

Forecast: Tonight and Friday fair. Not much change in temperature.

Temperature table with columns for Highest yesterday, Lowest this morning, Precipitation, To 5 p. m. yesterday, To 5 a. m. today.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Despite High Finance. Ladies Hear About Russia. J. J. Corbett, Object Lesson. The Pope's Firm Protest.

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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 17.—In spite of objections from the highest financial authority, including Secretary Mellon, the house approves overwhelmingly 363 to 39, the bill to let veterans borrow one-half the value of their war certificates. If they all borrow one-half, Uncle Sam will have to pay out more than fifteen hundred million dollars, and high finance says that will be ruinous.

As a rule "big money," which means ability, should receive respectful attention, as does the captain of a ship. But high finance is sometimes mistaken. Big bankers said the federal reserve system would ruin the country, because it kept a few men from controlling all the money. They were wrong. Without the federal reserve this country would have had a black panic long ago. They may be wrong in their idea that handing a billion dollars to those that need it, and earned it, will ruin us now.

We spent, gave away and wasted billions by the dozens, in the war, and prosperity did not die. Perhaps some spending at home now will help, instead of hurting. Knowledge is piled up in libraries. The problem is to distribute it. Water is accumulated in lakes and rivers, and distribution is the problem. Money is piled up in financial institutions, a glut of money; the owners cannot lend it. Perhaps distribution there will help.

American lady patriots listening here for three hours, are assured that Russia threatens our institutions, and this land is practically the last refuge of good government, as opposed to Red Russian ideas. Dr. Patmore of California went to Russia, "fooled the secret police, went just wherever he pleased, and saw things behind the scenes that Americans less intelligent never see." He saw young girls standing in bread lines "with babies born illegitimately under this soviet system." He saw "wild children, offspring of free love, sanctioned by the soviet system, roaming around, until they were killed as pests by villagers and their bodies burned."

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Abe Martin



"Dancin' has just about reached the point where you ought t' wear a bit" said Artie Small, as he left his clothes at the cleaners this mornin'. It's aucky town that Hain't been torn up at some time or other by a dashin' stranger.

FREE TEXT BOOK BILL WINS APPROVAL

GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE IS CERTAIN

Senate Passes Measure By 17 to 3 Vote—Favorable Action Given in House Previously—Two-Hour Debate Precedes Ballot.

Salem, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—The free textbook bill passed the senate at the stroke of 12 o'clock noon today by a vote of 17 to 3. Since the bill conforms to a campaign policy urged by Governor Julius L. Meier, it is apparently certain that he will sign the bill. The measure will take the regular course, no special effective dates being named in the bill, and will become part of the state's educational machinery 90 days after it receives the governor's signature.

Two-Hour Debate The two-hour debate on the bill, occupying the entire forenoon, lacked the fire that was expected by an audience that thronged the senate chamber. Senator William F. Woodward, one of its sponsors and chairman of the senate committee on education, did not speak, although it had been rumored that he would talk at length. He later explained that he did not take the floor because of the nearness of the noon hour, and feared interruption by the noon recess might have an influence on the voting.

The bill took an unusual procedure in the senate. It came to the floor with a majority of the education committee—Senators Fisher, Schulmerich, Johnson and Dunn—recommending that it not pass, and a minority—Woodward, Eberhard and Wheeler—recommending that it pass.

Special Action It was a special order for 10 o'clock. When Woodward moved that the minority report be substituted to save time it was moved that the rules be suspended and the bill immediately be placed on third reading and final passage, thereby making but one debate necessary. This was done.

The vote on the bill was: For—Bailey, Booth, Casner, Crawford, Dunne, Eberhard, Francisovich, Hall, Jones, Kiddie.

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HUSBAND STABS WIFE'S BROTHER TAKES POISON

Laguna Beach, Cal., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Benjamin Wildig, 59, was stabbed to death and his sister, Mrs. Lily Crowe, was probably fatally wounded here early today by her estranged husband, Alexander Crowe, 66, who killed himself by taking poison.

The Wildigs, wealthy family, have a five-acre estate here. She had met Crowe in Vancouver, B. C., a year ago and they were married here last November but separated shortly afterward. Wildig awoke after midnight to find Crowe in his room. They quarreled and Wildig was fatally stabbed. Mrs. Crowe, hearing her brother's cries, went to his aid and was severely slashed.

Scarface Capone Roused By Major Butler's Words Would Let People Judge

Miami, Fla., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Al Capone is wrathful because of published reports that Major General Smedley Butler had said the Chicago "public enemy" would be defeated when public opinion is aroused. "The general is ill informed," Capone said in a statement published today. "He should know the laws of this country protect an American-born citizen and prevent the deportation of anyone who, like myself, was born in this country."

