

Editorials
on the
Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

In his second article on the Presidency, Calvin Coolidge tells why he did not choose to be a candidate in 1928.

He says, in substance, that he had given his best services to the country, that his administration had been successful and that he felt it best to turn the reins of authority over to other capable hands ahead of the reaction that is apt to follow when one man remains too long in high office in this country.

It is the plain, simple story of an obviously earnest, straightforward man.

Mr. Coolidge says: "It is necessary for the head of the nation to differ with many people who are honest in their convictions. As his term progresses, the number who are disappointed accumulates. Finally, there is no large body who have lost confidence in him that he meets a rising opposition which makes his efforts less effective."

If that is true, and most of us must agree that it is, it provides the soundest of reasons for the third-term tradition.

Here is a bit of sound philosophy from Mr. Coolidge's second article: "Although all our Presidents have had back of them a good heritage of blood, very few have been born to the purple. Fortunately, they are not supported at public expense after leaving office, so they are not expected to set an example encouraging to a leisure class."

We hear it argued, often enough, that our ex-Presidents should be pensioned—that it is not compatible with the dignity of a nation as great as ours to require the man who has served as its head to earn his living after leaving office.

This writer inclines toward Mr. Coolidge's view. We are a nation of workers. Let us remain a nation of workers. Let us support the tradition that even the greatest should not be above work.

The Southern Pacific company announces a 58-hour schedule from San Francisco to Chicago. This beats by three hours the recently announced faster rail schedules from the north coast cities to Chicago.

This writer can see, easily enough, why Chicago people should desire to reach the Pacific Coast at the earliest possible moment, but finds it a little more difficult to understand why Pacific Coast people should be so eager to get to Chicago quickly.

Of each 100 people who travel from the Pacific Coast to Chicago, how many will find any real use for the time that is saved by these new and faster schedules? Less than half a dozen, probably.

These half a dozen busy ones will rush from the train to an appointment, and will then rush back home or on to another appointment. The remainder will fritter away the time that has been saved by the faster trains.

You have seen motorists drive madly to reach a certain point by a certain time. Then, upon reaching the point aimed at, they will go about their business in a leisurely way, indicating that after all the time of arrival was not a very important matter.

The point is this: In these modern days, it is speed itself, rather than earlier arrival, that is the prime consideration. We are not seeking so much to save time as to enjoy the sensation of going fast.

Two Salem children, one aged six and the other aged three, both riding the same bicycle, were hurt the other day when they swerved in front of an automobile and were run over.

There are people who complain cause children are allowed to ride bicycles on the sidewalks. It is becoming increasingly apparent, however, that the place for children is on the sidewalk, rather than in the street.

Western lumbermen are asking for a tariff of \$3 per thousand feet on lumber imports. Shingle and cedar lumber manufacturers are asking for a 25 per cent ad valorem import duty.

Canada charges a 25 per cent ad valorem tariff on lumber products shipped from this country to Canadian markets and exacts an export (Continued on page 4)

MAYOR OPENS NEW ATTACK ON CITY COUNCIL

Purchase of Street Roller Declared Extravagant, Unnecessary and Irregular.

Council Makes Attempt to End Deadlock Over Street Commissioner Appointment.

Challenging the right of the city council to purchase a roller for the city streets and criticizing the work already done, Mayor Hoover last night presented a lengthy message before the city council.

At a recent meeting a machinery salesman was present and offered a proposal to furnish the city with a light roller at a cost of \$2,000. The councilmen inspected the streets to determine the amount of work to be done this year and satisfied themselves that the purchase of a roller is necessary and so signed with the company for its delivery. Mayor Hoover objects to the action of the council, holding the expenditure to be unnecessary and extravagant. He undertook to cancel the agreement, but the company reports that the contract and will ship the roller.

In his message the mayor also reiterated his stand regarding the appointment of George Frew as street commissioner, placed the matter of the appointment of a night officer on the table and asked an investigation of the expenditures being made for the library and fire department. His message was as follows:

Report of the mayor of the city of Roseburg, Oregon, to the city council: I have the following to report to this honorable body of concurrent happenings or matters which have come to my attention since the last regular meeting of the city council, date of April 15th, 1929.

At that meeting there was a proposition brought before the council for the city to purchase a five-ton road roller at an expense of two thousand dollars (\$2,000) f. o. b. Portland, Oregon. The matter was referred to the council as a whole to investigate and report at the next regular meeting, regarding the absolute necessity for the city to use its credit to buy the road roller and other necessary paving machinery and equipment for the repairing of the streets to meet the building, repairing and constructing the work as set out by the city engineer, and the street department. They should not be the judge as to what work is to be done, particularly when it is taken into consideration that it is an easy matter to find defects, when it comes to the proposition of finding work to be done and when parties concerned may be personally interested in the profits, and that at the expense of the taxpayer of the city, I would gain for the forest near Moose pond. All day yesterday they wandered through the woods seeking some sign of civilization. During the night they reached Rich lake, near Newcomb, and crossed it in a collapsible boat.

