

Weather — OREGON — Cloudy with occasional rain; moderate temperature; increasing southwest winds becoming strong along the coast.—Max. 62; Min. 40; River 2.5, falling; Rainfall none; Atmosphere clear; Wind southeast

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SALEM, OREGON, THURSDAY MORNING, APRIL 2, 1925

PRICE FIVE CENTS

AGED REDSKIN MURDERS MAN IN PRISON CELL

Indian Charged With Burying Babe Alive in Strange Tribal Rites, Attacks Fellow Prisoner

MEXICAN HIDES INDIAN OVER CHARGE; IS KILLED

Mormon Joe, Member of Ute Tribe, Murders Man With Broken Chair

CORTAZ, Colo., April 1.—Another death was charged late today to Indian vengeance when Mormon Joe, medicine man of the Ute tribe, slew a cell mate in the Cortez jail who had chided him for the killing of an Indian infant—charged to have been buried alive last week in accordance with sacred tribal rites.

Taunts Rouse Anger Angered by the taunts of the cell mate, a Mexican, the aged redskin, tore a leg from a table in the corridor of the jail and backed the prisoner to death before the sheriff could intervene, it is alleged. The Mexican was being held on a bootlegging charge.

Only a few hours before the killing in the jail a coroner's inquest had returned a verdict declaring that the 18-day-old daughter of Plat Nay, Mormon Joe's son-in-law, "was buried alive by Plat Nay under the coercion of Mormon Joe." The jury also decided that the infant's dead mother, with whom the living child was buried, came to her death of natural causes.

Government Men Act Both Plat Nay and Mormon Joe are in jail, awaiting the arrival of federal officers from Denver, who will take charge of the case.

Evidence brought out at the inquest showed that Mormon Joe instructed Plat Nay to wrap the baby in the same blanket with its dead mother and bury the two together. The bodies were found buried on the reservation near here last week.

Plat Nay's own story of the deed led to the arrest of him and his father-in-law.

After the burial Nay, it was testified at the inquest, went to Montezuma creek, nearby, where he told his mother of the act. He then went to Blanding, Utah, and while there repeated the story to an Indian farmer, Ed Black, it was charged. Black notified Indian Agent E. E. McKean at the reservation agency at Ignacio, Colo.

An investigation was launched immediately, resulting in the arrests of Mormon Joe and Plat Nay at Towaco, near Cortez.

SEARCH FOR BODIES IS WITHOUT AVAIL

Soldier Victims of German Disaster Caught in Swift Undertow of River

VENLTHEIM ON THE WESER, Germany, April 1.—(By Associated Press.)—Dragged down by the swift undertow of the Weser, which has been running high and fast because of the recent heavy rains, the bodies of 75 infantry troopers, victims of yesterday's pontoon disaster, still are hidden or pinned down in the body of the river. Pioneer squads dredged the Weser today for a stretch of ten miles.

It is believed that the bodies have been swept down-stream in the direction of Minden, 20 miles away.

Test of Honesty Made in Seattle; Several Fall Low in Scoring

SEATTLE, April 1.—Seattle's treasurer tried the honesty of the population today, April 1. Iron washers wrapped in papers like those that contain \$10 stacks of silver dollars were laid, one after the other under a teller's window. Scores picked these packages up and handed them in at the window. But several citizens showed desire to depart, and walked rapidly when on the street outside the building.

President Doney Fails to Notify Trustees if Will Return to Campus

At a late hour last night no word had been received from Dr. Carl Gregg Doney, president of Willamette university, by the local members of the board of trustees, as to whether or not he would return to continue his work as president of the university. Members of the board had previously asked the president to let them know of his intentions before April 1. While the members of the board seem confident that they will hear from Dr. Doney in a few days the supposition is that if they do not they will consider another man for the position. The date of April 1 was not set as definite although the common consensus of opinion is that the board will make a definite announcement in regard to the next year's president before commencement.

A number of unofficial reports are at hand to the effect that Dr. Doney's health is greatly improved since his leave from here and that he is now in vigorous condition.

FEDERAL JUDGE CASE IS ENDED

Congressional Investigation on Impeachment Charges Now Closed

ST. LOUIS, Mo., April 1.—(By the Associated Press.)—The congressional investigation to determine whether recommendation of impeachment shall be made against Federal Judge George Washington English of the eastern district of Illinois ended late today.

