

Editorials on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A RESOLUTION calling for a national referendum on prohibition has just been introduced in congress by a hopeful member of the wet bloc.

Many people, remembering the issues and the arguments of the last Presidential campaign, will hold that it would be more accurate to say "ANOTHER national referendum on prohibition."

THIS resolution, it is perhaps worthy of note, is introduced by a woman. But don't forget this, because it is significant: She is a woman whose husband could stop in at the corner saloon in a wide-open town for a little session with the boys and still have enough money left over to provide for his family's needs.

CRIME in Oregon is growing, according to Arthur S. Benson, clerk of the Oregon supreme court. Crime in Oregon is NOT growing, but is actually decreasing, according to Stanley Meyers, district attorney of Multnomah county.

Who is right, and how are we going to prove it?

PERHAPS you will say: "Consult the records of the courts; they will prove whether crime is increasing or decreasing."

But will they? They might merely prove, upon exact and careful analysis, that at certain times arrests and trials are more numerous than at other times.

IF YOU read the papers carefully, you will note that our cities, particularly our very big cities, are given to the practice of periodic drives against crime. During these "drives" there are numerous and spectacular arrests and the courts are congested with the ensuing prosecutions.

Then, after the drive has run its course and fizzled out, there is a period when arrests and prosecutions are relatively few.

SUPPOSE we compared the court records during one of these spasmodic efforts with later records during a period of lull. Doing that would give the impression that crime is decreasing. Yet that might not ACTUALLY be the case at all.

BUT, you say, "there must be much more crime, because I read of so much more in the newspapers."

The newspapers of today are bigger than those of a generation ago. Their facilities for gathering news are better. It is easily possible that crime is more fully reported now than in the past.

The point involved is that you can't always believe statistics.

BUT, whether or not crime is increasing, there is too much of it. There can be no denial of that. This raises another question: "How can we reduce crime?" Here is an answer that the politicians won't give you, but it contains a very large element of truth:

"Bring about a wider acceptance of the TEACHINGS OF RELIGION."

SPEAKING of statistics, the figures prove that flying is getting safer, in spite of all the reports of fatal accidents. Here is the way the department of commerce puts it:

In the first six months of 1929, 47,000,000 miles were flown in miscellaneous operations with a total of 116 fatal accidents, or 398,305 miles flown for each fatality.

In the corresponding period of 1928, 12,000,000 miles were flown in miscellaneous operations with a total of 82 fatal accidents, or only 150,135 miles flown for each fatality.

LET us put that in a way that is a little easier to understand. In the first six months of 1928 you could have expected to fly in miscellaneous planes only 120,135 miles before you were killed. But in the first six months of 1929 you could have expected, according to the law of averages, to fly 398,305 miles before being killed.

HERE is another point of interest about these figures:

In the first half of 1928, so far as the records of the department of commerce show, there were only twelve million miles of miscellaneous flying, which means all kinds of flying by all kinds of planes.

But in the first half of 1929 there were 47 MILLION MILES of miscellaneous flying.

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COLD REIGNS FROM CANADA TO SOUTHLAND

Death and Misery Extended Over Many States: One Iowa Locality Has 30 Under Zero.

Ice-Gorged Rivers Menace Levees and Cities in Midwest; Motorists, Trains Stalled.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CHICAGO, Jan. 22.—Winter held merciless domination over the land today.

From the cotton fields of Dixie to the northwest territory there stretched a sheet of ice, gliding under a cold sun. Zero weather stunned the southwest as it struggled against the fetters of deep snow, and worse than zero weather visited death and misery upon the populace of the central and western prairies.

An ice-bound river fended off the rescuers that sought to bring food and fuel to the little town of Cathlamet, isolated four days by snow and ice on the north bank of the Columbia in Washington.

