

WEATHER FORECAST

Tonight and Friday, rain or snow; Cloudy in south portion; warmer.

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TREMOR CAUSED BY FLAT WHEEL, SHARPS ASSERT

Jar Came When Few Million Tons of Earth Slipped Into Pacific

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—The earth, in its whirl through space, got off into a few moments Tuesday and shifted its "poles" or axis, to fit the new center of rotation. Then that it might not be traveling on a "flat wheel," so to speak, a few million tons of solid rock, somewhere off the western coast of the United States in the bed of the Pacific ocean, "slipped" a millimeter and a half to even things up.

This is the manner in which professors of geology and seismographic observers account for the violent earth vibrations which demoralized instruments in the observatories. Thus far the exact location of the huge "slip" has not been determined, although observers from Washington, D. C., to Berkeley, Cal., agree it probably was a few hundred miles off the mouth of the Columbia river.

Absence of a record disruption of the visible surface of the earth or of the huge tidal waves which usually radiate from the scene of an earthquake, lead observers to believe that the "slip" occurred miles below the bed of the ocean.

Violence Is Attributed Its violence was attested by the quavering seismographs, which in some instances were thrown from the recording rolls, while a "strong machine" at Berkeley was set in motion for the first time in many years.

"No doubt the earth was readjusting itself," said Prof. J. J. Lynch, seismographic observer at Fordham University here.

"About every so often the earth becomes upset, goes off center, changes its axis and usually about the same time there is a violent earthquake, a slipping of miles of strata, and we go merrily along again."

The Andes, along the Pacific coast in South America and the chain of rocky formations which join the two continents, disappearing into the sea off Southern California, are continuously lifting, falling and "slipping," according to the seismologist and the geologist.

TWENTY-FIVE BELIEVED DEAD AS RESULT OF EXPLOSION IN COAL MINE

GATES, Pa., Feb. 2.—Twenty-five men are believed dead from an explosion today in the Gates mine of the H. C. Frick Coke company. Sixteen bodies were recovered at 2 o'clock this afternoon. The rescuers feared the nine remaining in the mine had perished.

ATHLETIC SMOKER PROMISES TO BE A GREAT SUCCESS

Boxing, Wrestling and Other Events Scheduled, With Battle Royal as Grand Finale All is set for the Klamath Amateur Athletic association tournament to be held tomorrow night in the association hall, Fourth and Klamath. Those in charge of the affair declare it will be the biggest and best athletic affair of its kind ever attempted here, and point to the following card in substantiation of their declaration.

First will appear "Tuffy" Anderson and "Battling Fitzsimmons," known in private life as Freddie Biehn, without whom no athletic tournament would be complete.

Then will follow wrestling by Feilding and Cornish for the best two out of three falls. These are 100-pound wrestlers, and both are fast.

Walsh and Kinsey will appear next in three fast rounds of boxing. Then Indian wrestling, with V. Christy and Battling John Doe in the stellar roles. The association claims this will be a knockout.

Following this will appear those well-known and skillful fighters, Bobby Allen and Bobby Ross, in a four-round bout. Both of these boxers have demonstrated their ability on numerous occasions, and have long been local favorites.

A wrestling match of more than usual interest will be staged between Charles Groves and Roger Montgomery for the high school championship. The youngsters are fast, and the match promises to be a stem-winder. They will try for the best out of three falls.

In addition to these events, numerous athletic "stunts" are scheduled, including a challenge by the K. A. A. A. for any strong man in the audience to enter a broom-pulling contest with one of the members.

The grand finale will be a battle royal, an event said to be well worth the price of admission. The association will charge a nominal admission of 50 cents, with half-price to those who present membership cards.

PRESIDENT NOT FAVORABLE TO SENATE'S BILL

Objects to Features of the Measure Dealing With Foreign Debt

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The President objects to some provisions of the Allied Debt Refunding bill as passed by the Senate, according to information given out today by the House Ways and Means committee. Chairman Fordney said action would be deferred until he could consult President Harding.

Mellon reiterated that he believed it impracticable to depend upon the foreign debt for financing the bonus, because revenue from that source would be problematical.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—A revision of all legislation for appropriations for rivers and harbors will be undertaken by the Senate Commerce committee. Chairman Jones announced in the senate, in connection with a bill he introduced providing for authorizations not exceeding \$17,000,000 yearly.

WOULD AVERT STRIKE Miners Scheduled to Go Out End of Next Month

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The Department of Justice is working out plans to cope with the threatened coal miners' strike set for the end of next month.

INDIANAPOLIS, Feb. 2.—The United Mine workers scale committee, which will formulate new demands to replace the agreement expiring next month, will meet here next Wednesday.

DORA STY IS BOUND OVER TO GRAND JURY

Dora Sty, who was arrested Monday night in the Washington rooming house, was arraigned yesterday afternoon before U. S. Commissioner Thomas, on a charge of bootlegging. She was held for the federal grand jury in \$1,000 bail, which thus far she has been unable to furnish.

