

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

If you are one of those who regard a change of mind as evidence of weakness and vacillation, read this:

The West Coast Lumbermen's association and directors of the National Lumber Manufacturers' association, meeting in Longview, adopt a resolution asking the government to tighten up on federal forest lands, reserve them from private acquisition, and place them under a permanent form of forest protection and administration, preferably as NATIONAL FORESTS.

Who would have supposed, a quarter of a century ago, that lumbermen would ever make such a request?

It is a sensible request, based upon the best interests of the great lumber industry of the Pacific Coast. It is in line with the best interests of Pacific Coast communities.

The lumbermen want their industry to be permanent. The communities where timber grows want the lumber payrolls to be permanent. Elsewhere, notably in the East and South, neither lumber industry nor lumber payroll has been permanent.

If this great industry is to continue, there must be a permanent supply of raw material, and the government is best qualified to make sure of that. We didn't know that a quarter of a century ago, but we know it now.

Don't be afraid to change your mind, if you find you have been in the wrong.

If Columbus, who as a youth believed the world to be flat, hadn't changed his mind in the face of dependable evidence, he wouldn't have discovered America.

Here is another extract from an estimate of business conditions compiled by one of the country's great bankers:

"The high rate of business activity has been well maintained through July and it can now be definitely seen that there will be no pronounced midsummer recession. Confidence and optimism in the business outlook prevail."

Evidence multiplies that the approaching autumn season will see excellent business conditions here on the Pacific Coast.

Did you know that the first six months of this year production of automobiles in the United States broke all previous records in the history of the country?

Probably not. Yet it is true, and they were all sold.

A few years ago we were told that the automobile had reached the saturation point in this country and that production must decline sharply.

Yet here, in the first six months of 1925, we find more automobiles built and sold than ever before.

In a great nation such as the United States, with vast natural resources, industrious and capable people and intelligent leadership, there is no such thing as a saturation point.

The national debt of the United States at the present moment is slightly under seventeen billion dollars. This represents a reduction of \$9,662,000,000 from the high point of public indebtedness which occurred in August 1919, or 10 years ago.

That is to say, we have been paying off a little less than a billion dollars a year, or about the total annual cost of the federal government before the war.

The present national debt of the United States is about \$17,000,000,000. At the peak, back in 1919, it was about \$26,662,000,000.

Before our entrance into the World war, this country had a national debt of less than \$1,000,000,000. If anybody tries to tell you that war isn't a calamity, quote these figures to him.

Wouldn't you consider it a calamity if your debts were multiplied 25 times without adding anything to your resources?

BRAZILIAN FLIER DIES OFF FLORIDA

PENSACOLA, Fla., Aug. 10.—Lieutenant R. C. Sarno, Brazilian navy aviator, was either killed or drowned today when his plane fell in Pensacola bay, near Fort Barrancas, and sank in fifty feet of water. His body was not recovered.

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4,000 BATTLING FIRES AND CALLS FOR MORE SENT

Multitude of Fresh Blazes Endangering Woods of Northwest States and Canada.

Crews From Railroads and Grain Fields Drawn on to Aid; Settlers in Oregon Periled.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SPOKANE, Wash., Aug. 10.—With 4,000 timber fire fighters embattled against a score of major conflagrations that were covering nearly 30,000 acres in the northwest and Canada, forest officials today were at wits' ends to find men to send against the myriads of smaller blazes that were breaking out on every hand.

A disastrous combination of low humidity and lack of rainfall turned the forests into tinder boxes and the slightest spark or lightning flash, aided by the ever-present wind, set blazes almost faster than "smoke-chasers" could locate and count them. Many of the blazes were in inaccessible regions and could be reached only by pack trail.

The severe drain on man power for fighting and burning had left an added handicap, and calls were being sent even into the grain fields for additional crews.

Wide Area Affected

Major blazes were raging in Idaho, Montana, Washington and Canada, with the situation "slightly improved" in Oregon.

