

TENTATIVE PLAN IS MADE FOR TAX CUT

Outline of Budget Slicing Program Presented to President Coolidge

20 MILLIONS SLASHED

Reduction of Wage Sum Is in Line With Suggestions Offered by Executive; Meeting Held Later

SWAMPSCOTT, Mass., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—In a series of conferences today President Coolidge studied the budget estimates for next year, received a report on the postal rate problem and was given late information as to the Alaskan fisheries situation. Director Lord of the budget presented to the executive a tentative budget estimate for the next fiscal year, calling for a reduction of \$20,000,000 in appropriations. This is the amount set by the president, and he approves the form in which the budget chief tentatively has allocated the new figures.

With increases necessary in some departments, heavy slashes have been called for in others, and it is understood the new budget hits hard on the army and navy appropriations. Mr. Coolidge has declared that while he wanted adequate defense, he believes it should be maintained on the smallest sum necessary.

Although it is likely next year's budget will pare down the military appropriations it also is understood that the aviation branches will not suffer. About \$20,000,000 for aviation was authorized for this year and this sum is declared to be all that can be consumed in the annual output of the present aviation industry. The joint congressional post-office committee which is conducting hearings in this section on postal rates met with the president late today. Representative White of Maine, ranking republican on merchant marine and fisheries committee, informed the president that a rigid policy of conservation must be pursued in the Alaskan fisheries. He had just returned from Alaska and said the dearth of fish there has seriously handicapped industry and business generally in that territory. Mr. White, who was chairman of the committee which investigated the shipping board, announced he would call the committee together in the fall to compile a report on its hearings. No recommendations or suggestions to be embodied in the report have been formulated by him.

ADOPTED GIRL LEAVES

ANNULMENT PAPERS SOUGHT IN BROWNING WARD CASE

NEW YORK, Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Final preparations were made today for the severance of the legal relations between Mary Louise Spas Browning, would-be modern Cinderella and Edward A. Browning, wealthy real estate operator and disillusioned fairy godfather.

Mr. Browning held a conference with the Queens county authorities and District Attorney Newcombe announced that tomorrow he will present a petition for the annulment of the adoption on the ground that the girl deceived Mr. Browning into believing her only 16 years old when she was actually 21.

The girl left the home of Mr. Browning's secretary last night, but since she departed with the agent of a syndicate for which she intended to write the story of her brief romance, little concern was felt concerning the fact that her whereabouts remained a mystery today.

Mr. Browning's secretary offered a reward of \$500 for her recovery but Mr. Browning denied this was done on his orders.

MILL VISITOR KILLED

WOMAN IS FATALLY INJURED WHEN GUY POLE CRASHES

TACOMA, Wash., Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Mrs. Eunice Fitzer of Eatonville was killed this afternoon at Fitzer saw mill two miles east of Morton. According to information available here, the victim was one of a party from Eatonville who were visiting at the mill. The visitors were seated in a group, when suddenly a guy pole became loosened and crashed down on the party. Mrs. Fitzer was struck by the falling pole, receiving the full force of the impact and was almost instantly killed. She is survived by her husband, Rudolph Fitzer, four sons and one daughter.

DROWNING RUMOR BIG CAUSE OF EXCITEMENT

BOBBY STARRETT UNWITTINGLY CREATES RUMPUS

Available Guards and Convicts Are Rushed to Bank of Mill Creek Monday

Official prisondom was thrown into a chaotic condition Monday, following reports of the drowning of Bobby Starrrett, 15, son of J. V. Starrrett, state parole officer. Every guard off duty, five or six convicts known to be good swimmers and divers, a physician from the city and a pulmotor from Independence were rushed to the scene. In the midst of the excitement Bobby appeared seeking knowledge of the cause of all the activity.

Bobby, it was learned, was swimming in Mill creek about half a mile north of the prison reservation, with two companions. These had started back to town when they heard, or thought they heard, cries for help. Returning to where they had left Bobby he was not to be found. They dashed for the penitentiary office and gave the alarm.

