

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

YOU are familiar, undoubtedly, with the fact that the government of the United States is preparing to issue new style paper money, one-third smaller in size than that now in use.

But are you familiar with the reasons responsible for the change, which involves the very considerable task of withdrawing from circulation and destroying the 900 million pieces of paper money that are in use throughout the nation at the present time?

Probably not. The chances are, if you are an average person, that you merely accepted the proposed change without inquiring why it is to be made.

HERE is the government's reason for deciding to issue the new currency:

The bureau of engraving is getting behind with its job, which is making money for the country to use. Apparently a large investment in new equipment was needed. Then some genius suggested that by printing smaller bills, so that twelve could be got on one plate, instead of only eight, the demand for new money could be met without increasing the size of the engraving and printing plant.

It was a plain problem of keeping down the overhead, and it was not in a plain, common-sense, business way. So you see, it really is true that governments sometimes use good business judgment in meeting their problems.

THE school districts of the various states of this country are facing a problem that is essentially similar to the problem faced by the bureau of engraving at Washington.

That is to say, they are facing a demand for their product which is beyond the capacity of their plants under existing methods of operation. So far, this demand has been met almost exclusively by increasing the plant—or, in other words, calling upon the taxpayers for the money with which to erect new school buildings and employ larger teaching staffs.

The result of this policy has been a very large increase in the investment in school plant.

HAS this investment in school plant been unavoidably necessary? This writer, who has discussed this subject frequently in recent years, doubts it.

Generally speaking, we operate our schools in this country about six hours per day, five days per week and nine months per year, or about half of the total available time on the basis of average business practice.

It is obvious that if we operated the schools six days per week and twelve months per year we could accommodate a very much larger number of pupils with the existing number of school buildings and the existing teaching staffs.

If you will analyze this situation, you will find it identical with the situation which was faced by the bureau of engraving.

The bureau of engraving solved its problem by an improvement in method which obviated the necessity of a large increase in plant investment.

Sooner or later, school authorities in this country are going to find it necessary to do likewise. There is no sound reason why plain business methods should not be applied to the solution of school problems.

SPEAKING of plain business methods, the Oregon State Grange at its meeting in Myrtle Point last week applied such methods to the problem of conservation of public water power in this state.

Instead of advocating policies that would result in stopping industrial expansion dead in its tracks, such as prohibiting ALL power development of numerous rivers, it proposed the simple expedient of requiring completed development of projects within a reasonable number of years after filings are made. Otherwise the power sites filed up on must revert to the state.

That is a business solution of a business problem.

COMMENTING on a recent business transaction in the Rogue River valley, the Medford Mail-Tribune says:

"The sale of the Three Oaks or (Continued on page 4).

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The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday...66
Lowest temperature last night...59
Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Unsettled with rain tonight and probably early Wednesday morning; cooler light.

BORDER AREAS ASKED TO HELP IN LIQUOR WAR

President Hoover Requests Community Cooperation in Cleanup Drive of Officers.

Statement Deplores Taking of Lives But Blame Is Put on "Mechanism of Criminals."

PROHIBITION NEWS OF THE DAY IN NUTSHELL

Replying to protests against killings and use of firearms by dry officers, President Hoover stands by treasury department drive and asks cooperation of border communities.

Bootleggers and smugglers are gathering in unprecedented number along the entire Canadian border, reports Assistant Secretary of the Treasury Lowman, who states that the government patrol has been accordingly strengthened.

Border patrolmen ordered to discontinue use of rifles and shotguns and carry only pistols instead.

Coast guard cutter fires on speed boat in the Detroit river. Canadian officer protests.

Arkansas officer kills fleeing youth he had arrested for drunkenness. Officer spirited to penitentiary to escape mob.

WASHINGTON, June 18.—President Hoover today called upon the communities along the Canadian border to help the treasury to prevent the systematic war being waged by international criminals against the laws of this country.

The president said that he deeply deplored the killing of any person but the treasury was making a constant effort to prevent misuse of firearms.

Mr. Hoover expressed the opinion that all the trouble encountered in the enforcement of the law along the border was due to mechanism of criminals who were trying to violate the law.