Rescues Brother From Death By Flaming Gasoline

Portland, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—His clothing aflame, Richard Canbee, 6 years old, was saved from death last night by quick action on the part of his 11-year-old brother Donald. The family had placed a pan of gasoline on a stove to warm it before using it to clean a piece of machinery. The liquid flamed and splattered over the boy. Frantic with fear he ran to the street. Donald caught him, threw him to the wet street and rolled him in the mud until the flames had been smothered.

TWO KILLED BY SHASTA ENGINE NEAR BARLOW

Portland Meat Market Truck Driver and Chance Companion Drive On Grade Crossing.

Oregon City, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—George Stuckert, 35, of Portland and Dave J. Grenier, 27, of Kent, Wash., were killed near Barlow today when their truck was struck by the Shasta limited. The truck, driven by Stuckert, was employed by a Portland meat market and was making deliveries. He is believed to have given Grenier a ride after picking him up on the highway. The crash occurred after the truck had speeded parallel to the train for almost a mile on a long stretch of highway south of Canby. Stuckert apparently turned directly in front of the Shasta at the Barlow grade crossing.

Train in View The Southern Pacific train was under the charge of J. P. Clow, conductor, with W. A. Anderson, engineer, and R. A. Taylor, fireman. Taylor said he noticed the truck traveling along the road and was sure the train was within view of the driver for several minutes before the collision. He estimated the speed of the truck at between 30 and 35 miles an hour.

Taylor said Stuckert turned into the side road leading to the crossing and speeded onto the tracks without slowing down. The truck was thrown 20 feet and demolished. Its load of bacon, hams and sausages was strewn over a 100-foot area.

LUMBER DEALERS MEET IN TACOMA

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 19.—(AP)—With 400 visitors present from points throughout the west, the twenty-eighth annual convention of the Western Retail Lumbermen's association, opened here today to plan closer co-operation throughout the industry. The convention adopted a resolution providing for retention of an assistant secretary of the association to promote the lumber business in the Pacific northwest.

Will Be Cremated MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—The body of W. A. Luss, 31, pioneer of Marshfield, will be cremated in Portland tomorrow. He died Monday. He was the father of Jess Luss, editor of the Marshfield Sun.

Scarfaced Capone Roused By Major Butler's Words Would Let People Judge

General Butler says I am a criminal. The only charge that I know of, or any law abiding authorities know of, is of my being charged with vagrancy. "I have been feeding between 2500 and 3000 people daily in Chicago for the last six months. If this is an act of a vagrant, I want to be classed as one. "I leave the American people to judge as between General Butler and myself, and I am satisfied to abide by their verdict."

VANCOUVER CHOICE FOR VETS HOME

Washington Solon Informed Spokane, American Lake and Roseburg Favored in Order Named By General Wood in Report.

Tacoma, Wash., Feb. 19.—(AP)—The News-Tribune today received word from Congressman Albert Johnson that, according to his information, Vancouver, Wash., has received the choice as the location for the Pacific northwest soldiers' home, in the recommendation of General Wood.

Spokane comes second among the recommended sites, while American Lake, near Tacoma, where a large veterans' hospital is now located, is mentioned third. Roseburg, Ore., is the fourth point named in the recommendation, according to Johnson.

Congressman Johnson's message was as follows: "Previous rumors with reference to recommendations of General Wood for location of the northwest soldiers' home are now confirmed. These are to the effect that Wood has recommended in the following order:

"Vancouver, Spokane and American Lake in Washington and Roseburg in Oregon. "A meeting of the hospitalization board will not likely be held for another week on account of General Hines' time being so occupied with bonus problems and other legislation. To date it has been impossible to secure unified action by the Washington state delegation on behalf of any one site. It is stated that it will be practically impossible to bring into the picture any sites offered by cities not named in the above recommendations."

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Local people in close touch with the soldiers' home issue were inclined to doubt the accuracy of observations credited to Albert Johnson, congressman from Washington, in which he said General Wood has selected Vancouver, Wash., as the site of the northwest home.

General Wood said upon his visit here the report probably would give the names of four or five acceptable sites in the various parts of the area to be served, setting forth qualifications of each but expressing no choice or personal preference, leaving the selection to the board of managers.

Report Sealed The News-Review here is informed by a telegram from Washington that General Wood's report was submitted sealed and its contents are closely guarded. It is believed it may contain a list of sites in cities named by Congressman Johnson, in the order named, but it is thought here the report is impartial regarding preference.

Roseburg was the last site visited.