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DATES ARE SET FOR THE ANNUAL CITY CLEAN-UP

The city council last night set the dates for the annual spring clean-up for May 20, 21 and 22. It is the plan of the city council to hold a clean-up each year, when refuse that has accumulated during the winter months is hauled away by the city street force without cost to the residents.

The council requires that all refuse be placed in sacks or other suitable containers so that it will not be spilled out in handling. The sacks or boxes must be set out along the curb line on paved streets where it can be reached by the trucks, as nothing will be hauled away if left along unpaved streets.

The council makes this annual clean-up in an effort to keep the city appearing as neat and clean as possible, and it is urged that the residents cooperate by making a most thorough collection of cans, bottles and undesirable refuse around their own homes, and have the collection in readiness for the trucks by early morning Monday, May 20.

War Vets' Head Wants Peerless American Navy

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, May 7.—No veteran who has ever served in a real war wants to see another war, declared Colonel William L. Grayson, commander in chief of the United Spanish War Veterans, here today, where he will be the guest of local comrades for the next two days. His home is in Savannah, Georgia.

"While no veteran wants to see an outbreak of war," Colonel Grayson said, "we feel that our national defense should be equal to the value we place upon our country. We veterans who realize the value of a navy, favor an adequate fleet for this country. We have no enemies, are seeking no wars, but you know, a prosperous man has to watch out for robbers and sharpers."

"Cities are not doing away with their police forces, counties still have sheriffs on the job, so a nation must be ready to protect itself against rivals and against outlaws."

"When I say we veterans want an adequate navy I mean one that is equal to the most powerful possessed by any other nation—and then just a little bit better," Colonel Grayson declared.

"No robber ever attacks a well-guarded safe."

FRENCH BOMBING PLANE CRASHES; FIVE FLIERS DIE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BOURGEOIS, France, May 7.—Five French military aviators were killed at the Avord aviation field last night, their bombing plane crashing to earth when a wing dropped off.

The bodies could be taken from the plane only this morning after experts had removed two unexploded bombs from the wreck of the machine.

The crash took place after a number of bombs had been launched in practice. A wing suddenly crumpled and the plane fell at terrific speed. As it was falling a parachute became detached and witnesses were hopeful that at least one of the occupants would be saved but the parachute proved empty and it was supposed that one of the men, in desperate haste, had detached it too soon.

The victims were two pilots and three bombing students.

MISSING ENTRIES IN BALLOON RACE REPORTED SAFE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ALBANY, N. Y., May 7.—A dispatch to the Albany Evening News from Newcomb, Essex county, reports the landing of the Detroit Times' balloon entry, piloted by Arthur Schlosser and Edward J. Hill, in the Adirondack wilds yesterday forenoon. After being without food for thirty-six hours Schlosser and Hill reached the settlement today.

The balloon, the pilots said, descended about 7:15 a. m. yesterday in the forest near Moose pond. All day yesterday they wandered through the woods seeking some sign of civilization. During the night they reached Rich lake, near Newcomb, and crossed it in a collapsible boat.

While at work on the state highway near here, shortly before noon today, Howard Anderson heard shouts. A moment later the aeroplans, nearly exhausted, emerged from the woods.

"We have had nothing to eat since we left our wrecked balloon," Schlosser said as they were breaking their long fast at Anderson's home. "In an effort to remain in the air we were compelled to throw away much valuable paraphernalia, including our motion picture camera."

S. DEER CREEK GRANGE GUESTS AT FORUM LUNCHEON

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

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THREE MONTHS IN JAIL START FOR SINCLAIR

Millionaire Oil Operator Who Defied Senate in Teapot Dome Probe Paying Penalty.

Educated for Pharmacist, Prisoner Will Prove Valuable Help in Medical Ward.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, May 7.—Starting his first full day as a prisoner, Harry F. Sinclair, wealthy oil operator, early this morning was assigned to the drug room of the Washington asylum and jail to act as dispensing pharmacist and assistant to the jail physician during his three months' sojourn behind the bars.

Sinclair, who last night began the sentence imposed upon him for his refusal to answer questions asked by a senate committee during its investigation of the Teapot Dome oil lease, was one of the first of the prisoners to arise this morning from the none too comfortable iron cots in the jail.

After breakfast, Major William L. Peak, warden of the jail, asked the oil man what profession he was fitted for and Sinclair replied that he was a registered druggist and took a two-year pharmacy course at the University of Kansas.

"We have never had a pharmacist in here before," Peak said, "and the doctor always has compounded his own prescriptions."