The house judiciary subcommittee of seven which spent nine days here and in East St. Louis, Ill., hearing testimony and examining records, disbanded tonight to meet in Washington probably late in November to prepare its report for submission to the full committee when congress meets in December.

The case was left open, however, and should occasion arise for further hearing the subcommittee will meet at the call of its chairman, Representative W. D. Boies of Iowa.

Judge English completed his testimony this morning after eight hours in the witness chair. He denied few of the allegations.

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LIVESTOCK HEADS NAMED BY BOARD

Only One Change in State Fair Superintendents Made by Members

With one exception, superintendents of the livestock divisions of the state fair will remain the same this year as last, all others being tendered new contracts by the state fair board which met here Wednesday.

R. G. Fowler, assistant agriculturist for Jackson county, has been asked to succeed B. F. Neil, of Turner, as superintendent of the dairy cattle division. Mr. Neil is now engaged in business at Rainier. Mr. Fowler was livestock superintendent for the Southwestern Washington fair for several years.

Other superintendents are J. E. Finnicum, Dayton, beef cattle; Thomas Brunk, Salem, swine; Prof. Nelson, OAC, sheep, and Jay Reynolds, Corvallis, horses.

The board decided to make two classifications of potato and corn club exhibits, one from eastern and the other from western Oregon.

More than a dozen entries have been received for the tonlitter contest and all litter qualifying will be awarded \$10 instead of the money being distributed among various groups. The litter must weigh one ton and be 180 days old when the fair opens. Breeds to enter will be Poland China, Duroc-Jersey, Chester Whites, Berkshires and one grade litter. At least two club boys have entered the contest.

The board gave orders for the construction of a concrete sewer to carry off surface and flood waters from the fair grounds. The contract for this work will be let in the near future.

One report being that he had gained a number of pounds in weight and had recently walked five miles.

No successor for Dr. Doney has been considered by the board up to the present time, though a number of men are being very favorably looked upon for possible consideration however.

Among these the most popular seems to be Dr. U. G. Dubach, present dean of men at the Oregon Agricultural college. Several of the local campus organizations have gone on record as favoring him as the future president and a number of petitions have been circulated among the students of the university to be presented to the board in case Dr. Doney does not return. These petitions contain the signatures of between 450 or 500 students, including several of the leaders in student affairs.

No definite action will be taken by the board for a number of days or until word is received from Dr. Doney.

EXPLOITATION OF MEN TOLD

Manager of Club Unemployed Is Held on Charges of Grafting

SEATTLE, April 1.—Plan by H. G. Johansen, founder and manager of the Millionaire club, where a number of the city's unemployed men have sought refuge, to exploit the club members for personal gain, an alleged plan was charged in a complaint made here today to Prosecutor Ewing D. Colvin, by Herbert Rohrbach, contractor.

"I answered an advertisement by Johansen for a contracting partner," Rohrbach told Colvin. "I was to get contracts to wreck buildings, dig sewer trenches and other manual work. Labor costs were to be figured at \$4 to \$5 a day.

"Labor was to cost us not more than 65 cents a day per man. That was the price of three meals daily and 20 cents for a night's lodging. We were to clear a net profit of from \$3.35 to \$4.35 daily on each man. If the men refused to work they were to be refused three meals a day, a place to sleep and club privileges. Deputy Prosecutor J. M. Bailey informed Colvin he learned in an interview with Johansen that refuge at the club previously had been exploited. Bailey asserted that Johansen informed him he had hired out a man for four days at \$6 a day, received \$24 for the labor and retained \$14. Bailey declared Johansen admitted Seattle business men contributed \$15,000 last year to maintain the institution. "I am in this business to help unfortunates," Johansen told Colvin. "Of course, I must help myself and my family, too."

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SIX BOYS ENJOY SWIM IN RIVER

Water Near Spong's Landing Cold; Plans Made to Repeat Performance

Several Salem youths trudged to Spong's landing yesterday to gain the honor of being the first to take a pleasure plunge in the waters of the Willamette for this year. Neither did the chaps boast about their feat, for it is said they lingered around the bonfire that had been made for the occasion.

The claim to distinction of being the first in the water for the 1925 season was a cold proposition, stated the boys. The real cold water did not dampen their ardor for the jaunt and they plan to repeat the performance at a later date.