The president's statement was in answer to questions submitted by press correspondents about the killing of three persons by customs border patrols.

Reply in Full

The official stenographic transcript of Mr. Hoover's reply to prohibition questions was as follows:

"I have some questions as to the incidents on the border. I deeply deplore the killing of any person. The treasury department is making every effort to prevent the misuse of arms. Any case of misuse (Continued on page 8)

ALONZO GRAB NAMED OREGON ENTRANT IN EDISON CONTEST

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., June 18.—Alonzo Grab of Portland, student at Benson Polytechnic school, will represent the state of Oregon in the Thomas A. Edison scholarship contest at the laboratories of the famous inventor in West Orange, N. J. The committee appointed by C. A. Howard, state superintendent of public instruction, yesterday announced its decision.

Archibald Atkinson of Woodburn was chosen alternate. The winner of the national contest will receive a four-year scholarship in some accredited college or university.

Harvard Sings Hymn, Ousts Writer Anagram Of Obscenity Is Discovered

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BOSTON, June 18.—Edward Fitzhugh, of Boise, Idaho, author of the Harvard college senior class hymn and prominent in student literary affairs, who was to have graduated with his class Thursday, has been dismissed from the college, it was learned today. College authorities declined to comment on the case.

Fitzhugh, who was an editor of the Harvard Advocate, a student monthly, was dismissed because of the injection, by means of an anagram, of immorality into the hymn. His dismissal came at the height of the commencement week activities which were ushered in with a baccalaureate program Sunday which included the singing of Fitzhugh's hymn.

The hymn, a work of four verses of four lines each, contained a sacred sentiment. It was discovered, however, that the anagram developed primarily by accident and that after he realized the situation he developed it further, believing that only he would be aware of it.

The dismissal of Fitzhugh, while not unparalleled in the history of Harvard as regards its 11th hour character, was the most drastic punishment ever meted out for a literary offense in many years.

BILL FOR 1930 CENSUS SIGNED BY PRESIDENT

Job Needs 100,000 Persons and Cost Will Exceed 39 Million; Begins Next May.

Reapportionment of Lower House of Congress to Follow; Adjournment Tomorrow Voted.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, June 18.—President Hoover today signed the census and reapportionment bill.

The new act has a two-fold purpose: provision for the regular decennial count of the population and the setting up of a plan for reapportionment of the house of representatives. This will be the first reapportionment since 1910.

The census count will be for the calendar year 1930 and the house members will be apportioned on it.

Under this reapportionment a number of states will gain additional representation while several other states will lose seats.

The size of the house will be retained at its present number, 435 members.

Tariff Awaits Disposal

Disposition of the census-reapportionment question was one of the major tasks listed by President Hoover for the special session. This and farm relief have been kept atop. Of the others, the tariff bill is pending before the senate finance committee and the senate has refused to approve a resolution to postpone operation of the national origins clause of the immigration act.

The census act also provides a continuing arrangement whereby all future decennial census and reapportionments will take place automatically without further enactment of law unless the present statute is repealed or superseded.

Huge Cost Involved

An army of 100,000 workers, chosen by the director of the census, will take the population count beginning early in May, 1930. The task must be completed within two weeks in the cities and one month in rural sections and a report must be made to congress the following December.

The act, in addition, authorizes a census of unemployment, agriculture and irrigation in the United States and its possessions. The work will cost in excess of \$39,000,000.

Outside of Debt Pact

WASHINGTON, June 18.—President Hoover announced today that the United States will not sign the Young reparations plan recently agreed upon by the experts' conference at Paris.

The president said that since the American government is not a party to the plan it will not be necessary for the United States to sign it.

The plan will therefore not have to be submitted to congress for approval. The only point which congress will have to determine, the president said, will be the granting of authority to the administration to make reductions in American claims for Rhine army costs.

To Adjourn Tomorrow

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Effective upon adjournment tomorrow, the senate will recess until August 19, and the house until September 23. A concurrent resolution to provide for this story received the approval of both houses.

Two Nominations

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Arch Coleman of Minneapolis was nominated today to be first assistant postmaster general and John W. Philip of Dallas, Texas, to be fourth assistant postmaster general.