PIONEER LAWYER DEAD IN ALBANY

ALBANY, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Judge H. S. Hewitt, 84, one of the state's oldest residents, and dean of the law profession here, died at his home last night. He had been in ill health several months. Judge Hewitt was born in Yamhill county, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hewitt, Oregon pioneers of 1843. He was graduated from Willamette university in 1870, and engaged in educational work for many years, teaching Greek and Latin at Albany college.

PEN POPULATION NEARS THOUSAND

Salem, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—The census at the state penitentiary reached 924 inmates today, the largest number of prisoners to be housed at one time in the history of the institution. Four inmates from La Grande and one from Yamhill county were dressed in at the penitentiary this morning, and two convicts were received from Douglas county Wednesday night.

Feared Kidnaped



Hundreds of persons enrolled by a search for Virginia Brooks, 10, who disappeared from her home in San Diego, Cal., and believed by the police to be a possible kidnaping victim.

HIGHWAY WORK BIDS ARE EYED BY COMMISSION

Green Creek-Jackson County Line Section Grading Will Cost \$34,040 if Bid Accepted.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—J. C. Compton, McMinnville contractor, was low bidder at \$128,215 for surfacing 34 miles of the Old Oregon Trail and seven miles on the John Day highway in Baker county with bituminous macadam, when bids were opened by the state highway department today. In point of expenditure, the next largest project to be considered was the non-skiidding of 54 miles on the Eugene-Wilbur stretch of the Pacific highway in Lane and Douglas counties. F. J. Keenan of Reedsport was low at \$125,165. Wren & Greenough, Portland contractors, bid \$12,165 for 1,000 feet of tunneling and two miles of surfacing on the Elk Creek section of the Umpqua highway in Douglas county.

Other projects included: Josephine county: Green Creek-Jackson county line section of Pacific highway, three miles grading. E. L. Ashton, low, \$34,040.

VOTE ON VETERAN LOAN LATE TODAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The senate agreed today to a limitation of debate on the veterans' loan bill after 5 p. m., indicating a vote before the day is over. Senator McNary of Oregon, the assistant republican leader, proposed the limitation agreement which provided that no senator could speak longer than 10 minutes or more than once after 5 o'clock.

MARINES SLAY 25 IN NICARAGUAN BATTLE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The navy department was advised today that 25 insurgents were killed by marines February 18, near El Tula, in the northern part of Nicaragua.

VETS LOAN IS PASSED BY SENATE

Measure Granting Borrowing Privilege of Fifty Per Cent Face Value Bonus Certificates Now Goes to President.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—After an afternoon of debate the senate passed the veterans' loan bill by a vote of 72 to 12.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Prediction was made in the senate today, as it neared a vote on the veterans' loan measure, by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, that there would be enough votes to pass the legislation over the prospective veto of President Hoover.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—The veterans' loan bill would allow World war veterans to borrow up to half the face value of their bonus insurance certificates. President Hoover and the treasury estimate approximately \$1,000,000,000 will be borrowed, if the measure becomes law.

Veterans Administrator Hines believes 2,550,000 veterans of the more than 3,000,000 holding the adjusted service certificates would avail themselves of the loans. Interest in the loans would be charged at 4 1/2 per cent instead of 6 per cent as now. Veterans are now allowed loans up to 25 1/2 per cent of the value of bonus certificates. The average loan available would be \$500.

THREATEN REFERENDUM FOR POLICE PENSIONS

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Threats to invoke the referendum on the Portland firemen's and policemen's pension bill were freely made by insurance men following a very heated hearing before the senate insurance committee today. The insurance men declared they would "show them that there are some votes in the state outside of Multnomah county."

GOOS BAY CHANNEL GIVEN DISAPPROVAL

MARSHFIELD, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Word has been received here that the proposed project for a 26-foot channel from the jetties to the Goos Bay Lumber company mill has been disapproved by the U. S. army district engineer's office. Senator Charles McNary recently expressed himself as favoring the project.

Killed in Craah

PENSACOLA, Fla., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Lieutenant Paul L. Thompson, pilot, and Andrew Herman Mlozik, student flier, were killed today as their land training plane went into a spin at low altitude and crashed just outside the city limits.

Charlie Chaplin Welcomed As England's Hero of Hour Once Resided in an Attic

LONDON, Feb. 19.—(AP)—A shy little man with eloquent feet was England's greatest hero today. It was Charlie Chaplin, of course, coming home for the second time since he left his London attic to seek his fortune 20 years ago. Ever since it became known that he was returning, the newspapers have maintained a barrage about him and today they followed him with bulletins from his ship to London. A tremendous welcome began the moment he stepped off the boat at Plymouth and it continued as the boat train sped through the countryside on a schedule the movie fans knew by heart. Chaplin was in holiday mood, parading before the cameras at

Corn Beef Odors Bother Tenants Federal Building

MILWAUKEE, Wis., Feb. 19.—(AP)—What the hungry souls in the federal building have to eat from now on will depend upon how the wind blows. If it blows from the north-east the patrons of the Post-office cafeteria will get corned beef, cabbage, onions and other odoriferous dishes. But if it does not they'll have to take chances on something else. Dignified tenants complained about the odors to Peter P. Pniasecki, the postmaster. They were coming up an elevator shaft.