As part of his duties Sinclair will be required to assist in the bandaging of cuts and in the care of other minor injuries. As jail pharmacist, Major Peak said, Sinclair might be required to sleep part of the time on a cot adjoining the drug room in cases where certain prisoners may be so ill as to require a constant attendant there. Otherwise his sleeping quarters will be in the dormitory which he will share with the sixty out of the jail's 500 prisoners detailed to "white collar" jobs.

Doctor and Nurse Pleased Mr. Sinclair lost no time in beginning his duties as pharmacist. He was taken to the prison hospital by Major Peak and introduced to (Continued on page 7)

FIRST TALKY SHOW TO BE OFFERED BY ANTLERS FRIDAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

The first talking movie show for Roseburg will be held Friday, this week, according to an announcement made this morning by E. A. Gross, manager of the Antlers theatre. The installation of the equipment has been completed and has been given successful tests, so that everything is now in readiness to start the "talkies" in this city.

The opening show will be "Weary River," a Paramount production, selected as one of the 10 best recent releases. This will be followed by "Alias Jimmy Valentine," "Broadway Melody," "Why Be Good," "SpeakEasy," "The Delany Trunk," and numerous others of the late talking pictures.

The engineers who made the installation of the local equipment are greatly pleased with the results. The Antlers' auditorium, they report, is perfect in its acoustics, and the installation is equal to anything on the coast for modulation, clarity and volume. The high ceilings and overhanging balconies give a perfect tonal effect, so that the voices of the actors will not be distorted in their reproduction.

DETROIT BUSINESS MAN SLAIN AT DOOR

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HESS MURDER CASE STILL FAR FROM SOLUTION

Further Investigation by Authorities Fails to Develop Clue to the Slayer.

Motive for Crime Remains Mystery Also; Inquest by Coroner's Jury in Progress.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

Further investigation of the mysterious Hess murder case here today resulted in a partial reconstruction of the movements of the slayer, who shot George M. Hess, federal building janitor, early Saturday morning, but brought the officers no nearer learning the identity of the murderer. Discovery of the bullet hole left by the shot fired through the bedroom window greatly assisted in tracing the movements of the principals in the murder case, but did not help in furnishing evidence as to the slayer's identity.

Members of the coroner's jury, inspecting the premises this morning, found the bullet hole for which the officers had been vainly seeking for the past two days. The shot fired through the bedroom doorway and into the kitchen, striking a calendar, hanging on the kitchen wall, and the bullet dropped between the partitions.

Officers have been puzzled in their endeavor to determine whether Hess was shot while still in the bedroom, or while fleeing from the building to the home of a neighbor. Inability to find the hole left by the bullet fired through the window cast much doubt on this point in the case, but it has been definitely proven that he was killed while endeavoring to escape, and that the bullet, which penetrated his heart and was found in his body, caused instant death as he followed his wife out of the house.

It has also been definitely determined that the shattering of the glass in the bedroom was first caused by a blow on the window pane. Apparently the slayer shoved the gun barrel against the glass with sufficient force to break it. Indications are that he also picked out fragments of the glass with his hands, endeavoring to crawl through the window into the house, but for what motive is still a mystery. (Continued on page 3)

PREMIER TARGET OF KILLERS BUT ONLY AIDE SLAIN

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

KOVNO, Lithuania, May 7.—One person was dead and two seriously wounded today as a consequence of an assassination attempt last night against Premier Augustinas Voldemaras. Neither the premier nor his wife was injured. The assailant escaped in the confusion.

The attack was made as the party entered the garden of a theatre where they were to attend a concert. Three bullets from the assailant's gun struck Lieutenant Gudimov, an aide of the premier, and he died instantly. Another bullet passed through the right lung of Captain Verbekeas, another aide, while a fifth inflicted a serious abdominal wound on a grand-nephew of the premier.

It was understood later four persons were involved in the attempt and that several arrests had been made. One of the bullets penetrated Madame Voldemaras' cloak, wounding another wounded a young girl passerby.

POSTMASTER SHOT IN TOWN HALL ROW

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ALLOWAY, N. J., May 7.—Postmaster Lewis Collier, 45, was shot in the chest last night by Lillian Fleming, 24, of Carnegie's Point, when he sought her arrest for interfering with the organization of the Alloway fire and drum corps in the town hall.

Miss Fleming, police said, was visiting friends near the town hall and in company with two other women threw insults at the postmaster as they entered the building. Collier sought out Constable Edward Van Meter and Sheriff J. Emmor Robinson to disperse the women.

Upon their arrival Miss Fleming took a revolver from her handbag and when the constable grasped her hand she fired. The bullet struck Collier in the chest and he was taken to a hospital. His condition is not serious. Miss Fleming was arrested.

