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## JAPAN COULD TAKE ISLANDS SAYS MITCHELL

Only 19 Planes and 15 Pilots Available at This Time

### RUMORS ARE DENIED

Investigating Committee Continues to Hear Report of Army Air Service Chief

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — Japan could easily capture the Philippines, the Hawaiian Islands, and all of the rest of the American possessions within a period of not more than two weeks, Brigadier General Mitchell, assistant chief of the army air service, declared this morning before the aircraft committee from the house of representatives.

Mitchell, who has been before the committee testifying for the past two weeks, declared that an air force, as powerful as that maintained by Japan, could easily reduce our Pacific islands to ruins, and that we could in no way adequately defend them with our present armament.

Mitchell declared to the committee members that our Pacific defense is "pitiful." He informed his hearers that the conditions in the Pacific islands are so bad that last October, when he visited Hawaii, he discovered that the commanding admiral and commanding general there would not speak to each other, and that each of these men had secret plans worked out for the capture and holding of Honolulu in case of war, and that they had not conferred with each other, or asked for aid in carrying out their plans.

The assistant chief of the air service of the army also denied rumors that he had been "officially" ordered to the White House, to answer for the disturbance he has aroused by bringing up the air question. Mitchell also denied that he had been told that he would not be reappointed Brigadier General.

Mitchell, during his talk before the committee, informed the members that America, at the present time, has but nineteen pursuit planes, and that only fifteen pilots were immediately available for duty. He added that our air defense is now the worst in the world, and that we would be at the mercy of most of the other nations should we become embroiled in a war with them.

### SPECIAL MEETING OF LEGION TONIGHT

A special meeting of the Ashland Post 14, American Legion will be held this evening at 7:30 in the Armory, according to an announcement made here this morning.

Special work, and business which requires immediate attention will be taken care of at the meeting. Officials of the Legion request that all members who can possibly do so, be present.

### Champ Chewers Feature of Dance at Klamath Falls

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 19. — Unable to detect the difference between the finger of Bob Thomason and his brother, who was aiding him in a roughhouse fight at a dance at Malin early this week, Fred Liskey chewed off the index finger of his brother, Dave Liskey, thinking all the time he was munching on the finger of Thomason.

Dave Liskey, in the turmoil, felt a strong set of molars munching on his finger and could not free his hand. Thinking it was his brother's opponent he grabbed Thomason's finger and started to chew away.

The three-cornered chewing match lasted for five minutes before bystanders pulled the three apart. Fred's finger was hanging by only the skin and had to be amputated immediately.

Thomason may retain his finger, although it is feared that an infection may set in and necessitate amputation. The Liskey boys of Malin are known for their chewing proclivities, according to reports, Fred Liskey already having two ears to his credit. Irey McCall and Charles Wiley were the two victims, it is said.

### Grow Whiskers, be Cave Man, Boss the Girls

LONDON, Feb. 19. — Young men seeking favors with girls are advised to grow bushy whiskers, like cave men used wear, by Arthur Penosby, member of parliament, writing in the Empire Review, contending that the modern male is inclined to become effeminate.

"The whiskerless young men of today are dominated by the girls, and willingly submit," he writes. "In the old days one would see a man enter, followed by a girl, shy and demure.

"Today you will see the girl stride in with an air of mastery and assurance, her brimless hat crushed over her eyes, a long cigarette holder suspended from her lips, and behind her trots the little man.

She orders the meal, and if there is any swearing to be done at the waiter, she will do it.

"None of the bewhiskered gentlemen of the old school would permit anything like that — would they?"

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### COUNTY HELPS SELLING STATE TO TOURISTS

State Chamber Recognizes Work Accomplished by Jackson County

Jackson County takes the 1924 prize for the most original and effective method of selling Oregon to the tourist, notes Oregon Business, official publication of the State Chamber of Commerce. This does not necessarily mean that anything has been actually sold — yet; "selling" in this instance is go-getter phraseology, meaning to "make 'em crave it." When a motorist says, "I'm sold on balloon tires," he is merely saying that he thoroughly approves of them, and approval can come before purchase as well as after.

This is the way Jackson County sold Oregon, as noted in Oregon Business: "On the highways the traffic officers stopped every tourist car, and in the auto camps of the country the tourists were interviewed, in fact all avenues of contact were utilized to present to these guests of Oregon an invitation and complimentary ticket entitling the holder to every

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### GASOLINE RISE GETS ACTION FROM CONGRESS

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 19. — Increased gasoline prices Tuesday developed into sharp issues in both houses of congress.

In the senate a resolution by Senator Trammell, democrat, Florida, for a federal trade commission investigation was debated without action, while in the house a committee examined bureau of mines officials in an effort to determine the causes for recent higher prices in Washington.