COUNTY POWDER MAN IS HURT IN PREMATURE BLAST

Downey McCulloch, of Oakland, a powderman on the county road construction crew at Kellogg, was painfully injured late yesterday, when a blast went off prematurely. The accident was due either to a defective fuse, or one that was cut too short.

Mr. McCulloch was still working over the fuse when the charge exploded. His right hand was badly mangled, the wrist broken, the second finger blown off. His face was badly burned, and his eyes were injured, but it is believed that the sight can be saved.

He was brought to Roseburg and his injuries treated by Dr. E. B. Stewart and Dr. A. C. Seely, who he was removed to Mercy hospital.

TRAIN CREW BLAMED FOR FATAL CRASH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, June 18.—Responsibility for the collision between a passenger and freight train of the Northwestern Pacific lines near Largo, Cal., last February, killing three persons and injuring 39, was placed today on the failure of the passenger train crew to obey orders in a report to the Interstate Commerce commission by W. P. Borland, safety director.

The report said that the passenger train, in charge of Conductor Donahue and Engineer Bradley, upon arrival at Hopland, 4 miles south of Largo, received a copy of an order instructing it to meet the freight train at Largo. It left Hopland on time, the report said, passed Largo without stopping and collided with the freight while traveling between 25 and 30 miles an hour.

Evidence indicated, the report added, that all members of the passenger crew, except Flagman Allen, had an understanding of the train order and knew their train was required to meet the freight at Largo.

Goes to Lake—

Donald Chase left yesterday for Diamond Lake where he will be employed at the Diamond lake resort during the summer months.

INQUEST INTO FATAL ACCIDENT IS HELD TODAY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, June 18.—Doctors were mystified today over the death of Chester Kewinski and the serious illness of the six-year-old boy's four brothers and sisters. Some believed the children had been poisoned; others suspected disease.

Neighbors called police attention to the condition of the children late yesterday. When the youngsters—All under eight—were taken to a hospital they were in a coma. Chester died before midnight. His sister Agnes 8, and brother Richard 7, are not expected to live. The condition of Lorraine, three years old, was serious. Doris, 17 months old, was expected to recover.

An aunt told hospital authorities that a man had given the children salted peanuts last week and that they had become violently ill after eating them. Police were looking into a suggestion by relatives that the children may have been intentionally poisoned.

ASTORIA SAVINGS BANK IN HANDS OF STATE EXAMINER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ASTORIA, Ore., June 18.—The Astoria Savings bank failed to open its doors this morning, and the announcement was made that the institution was in the hands of the state banking examiner.

For the past ten days the bank without a mild run, during which several large accounts and many small ones were closed.

Frank Patton is president of the Astoria Savings bank. E. J. Brink and Austin Osborn are vice presidents. M. E. Mathison is cashier.

The report at the first of this year indicated the bank's resources amounted to more than \$3,000,000. A recent report showed, however, a shrinkage of more than \$300,000.

Some time ago the bank notified its depositors that thirty days' notice would be required for withdrawals. This time was later extended to sixty days, and then to ninety.

The Astoria Savings bank was one of the oldest institutions in the city.

PETITION ASKS COUNCIL TO NOT BUY EQUIPMENT

Misrepresentation of Facts to Persons Signing Report Charged by Councilmen.

Do Not Plan to Spend Any More Money Than Has Been Authorized in Budget.

Last night's council meeting resulted in a great deal of argument and little action. The principal issue was the presentation of the report of the so-called citizens' committee organized by the mayor in an effort to block the street repair program outlined by the council.

This report was drawn up by the comparatively small group of citizens who made the inspection at the mayor's request, and was then circulated for signatures. Approximately 175 names were signed.

The report stated that an inspection had been made of the streets, and that the plan of the council to purchase a road roller and cooking pan was deemed extravagant.

The report stated that the citizens had estimated the cost of the proposed repairs to be \$10,000 if carried out according to the council's program, while the committee believed that an expenditure of \$3,000 would suffice.

It was urged that the mayor "be given more leeway and not be hampered by the council as in the past."