ARBUCKLE JURY RESUMES SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 2.—The jury in the Arbuckle trial, which retired late yesterday, resumed deliberations this morning. At noon today it called for a transcript of the evidence.

GROUNDHOG COMES OUT, SEES SHADOW, RETIRES FOR NAP

Police Hint Animal May Have Another Purpose for Remaining So Long in Hole Lay in a farther supply of wood and bury the water pipes still deeper! The ground hog came out today, looked long and hard at his shadow, and retired to resume his winter-long nap, which always is interrupted on February 2, "Ground Hog Day."

In police circles today it was hinted that the ground hog's hole may be investigated on the theory that the noted weather prophet may be passing the long months by manufacturing moonshine. The police scoffed at the idea that an animal would be incapable of this practice, declaring that they were surprised at nothing any more.

PYTHIANS HUSTLING Two Candidates Take Initiation Work; Seven Others Apply

The first fruits of the February campaign for membership were shown last night when Klamath lodge, Knights of Pythias, initiated two candidates in the first rank and received applications for membership from seven others.

February, the birth month of the order, is being celebrated by a general campaign for membership. The goal in Oregon is one thousand members.

The local lodge plans to give work in the first two ranks to all candidates secured during the month, and later to give the final degree to the entire class at one grand initiation.

SERIOUS SITUATION ARISES OVER IRISH BOUNDARY

DUBLIN, Feb. 2.—A serious situation has arisen over the boundary between Ulster and South Ireland, it was officially stated, as the result of a conference today between Sir James Craig, Ulster Premier, and Michael Collins, head of the new Irish Republican government.

RUSSIA WANTS TURKEY TRADE RIGA, Latvia, Jan. 11.—(By mail)—Soviet Russia is going after the trade of Nationalist Turkey. A Moscow radio dispatch says that the Komalst government has consented to the establishment of direct passenger and freight steamship lines from Russian Black Sea ports to Anatolia.

THEATRE VICTIM DIES WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—Edward H. Shaughnessy of Chicago, second Assistant Postmaster General, died today of injuries suffered in the Knickerbocker theater disaster.

FILM DIRECTOR MURDERED WITH SHOT IN NECK

Bullet Ranges Downward to Heart; Believed Fired From Behind

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—William D. Taylor, chief director of one of the largest film companies here was found dead at his home early today shot through the neck. He evidently had been murdered. The body was found near a desk upon which was a cancelled check.

MANY ATTEND MEET Usual Number of Malia Live-Wires Present at Gathering

The usual large number of Malia live-wires were present last night at the community meet which was featured by an interesting film depicting the work of the county health nurse and address.

John W. L. Smith told of the work being done under the Smith Hughes plan, which includes an O. A. C. course in agriculture designed to meet the needs of such community.

WORK FOR TEAMSTERS Local Preference to Be Given in Pine Beetle Work

The Klamath Forest Protective association, in the prosecution of the work in connection with the project for the extermination of the pine beetle, anticipate having considerable freighting to do between here and Swan Lake, Aspen Lake and Bly. Purchasing Agent Black announced today that he would be glad to hear from teamsters in connection with the work, as he was desirous of giving preference to local people in making contracts for the hauling wherever possible.

RESIGNS FROM CABINET ROME, Feb. 2.—Premier Bonomi announced his resignation from the Italian cabinet in the Chamber of Deputies today.

GOVERNOR EXTENDS REPRISALS OF MEN HELD UNDER DEATH SENTENCE

SALEM, Feb. 2.—Governor Olcott today extended the reprisals of Hattie Kerby, and Dan Casey as the supreme court had not yet decided Rathle's case brought to test the capital punishment law. The case will be appealed to the United States supreme court if he law is upheld.

COUNTY COURT AND CHAMBER DISCUSS ROAD BOND ISSUE

The county court and the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce met at the Chamber of Commerce today to discuss the proposed \$800,000 road bond issue. A signed statement of the findings of the board and recommendations will be issued Friday.

MCDONALD ON TRIAL Case Probably Will Go to Jury This Afternoon

In the circuit court yesterday afternoon the trial of Bert McDonald and T. W. Capner, charged with moonshining operations was begun. Capner, through his attorney, Horace Manning entered a plea of guilty and a jury was sworn to try McDonald.

While the first witness was testifying a message was brought to one of the jurors, E. L. Wrightmeier, that his child was dangerously ill and he was excused. With the consent of the district attorney and counsel for the defense, I. C. Padrick was sworn in his place and the trial proceeded.

The trial was resumed this morning and just before noon the state rested its case. The defense placed Capner on the stand and he testified that McDonald was the lessee of the premises at Eleventh street and Warden avenue, where it is alleged the moonshine was manufactured and sold.

Immediately after the noon recess this afternoon, McDonald was placed on the stand, and substantiated the statements of Capner that at the time the offense is alleged to have taken place he did not occupy the premises and that Capner was his tenant. The case will probably go to the jury this afternoon.