Scene of Mysterious Murder In West Roseburg And The Victim



The suburban home of Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Hess, located in West Roseburg, was the scene, Saturday morning, May 4, of one of the most mysterious and baffling murders Roseburg has known for many years, when a masked slayer fired through the bedroom window, and later shot again at Mr. Hess and his wife fled towards the home of a neighbor, killing Mr. Hess. The pictures show:

1. View of the Hess home located on the Melrose road west of Roseburg, almost opposite soldiers' home.
2. Bedroom window through which shot was fired, shattering the glass and awakening the sleeping couple.
3. George M. Hess, murder victim, who for the past ten years was employed as janitor at the federal building in this city.

G. N. EXTENSION SOUTH OF KLAMATH GIVEN STATE O. K.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., May 7.—The Oregon public service commission is the latest organization to approve the proposed extension of the Great Northern railroad south from Klamath Falls, Ore., into Modoc and Shiskiyou counties, California, to connect with the Western Pacific.

A petition, filed late yesterday by the public service commission with the interstate commerce commission, seeks to intervene in the application and to develop the development of southern Oregon and its railroad transportation.

The petition states that growth and development of the state of Oregon has been materially restricted and retarded during the past seven years because of limited railroad transportation.

"The proposed construction of the Great Northern extension," the petition states, "will afford to the Pacific coast area a competitive service which will encourage development and eventually result in benefit, not only to communities, the shippers and the applicant, but to the carrier now enjoying a monopoly on this north and south Pacific traffic."

The petition continues to argue that in case of war, another direct north and south rail line would be of untold advantage.

The Southern Pacific company has filed an answer with the interstate commerce commission objecting to the proposed extension. It was alleged in the answer that the territory to be tapped by the Great Northern extension is already adequately served.

TARIFF SHAKEUP BILL MAKES ITS BOW IN HOUSE

Increased Rates Asked on Sugar, Wool, Beef and Corn; Cotton Left on Free List.

Hoover Has Blanket Power Over Commission; Farm Bill Vote Outcome Is in Doubt.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, May 7.—The new protection tariff bill introduced in the house today proposed a world rate of three cents per pound on raw sugar and a rate of 2.40 cents on raw Cuban sugar as against existing rates of 2.20 cents a pound on raw world sugar and 1.70 cents a pound on raw Cuban sugar.

Under the new bill, drafted after four months of work, the tariff rate on refined world sugar would be 3.50 cents per pound and 2.80 cents per pound on refined Cuban sugar. The present rates are 2.39 cents per pound and 1.91 cents a pound.

The bill proposes no change in the rate of pig iron.

Long staple cotton would be left on the free list.

No limitation would be placed on the present free importation of sugar from the Philippine islands. A three cent per pound increase on raw wool imports would be provided.

The bill would practically double existing rates on beef imports. An increase from 15 cents to 25 cents per bushel was recommended on corn imports.

Rates on Meats Duties on cattle on the hoof would remain the same but the duty on fresh veal and beef would be increased from three to six cents a pound. An import rate of three instead of two dollars a head would be provided for sheep, goats and lambs. The rate on fresh lamba would be seven cents a pound instead of three. The rate (Continued on page 3)

EMPLOYEES HEAR EXCELLENT TALK ON CO. RESOURCES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

The Chamber of Commerce school for employees, held at the Unapqua Hotel Indian room this morning, was very successful. There was a good attendance, and all present were very enthusiastic over the prospects for future classes. J. C. Leedy, county agent, was the speaker today, and spent the full hour discussing the agricultural resources of Douglas county, outlining the various lines of agriculture and horticulture from which the county derives revenue, showing the relative importance of each, the opportunities for expansion, and giving a great deal of valuable information concerning the advantages offered by each. This information is given for the purpose of inspiring employees of local business houses regarding the county, so that they may answer questions asked of them by tourists or others interested in what Douglas county has to offer.

The classes will be held every Tuesday morning from 8 to 9 o'clock. In addition to the talks regarding county resources and industries, it is planned to give practical instruction in the nature of business courtesy, sales talks, and such items that will aid the employees in carrying out their duties in a more efficient manner.

The school is growing in size and it is expected that there will be a large attendance next week. Employees are being urged by the Chamber of Commerce to make arrangements so that their employees can have the one-hour period each week to attend this school.

THOMAS W. MILLER FREED ON PAROLE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ATLANTA, May 7.—Thomas W. Miller, former alien property custodian, was reported to have been released on parole today from the federal penitentiary here after serving a little more than a year of an 18-month sentence for conspiracy to defraud the government.

The former federal official was convicted in New York in 1927 after a sensational trial in which he was accused jointly with former Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty of conspiring in the administration of his office to defraud the government of German owned property. A fine of \$5,000 also was assessed against him. The jury disagreed as to Daugherty's guilt.