Misrepresentation Claimed

Councilman Dent immediately declared that the report, which was in the nature of a petition, misrepresented facts and that people who had signed the document had been given a wrong impression of the facts. He stated that the council has no intention of spending \$10,000. The budget allowance was \$7,500 and the council intends to keep within that amount and, in fact, will spend only what portion of that sum as is deemed absolutely necessary.

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THEORA HIX CASE NOW PROBED FROM NARCOTICS ANGLE

U. S. Agents Work On New Theory in Murder Of Co-Ed, Charged To Doctor Snook.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, June 18.—Federal authorities were drawn into the Theora Hix slaying today when Assistant United States District Attorney Bartels announced he would start an investigation to determine if traffic in narcotics formed a background for the slaying.

His announcement came after reports were circulated that Miss Hix had been engaged in drug traffic with Dr. James H. Snook, former university professor, held for investigation. Detective Chief W. G. Shellenbarger denied today that drugs played any part in the slaying.

Lieutenant Walter Graham of the detective bureau admitted, however, that reports that Dr. Snook and Miss Hix had been engaged in narcotic distribution had come to detectives, but he said that they had not been verified.

Thomas D. Phillips, superintendent of the Ohio State university farm, was summoned before County Prosecutor John J. Chester, Jr., today after Chester said he had learned that Mrs. Phillips had been taken to the university hospital in a state of coma by Dr. Snook. Chester said that his inquiry at the hospital led him to the belief the woman was under the influence of drugs when Dr. Snook took her there for treatment.

Ex-Suitor Quizzed

Intent upon their hunt for evidence in the hammer slaying of Miss Hix, 23-year-old co-ed, authorities today probed "sensational developments" in their investigation as they centered their inquiry about Marion T. Meyers, who was taken from a cell at midnight and questioned before the girl's mutilated body early today.

Meyers, a former suitor and a friend of Dr. Snook, made the trip to the morgue complaining of lack of rest, but he touched the body and answered questions without wavering in his denial that he knew how the girl died. Retiring girl came to her death.

Dr. Snook has remained undisturbed while a long file of witnesses proceeded through the prosecutor's office. He has made but one statement since his arrest, the admission of his relations with the girl and his plea of an alibi. Meyers, who shared the girl's affections with Snook, likewise advances an alibi.

ELECTRIC CHAIR AWAITS BOY KILLER IN INSURANCE PLOT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MACON, Ga., June 18.—A native Canadian youth, Earl Manchester, who came south to seek work and was "mothered" by an aged woman who he said cast a "strange influence" over him and persuaded him to commit murder, today awaited sentence to the electric chair.

He was convicted of murder yesterday, upon his confession that he killed James Parks, his roommate for a promise of \$1,000 of \$14,000 in insurance money. Mrs. J. C. Powers, their landlady, expected to collect on the young printer's life.

Meanwhile, the 71-year-old landlady, who repudiated a confession given after she and Manchester were arrested May 28, the day Parks' body with two bullet wounds in the head was found on the river front here, awaited trial on a charge of being an accessory before the fact of the slaying.

After her arrest in connection with Parks' death, authorities delved into Mrs. Powers' past in an effort to connect her with what they described as a chain of "insurance murder plots." She was known to have held policies on the lives of several men who died or disappeared mysteriously. Her trial is scheduled for next week.

Manchester, who is 19 years old, was born in Toronto, Canada, but his family at present live at Rochester, Mich.

MYSTERY ILLNESS KILLS TOT; FOUR OTHERS STRICKEN

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QUAKES CONTINUE IN NEW ZEALAND; FLOOD NEW PERIL

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, June 18.—The death list from the disastrous earthquake which first shook northern New Zealand on Sunday and continued this morning to cause strong shocks, reached fifteen today.

The peril of the flood, in addition to the horrors of the earthquake, was feared at the little town of Murchison on Buller gorge. This town was one of the worst stricken spots and presented today a scene of havoc and devastation after a night of terror from constant detonations and earth tremors.

Buller gorge itself was blocked by rocks and debris shaken free by the earthquake and two other rivers in the vicinity are dammed up. The areas below the gorge will be flooded if the rock dams break, as it is feared they will do.

