

City News THE WEATHER Oregon--Rain tonight and Saturday; moderate temperature; moderate to strong southerly gales along the coast. Temperature today, minimum, 42 degrees. Maximum Thursday, 54 degrees. Precipitation today, .17 of an inch. Stage of river, 4 feet. Direction of wind, southeast.

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NEW FISH BILL ASKED

35 Miners Entrapped by Explosion

TWO DEAD ARE FOUND; THREE ARE RESCUED

All Mine Rescue Teams in District are Rushed to Aid in Rescue

Interior of Mine Wrecked By Force of Blast as Gas is Formed

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 20.—(AP)—Two men are dead, three seriously injured and 35 are entrapped with little chance of being brought out alive as the result of an explosion in the City Coal company's mine here today.

SULLIVAN, Ind., Feb. 20.—The fate of 50 miners entrapped by a blast in the City Coal company mine near here was unknown at 2 o'clock this afternoon. Two unidentified dead had been taken from the mine and three men seriously injured had been rescued.

Reports brought to the top by men engaged in seeking the dead and injured, indicate it is probable many others are dead.

All mine rescue teams in the district have been rushed to the scene and physicians and ambulances are held at the shaft awaiting developments. The explosion which is said to have resulted from ignition of gas, wrecked the interior of the mine.

The explosion occurred at 10:30 a. m. One hundred and twenty-five miners were in the shaft at that time.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon the work of rescuing the entrapped miners was proceeding slowly owing to the debris in the mine entries caused by the explosion.

SIX MONTHS, \$500 HODGES' SENTENCE

C. M. Hodges, who was indicted by the grand jury this week on a charge of operation of a distillery, was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in the county jail today by Judge G. P. Skipworth. S. L. Gueley, indicted jointly with Hodges, was sentenced to four months in jail and to pay a fine of \$300.

Harold Cotter, indicted yesterday by the grand jury on a charge of car theft pleaded not guilty this morning. The indictment against W. H. Shifflet charged with obtaining money under false pretenses was dismissed yesterday by Judge Skipworth. Not true bill was brought in against James G. Taylor by the jury yesterday.

Grand Jury Report On Jail Expected

With the near approach of the close of the grand jury session that body this afternoon is inspecting the county farm and later is expected to visit the county jail. Final reports on the week's work are expected to be turned in by the grand jury late this afternoon or tomorrow, it is indicated. The same grand jury at the session last summer recommended a new county jail. Indictments against seven men have been returned this week by the jury up to late this afternoon.

LOS ANGELES SAILS LAKEHURST, N. J., Feb. 20.—The United States brigantine Los Angeles left at 3:40 this afternoon for Bermuda carrying her first consignments of mail for a foreign port.

MEDFORD BILL PASSES STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—The senate late yesterday passed H. R. 300, judiciary committee, granting city of Medford right to use water of Big Butte creek.

Fire Department Engineer In Portland Confesses to Setting off Twenty Fires

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 20.—Chester T. Buchtel, an assistant engineer of the Portland fire department, who yesterday confessed to fire officials that he had started 20 fires in Portland in the last year and a half, was today taken to the scenes of other fires, and questioned concerning them. Officers believed he may have been responsible for other incendiary blazes which have puzzled investigators.

Sabin school, St. Helens hall annex, a parsonage, a factory, a garage, barn and several residences, were in the list of fires which Buchtel yesterday confessed, and officers were today seeking to ascertain whether he had any connection with several large fires, including one which destroyed the Washington high school, and another which burned the Temple Beth Israel.

Members of Buchtel's family could account for his activities only by saying that he must have had a mania for fires. He is a member of a pioneer family. His grandfather, Joseph Buchtel was the first chief of the Portland volunteer fire department.

Officers of the fire department, under the direction of Fire Marshal Greufel, and assisted by policemen, had trailed Buchtel for several months, suspicion having been directed toward him by the facts that incendiary fires were started on his day off, and that he usually appeared on the scene and aided in fighting the flames.

According to District Attorney Stanley Myers, Buchtel took delight in fighting fires.

Enough blazes did not occur naturally to satisfy his appetite for action.

So he set others, often turned in the alarm himself, then showed up, like any other off duty fireman would, to help fight them.

'DOMINATION' OF FARM AFFAIRS IS DENIED BY CAREY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Charges that the president's agricultural report was "dominated" by Secretary Hoover were denied today before the senate agriculture committee by Chairman Carey of the conference, who said none of the cabinet members "had the slightest influence" on the drafting of the report.

Mr. Carey declared the organization making the charges had declined to be represented before the commission.

Senator Gooding, republican, Idaho, took issue with the witness' declaration that there was "no present emergency."