The obdurate Bald mountain and Old Man creek fires in Idaho, twice reported under control, were blazing furiously last night. The former covered 400 acres yesterday and was spreading rapidly in the direction of Lolo trail. The third major fire in Idaho was in the Salmon river forest, which had been ablaze for 10 days.

Crews attempting to check the Wolf creek fire in the Chelan forest of Washington were hopeful last night that they could control it within a day or two, providing wind conditions were favorable. It was fanned by wind yesterday and had burned more than 2,000 acres.

The town of Albeny, in British Columbia, was menaced by a conflagration that was defying the efforts of 150 men, including employees of a lumber mill at Albeny, to control it. A fire fighters' camp was destroyed near the Wolf creek blaze of Washington, but none of the fighters was hurt. This blaze had covered more than 2,000 acres and was spreading rapidly before a wind into valuable spruce land.

Rainier Still Ablaze

The regional forestry office at Portland reported that continued low humidity was in prospect for today and with it added fire danger. (Continued on page 3)

GANGSTER "RIDE" VICTIM IS BURNED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NEWARK, N. J., Aug. 10.—Apparently the victim of a gangster "ride" in the badly charred body of an unidentified man was found in a blazing automobile on the city dump last night.

Frank Ferrara, foreman at the dumping grounds, told the police the car was driven to the dump by the men who drove off in another machine a moment before the car burst into flames. Police expressed belief that the man either had been unconscious or dead when the match was applied to the gasoline that saturated his clothing and the machine.

The abandoned machine carried no license plates and the police said the engine number had been chiseled off. The body was removed to the morgue for an autopsy.

CALL ISSUED FOR OREGON PRODUCTS FOR EXHIBITION

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

MEDFORD, Ore., Aug. 10.—Dr. M. Lowe, general manager of the Oregon state exhibit at the golden jubilee anniversary of the California state fair at Sacramento, today issued an appeal for Oregon growers to furnish six watermelons, each to weigh 35 pounds or more, six casahuate, six honeydew melons and the largest pumpkin and the largest squash. The products are wanted to exhibit in the Oregon booth and the appeal is statewide. The final date for the entry is August 25. Lowe said the first day of Oregon products will leave Salem August 20 and will contain exhibits from the Willamette valley. The Rogue river valley exhibits will be loaded August 21 on the same car.

Amended Dry Law of Oregon Reveals Flaw

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

BEEND, Ore., Aug. 10.—Attorneys for persons convicted under Oregon's new prohibition law making possession of liquor a misdemeanor were preparing appeals for new trials today following the decision of Circuit Judge T. E. J. Duffy, who held that the law passed by the 1923 state legislature was unconstitutional.

Judge Duffy declared that it was apparent the legislature through an error, had legislated the penalty out of prohibition. No maximum penalty for first offenders is fixed under the law as amended at the 1923 session, he said.

Attorneys declared the legislature intended to make the section read "no more than \$500 fine," but the wrong word was passed up by all committees and went through both the houses of the legislature. The amended law reads that the penalty for first conviction must be a fine of not less than \$500 or imprisonment in the county jail for more than six months or both.

The judge's decision followed a plea from Mrs. Rose Tribon of Redmonds, Ore., convicted under the law, who sought a writ of habeas corpus. She pleaded guilty to a charge of possessing liquor and the judge granted the writ, but at the same time ruled that the old Oregon prohibition law, which the new statute sought to amend was still in effect.

Two men and one other woman are serving sentences passed on their conviction under the law. The amendment was designed by the legislature to strengthen the prohibition laws of the state, although under the amendment possession was still classed as a misdemeanor. The old statute provided a fine of "no more than \$500" for first conviction, and a jail sentence of "not more than six months."

The amendment provided a fine of "not less than \$500" for first conviction, and failed to set a maximum penalty. Judge Duffy's ruling was made on the grounds that the amendment was too indefinite, and that both technically and practically it would tolerate any fine the imagination can conceive.

MURDER AND \$4,000 HOLDUP PLACED ON 'BABY FACE' DOODY

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—Three gunmen took possession of an Illinois Central electric suburban train last night, shot and killed a guard, stole \$4,000 from a railroad collector, and escaped in an automobile after forcing the motorman to stop at a seldom used station.

