

The Weather
Highest temperature yesterday—57
Lowest temperature last night—39
Forecast for southwest Oregon:
Cloudy tonight and Wednesday,
moderate temperature.

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HUNDREDS OF CALIFORNIANS PERISH WHEN ST. FRANCIS DAM GOES OUT

Today
A Three-Billion Stock.
Au Revoir, Mr. Ludwig.
Why a Conspiracy?
Too Much Oil? Hardly.

By Arthur Brisbane

Last Saturday, Wall street employed the two shining hours of business buying and selling more than 1,000,000 shares an hour. Business in that neighborhood is really big.

One stock, General Motors, selling at \$160 a share, represents a total value of near \$3,000,000,000.

We have reached the age of billions. An investment of \$60 in General Motors, early in the war, would be worth \$5000 now. There is no knowing what heights American values will reach.

The one thing certain is that if you gamble, you will end badly. What about the big men with millions? They don't gamble. They know what they are doing, and let the fools gamble.

Mr. Emil Ludwig returns to Europe, having seen Otto H. Kahn and other parts of America. Someone gave Ludwig this information, "Have little socialism in America, because we tell the state that it exists for the people. In Europe they tell the people they exist for the state, as there is much socialism."

We have little socialism here because powerful, rich men who really run the country, selecting those for whom the people shall vote, have brains enough to pay liberal wages. Cut wages in two and you'd have here a radicalism that would make Europe's socialism look pale.

Ludwig says he met 25 men and three billions of dollars at Kahn's house. He'd met more billions than that, if Kahn invited the right 25—Rockefeller, Baker, Mellon, Ford, DuPont, etc.

Ludwig will write a life of Lincoln. It will interest all interested in Ludwig, not so much those interested in Lincoln. Until you know thoroughly the America of today and of 90 years ago, you cannot know Lincoln.

Washington discovers a British conspiracy to keep this country from building super ocean steamers and dominating the world at sea. No need of any conspiracy. Just leave us to our own inefficiency, as proved in our shipping attempts hitherto.

In any case, neither of two conspicuous presidential candidates, Hoover for the republicans, Al Smith for the democrats, would eat out of Balfour's hand, as our boy statesmen at the Washington battle-junking conference did. Mr. Hoover proved his quality when he broke down the British rubber monopoly.

Mr. Sinclair, visiting Mr. Fall, formerly in the cabinet, is gloomy about the oil outlook. He fears greater overproduction this year than last.

Other oil people can find comfort in the fact that just now Mr. Sinclair may be slightly prejudiced on oil matters. In any case, there are oil fields belonging to the United States navy that will not be dumped

MELLON TELLS WHY HE SHIED AT OIL BONDS

Didn't Like Hays' Request for Personal Donation to Screen Them.

BUTLER ALSO WARY

Treasury Head Viewed Deal "Incidental" and Hays Labels Affair as "Irrelevant."

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—Will H. Hays, former chairman of the republican national committee, told the senate Teapot Dome committee today that he had lost a lot of money dealing in Sinclair Consolidated Oil company stock.

Hays said he had both bought and sold the stock of the company in which Harry F. Sinclair, lessee, of Teapot Dome, is heavily interested, about 1923.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 13.—Secretary Mellon, called before the senate's Teapot Dome committee today, testified that Will H. Hays, Republican campaign manager in 1920, had attempted to have him accept \$50,000 in Liberty bonds and give a like subscription to the party because Hays did not want large donations, such as that of Harry F. Sinclair, to show on the records.

Mellon refused the bonds, he said, but he declared that at that time he knew nothing of the naval oil scandal which has been pending for five years. He said Hays told him he could not accept them, because the deal would not be what it purported to be.

A few days later he sent the bonds back to New York in the care of S. Parker Gilbert, then under secretary of the treasury and now agent general for German reparations.