The swimmers were Stewart Kibbe, Bill Sipperal, John Evans, Leroy Grotte, James Busch and Ivan White. All are members of the Salem YMCA.

BOGUSCHECK MAN IS UNDER ARREST

Winkleblack Is Alleged to Have Passed Bad Paper of Dallas Bank

A. F. Winkleblack, former Portland and Salem resident, was placed under arrest yesterday by Officer Louis Olson and Deputy Sheriff Centers of Polk county on charges of alleged "paper hanging." Winkleblack, using an alias of Smith or Hughes, has succeeded in passing several hundred dollars of paper on the Dallas bank. Some of the checks have been left with Salem merchants as evidenced by the report of the Capital Junk shop, the Busiek grocery and other firms.

The "paperhanger" would work his scheme by purchasing articles of clothing, motor appliances or groceries and tender a check in payment. With his appearance of being a farmer, and by having a small automobile with him, the man managed to present a plausible story. Officer Olsen, of the Salem police, was able to trace the man by the purchases he had made and by the signatures on the checks he had signed. In addition, the numbered tires he had secured from the Malcolm Tire shop were seized as evidence.

NEUTRALITY OF GERMANY WILL BE DISCUSSED

Specialists in Codification of International Law Consider Topics in Opening Session

WARTIME ACTIONS ARE QUESTIONED BY LEAGUE

Progressive Study Made by Jurists; Council Exchanges Views

GENEVA, April 1.—(By Associated Press.)—German neutrality in wartime came up indirectly today during the inaugural session of the conference of world jurists gathered to study the progressive codification of international law.

George W. Wickersham, former United States attorney general offered concrete suggestions as to how to proceed with the task. He was followed by Prof. Schuecking, German jurist, who emphasized his happiness in participating in the league's codification despite the fact that Germany is not a member of the league.

Question Considered The question of German neutrality formed one of the features of Germany's memorandum to the powers on the council during the earlier exchange of views on German adherence to the league and has been linked in the German mind with Berlin's desire to say when and how as a member of the league she would contribute to sanctions against an aggressor state.

Prof. Schuecking favored beginning the task before the jurists by excluding those points of law on which an agreement seemed difficult for the moment and this concentrating on matters of which unanimity appeared assured. This in great measure also was Mr. Wickersham's plan.

FOOTBALL PRACTICE STARTS

EUGENE, Or., April 1.—Spring football practice at the University of Oregon started this week, with the resumption of collegiate activities after spring vacation. About 30 candidates are out. Fundamentals are being stressed. Next week, according to Coach Dick Smith, scrimmage will start in earnest.

DEBTS ARE ARRANGED

Acting Secretary Winston, the under-secretary, with Assistant Secretary Dewey now has full charge of fiscal operations for the government. Through the reorganization, Mr. Winston becomes secretary of the American debt commission and will handle all foreign debt matters, while Mr. Dewey is to have control of railroad loans and jurisdiction over the comptroller of the currency, the United States treasurer, the bureau of engraving and printing and other agencies having to do with the federal currency and its disbursement.

Mr. Winston's duties will include the finding of ways to finance the government, and supervision of the budget bureau, the farm loan board and the public debt commissioner. He will act for the secretary also where that official must serve with the federal reserve board or the war finance corporation.

Mrs. Sloper Recommended as Stayton Postmistress

Mrs. Emma B. Sloper has been recommended as postmaster at Stayton, according to word received last night from Congressman W. C. Hawley.

"Since the withdrawal of Floyd C. Crabtree, who prefers to retain his present position, the patrons of the office appear practically unanimous for Mrs. Sloper, and she is supported by the county organization," the telegram read.

"The Thief of Bagdad"

There begins at 1:30 this afternoon the presentation of the great screen picture, "The Thief of Bagdad"—one of the greatest pictures ever made.

This picture was made by Douglas Fairbanks. It is his greatest production. It cost him \$2,000,000. It is a high priced picture—costs a lot of money to bring it to Salem; but it is to be shown at 50 and 75 cents, with four performances daily, at 1:30, 3:30, 7 and 9.

Douglas Fairbanks says: "The Thief of Bagdad" is the story of things we dream about; a tale of what happens when we go out from ourselves to conquer Worlds of Fancy. We set out to win our Heart's Desire; we confuse our enemies; we demean ourselves bravely; our success is complete; our reward is Happiness. I believe that this is the story of every man's inner self and that every man will thus see it. That's the reason I made "The Thief of Bagdad."