Suffering Intense

Sixteen hundred families in southeast Missouri and eastern Arkansas were sufferers from the cold and flood, 200 of them marooned by the sniffling waters of the Big Lake, Ark. region and 200 more in blacked tent and box car camps. The levees of the St. Francis and White rivers were weakened under the pressure of rising waters. Snow and sleet yesterday added to the misery and today ten below zero temperatures reached over into the southwestern Missouri.

A menacing ice gorge spanned the Wabash river at Ellettsville, Ind. Aviators were in search of the nation today to determine whether dynamite was necessary. Citizens of Mt. Carmel, Ill., and Vincennes, Ind., protested against the blasting yesterday in fear of the flood that might be loosed upon them.

At Griffin, Ind., the Wabash and Black rivers had hacked their icy waters into the city streets and a further stroke at the levee. It was feared might send a wall of water enashing through the town. A house boat harboring refugees on

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AMATEUR FIGHTER DIES AFTER BOUT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SHEBOYGAN, Wis., Jan. 22.—William Schranzki, 24, Milwaukee amateur boxer, died today after his third round bout with Walter Cappel, West Allis, last night. Cappel was released, remaining here pending the inquest.

Schranzki's death was due to hemorrhage of the brain, physicians said. He took severe punishment during the bout and collapsed on the ropes as he left the ring.

WIFE WITNESS AS HUSBAND DROWNS

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

GOLD BEACH, Ore., Jan. 22.—While his wife stood on the shore and looked on helplessly, T. E. Meriwether, 57, prominent Gold Beach resident, sank into Two Mile riffs on the Rogue river with his motorboat. The body was recovered today.

Meriwether lost control of the small craft in the treacherous river swollen by melting snow. He had landed his wife and was returning through Two Mile riffs to load the boat with supplies.

Neuner To Stay Out Of Race If Thos. Kay Runs

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

SALEM, Ore., Jan. 22.—George Neuner of Portland, United States attorney for Oregon, will not be a candidate for the republican nomination for governor unless State Treasurer T. B. Kay decides not to run. Kay does not expect to make a decision for several weeks.

Neuner made known his position here Tuesday after a conference with Kay. He said he would support Kay if Kay decides to run. Neuner said that similar groups in the state are supporters of both and that for both to be in the race would split that vote.

Mrs. William J. Bryan Joins In Death Her Noted Husband Whose Loyal Aide She Was For 41 Years

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., Jan. 22.—Mrs. William Jennings Bryan, widow of the late democratic leader, today is joined in death with her famous husband, whose constant companion in victory and defeat she was from that October day in 1884 when he led her to the altar and slipped onto her finger the ring inscribed "won 1880; one 1884."

Mrs. Bryan, whom the great commoner called "my mental safety valve," died last night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Grace Bryan Hargreaves, wife of a Beverly Hills, Cal., banker. She had been suffering from arthritis for about 12 years, and her condition became suddenly worse upon her return here a short time ago from Miami, Fla., where she visited another daughter, Mrs. Ruth Bryan Owen, member of congress from Florida. Mrs. Bryan was 69 years old, and survived her husband by four years.

Throughout the 41 years of their married life, her husband's career was Mrs. Bryan's career. They discussed everything together—men, events and every new political issue. She assisted him with his mail and read aloud to him while he chopped down trees for exercise. In order that she might share more intimately his thoughts and be of greater aid in his efforts, she took up the study of law and was admitted to the bar.

While still a bride, Mrs. Bryan took as the guiding principle of her life the theory of which she later wrote: "I hold the theory that if a wife does not show an interest in her husband's work and does not go with him when he asks her, the time will come when he will cease to ask her."

That theory never came. Throughout more than 35 years of Mr. Bryan's political life, during which he three times was democratic candidate for president, the commoner never ceased to "ask her."

She never failed to respond.

The burial place of Mrs. Bryan will be beside that of her husband in Arlington national cemetery, Washington, D. C., where the body

will be shipped following brief funeral services here.

