here last night.

"I have not resigned, and I don't intend to. There is nothing to the rumor," he declared.

One rumor was that Dr. Hall would accept a post as head of all Oregon state schools, another indicated he had received an offer from Carnegie institute and would accept it.

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WITNESS TOLD TO GET OUT BY WINNIE JUDD

Burst of Temper by Defendant Features Trial Of Murderess

Halloran Witness for Prosecution — Woman Faints in Crowd

Court House, Phoenix, Ariz., Jan. 21 (AP)—Winnie Ruth Judd leaped from her chair today in the Maricopa county superior court room to denounce Dr. Joseph Catton, of San Francisco, prosecution alienist.

"You get out of here," she cried testifying with tensed muscles and flashing eyes as the psychiatrist approached her chair during a brief court recess.

"Make him get out! Make him get out!" she appealed to her attorneys.

RECOVERY BILL NEAR PASSAGE

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Wholehearted cooperation for national economic recovery pushed the reconstruction finance corporation today to the verge of congressional enactment.

Carefully but speedily revised by expert members of the senate and house, this greatest of peacetime emergency measures returned to the two chambers for final approval, a consummation expected tomorrow.

Something approaching a record was set by the conference committee in adjusting, within two days, numerous and important differences between senate and house on the \$2,000,000,000 government credit agency.

The men who will run the financial giant, President Charles G. Dawes, and Chairman of the Board Eugene Meyer, helped in attaining the agreement. As drafted by the conferees the legislation will allow the corporation to replace unliquid collateral with cash in loans to the following:

Federal and state banks, savings banks, trust companies, building and loan associations, mortgage loan companies, insurance companies, credit unions, federal land banks, joint stock land banks, federal intermediate credit banks, agricultural and livestock credit corporations and interstate steam and electric railways, exporters and farmers.

SHAKEUP ORDERED FOR IMMIGRATION

Washington, Jan. 21 (AP)—Secretary Doak today announced transfers in the immigration service amounting to a virtual reorganization of the field service.

George J. Harris, assistant commissioner general of immigration in Washington, has been sent to El Paso, Texas as director of the border patrol. Heretofore the border patrol has been operated by supervisors.

Edward J. Shaugnessy, who has been assistant to the commissioner general of immigration, was appointed to succeed Harris.

District directors throughout much of the service were transferred from one office to another. These changes included:

C. Arthur Palmer, who has been district director at Spokane, has been transferred to Chicago as district director. Shirley D. Smith who has been in charge at Chicago, goes to Salt Lake City to succeed the late William J. Coyne.