The unidentified "Baby Face" Doody, identified as "Wee Willie" Doody, desperado already sought for several other murders and numerous robberies.

The slain guard was Delbert Sudds. The collector was Jerry Carey.

As the train passed 23rd street, the robber, reported as Doody, tied a handkerchief over the lower part of his face, drew a pistol and stepped across the aisle. His companion drew two guns and faced the passengers before they realized a robbery was in progress.

Sudds tried to draw his pistol, but was shot before he could move the gun from its holster.

Passengers and the train crew were taken to the bureau of identification to look over pictures of known criminals. After hearing the description of the man who killed Sudds, Chief of Detectives John Egan said they talked close. (Continued on page 7)

FOREST OFFICIAL CALLED TO AID IN WASHINGTON FIRES

Donald Matthews, assistant supervisor of the Umpqua national forest left last night at midnight for Tacoma, Washington, where he was summoned by telegraph to aid the Washington national forest officials in curbing the fires that are raging in and around the Rainier national park. Matthews was over near the coast when word reached him that he was needed in Washington.

The forest fire situation in Douglas county is not dangerous. Practically no fires are burning in the Umpqua national forest at this time. All of the fire crews are on the alert and rangers are tightening up their supervision so that men and supplies can be rushed to any point in the forest very quickly.

Supervisor Neal states that the fighting organization are completed to a degree that makes it possible to reach even the remotest point in the forest with fire fighters and supplies in five hours' time or less.

LEGION POSTS GIVEN TROPHIES FOR GOOD WORK

Eugene, Corvallis, Medford and Portland Veterans Outstanding Among Award Winners.

Roy Young, Umpqua Post, Roseburg, Takes First Prize for Getting Most Members.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10.—Trophy awards were announced at the closing session of the state convention of the American Legion today with Lane county taking the safety control trophy with a percentage of 30.8. The William B. Follett trophy, for the post best exemplifying the American Legion program, was awarded Withcombe post No. 11, Corvallis, scoring 68.8 out of a possible 700. The Ben S. Fisher trophy, to the post doing the most all around community service work, was also awarded to Corvallis.

Roy Young, of Umpqua post No. 16, Roseburg, was given the L. S. trophy for his record of securing 331 members. Honorable mention went to Charles A. Warnock, Eugene post No. 3, with 181 members, and Graham Glass, Jr., Portland post No. 1, with 123 members.

The Sam Jackson memorial trophy was awarded Hood River post No. 22 on the Mt. Hood climb, the most outstanding accomplishment of a community nature by any post in the department this year. The E. B. Stewart trophy was awarded Louis Larsen, post No. 58 of Wauna, the contest ended March 31. No award was made on the athletic contest, due to the fact that no post entered a team nor no post team reported at the time and place. The trophy will be awarded at a contest at the next convention.

Other Awards

First district—Graham Glass, Jr., trophy, Louis Larsen post, Wauna, with 294 per cent.

Second district—Membership trophy, Argonne post No. 56, Sherwood, with 205 per cent.

Third district—Frank Stellmacher trophy, Newport post No. 116, with 243 per cent.

Fourth district—George E. Love trophy, Lake county post No. 53, Lakeview, with 150 per cent.

Fifth district—Charles J. Johnson trophy, Frank E. Brown post No. 91.

Sixth district—Frank C. McCull, (Continued on page 3)

TRAIN HITS OPEN SWITCH; 3 PERSONS KILLED, 4 INJURED

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WADESBOROUGH, Ill., Aug. 10.—With three persons known to be dead and four others injured, two of them seriously, as the result of a head-on crash between a crash Milwaukee road passenger and freight train last night, wrecked crews today were still delving into a mass of debris, fearful that other victims had been buried under the wreckage.

The dead were: John Lorimer, 60, Milwaukee, engineer of the passenger train; Nick Kitz, 44, of Milwaukee, fireman, and an unidentified negro, who is believed to have been stealing a ride on the tender of the freight.