Senator Trammell asserted there was no justification for increases of from 4 to 6 cents a gallon in recent weeks. Senator Harrell, republican, Oklahoma, however, contended that crude oil production had fallen off and the price boosts were the natural outgrowth.

Before the house committee, F. B. Tough, bureau of mines expert, said he had no information to lead him to believe the price of gasoline in Washington was unfair, adding that he spoke as an individual.

Chairman Zihlman declared interior department figures had shown the largest rate of production in December, at which time the price increases started, and Mr. Tough replied that formerly stocks started to increase in October and November, but that this year they did not begin until December.

### WOMAN KILLED WHEN BIG BUS TURNS TURTLE

Mrs. George Hansen Almost Instantly Killed in Stage Wreck

### DRIVER KNOWN HERE

Al Schoenfeld, Pilot of "Gray Goose" Driving Stage When It Crashes Near Dunsuir

DUNSMUIR, Feb. 19. — Mrs. George Hansen, of Shinghai, China, traveling missionary, was instantly killed, and seven other passengers were injured, none of them seriously, last night, when the "Gray Goose" stage of the Pickwick stage lines ran off the highway fourteen miles south of here.

The injured are R. M. Taylor, Ashland, suffering from a fractured rib, Lester Irish, Duvall, Wash., scalp and hip wounds, George Hansen, husband of the dead woman, suffering from scalp wounds and an injury to his hip, Mrs. William Larson of San Diego, S. Dear of Portland, Frank Fleet of San Francisco and Al Schoenfeld, the driver of the stage, all suffering from minor injuries and bruises.

The car went off the highway and rolled down a fifty foot embankment.

Al Schoenfeld, driver of the stage, when called at Dunsuir this morning, stated that he had not been able, as yet, to determine the cause of the accident. He stated that the front wheels locked, and he was unable to straighten the car up before it hit the ditch.

The driver states that the big stage rolled over four times after it hit the ditch. The passengers were thrown about inside the stage, many of them suffering cuts from flying glass from the windows.

Mrs. Hansen was instantly killed, the crash throwing her against the top of the big stage, crushing her skull.

The injured members of the party were rushed to Dunsuir by passing autoists where they were cared for by Dr. Ackley. Ackley stated, after an examination of their hurts that none were very seriously injured.

The "Gray Goose" left Ashland shortly after noon yesterday, while the accident south of Dunsuir occurred approximately 6:45 p. m., showing that Schoenfeld was on time and could not have been speeding in order to make up lost time.

It was thought at first that a broken steering knuckle had caused the crash, but an examination of the wreck this morning showed that the knuckle was not broken, but that the wheels had evidently locked after the turn was made.

### NO MORE MONEY TO FRANCE SAYS U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — Any further loans to be made to the French nation by the United States will be made from private sources, and not from government funds, treasury officials here declared this morning, when informed that France expected to borrow a hundred million dollars in this country as soon as the French budget is voted.

### Nations Sending Out Call for New Disarmament Meet

TOKIO, Feb. 19. — Japan opposes any limitations upon submarines, destroyers and aircraft, but is willing to accept a ratio limiting the gun size and number of cruisers countries may maintain, according to semi-official information obtained in sounding out Japan's attitude toward a new arms conference.

LONDON, Feb. 19. — The British government is willing to enter into a disarmament agreement with the United States, "no matter how wide in scope" it was announced at the Foreign Office this morning. It is probable that Great Britain will aid the United States in lining up the various countries for the conference.

Albany — Pacific Fruit Company is to have \$10,000 buildings, Ferry and Water streets.

### Tells How Rich Women Are Robbed



Mrs. Charlotte K. Palmer, a Los Angeles, Cal., court of Herbert L. Wilson, notorious ex-minister and admitted bandit, that he had been approached by Jack Elerick, who said he knew a wealthy New York divorcee, Mrs. Charlotte King Palmer, who was "thrilling Broadway" with her lavish display of jewelry, and that he, Elerick and Charles Stahl, burglarized Mrs. King's home and stole \$320,000 worth of jewels, may clear up other unsolved robberies of women who make ostentatious shows of their jewels in New York's cafes. Mrs. Irene Schoellkopf, wife of Hugh Schoellkopf, Buffalo millionaire, was robbed of priceless gems in the same fashion, but the thieves were apprehended and the jewels recovered. Mrs. Edith Bode, wealthy New York divorcee, was robbed in the same way, and that robbery was never solved. Wilson, who is now serving a life sentence in San Quentin, Cal., prison, admitted Mrs. Palmer's ankle was broken in her fight with the thieves. Detectives had previously had no clue to the Palmer robbery.

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### TELEPHONE COMPANY TO DO MUCH WORK IN STATE SOON

Three Million Dollars to be Spent in State During Current Year for Extensions and Plant Improvements

The Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company will spend three million dollars for extensions and improvements of its plant and equipment in Oregon during the current year, according to a statement by Mr. C. E. Hickman of Portland, Division Superintendent in Oregon. These additions are required to care for the anticipated growth of the system and will furnish both exchange and long distance facilities for the seven thousand new stations which the Company expects to gain this year.