Upon reaching the scene of the supposed drowning the convicts divested themselves of clothing and proceeded to search the swimming hole for the body of the drowned boy. Mr. Starrrett paced the banks almost frantic with grief.

Bobby had decided to go farther up the creek when his companions left him. Coming back down the creek he noted the presence of the diving party and went to the creek to see what it was all about.

Just what remarks passed between father and son were not learned, but Bobby presented a serious face when he returned to the guards' quarters near the prison.

HUGE OIL FIRE BURNING

LOSS ESTIMATED AT MILLION AND HALF DOLLARS

FRESNO, Cal., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Damage estimated at more than \$1,500,000 will be done by a raging fire which is tonight destroying 700,000 barrels of high gravity refining oil stored in a huge Shell Oil company reservoir nine miles east of Coalinga on the west side of Fresno county. The fire, which is expected to burn uncontrolled for several days, started when the 750,000 barrel reservoir was struck by lightning shortly before noon today.

Company officials said tonight the entire loss will be covered by insurance. With the cover of the reservoir burned away a surface of hundreds of square feet is in a mass of roaring flames leaping 250 feet in the air and making the heat unbearable within 100 yards of the inferno.

Because of the terrific heat and the amount of oil burning virtually nothing can be done by company crews other than to drain as much oil as possible from the reservoir to the Shell tank three miles distant.

Company officials say that probably 50,000 barrels of oil can be saved in this way.

BRIAND VISITS ENGLAND

JOINT REPLY WILL BE MADE TO GERMANY'S MESSAGE

LONDON, Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The French mission which is to endeavor to formulate with Great Britain a reply to Germany's recent note on the question of security, arrived in London tonight from Paris.

Aristide Briand, the French foreign minister, heads the mission. The delegation was welcomed at the railway station by Austen Chamberlain, the British foreign secretary and other foreign office officials, the French ambassador, M. De Fieurliau.

Conversations on the note will begin tomorrow at the foreign office. Premier Baldwin and his ministers are remaining in town to be in readiness to hold a cabinet council to discuss and give approval to the draft reply to the German communication. If the conversations are successful, it is expected they will lead later to a more formal conference at which representatives of Germany will be presented.

LAND PURCHASE MADE

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The San Francisco office of the Standard Oil company today announced purchase of 648 acres of land as a site for what was described as a larger reservoir than any now existing. The reservoir will have a capacity of 2,900,000 barrels and will cost \$100,000.

TIMBER BLAZES ARE NOW UNDER CONTROL

Reports From Many Oregon Points Say Fighters Are Winning Over Fire

PROPERTY LOSS IS HIGH

Considerable Damage Is Reported From Widely Scattered Blazes in Southern Oregon Holdings

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 10.—Oregon forest fires were being put under control today.

Donkey engines, a pile driver and considerable length of railroad track were destroyed on the holdings of the Nehalem Timber & Lumbering company, near Seaplane, Ore., swept by flames today and Sunday.

Minor reports of the burning of a sawmill at Trail, Ore., were received. The fire was put under control and eight other small fires also were controlled. Two serious fires, however, resulted from lightning, one at Butte Falls and one at Noon Prairie, all towns in Jackson county. Commercial timber in the Crater lake national forest was threatened by them. The forest service is fighting the flames.

Smoke at Roseburg was said to be the densest since the fires of 1910 hung a pall over the region. Ten small fires, widely scattered, were reported by the Douglas county fire patrol. Four fires were burning on Elk creek, between Elkton and Drain, two in the Lane mountain district, ten miles east of Roseburg, one at Millwood, one on Paradise creek north of Elkton, one near Camas valley and one near Elsiehead. With the exception of the Paradise creek fire, all were coming under control.

Late reports said that there were 21 fires in or near the Crater national forest, 16 in government land and five in state land.

The largest of this group of fires, all caused by electrical storms, was near Minnaha creek, six miles southeast of Prospect. It was still spreading.