Traveling at a rate of 60 miles an hour, the flyer struck an open switch and hurtled into the engine of the freight train, which was standing on an adjoining track.

The two engines rose into a pyramid of twisted steel. Four freight cars were demolished. Three passenger coaches were derailed and partly telescoped, but remained upright.

WATER CO. DANGLES \$182,000 OFFER TO GET HIGHER RATES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

GRANTS PASS, Ore., Aug. 10.—After declining to hear the petition of the Grants Pass Water company for an increase in rates until after a decision on the city's plea for better water and for more adequate fire protection, the state utility commission adjourned late yesterday with the announcement that a ruling in the city's plea would be made "as soon as possible."

Shortly before the hearing closed the water company was permitted to read into the records a proposition by which the company planned to spend \$182,000 in improvements with the guarantee that the city would never enter into competition with the company and also agree to two other increases in rates, one immediately and the other when the improvements are completed.

Hoover Feted By Iowans On 55th Birthday

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WEST BRANCH, Ia., Aug. 10.—Lacking only a birthday cake with 55 candles President Herbert Hoover's home town was ready today for a birthday celebration in honor of its most illustrious native son.

The residents of this Quaker village will be joined by thousands of other Iowans in a program which will dedicate this afternoon a granite boulder in the yard of the small frame house in which the thirty-first president was born. In keeping with the simple habits of Hoover's Quaker parents, the boulder will bear only an inconspicuous bronze plate calling attention to the location of the birthplace of the first chief executive to be born west of the Mississippi river.

MADISON, Va., Aug. 10.—Amid the quiet of the Blue Ridge mountains, broken only by the gurgle of trout stream and occasional call of a bird, President Hoover today celebrated his 55th birthday. He was surrounded by members of his family and a small group of friends and government officials.

ZEPPELIN REACHES FRIEDRICHSHAFEN IN RECORD TIME

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Aug. 10.—The trans-Atlantic air liner Graf Zeppelin, after a record-breaking crossing of the Atlantic on the first leg of her round-the-world flight from Lakehurst, N. J., landed at Friedrichshafen at 1:03 p. m. (7:03 a. m. E. S. T.) today.

The huge ship made the crossing in just 55 hours and 24 minutes, having picked up speed as she approached the coast of Europe.

It was Dr. Eckener's 62nd birthday today and the amazing arrival of the Graf Zeppelin, so long expected, made the informal birthday celebration aboard the ship just before she landed all the more enthusiastic.

The Graf's time on her eastward voyage was about 40 hours better than her westward journey to Lakehurst and 13 hours and 22 minutes better than her last voyage from Lakehurst to Friedrichshafen in October, 1928.

The Graf covered approximately 4,200 miles in the 55 hours and 24 minutes that she was in the air, thus making the entire distance at an average of 75 miles, a brilliant performance in the opinion of aviation experts.

So thrilled were the spectators here by the Graf's early arrival that there was a general feeling that if breaking the record was a good augury, then the accomplishment of the Graf's long hop on her round-the-world flight spoke well for her chances on the remaining three laps.

The passengers and their baggage were whisked away to a hotel, all except Joachim Rickard of Boston, who remained at the Zeppelin, his attorney by long distance telephone regarding what steps to take in view of his having to sign a silence pledge he said was against his will.

SENATOR JONES' CONDITION BETTER, HOSPITAL REPORT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—Senator Jones, of Washington, who has been ill for some time in a hospital here, showed improvement today after a somewhat restless night.

Physicians said his progress toward recovery had been slow for the past two weeks and that there had been slight relapses, but his condition was not alarming.

The senator was operated upon some weeks ago for an abdominal trouble.

SWISS FLIERS WHO STARTED FOR U. S. BELIEVED LOST

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LE BOURGET, France, Aug. 10.—Mystery surrounding disappearance of three young Swiss aviators who left here Thursday deepened today. Air officials admitted a real possibility of disaster.

The aviators said at their departure Thursday they were going to Lisbon to initiate a trans-Atlantic flight toward New York. Nothing has been heard from them since.