Sorrow at Lincoln

LINCOLN, Neb., Jan. 22.—News of the death of Mrs. William Jennings Bryan brought expressions of

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SKIDDING MISHAPS FREQUENT IN CITY FOLLOWING FREEZE

Numerous skidding accidents were reported this morning as a result of the icy pavement in Roseburg and vicinity. More than a dozen cars were laid up today in local garages with broken wheels and other damage caused by collisions and sliding into curbs.

A light rain started falling shortly before daylight, and froze on the streets and pavements, causing a sheet of glare ice, upon which cars could secure no traction.

Winchester street proved the most dangerous spot, and city officials went out early this morning to flag cars down at the top of the hill to issue warnings. Despite careful driving three cars were wrecked in making the descent, wheels being broken against the curbs.

The street department was out early and sanded the hill and also put sand on the intersections down town.

Continued cold is forecast for tonight and Thursday, with unsettled conditions and probable snow. The thermometer was practically stationary yesterday, the highest being 38 degrees and the lowest last night being 25 degrees.

"JIM" DAHLMAN, EX-COWBOY MAYOR OF OMAHA, PASSES

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

EXCELSIOR SPRINGS, Mo., Jan. 22.—"Jim" Dahlman, perennial mayor of Omaha who left the life of a cowboy for that of a politician, today was embarked on "the long trail." The aged campaigner, 73 years old, died in a hospital last night following a stroke of apoplexy Monday.

Dahlman, whose name appeared on the ballots as James C. Dahlman, but who was better known as "Jim" in the town whose government he has headed, with but one intermission, since 1906, was here to rest and prepare for a new campaign.

He filed January 11 as a candidate for his eighth term. His wife, who accompanied him here from Omaha, Jan. 12, was at his bedside.

HEADACHE PILLS BLAMED FOR DEATH

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

McMINNVILLE, Ore., Jan. 22.—An inquest into the death of Bert Rogers, 35, who died after swallowing a quantity of headache tablets, was ordered today by the county coroner. Rogers' brother told the coroner the dead man took the pills before breakfast and died within 20 minutes. An autopsy was ordered also.

MELLON FOR TRANSFER OF DRY BUREAU

Treasury Secretary Thinks Department of Justice Should Direct All Enforcement.

Refuses to Give Personal Views on Prohibition and Denies Charge of Protection.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Andrew W. Mellon, who took over the treasury portfolio about the time the dry law was placed upon the statute books, recommended to a congressional committee today the transfer of the prohibition bureau from the treasury to the justice department, but flatly refused to be drawn into a discussion of the prohibition question.

"I am sure we have made every effort to carry out our responsibility," was his answer to Representative Igoe, republican, Illinois, who had asked if Mellon believed the prohibition bureau had done everything feasible to enforce the law.

"Then you think prohibition can be enforced," pursued the Illinois member.

"This is a matter of legislation before us," responded the veteran treasury secretary. "Prohibition is a very controversial subject and I don't see any place now to express personal views."

Mellon testified on the Williamson bill to carry out the phase of the Hoover prohibition enforcement reorganization program to transfer the prohibition bureau to the justice department.

Doran Attends

He was accompanied to the committee room by James M. Doran, commissioner of prohibition, who a current report says expects to retire from the government service as soon as the transfer is effected. Seymour Loman, the assistant treasury secretary charged with dry law enforcement, also was at the hearing.

Representative Schafer, republican, Wisconsin, asked Mellon why he had been unable to obtain data from the treasury on the amount

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JOHN W. DAVIDSON, OAKLAND FARMER 38 YEARS, PASSES

John Wykes Davidson, a well known pioneer resident of Oakland and vicinity passed away yesterday evening at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Ward Cockeram. He was born in Olney, North Hampshire, England, on September 20, 1851, and came from England to this country 38 years ago locating on a farm near Oakland. He was first married in Olney, England in 1873 and of this union the following children survive: E. A. Davidson, Santa Ana, Calif.; A. E. Davidson, Roseburg; J. M. Davidson, Cottage Grove, and W. A. Davidson, Oakland, Oregon.