On December 6, 1923, Mellon said he sent Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the Republican national committee, a \$50,000 check to be used in wiping out the committee's debt.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, Montana, committee prosecutor, reminded the treasury official that the Teapot Dome investigation had been in progress a month when Hays approached him regarding the bonds, but the witness said he told him he kept pace with the senate's investigations.

Will H. Hays, recalled as a witness today, testified that he had sought to have Secretary Mellon and William M. Butler, chairman of the Republican national committee, accept bonds from him in 1923 and in their stead contribute toward wiping out the committee's 1920 deficit.

Both Mellon and Butler previously had testified they had rejected Hays' proposition.

Mellon had told the committee that he knew the bonds offered him had come from Harry F. Sinclair after his lease of the Teapot Dome naval oil reserve in Wyoming. Butler said that when Hays approached him at the Biltmore Hotel in New York, he did not disclose that the bonds had come from Sinclair. Asked why he had not disclosed the transactions with Mellon and Butler in testimony before the committee on March 1, Hays insisted that this information was irrelevant.

Butler said he turned down the proposition flatly. He testified Hays asked him to give a \$25,000 contribution toward wiping out the 1920 campaign deficit and did not disclose whom the bonds came from.

PASSING THE BUCK IN DEAL ON OIL BONDS



Andrew W. Mellon



WILL H. HAYS



WM. M. BUTLER

The secretary of the treasury and chairman of the Republican National Committee tell the senate investigators why they refused to accept bonds proffered by Will H. Hays in exchange for requested personal contributions.

TWENTY-ONE DIE IN PASSENGER TRAIN WRECK

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
COCOMO, Ceylon, Mar. 12.—Twenty-one persons were killed today when a passenger train collided with the Galle-Colombo express near Kalutara. The engine and several coaches of both trains were wrecked.

ROSEBURG TEAM COUNTY CHAMPIONS LAST YEAR

The Roseburg senior high school basketball team a year ago won the county basketball championship, instead of the Drain team. It was called to the attention of the News-Review today. In yesterday's report on the county tournament held last Saturday it was stated that Drain was a year ago, but this is in error and to give credit to the local team the correction is made.

Miss Ruby Gulls is here for the week visiting at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Gulls. Miss Gulls is employed in the Dollar store in Portland.

BRITISH FLIER STARTS FLIGHT OVER ATLANTIC

Capt. Hinchcliffe Leaves on Mystery Hop Headed Towards U. S.

OVER COUNTY CORK

Lighthouse Keeper Sights Plane Headed West—Wife and Agent Say Goal New York.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LONDON, Mar. 13.—Off on a daring attempt to conquer the Atlantic, Captain Walter Hinchcliffe, one of England's brilliant airmen, sped from Cranwell Air Dome at 8:40 o'clock this morning in his American-built plane "The Adventure."

The mystery that attached to the take off which was made with the utmost secrecy, was further complicated by the presence of a mysterious passenger that may possibly have been the Honorable Elsie Mackay, daughter of Lord Inchcape.

Although first reports said that Captain Gordon Sinclair, a reserve pilot, was in the plane, there was no positive confirmation of his presence. When his plans for the Atlantic flight were first announced it was reported that Miss Mackay, who has supported the project financially, would make the trip, but she promptly disclaimed any intention of doing so.

Inquiries at Miss Mackay's home this evening, however, failed to disclose any information concerning her whereabouts.

A plane believed to be "The Adventure" was reported this afternoon over Ireland flying in a westerly direction.

LONDON, Mar. 13.—Captain Walter Hinchcliffe's agent in London said this afternoon that Captain Hinchcliffe, who left Cranwell this morning on a mystery flight with sufficient fuel to carry him 3,000 miles, intended to attempt to fly the Atlantic. He was accompanied by Captain Gordon Sinclair.

Meanwhile no word had been received at 4 o'clock this afternoon of the airman's whereabouts since his hop-off at 8:40 o'clock this morning.