"If there isn't one now, there never will be," he said, adding that he was "disappointed with the work of the commission which apparently has just frittered away its time."

Chairman Carey said many critics had overlooked the purpose of proposed federal cooperative marketing board to provide general cooperation between the various government agencies in behalf of the farmer, further than simply to aid cooperatives.

Possibility of enactment of federal cooperatives marketing report at the session was brightened when Chairman Norris announced action would be taken tomorrow on his report designed to carry out the chief recommendation of the president's conference.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—A session of formal address on the question of modification of the federal and state inheritance taxes, followed by another devoted to a general discussion of the subject, made up the concluding program today for the national conference on inheritance and state taxation, called by the National Tax association.

Discussion of plans for future action and appointment of committees also remained for the final session. The list of speakers today included Charles S. Dewey, assistant secretary of the treasury, Professor Thomas S. Adams, of Yale University, and Professor Charles J. Bullock of Harvard University.

Discussion of the question of repeal of the federal inheritance tax aroused a somewhat heated debate at last night's session after President Coolidge in his opening address yesterday urged gradual withdrawal of the federal government from the field of taxation.

REVENUE BILLS ARE FOOTED UP BY COMMITTEE

Direct Tax Levy of One Mill Favored by Some of State Solons

Governor Pierce Strongly Opposes Such a Move, He Declares

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—A new problem developed today relative to efforts being made by the ways and means committee to raise enough revenue to meet the state's needs in the next two years. This is the question whether the six per cent tax limitation amendment would apply to tobacco and cosmetic taxes and other assessments that the committee will ask the legislature to make.

The committee and Attorney General Van Winkle, are today wrestling with the question.

FIGURES COMPILED STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—If all revenue producing bills approved by the ways and means committee are passed by the legislature, the committee had, at the conclusion of its deliberations last night, \$648,888.97 left over after all appropriations and claim allowances had been footed up.

Revenue measures reported out for (Continued on page eight)

ASHLAND NORMAL BILL FURTHERED

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—Re-establishment of the Ashland normal school will be effected if house bill 87 passed by the house this morning becomes a law. The bill provides for a tax levy of one twenty-fifth of a mill for maintenance purposes and for an appropriation of \$175,000 for new buildings necessary.

Considerable argument arose over the bill, although only nine "no" were checked up. Those voting "no" were Bennett, Graham, Hesse, Reynolds, Russell, Stettin, Shumway, Wilson and Teagarten.

Insinuation that there had been a trade of votes on Normal school matters in order to get the Ashland measure passed was made by Representative Graham.

"I am opposed to that type of legislation," he declared. "Bills should stand on their merit."

Representatives Hamilton and Cowgill spoke for the bill, declaring that the state was now unable to obtain enough teachers trained in Oregon. Senator Eddy's senate bill providing for junior colleges in high schools when approved by vote of the people of the district was killed by indefinite postponement today on the adoption of a majority of the report of the committee on education, signed by Clark, Fisk and Johnson.

Many Civil Service Examinations Given

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—Examinations for a thousand positions were held by the civil service commission last year, and 21,000 more persons entered them than in the year before. The commission reported today that 38,000 persons competed in the examination for general clerical positions and 15,000 for the stenographic.

Operations of the commission were featured for the first time radio which was said to have proven an effective means of reaching persons interested in the examinations.

TRAFFIC BILL IS GIVEN VETO OF GOVERNOR

Authority to Employ State Traffic Officers Involved In Plan

Constitutionality and Need Of Measure Questioned By Mr. Pierce

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—(AP)—The senate today by a vote of 22 to 8 overrode the governor's veto of senate bill 34, which centers the state traffic department in the secretary of state department.

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—Governor Pierce today vetoed senate bill 34, which provides that the authority to employ traffic officers shall be centered in the secretary of state's office and empowering the secretary of state to employ traffic officers up to the number of 25.

His veto message reads: "I am returning herewith senate bill number 34 with my disapproval for the following reasons:

No Necessity. "There is no necessity for this bill. The highway department has the right under existing law to employ as many traffic officers as it may deem necessary. The highway department also has the right to provide the necessary equipment and take care of the expenses.

"Senate bill number 34, by implication at least, removes the highway department entirely from having any part in the control of traffic on our highways. In my message two years ago, and in my message to this thirty-third legislative assembly, I asked that this work all be put under the highway department, where it certainly belongs.

Constitutionality Up. "Senate bill number 34 makes the secretary of state the chief enforcing traffic officer of the state. Traffic regulation is essentially a law-enforcing activity. It is purely a police function. The constitution of the state of Oregon specifically defines the duties of the secretary of state, which is that of a recording and auditing officer, and manifestly does not contemplate the vesting or executive power in his hands. The policing of our highways is a branch of the executive department.