DELUGE BRINGS JOY TO COAST FARMING AREAS

Anxiety in Klamath Basin Relieved By Heavy Rain—Snow Reported in Mountain Country.

KLAMATH FALLS, Feb. 19.—(AP)—Relieving, in part, a great deal of anxiety, a heavy rain fell in the Klamath basin yesterday and more was predicted today. Lack of moisture had endangered the irrigation water supply. A heavy fall of snow was reported in the mountain regions of the district.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—All was quiet on the western coast today, and sunshine followed yesterday's boisterous gale. The gale brought with it a deluge of rain in several sections, and less generous precipitation in others.

In the Grays Harbor area 3.15 inches of rain fell in the 24-hour period ending at noon yesterday. Seattle had 1.41 inches. Olympia reported 2.75 inches, and Longview, 3.1 of an inch. Portland received little more than half an inch. Truck gardeners and farmers in the rain belt were jubilant.

MAJOR BUTLER WILL FORSAKE NAVY TO TALK

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 19.—(AP)—Major General Smedley Butler plans to retire from the Marine corps next September to become a lecturer. He announced his intention to forsake his military career for the Huntingtons last night when he arrived here to deliver an address, explaining that he had signed a contract to deliver a series of lectures beginning next October.

His retirement, he said, was contingent upon the consent of the president, adding that some Washington officials were aware of his plans and that he expected no opposition.

Rich Mining Man Is Slain in Argument

COLVILLE, Wash., Feb. 19.—(AP)—J. E. Yoder, 73, reputedly wealthy retired mining man, is dead and an unnamed man was in jail here today as the result of what was described as an argument over a lease in the Deep Lake country 10 miles east of Northport yesterday. Sheriff Dick Bone brought out the body and made an arrest, but refused to discuss the tragedy or to name the man involved.

VOTE UPON INTANGIBLE TAX SOUGHT

Special Election On Measure Will Be Incorporated in Tax Program to Be Presented to Legislature By Committee.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP)—A special election to pass upon an 8 per cent intangibles tax measure for 1930 was voted by the joint taxation and revenue committees last night and will be incorporated in the tax program being prepared for presentation to the legislature within the next few days. The election is necessitated by the desire of the committee to bring about immediate relief to real property taxpayers, making the proposed revenue effective upon 1930 incomes rather than waiting a possible referendum to appeal at the next regular election. Meier Approves The decision of the committee was taken following a session with Governor Julius L. Meier, at which he approved the program of the committee with the suggestion that the intangibles tax levy be advanced one year. The revenue from this tax is estimated to total about \$1,750,000 annually. The special election would be called as soon as the measure is enacted. In his statement to the committee, Meier pointed to the "serious and critical taxation situation in Oregon," and that under the present system "real estate and tangible personal property have been required to bear a larger and larger share of the ever increasing tax load."

Owners Organizing He stated: "Owners of real property are now organizing in all sections of the state to give expression to a reasonable demand for equitable taxation. They are demanding, and have a right to demand, that the tax load shall be more fairly distributed. "Whatever the final solution of this matter may be," Meier said, "the real property of the state must be relieved in its practical entirety from ad valorem taxes for state purposes. Anything short of this accomplishment would fall short of satisfying a fair and reasonable demand which the owners of real property are presenting, and which they have an eminent right to present."

Points Emphasized The governor emphasized the important points of the tax proposal, as follows: "1. The increase in the rate of the excise on corporations, including banks and financial institutions, from 5 per cent to 8 per cent, such increase to become effective in 1932. "2. The enactment of a new intangibles tax law under which income from intangibles would be taxed at the rate of 8 per cent, as compared with the rate of 5 per cent in the law of 1929, invalidated by decision of the supreme court. The new measure is designed to satisfy the conditions imposed by the court, for a valid enactment, and is to become effective for the taxation of income received from intangibles during the year 1930 and annually thereafter. "3. An appeal from the decision of the Oregon supreme court, invalidating the 1929 intangibles tax law, should, if possible, be taken to the supreme court of the United States. The effect of such action would be to withhold the refunding of the \$94,000 collected under the law until the court of last resort shall have had the opportunity to pass on the matter. As a part of this plan it is contemplated that a general law should be enacted to provide for the refunding of taxes collected under an invalidated law when the same has been so held by the highest court to which the case has been appealed."