Was Over Ireland

BELFAST, Northern Ireland, Mar. 13.—Captain Fitzmaurice of the Free State Air Force says that the lighthouse keeper at Mizzenhead at County Cork, reports that an airplane passed over Mizzenhead at 1:30 o'clock this afternoon. It was flying in a westerly direction.

The officer in charge of the coast life saving service in the same area reports having seen an airplane passing over Crook Haven, County Cork, about the same time. It was believed that the machine was Captain Hinchcliffe's. (Mizzenhead is about 320 miles from Cranwell.)

Wife Shows Anxiety
LONDON, Mar. 13.—Mrs. Hinchcliffe informed the Associated Press late today that she believed her husband was headed for New York.

HOPS OFF ON LONDON-N. Y. FLIGHT TODAY



Captain Walter G. R. Hinchcliffe

leaves Cranwell, England, early today on mystery flight which later develops into trans-Atlantic hop. Hinchcliffe was the pilot chosen by Charles Levine who was planning to fly back to the U. S.

LEAS TO ENTER RACE FOR OFFICE OF COUNTY SHERIFF

E. E. Leas of Oakland, one of the best known law enforcement officers of the county, today announced that he will be a candidate for the republican nomination for sheriff at the primary election to be held May 18.

Mr. Leas tendered his resignation last week as deputy sheriff under Sheriff Webb and is now going before the voters to seek the office which is to be filled at the election this year.

Mr. Leas has had many years of experience in this work, having been employed on the police force at Dayton, Ohio, for three years before coming to Oregon. For a year and a half of that time he was engaged in specialized work in the criminal department. He came to Douglas county 25 years ago and engaged in business at Oakland, and in recent years has conducted a garage business at that place.

For the past 7 years he has been connected with the law enforcement organization of the county, holding the position of deputy sheriff at Oakland until the past few months when he was made first field deputy and has been connected with the sheriff's office at Roseburg.

He has been very efficient in his work and in every particular well qualified for the office which he seeks.

LIQUOR RAID CASE MUST BE TRIED IN COURT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)
SALEM, Ore., Mar. 13.—Judge Walter H. Evans of the lower court for Multnomah county erred when he sustained a demurrer throwing out of court the case of Mrs. George Peterson, against George L. Cleaver, former state prohibition commissioner, as the Fidelity and Deposit company of Maryland, Cleaver's surety. This case, in which Mrs. Peterson sued for malicious prosecution and damages must go back to the circuit court for trial, says an opinion of the supreme court today, written by Justice Rossman, reversing Judge Evans.

On Christmas eve, 1923, Cleaver caused a raid to be made on the woman's home. No liquor was found.

Mrs. Peterson sued. The defendants demurred, contending that the allegations of malicious prosecution and that a raid had been conducted in the plaintiff's home did not constitute cause sufficient for action. This demurrer was sustained by Judge Evans and Mrs. Peterson appealed.

DISASTER OCCURS NEAR MIDNIGHT WHEN VICTIMS IN VALLEY WERE ASLEEP

SURVIVORS OF DISASTER SEEK BODIES OF DEAD

Pitiful Scenes Are Enacted Today in Desolate Valley.

HOMES IN RUINS

Harry Carey Ranch, Famous Home of Movie Star, Is Mass of Debris—Looks for Family.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEWHALL, Calif., Mar. 13.—San Francisco Canyon, yesterday one of the most beautiful in this section of the country, today is buried under a layer of yellowish sand, ranging from a few feet to 30 feet in depth. Citrus groves and small ranches with those who lived on them have been engulfed and interred or carried down the raging water course towards the sea at Ventura.

The water, which, when the dam broke, came tearing down the canyon a raging breastwork 75 feet high, at 7 o'clock had dropped to a harmless stream, winding its way through the yellow sand.

Along the banks of the canyon were stray bits of hay, bits of wreckage, a wandering, homeless dog or two and here and there a bedraggled chicken, but not a single sign of human life.