"Section 10 of article 4 of the constitution of the state of Oregon provides that the governor shall take care that the laws be faithfully executed. This clearly calls in question the constitutionality of the proposed act.

Separate Bureau. "The entire motor department should be put under a separate bureau in the highway department and controlled by the highway commissioners. At the present time the secretary of state collects the license fees and gasoline tax, taking out all expenses, and turning over the balance to the highway fund without audit or budget. Under senate bill number 34 the secretary of state is authorized to purchase the entire equipment, employ all clerical help necessary for the traffic department. The bill is extremely broad in granting the right to purchase equipment and pay expenses. No other department.

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PIERCE IRATE OVER PLAN TO SELECT TRIO

Amendment Would Take Away Appointive Power Of Present Chief

Commission Members Are Named in Bill; Power Would Revert

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—An amended fish commission bill, naming F. P. Kendall, incumbent of Portland; Walter Eakin of Astoria, incumbent, and L. L. Crocker of Roseburg as members of the commission, was returned to the house today by the judiciary committee, following a tilt in the house yesterday over the bill which aims to take the appointive power from the governor.

The amendment would take the appointive power away from the governor only on this occasion, and restore it to him later. The original bill which would have placed the power in the board of control, was introduced by Senator Ritter and passed the senate February 12.

Referred Yesterday. When it came up for third reading in the house yesterday it was referred to the judiciary committee on motion of Representative Hammond.



PRINCE HENRY

PRINCE HENRY TO GAIN APPOINTMENT

LONDON, Feb. 20.—Prince Henry, King George's third son, will soon be appointed to the staff of his regiment, the tenth hussars, in view of the additional public duties which will fall to his lot in the near future.

When the Prince of Wales leaves for his South American tour with the Duke of York already in West Africa, Prince Henry will be called on to fulfill many engagements which would otherwise have gone to his two elder brothers.

REVENGE DECLARED GJEDSTED MOTIVE

STATE HOUSE, SALEM, Ore., Feb. 20.—A desire for revenge caused him to file charges with the governor against Adjutant General George A. White, Major Charles E. Gjedsted confessed before the senate committee on military affairs, according to a report from the committee yesterday.

He admitted the charges were false. Gjedsted, who recently was discharged from the employ of the state military department, later filed some charges of petty irregularities against the adjutant general. His admissions before the committee includes a statement that his motive was to get revenge for being discharged.

MEETING HELD SPRINGFIELD, Feb. 20.—(Special)—The regular meeting of the Parent-Teacher association is being held this afternoon in the Lincoln school building, with a special round-table discussion. There will be a special program by the school children, including "The Hoot Owl Song" by the little boys in Mrs. L. K. Page's primary department, and "The Betsy Ross Flag Song" sung and dramatized by the little girls of the primary.

Governor Pierce this morning, signed house bill 401, authorizing the formation of mutual savings banks in Oregon. The governor's opponents admitted a defeat yesterday afternoon when the ways and means committee of the house recommended withdrawal of house bill 224 which would have transferred control of the penitentiary from the chief executive to the state board of control.

BULLETINS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The proposal to increase the salaries of members of congress, already passed by the senate, was approved also today by the house.

OFFICERS RETIREMENT BILL PASSES SENATE WASHINGTON, Feb. 20.—The emergency officers retirement bill was passed today by the senate.

DR. WILHELM MARX AND CABINET RESIGN BERLIN, Feb. 20.—(By the Associated Press)—Dr. Wilhelm Marx, premier of Prussia and the cabinet which he headed resigned today after failing to obtain a vote of confidence in the diet. The vote stood 218 yes, 221 no.

FORMER WARDEN AND DEPUTY FOUND GUILTY ATLANTA, Ga., Feb. 20.—A. E. Sartain and Lawrence Riehl today were convicted of conspiracy to accept bribes. L. J. Fletcher was acquitted. The jury was out 16 hours. The three defendants were charged with conspiracy to receive bribes from wealthy inmates of the Atlanta federal penitentiary, where A. E. Sartain was warden and L. F. Fletcher was deputy warden.

TESTIMONY IS GIVEN IN CASE OF KID MCGOY LOS ANGELES, Feb. 20.—The man seen running from the apartment of Mrs. Theresa Mora, killed here last August, in connection with whose death Kid McCoy, ex-pugilist, recently was convicted of manslaughter, was described in court here today as "resembling Albert A. Mora, the woman's divorced husband.

STOP LOOK and LOOSEN-UP A LITTLE MONEY or 2 WANT AD IF YOU WANT TO SELL YOUR CAR