CITIES GROW FASTEST Population Migrates From Smaller Towns; Klamath Shows Gain

SALEM, Feb. 2.—The tendency of the population to accumulate in the larger cities and towns, migrating not only from the farms but from the smaller towns, is disclosed by an analysis of the census returns of Oregon for the two decades preceding 1920. Of 198 towns and cities listed in the Oregon blue book, 16 towns decreased in population between 1900 and 1910, and only one of the 16 had a population of more than 1000.

Of the same list of towns and cities, 57 decreased in population between 1910 and 1920, and only nine of these exceeded 1,000 inhabitants. These nine towns included Ashland, Grants Pass, Independence, Lakeview, Lebanon, Medford, Rainier, Roseburg and Union. Eleven of the larger centers made substantial gains, including Astoria, Corvallis, Eugene, Klamath Falls, Pendleton, Baker, La Grande, Oregon City, Portland, Salem and The Dalles.

KENNEDY, FRIEND AND ORVILLE ARE CLEARED

The jury in the case of Earl Kennedy, Leo Friend and Orville Robinet, accused by Ruth Broom of robbing her of \$15, yesterday afternoon brought in a verdict of not guilty.

CARDINALS ARE IN SESSION TO ELECT PONTIFF

First Ballot Probably Will Be Taken Friday; May Decide Saturday

ROME, Feb. 2.—The conclave of the sacred college to choose a new Pope began today. Fifty-two Cardinals went into seclusion when the great oak barrier at the entrance to the court yard of St. Damazo closed. They will be isolated until their task is finished.

The first ballot probably will not be taken until Friday. The balloting is not expected to consume over two days.

The next Pope is expected to come from the moderate section of the sacred college.

Well-informed persons in ecclesiastical circles here are unable to point to any one cardinal as the most probable successor to Benedict XV.

But every one in Vatican circles agrees on two points: One—That the next pope will be an Italian.

Two—That he will be picked from among the pastoral cardinals—those in charge of various dioceses—rather than from the members of curia, or pope's council.

That the next pope will be an Italian is certain, ecclesiastical experts say because 31 of the 61 members of the Sacred College—a majority—are of Italian birth.

The possibilities narrow down to the 10 Italian pastoral cardinals who head various dioceses. Cardinal Maffei of Pisa is one of these. He is extremely popular in Italy. He's 64 and has been a cardinal 14 years. He is a strong Italian patriot and stands for reconciliation between the Vatican and the Italian government.

Another leading possibility is Cardinal Ratti of Milan. Ratti has been a cardinal only one year, but Pope Benedict had been a cardinal only four months when elevated.

Ratti started his career as curator in the libraries of Milan and the Vatican.

Then he became apostolic visitor to Poland while Poland was struggling for freedom.

When Poland was freed he became pap nuncio. He also acted as ecclesiastical diplomat in Finland and Russia, making an enviable record of accomplishment.

Cardinal La Fontaine of Venice also is considered. La Fontaine is 62 and was made a cardinal in 1916.

Alessio Ascalesi of Benevento has been mentioned among these. But by most he is considered too young—he's 49.

ROME, Feb. 2.—The College of Cardinals which meets in secret conclave at the Vatican today to elect a new Pope numbers when complete 70 members but rarely is attended by more than a part of the college.

There are now living about 60 Cardinals including six Cardinal Bishops, six Cardinal Deacons and the others Cardinal Priests.

Cardinal Vincent Vannutelli, is Dean of the Sacred College. Italians compose about one-half of the membership of the college with Spain next in order with seven members. England and the United States have two each with one in Canada and one in South America. The American Bishops are William Cardinal O'Connell, Archbishop of Boston and Dennis Cardinal Dougherty, Archbishop of Philadelphia.

Meets On 10th Day The College is required to meet on the 10th day after the death of a Pope. A two-thirds vote is necessary for an election. While there is no law against the election of a layman, it has become tradition to elect the new Pope from the membership of the College of Cardinals, and it is

(Continued to Page 4) WEATHER PROBABILITIES The Cyclo-Stormograph at Underwood's Pharmacy registered another rise in barometric pressure during the last 24 hours, the reading at 3 p. m. being 30.80. Indications are that clear cold weather will continue. Forecast for next 24 hours: Clear tonight—continued cool, with moderate winds. The Thermograph recording thermometer maximum and minimum temperatures, today, as follows: High 52 Low 32

OLD CHRISTOPHER WILL SOON BE AN "ALSO RAN"



DECLARES SOLDIER BONUS SHOULD COME FROM TAXES

WASHINGTON, D. C., Feb. 2.—The soldier bonus should be paid from special taxes, such as increased first and second class postage and tobacco levies, Secretary Mellon declared today before the House Ways and Means committee.

MARKET REPORT

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—Livestock, steady; Eggs, unsettled; Butter three cents lower; extra cubes 34 cents; Wheat \$1.08 to \$1.15.