CHANGE MADE IN DUTIES OF US OFFICIALS

Treasury Executives Shifted to Consolidate Several Departments Following Retirement

LIQUOR ENFORCEMENT WORK IS CENTRALIZED

Prohibition Commissioner and Internal Revenue Head Separated

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Official duties assigned to the several treasury executives were shifted about considerably today with the advent of Lincoln C. Andrews of New York as an assistant secretary, succeeding Elliott Wadsworth, resigned.

Service Centralized Forecasting efforts to bring about more effective enforcement of prohibition laws, all agencies in the treasury having to do wholly or in part with this work, including the prohibition unit, the coast guard and the customs service, were concentrated under the jurisdiction of Mr. Andrews. For the first time, too, the office of prohibition commissioner was placed under control of one assistant secretary while the internal revenue bureau, of which it is a part by law, was given to another official.

Customs Office Changed The realignment of duties brought a culmination of efforts to divide the work of collecting the revenues between two assistant secretaries. Assistant Secretary Moss, who heretofore has handled the largest volume of work of any of Secretary Mellon's advisors, was relieved of the division of customs, but retained jurisdiction of the internal revenue bureau. It was confidently expected among officials that by so dividing the two revenue collecting services, Mr. Moss would be able to give closer scrutiny to tax questions and eliminate many possible causes of complaint.

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DODGE SALE IS FOR HUGE SUM

Large Motor Interests Disposed of for \$175,000,000 to Bankers

NEW YORK, April 1.—After a spirited struggle between powerful financial interests, ownership of Dodge Brothers, Inc., one of the country's largest automobile companies, today passed to Dillon, Read & Co., New York bankers, in a cash transaction involving slightly less than \$175,000,000.

The exact purchase price was not revealed by the bankers, but it was learned authoritatively that it exceeded a combined cash and securities offer of more than \$150,000,000 submitted by the General Motors corporation through J. P. Morgan & Co.

Confirmation of the transaction, representing the largest single transfer of an industrial corporation for cash in the history of American finance, was made by Dillon, Read & Co. tonight in a brief statement issued simultaneously by members of the firm in New York and by A. C. Schwartz, who closed the negotiations in Detroit.

Within a short time the huge motor business founded by John and Horace Dodge a little more than ten years ago will be transferred from a closed family corporation to one of the largest publicly owned automobile companies in the United States. Reorganization of the company's capital structure is planned by the new banker owners who will subsequently make a public offering of securities, probably exceeding \$100,000,000.

Darling Retains Grip on Life; Condition Critical

DES MOINES, Iowa, April 1.—J. N. (Ding) Darling, the cartoonist, was clinging to life tonight with what physicians termed "remarkable tenacity." Tonight's bulletin was almost identical with statements given out for 20 days. It said merely: "Mr. Darling's condition is critical. He evidences remarkable tenacity in his hold on life."

Ill since March 12, Mr. Darling's condition has been unchanging except for a few days last week when a slight improvement was noted.

5000 AT U. OF W.

SEATTLE, April 1.—Figures tonight on registration at the University of Washington, which opened its spring quarter today, indicated an enrollment of 5,000.

DOOMED SLAYER CARRIED TO HEAR DEATH SENTENCE



Covell to Hang May 22

Carried by two jail attendants, Arthur Covell, crippled astrologer, convicted of first degree murder for the death of Mrs. Elba Covell, his sister-in-law, in 1923, heard sentence of death pronounced upon him for the second time Wednesday when Judge J. C. Kendall, of Coquille, in Coos county, sentenced him to death upon the gallows on May 22. Covell was first sentenced to death on December 21, 1923, but appealed his case.

The death sentence was also pronounced upon L. W. Pearce, convicted of the murder of James Culver, a neighbor, in 1922. He was sentenced at the same time to die on the same date.

Both men indicated that they would appeal to the governor for clemency. They are expected to arrive early this morning, sentence having been passed too late yesterday to enable their return last night.

Before hearing sentence pronounced, Covell declared that his nephew, Alton Covell, 17, who is serving a life sentence for the execution of the murder which the state charges was planned by Arthur Covell, was innocent of the crime. He said the boy assumed the blame to clear the name of his father. Covell declared that the confessions made by Alton and himself were untrue and that both were innocent of the crime as charged. Pearce made no statement.