It was regarded as possible they really began their trans-Atlantic flight here and have been swallowed in the Atlantic's vastness, leaving no trace behind them.

The aviators arrived here Monday from Zurich, they were Oscar Kasser, pilot; Kurt Luescher, the backer and mechanic; and Alfred Tschopp, navigator and mechanic. They had a Farman plane.

THEATRE KING FACING CHARGE OF GIRL DANCER

Alexander Pantages Jailed for Alleged Attack on Eunice Pringle, 16 Years of Age.

Case Follows Approaching Trial of Mrs. Pantages, Accused of Murder While Drunk.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—Alexander Pantages, multimillionaire, theatre magnate, today was charged with two offenses against a 16-year-old dancer, Eunice Pringle, in a complaint issued by District Attorney Buron Fitts.

The two counts accused Pantages of a statutory offense and an attack on a young girl by force and violence.

The complaint was issued after District Attorney Fitts had conferred with the girl and Pantages and Dr. Hanna Beatty of the juvenile bureau.

Dr. Beatty reported to Fitts that an examination of the girl substantiated her accusations.

The theatre executive was ordered arraigned and the complaint set for trial at \$25,000.

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 10.—Alexander Pantages, multimillionaire theatre owner, was in the city jail here today, following his formal arrest last night on charges of suspicion of committing a statutory offense on Eunice Pringle, 16-year-old daughter of Southern California coed and dancer.

The theatre magnate was arrested after five hours of questioning concerning a report made by the girl charging he had assaulted her in his private office about 3:30 p. m. yesterday. Pantages denied the accusations and claimed he was being "blackmailed."

Pantages was taken into custody when a traffic officer on duty near the theatre in which the owner's offices are located, rushed to the rooms to find the girl in a hysterical condition after she had heard her screams from the street below.

The girl was taken with Pantages and six witnesses to the police station for questioning, with the arrest following her story.

Miss Pringle said she had gone to the theatre owner's offices to (Continued on page 3)

LEGION AUXILIARY NAMES MRS. CHANEY AS ITS PRESIDENT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Aug. 10.—Mrs. Newton Chaney of Medford was unanimously elected state president of the American Legion auxiliary when annual elections were held during the closing session of the 1925 convention here Saturday morning.

Mrs. Chaney was vice-president of the department of Oregon during the past year.

Mrs. Otto W. Heider, of Sheridan, was placed in the vice-presidency without contest. For the past year she served as district committee woman for district one.

For the sixth successive term Mrs. Mabel McInturf of Marshfield was elected secretary-treasurer of the state organization.

The fourth non-contested office to be filled was that of historian with Mrs. Allen Cleveland of Salem elected to serve for a second term.

District No. 3 elected Mrs. Carl Wimberly of Roseburg as its committee woman. Mrs. Earl B. Stewart of Roseburg was named as one of the four delegates to the national convention.

GREAT NORTHERN PLANS EXTENSION TO COST \$3,000,000

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

ST. PAUL, Minn., Aug. 10.—The Great Northern railway company today forwarded an application to the Interstate Commerce commission seeking permission to extend its recently proposed 32-mile Richley-Hamilton line in Montana westward an additional 73 miles to Jordan. This would make the extension 105 miles long, and would cost \$3,000,000.

PACKERS ASK LAW TO MODIFY DECREE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Aug. 10.—The Armour and Swift groups of packers today asked the District of Columbia supreme court here to modify the consent decree of 1920 under which they, along with other large packers, were required to restrict their activities exclusively to the meat packing business.

Forecast Gives No Promise of Great's Adieu

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

High predicted warmer weather failed to materialize yesterday, E. H. Fletcher, meteorologist in charge of the weather bureau office, has not retracted his prophecy.

The thermometer reached a maximum of only 90 degrees yesterday, which was one degree cooler than the two previous days. In his report this morning, however, he asserts that warmer weather will be forthcoming shortly. Low humidity, making the fire hazard high, will also continue, he reported.