Bodies Swept Away

Eugene Biscailuz, under sheriff, who rushed here from Los Angeles, surveyed the desolate scene and expressed the belief that beneath the yellow carpet that covered the valley are the remains of virtually every one of the more than 100 persons who lived in it. A few bodies, he thought might have been swept towards the sea, and he has directed his men to search for these lower down.

At seven o'clock five bodies lay in the Mason Lodge room at Saugus. (Continued on page 3.)

Seepage of Water Through Mountain on Wing of Dam is Cause of Break—Beautiful San Francisco Canyon Desolate Scene as Survivors Search for Bodies of Loved Ones.

(Associated Press Leased Wire.)

NEWHALL, Calif., Mar. 13.—Bodies of more than 125 men, women and children, engulfed by the mighty wall of water that crashed thru the ruptured buttress of St. Francis dam north of here early today, had been recovered at noon with the known death toll mounting hourly.

All the way thru the narrow defile of San Francisco Canyon thru which the 75 foot wall of water poured, and on toward the sea at Ventura, the subsiding flood waters continued to give up their dead.

The great concrete retaining wall, 185 feet high, gave way at 12:30 a. m., and twelve billion gallons of water, held behind it, was loosed upon the sleeping inhabitants of the picturesque valley.

Everything Swept Away

Everything was swept away—houses, cabins, workmen's tents, orchards, livestock and humans. Of the estimated 500 persons who were in the narrow canyon and lowlands below at the time the dam gave way, only a few more than a hundred had been accounted for at midday.

Fifteen hundred Los Angeles police officers, ranchers and other dwellers in the rolling hill country north of Saugus, carried on the work of recovering bodies and aiding refugees.

Hemmed in by the precipitous sides of San Francisco Canyon, the canyon dwellers and power company workers engaged in constructing new pole lines, had little chance for life.

Over the whole of the canyon a deep layer of yellowish silt was deposited and beneath this, rescue officers believed, undetermined scores of dead may be buried.

Bodies Torn and Gashed

Meanwhile along the Santa Clara river, into which the torrent disgorged itself, bodies were being recovered. Torn and gashed by the mad rush of the avalanche of water along the wooded sides of the canyon, only a small percentage could be identified.

Work of rescue was hampered because the entire stricken area, comprising many square miles, had been thrown in darkness by the destruction of power lines.

The valley presented a scene of utter desolation. Rescuers plodded thru mire knee deep, in search of the dead. Temporary morgues, hospitals, and refugee stations have been set up at Saugus, Newhall, Oxnard, Fillmore, Piru, Moorpark, and other inland towns along the route of the maddened flood.

NEWHALL, Calif., Mar. 13.—A lantern light survey at dawn indicated, according to Los Angeles city officials, that water seeping thru a hill supporting the west wing of the St. Francis dam had caused the disaster which early today is believed to have cost scores, if not hundreds, of lives, when the dam collapsed.

Early reports that the dam was broken by a slight earthquake were discredited here today by William Mulholland, Los Angeles city engineer.

Mulholland said that silt washed down by recent heavy rains had packed against the wall and forced it out.

What caused the retaining parapet of the great reservoir of the Los Angeles city system to give way suddenly was almost as much of a mystery this morning as the number of dead that lay buried beneath the deep covering of yellow sand which now carpets the pretty little valley.

The theory most credited a few hours after dawn was that seepage through an abutting hill had caused one of the supporting ends of the dam to crumble under its tremendous load of nearly a billion and a half gallons of water.

Had No Warning

With only the flash of a short circuited high line to serve as a warning to the hundreds who lived in cabins and ranch homes the length of the valley, a great unshakled wave estimated to have been 75 feet high rushed furiously toward the sea. Nothing stood before it. Mountain cabins, ranch homes, a city power plant, and, it is believed, a tented city inhabited by 75 or more southern California Edison workmen, were carried away.

Ten bodies lay in an improvised morgue at Saugus, near here this morning. These dead, however, represented in the opinion of William Bright, chief of the county sheriff rescue (Continued on page 6.)



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