HALL SEELY WINS B. A. DEGREE WITH HIGHEST HONORS

NEW HAVEN, Conn., June 18.—(Special to the Roseburg News-Review.)—Hall Seely, of Roseburg, Oregon, was today awarded the degree of Bachelor of Arts at Yale university, receiving the highest honors for high academic standing.

The Roseburg honor man took a prominent part in the class day exercises yesterday.

Yale university, celebrating the closing of its 225th year, is presenting degrees to over 1,000 men today and tomorrow.

President and Mrs. James Rowland Angell gave a reception for members of the graduating class and visiting alumni in the Yale Gallery of Fine Arts last evening.

Hall Seely, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Seely of this city, graduating with the highest honors of Yale University, was a member of the graduating class of 1925 from Roseburg high school. He has maintained high academic standing during his university course, and has achieved honors during the entire time he has been at school. Last summer he was a member of the university group on a tour in Europe. He has also been on tour with the glee club. In athletics he has been coxswain of the rowing crew.

ADVENTISTS BUSY ON PREPARATIONS FOR ANNUAL MEET

Ten-Day Conference to Be Held At Umpqua Park; Church Notables On Program.

All the ministers and workers of the Southern Oregon Conference of Seventh-day Adventists have donned their working clothes and are busily engaged in converting the Umpqua park grounds into a tented city where the Adventists will hold their annual camp meeting.

Delegates from all the churches throughout the Southern Oregon conference will be in attendance, where ten days will be spent in devotional exercises and planning the work of the conference for the ensuing year.

A cafeteria will be in operation on the grounds where vegetarian meals will be served at popular prices.

Special attention will be given to the children and youth and separate tents have been pitched to accommodate the kindergarten, primary and juniors, who will be under supervision of trained leaders.

Lester C. Bond and J. J. Reisinger will be in attendance from Washington, D. C., to represent the General Conference. J. T. Hetherington and Victor Armstrong, returned missionaries from the foreign fields, and field secretaries from the General Conference will also be in attendance.

Pastor Morris Lukens, president of the North Pacific Union conference, with his staff of secretaries, will also be here.

E. J. Neff, president of the western Washington conference; W. A. Gomer, president of the southern Idaho conference, and (Continued on page 8)

CAPTAIN JOHNSON OF WRECKED LAUREL SPURNS RESCUE; STICKS TO HULL IN HOPE OF SALVAGE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CAPE LOOKOUT, Ore., June 18.—Captain Louis Johnson today paced the deck of his broken ship, the freighter Laurel. With a life belt about his waist the master could be seen from this lookout station, walking to and fro on the slanting deck of the dissected ship. From time to time he could be seen looking long at the forward part of the ship, lying some eight hundred feet seaward of the stern.

Standing stubbornly and indomitable on his piece of wreckage, Captain Johnson yesterday refused with apparent impudence to accompany his crew ashore. "I will not go," he belittled down from the swaying stern of the Laurel to the lifeboat crew below.

It is believed he hoped that the half of the Laurel upon which he stood would drift toward shore and that salvage might be possible.

Another attempt was to be made late this afternoon to remove the captain from the ship. Although heavy seas were still battering the steel hull, the Cape Disappointment station said a break in the weather had been predicted at North Head.

Only One Fatality

All thirty men of the Laurel crew were safely ashore today. One other, a lad of 19, Russell Smith of Dorchester, Mass., drowned when he was swept from the deck by a great wave. Coast guard boatsmen risked death to save the women, completing the rescue only after several heart-breaking failures.

The Laurel broke in two after pulling up on a sand spit at the mouth of the Columbia with a broken rudder in a tremendous storm. The fracture came just forward of the bridge, at a time when the men were huddled in the stern. The bow of the freighter now lies 800 feet in one side of the stern.

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INCUMBENTS ON SCHOOL BOARD WIN ELECTION

Finlay and Shoemaker Will Remain on Directorate For Three Years, Wharton Two.

Competition Results In Exceptionally Large Number of Votes Being Cast.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

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If successful, Lieutenant Griffith expects to reach his destination at 8 p. m., Pacific coast time. He is flying a P-1-B pursuit plane.

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