DEVIL NOT FOOL IF OTHERS ARE

Splendid Sermon Given by Rev. Poling at First Presbyterian Church

"The devil himself is no fool. Some people deny the deity of Jesus, but the demons, or evil spirits, of the New Testament times never made such a blunder. These always testified to the divine character of Jesus. Some folks may be fools; but the devil is none, especially when it comes to estimating the true character of Jesus."

With these words the Rev. Charles Poling opened his sermon last night at the First Presbyterian church. The sermon subject was, "The Devil."

"God didn't create the devil," declared Mr. Poling, "any more than He created a world of moral tragedy, or an individual sinner. According to the Bible Satan was at one time an angel in heaven, and now is a fallen angel. His fall was the result of his moral choice."

"Some people imagine the devil takes a vacation. Not much! He works 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. He is a good church goer. In fact better than most professed Christians, for he never stays away. He professes to be the creator of joy—but in reality is the joy-killer of the universe. "Do I believe in the reality of the devil? I can't help from believing this. He has left too many slimy trails in this old world for me to doubt his existence. The pain and sorrow tonight that is breaking the hearts of earth's millions must be laid at the door of the devil."

"Furthermore, a fool couldn't read the Bible and fail to find

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SORDID DETAIL OF GIRL'S LIFE TOLD AT TRIAL

Dorothy Ellingson, Confessed Matricide, Spends Her Birthday in Prison Cell; Crowd Peers In

17 YEAR OLD GIRL IN SHADOW OF MADHOUSE

Defendant in Insanity Trial Faints Twice as Brother Testifies

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Dorothy Ellingson was 17 years old today and her birthday party, attended by scores of strangers who peered curiously at her, was held in the court room where her life was dissected before her eyes. It seemed to torture her, this recital of the brief accumulation of disordered years that led her into court as a matricide and finally placed her in the shadow of the madhouse.

Girl Is Suffering The girl whose irregular life culminated, so she said, in a sudden impulse to kill her mother, seemed to suffer as others told her story. She heard her brother Earl detail bit by bit, sordid features of their home life. Finally he said he believed her insane. Twice under this ordeal the girl fainted. Perhaps in her oblivion she fancied her life had been otherwise and that her 17th birthday was being observed in freedom with charming friends about her, for each time she was revived she came back to court smiling faintly and looking at the presents her father had not forgotten to bring even in this extremity.

In opening the sanity hearing before a jury her chief counsel, Alexander Mooslin, said that a prenatal influence would be shown in testimony, the abnormality of her mother shortly before her birth.

"We will prove," he asserted, "that one night her father was awakened in the night by the clutch of his wife's hands about his throat; that she attempted to kill him as he slept and then fell in a hysterical fit on the floor."

He promised to establish the circumstances that produced in Dorothy "this monstrous combination of a child in years and a woman in nature." He outlined the evidence that would be offered of her early irregularities which began at the age of 12, when she and another girl ran away from home and stayed with men. Later her attorney said, she formed other "intimate associations with men, some of whom she knew only by such names as 'God', 'Frenchy' and 'Joe'."

"She began to frequent the so-called jazz palaces. She kept late hours and drank bootleg liquor."

The attorney related how the girl's father and mother separated about a year before Mrs. Ellingson's death. The child, he explained had a hard home life, with no moral or religious training.

"This unfortunate mother," he added, "frequently tried in a friendly way to restrain her. The girl never threatened her mother. There was no real quarrel between them. The girl's only threats were that she would run away from home."

Mr. Mooslin finally said that for more than a week before the fatal happening Dorothy had been persuaded to stay away from parties and had seemed content to be at home. The mother was found dead, according to the account without apparent reason, since there was no evidence that she and the girl ever had had any serious difficulties. Later the girl was arrested and "persuaded to make a statement" in which she admitted that she had shot her mother.

WEDNESDAY IN WASHINGTON

Thomas F. Woodlock was sworn in as a member of the interstate commerce commission.

The state department and The Netherlands' envoy signed an agreement to arbitrate the sovereignty over Las Palmas island.

Reorganization of executive duties in the treasury was announced, designed to afford closer supervision of tax and collection problems.

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