In 1886 he married in Wellington, England, and to this union the following children survive: Mrs. Ward Cockeram and C. H. Davidson, both of Oakland. He also leaves six grandchildren. The funeral services will be held Friday at 2 p. m. at the Community church here. Rev. Thomas Robinson officiating. Interment will be in the Oakland cemetery. Arrangements are in charge of H. C. Stearns.

COMPTROLLER OF CUSTOMS ACCUSED BY PROHI LEADER

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

WASHINGTON, Jan. 22.—Blanket charges that the New York custom forces are not effective against smuggling and that Arthur P. Foran, comptroller of customs there, is opposed to the prohibition law and served liquor at his New Jersey hunting lodge, have been filed with President Hoover by James K. Shields, state superintendent of the Anti-Saloon league of New Jersey.

The charges alleged that Foran not only was unsympathetic with the dry law but had spoken against it, and himself was a drinker of intoxicants.

The charges were accompanied by pictures said to have been taken at Foran's hunting lodge at Mount Airy, New Jersey, showing what were said to be gambling machines that he is alleged to have operated for his guests.

CRASH OF FRENCH PLANE KILLS FIVE

DIJON, France, Jan. 22.—Five persons were killed when a taxi airplane crashed against a cliff near Dijon probably on Monday. Four of the dead were passengers and the fifth was the pilot. The plane had been making for two days and it was assumed the smashup came in the storm Monday.

POLAR FAKER A OIL SWINDLER RECEIVE PARL

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DR. F. A. COOK

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DOUGLAS GRANGE OUTLINES AGENDA FOR PRESENT YEAR

Five major agricultural projects for county-wide activity were adopted yesterday at the meeting of the representatives of the various subordinate granges of the county. Twenty-five grangers, members of the agricultural committee of each grange, were present for the meeting, which was held in the office of County Agent J. C. Leedy.

Poultry, both chickens and turkeys, agricultural economics, 4-H club work, weed control, and rodent and predatory animal control were the major projects adopted for the entire county. In addition each grange will select additional activities particularly important in the respective localities served by the grange organization. The Farmers' Union is also expected to work in cooperation and along the same lines.

These projects were adopted at the first county meeting to be held in the state as a part of the state-wide program being inaugurated by the grange in Oregon.

Goff Made Chairman

In the past each grange has had its agricultural committee, and a few of the counties have had a committee of like nature in Pomona grange, to supervise and advise in the important activities of each county. There has, however, been no state agricultural committee until this year. At the last meeting of the Oregon state grange it was decided to provide a state agricultural committee, and because of the leadership that has been shown in Douglas county in this work, Fred Goff was made state chairman.

This committee immediately asked the assistance of the extension service of Oregon State college for formation of a program. J. C. Leedy, who was largely responsible for the formation of the committee, was largely responsible for the formation of the committee.

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PORTLAND URGED BY RATE EXPERTS TO BUY CAR LINE

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

PORTLAND, Ore., Jan. 22.—The firm of Carey and Harlan, city rate experts, today recommended to the city council acquisition by the city of the surface lines of the Portland street car system, elimination of bridge tolls, franchise taxes and paving costs and the operation of the car lines on "service at cost" basis.

The city council and the rate experts conferred yesterday on an outline of the report. The report was the culmination of a study the firm started many months ago at the instigation of the city council.

The plan as outlined by Carey calls for the acquisition by the city of the property of the street car company in the street. This would include tracks of the company, the paving between the tracks for which the company has paid.

Another feature of the report was the recommendation that 62 new, modern and up to date street cars be purchased.

EN PERSONS DIE WHEN TRAIN HITS OHIO SCHOOL BUS

Fourth Tragedy of Its Kind In State Within Three Weeks Claims Nine Children And Driver; Three Others In Vehicle Injured and Two May Die.

After Waiting for Freight Train to Pass, Bus Starts to Cross Track Near Berea and Is Struck in Middle by Unseen Fast Mail—Pathetic Scenes Enacted as Parents Identify Victims' Bodies.