The lowest temperature for the 24 hour period was 56 and the average for the day was 73. Normal temperature for that date, according to past records, is 69 degrees.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—The weather outlook for the week beginning August 11, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows:

Far western states.—The outlook is for generally fair weather but with fog along the coast and occasional thunder storms in the plateau regions and Sierras. Temperatures near or somewhat above normal throughout the interior.

HOSPITAL GROUP READY TO BEGIN ON NEW PROJECT

Completion of the organization of the new Roseburg General hospital was announced today. The hospital will occupy the Perkins building and will be headed by Dr. J. C. Twitchell.

Articles of incorporation have been filed and all of the capital stock has already been subscribed and paid. The Southern Oregon Hospital association, a separate organization, but one which operates the Roseburg unit, has also been finally completed and Dr. Twitchell and E. K. McLendon left for Salem and Portland today to close up legal matters pertaining to it.

All the stock to be put on the market by this association, the present time has been subscribed and paid for. The board of directors at the present time will consist of Dr. Twitchell, B. L. Eddy as legal advisor, D. S. Houser as secretary, treasurer and business manager and Mr. McLendon as manager in charge of sales.

A group of local men will be employed to sell hospital contracts. These contracts will be sold next week in Roseburg and Douglas county, plans for the move to be announced at a later date.

Directors expect to start immediately to remodel and after the Perkins building to suit it for hospital use. Furnishings have been ordered and will be installed upon arrival.

Plans now call for the opening of the hospital on September 1.

ALBA SPAUGH WILL ESTABLISH GARAGE

Alba Spough, well-known automobile mechanic of this city, has resigned his position at Lawson's garage to establish a shop of his own. It will be located in Wilbur Spough's newly erected building at the corner of Stephens and Oak streets. It will be known as "Spough's Garage." The owner goes to Portland tomorrow to purchase equipment.

Mr. Spough has been engaged in garage work in Roseburg for over ten years past and his efficiency in that line is well known not only to automobile owners of this city but to those of the surrounding country as well. This leaves him a generous share of public patronage.

The Hutehinson summer home is located in the west beach section of Beverly. Police termed the robbery the biggest jewel theft ever committed on the north shore. Last week burglars entered the summer residence of Godfrey L. Cabot and escaped with a considerable amount of cash.

Outstanding World War Hero Wins Peace-Time Battle To Head School

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 10.—Sergeant Alvin York, unschooled Tennessee mountaineer who gained fame by capturing 132 Germans single handed, and returned home to invest his prestige in educating his people, after an 8-year fight has been recognized for his achievement by appointment to the presidency of Alvin York Agricultural Institute in Fentress county.

Decision of the Tennessee state board of education yesterday to make him head of the institute ended the bitter prolonged fight during which his control has been contested in factional political wrangles and legislative maneuvering.

Returning from France at the close of the World war bearing the decorations of all the allied armies, Sergeant York pleaded his life and his steeper resources to emancipating his home folk from illiteracy. Himself deprived of education advantages, he realized the hazard of inadequate schools to the youth of east Tennessee.

The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday...90
Lowest temperature last night...56
Forecast for interior northwest Oregon: Fair tonight and Sunday; continued warm with low humidity and high fire hazard.

DRIVE FOR EGG PACKERY OVER THE TOP

Yield of Over 75,000 Hens Contracted.

Necessary Total Obtained But Solicitors Strive to Increase It.

OVERLOOK NO AREA

Coquille District Expected to Turn in 15,000 Hens; Work on Station to Commence Soon.

Douglas county poultry producers have "put over" the drive to establish an egg-packing station in Roseburg.

This announcement was made shortly after noon today when leaders in the campaign to sign up 75,000 hens in the cooperative reported that more than a sufficient number had been placed on contract.

According to promises of the Pacific Cooperative Poultry Producers association, which will acquire the 75,000 contracted hens, work will be started immediately on the plant to be located in Roseburg.

Move Is Significant

Significance of the success of county poultrymen is found in the fact that the poultry industry, already one of the two topnotchers in the county, will