Over one-half million dollars will be spent during the year for additions to the present outside plant and central office equipment in Portland. The construction program also includes, at a cost of more than \$600,000.00, several new toll circuits and the rebuilding of existing long distance plant already in service.

During the present year, the new Trinity office in the Irvington district of Portland will be cut into service and construction of Murdoch office in the Portland Tabor district will be started. These two new offices will be completely equipped with machine switching apparatus.

In addition to the above improvements, several machine switching private branch exchanges will be installed in some of the newer buildings in the downtown office district in the city.

On account of the activity in residence building in the districts served by Garfield, Sellwood, Tabor, and Walnut offices, many new additions to outside plant and rearrangement of the existing plant will be required to care for the service in these districts. Much new equipment will be added in the Broadway and Main offices in the downtown district.

In most of the Oregon cities outside of Portland, it is expected much new work will be completed before the end of the year. In Astoria, Mr. Hickman states, in addition to the present building it is necessary to house the equipment and people required to render adequate service in this growing section of the state. In addition to building extensions, new switchboard and outside plant facilities are necessary. Additional long distance circuits

### NORMAL BILL REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE

Ways and Means Committee Refuses to Act on Measure

### HOUSE ACTION TODAY

Legislature now Nearly Two Million Dollars Above Budget New Taxes Come

SALEM, Feb. 19. — With its work practically completed, the legislature ways and means committee has approved appropriations which total in the aggregate \$6,900,000, which is \$1,200,000 in excess of the budget items recommended by the state budget commission, and approximately two million dollars in excess of the state funds which are in sight from regular taxes at the present time available for the use to which they have been recommended.

Since if these appropriations are to be favorably acted upon, more revenue must be forthcoming, and it is believed that the new sources will include a tax on cigars, cigarettes and cosmetics, and increased taxes upon corporations.

Refusing to go on record favorable in the matter of the claims of Ashland for a new normal school, the ways and means committee today reported out the Ashland bill, without recommendations.

The bill carried an appropriation of \$175,000 for the construction of new buildings in the Southern Oregon city.

The bill was expected to come up before the house this afternoon for action upon the report of the ways and means committee. The legislature this week passed bills referring to the people the proposal to locate new normal schools in Eastern Oregon and at Seaside.

Proposals for new armories at Portland, Forest Grove, La Grande, Cottage Grove and Silverton come before the committee tonight. The proposal for the construction of a hundred thousand dollar hospital for tubercular patients in Eastern Oregon and providing for the reference of the question to the voters was sent out of the committee with favorable recommendation. Senator Eddy's bill providing for radical changes in high school courses of study was killed in the house by a heavy viva voce vote upon the question of indefinite postponement. There was no discussion of the question.

### NEUNER IS GIVEN FEDERAL POSITION

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19. — Geo. Neuner of Roseburg is to be United States District Attorney of Oregon. Written recommendations for his appointment, signed by Senators McNary and Stanfield went forward from the senate chamber to the attorney general this afternoon. His name is expected to be confirmed by the senate within a couple of days. He is succeeding John Coke, resigned.

### Horns Will not be Permitted at Basketball Game

Coach Walt Hughes, Ashland High basketball mentor, requested this morning that those attending the Medford Ashland game here tomorrow night refrain from using klaxon horns, sirens, and other means of noise making. Police have been requested to prevent the use of any such noise making apparatus, and those who attempt to use them will be removed from the Armory.

This request was made since the noise of the horns confuses the players, and make the game generally disagreeable for most of the spectators.

The local tossers will take a light practice session tonight, their final workout before they take the floor against the Medford quintet. The entire squad is in fine shape. Al Marske and Chief Stratton, two of the members who were out of the lineup with the mumps are again in shape and ready to go.

Medford has every player ready to step out, and the supporters of that team are confident their boys will knock over the locals in the opening tussle.

### Czecho-Slovakian Church Perturbed Over Immorality

PRAGUE, Feb. 19. — The Czecho-Slovakian Church is seriously perturbed over the alleged increase in immorality in the country, and is appealing to citizens to mend their ways.

In a manifesto issued by the bishops to their congregations, they exhort parents to attend to their children's moral education at an early age, and condemn the manner in which young women and children are dressed when attending church.

All the clergy are asked to post notices on the doors of their churches appealing to female worshippers to come decently clothed.

The bishops find in many modern dances "a sad and low morality," and condemn the growing of the sexes bathing together "in scant and indecent costume."