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

CLEVELAND, Jan. 22.—Collision of a school bus and a speeding New York Central railroad train cost the lives of nine small school children and the bus driver this morning at the Sheldon road crossing near Berea, Ohio, 15 miles from Cleveland. At least three other children were injured, and two of them may die.

The dead: Dan Taylor, driver; Rita Zellinski, 2; Dorothy Zellinski, 11; Vincent Zellinski, 6; William Pastorik, 10; William Davidson, 10; Vernon Davidson, 7; Evelyn Kallenback, 7; Jacob Walter, 12; and Juanita Walter, 9.

The train, bound for Chicago, hit the bus squarely in the middle, nearly demolishing it, and scattering bodies and wreckage several hundred feet down the track. As quickly as the train could be stopped, the crew and others aboard jumped off and rendered to the surviving children all possible aid.

Trucks and automobiles were commandeered and took the injured to Berea hospital and the dead to two morgues.

Visibility Good

Cause of the tragedy was undetermined. The crossing was considered dangerous because there were four tracks, but the weather was bright and visibility was good.

The scene of the accident was in a sparsely settled section, however, which, with a long, straight, level right of way, gives the trains a chance to make high speed.

Mrs. Rosie Davidson of Brookpark Village, was a witness of the accident in which two of the children killed were her own. They were William, 10, and Vernon, 7. She was about a quarter mile away when the crash occurred. Rushing to the crossing she found the bodies of her children in the wreckage. Screaming in grief, she was taken home in a state of collapse. A third child, Ethel Davidson, 10, and one of the three injured has a chance to live.

Twenty-three children were said to have been in the bus, and it was possible that there were more dead and injured than were accounted for shortly after the crash.

Eight students at Berea high school had left the bus at their school just a few minutes before the vehicle was struck.

All of the children who were killed were students in the first six grades at the Brookpark school in a Cleveland suburb.

Train Not Seen

Apparently the bus driver did not see the train. He is said to have slowed or stopped near the crossing and then to have driven on to the tracks.

A moment later there was a crash, followed by the screams of children. Cries of the suffering added to the horror of the scene for many minutes while rescuers gathered on the scattered bodies and started with those who still were lying to the hospital at Berea.

Pathetic Scene

Pathos added to the tragedy when mothers and fathers of the

GIRL FACES DEATH AFTER PREVENTING FIRE AT PAGEANT

(Associated Press Leased Wire)

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 22.—Physicians today are striving, with little hope of success, to save the life of 14-year-old Clara Barbours, heroine of what might, last night have been a disastrous fire in Lincoln high school.

Clara, taking part with her classmates in a pageant on the stage of the high school auditorium, dashed through an exit, out into the open air when a tow marker she held ignited her flimsy costume and the flames leaped toward the stage scenery and the other massed children.

She saved the stage from fire, and her classmates from danger, but physicians believe she will give her life in payment. The girl was rolling on the ground, attempting to extinguish the flames which by then were searing her body, when Ethel Andrus, high school principal, reached her and succeeded in quenching the fire.

At General hospital physicians said she suffered third degree burns over her entire body.

The Weather

Highest temperature yesterday, 25

Lowest temperature last night, 28

Forecast for interior southwest Oregon: Mostly cloudy tonight and Thursday, becoming unsettled probably with snow; continued cold.

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Word was received here today of the death in Los Angeles of F. E. Merrick, prominent Medford resident, well known in Roseburg. Mr. Merrick was heavily interested in the Oakland Oil company, which is drilling for oil at Leaner Dome, being vice-president of the company. He was one of the originators of the concern and spent much time and money in assisting the project.

He was also proprietor of the well known auto camp bearing his name and located at Medford and was interested in one of the leading Medford banks.

His death followed an illness extending over a period of nine months.

He is survived by a widow, two sons, Walter D. Merrick of Los Angeles and Emmeron Merrick of Portland, and a daughter, Mrs. Raymond Canfield of Oregon City.

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