### INJURED FALLS MAN WILL LIVE SAYS DOCTOR

John Collman, Attacked by Ranch Hand, Will Not Die

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 19. — John Collman, who was viciously attacked with a hay knife Tuesday morning, will probably recover, officials of the Klamath General hospital announced last night. At a late hour he was reported resting quietly. It was said that should fatal complications set in it would not be for two or three days.

Gus Yorden, employed on Collman's Mountain Dairy farm, was arrested Tuesday afternoon by Deputy Sheriff Joe Kinsey and Deputy District Attorney Myers, who reached the farm by team, the roads being impassable by car.

The district attorney's office was reluctant to say whether or not Yorden had made a confession. It was their contention that it would be a benefit to taxpayers if the actual facts of the case did not come out until the trial. During the recent murder trials many prospective jurors could not be accepted because they claimed prejudice in the case, due

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### G. P. RAILROAD IS IN THE HANDS OF RECEIVERS

GRANTS PASS, Feb. 19. — The California and Oregon Coast railroad was placed in the hands of a receiver Tuesday, the formal order having been signed by Judge C. M. Thomas. The action, asking that a receiver be appointed, was brought by the city of Grants Pass, following the discontinuance of traffic on the 14 1/4 miles of railroad, after the bridge over Rogue river was washed out during the high water of last December. C. H. Demaray of this city has been named as the receiver for the road. He will present to the court within a few days a plan for the financing of the bridge construction.

A hearing was held here last month at which the public service commission was present, the Beaver Portland Cement company, the Crown Willamette company and the Union Oil company appeared, as shippers, to urge that the commission give an order for the construction of the trestle.

This was not done, the various interests not being able to agree on a definite plan. The Twonky interests, operators of the road flatly refused to build the bridge. The appointment of the receiver then followed. It is expected that the plans will be completed within the next few days for the bridge and the resumption of traffic.

The Beaver Portland Cement company, whose quarry is at Marble Mountain, has not been able to operate the Gold Hill plant since the bridge went out.

### STOCK SWINDLE BOBS UP AGAIN IN NOTE SUIT

Local Man Defendant in Suit of Medford Bank on Notes

### OLD CASE IS REVIVED

H. W. Barron Files Answer to Medford Bank Suit, Offering to Turn Over Shares

JACKSONVILLE, Feb. 19. — In his answer filed Tuesday to the suit of the Medford National Bank, for the collection of notes for \$5000, H. W. Barron, a prominent stockman and pioneer resident of Ashland, throws new light on the operations of H. W. Martin, stock salesman, who held forth in this county in 1923. Several, including a Medford physician, and a newlywed couple, were involved in the proceedings, and Martin fled, his present whereabouts being unknown. Martin and a partner, purported to be representatives of the Virden Packing company, and sold stock to many conservative residents. His activities and sudden departure, created a furore at the time. The grand jury investigated, and Martin was arrested at Yreka, California. He was freed before local authorities could act.

Barron sets forth in the answer that he was approached by Martin, and one Hughes, and solicited to purchase stock in the Virden Packing company, showing him a permit from the state corporation commissioner, and letters from banks and business houses, relative to his reliability, etc. The stock, Barron recites, was represented to him at having a value of \$1000 per share, and a "book value" of \$102. After the denouncement, Barron asserts that he discovered the Virden stock had a value of from \$23 to \$30 per share.

Approached by Martin as a prospective customer, Barron listened to the sales talk and then informed Martin that he had bought California Oregon Power company stock, and could make no further purchases. Martin then set forth that the Virden stock was superior in revenue to the power shares, and that the packing company was going to build a packing plant in the valley, and first and best chances would be given to holders of capital stock and stockmen in the sale of their cattle.

The answer says that Barron signed notes for \$5000 after he had been informed that the stock would be resold in a few months by Martin at \$150 per share, enabling him to pay the note from the re-sale of the stock and net a profit of \$1250. The salesmen were to get a commission and represented, when asked why they did not seize the financial opportunity themselves that they were unable to do so because of lack of credit and money. Barron then signed the notes, received the \$5000 consignment of stock, and Martin cashed the notes as negotiable paper, in the course of a banking transaction.

Shortly afterwards Martin decamped south, under stress of circumstances and a rigid investigation by the Medford physician and the local newlyweds.

Barron in the answer asserts that the statements of Martin

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### Taylor, Sullivan and Pate Are on Way to Salem Pen

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 19. — Mrs. John Taylor, wife of the man who was sentenced Tuesday afternoon to 15 years in state's prison for his part of the murder of Oscar Erickson, will wait up on the Applegate river at the home of her brother-in-law for the return of her husband and father of her three year old daughter. Whether Taylor serves the full 15 years depends largely upon his conduct at the state penitentiary.

Mrs. Taylor is confident her husband will be paroled before his full sentence expires. She said that he had never been the bad sort of character he was portrayed as by some attorneys during the trial.

Taylor, Sullivan and Pate went through Ashland last night on their way to Salem where they will enter the state penitentiary.