The Noyes-Holland fire south of (Continued on page 5)

COLT BRINGS \$50,500

FELIX FIRED BY MAN O'WAR SELLS FOR RECORD PRICE

SARATOGA SPRINGS, N. Y., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—A record sum of \$50,500 for a thoroughbred yearling was paid today by James Co. Brady in a purchase at auction of a daughter of Man O'War, bred in Virginia by Rear Admiral Carey T. Grayson former physician to Woodrow Wilson.

RAIN CAUSES WRECKS

CHIHUAHUA CITY, Mexico, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—Heavy rainstorms that swept the central part of the state of Chihuahua Saturday night and Sunday caused three train wrecks and injury to three persons.

ANOTHER HAUNTED HOUSE

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COAL STRIKE SPECTER

THE GREAT AMERICAN HOME



NARCOTIC SQUAD LEADER IS HELD FOLLOWING RAID

COL. BEACH OF CHICAGO ARRESTED ON GRAFT CHARGE

Man Responsible for Law Enforcement Held Trafficer in Narcotics

CHICAGO, Aug. 10.—(By The Associated Press.)—While twenty squads of detectives and federal agents, comprising more than 100 men in all, swooped down on a score of south side resorts suspected of selling narcotics, Col. Will Gray Beach, head of the narcotic agents in this district, was formally placed under arrest and turned over to the custody of a deputy United States marshal tonight.

Colonel Beach was charged with grafting, it being alleged that he has disposed of narcotics to narcotic peddlers in exchange for both money and jewelry.

The raids followed a long investigation, part of it said to have been conducted by Chinese secret service men. Three of his best known agents were also arrested with Col. Beach. All are charged with having sold narcotics seized by them in raids to narcotic peddlers in exchange for stolen merchandise.

Those under arrest besides Beach are Harry Detterich, Alonzo Baxter and Dennis J. O'Brien.

The raids were made in the Chinese district and among those arrested were several peddlers who operatives say had traded with the agents. Their names, however, were kept secret. The activities of the accused agents have covered a period of more than a year, those directing the raids said, and refused to hazard a guess as to the amount of money and merchandise involved.

TO PROBE STOCK SALES

CREWS ASKS INVESTIGATION OF PORTLANDERS

A grand jury investigation of F. W. Starr and Charles Haight, formerly of Portland, is asked of the Multnomah county district attorney by W. E. Crews, state corporation commissioner. The two men were former salesmen connected with the Northwest Drilling Syndicate and the Northwest Hotel Syndicate, both concerns now defunct.

An examination of papers of the hotel syndicate revealed an alleged "sucker list," with names of prominent people, occupation and best appeal through which the investigation is sought upon the complaint of purchasers of stock in the two discontinued businesses.

Both Starr and Haight are believed to have left the state.

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NEW PHASE OPENS IN SCHWARTZ CASE

Police Believe Murderer Who Killed Self May Have Had Accomplices

TWO MEN ARE SOUGHT

Sheriff Declares Perpetrator of Death Hoax Had Visitors Shortly Before Blast Took Place

OAKLAND, Cal., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Another phase loomed tonight in the case of Henry Schwartz, soldier of fortune, chemist, business man and murderer, who shot and killed himself yesterday in an apartment here as police were battering at the door to arrest him for the slaying of another man and attempted perpetration of an insurance hoax.

The newest angle was the possibility that Schwartz might have had confederates in the case which authorities have reconstructed to show an attempt to collect in excess of \$100,000 insurance by the murder of a man now identified by three persons as G. E. Barbe, an itinerant pianist.

Search for confederates assumed definite proportions when Sheriff R. E. Veale of Contra Costa announced that Schwartz had several visitors during the days he remained in hiding. The sheriff said his information had come from the proprietor of the apartment house where the chemist fled after the explosion and fire which destroyed his laboratory at the Pacific Cellulose company near Martinez.

Sheriff Veale declared that information he had was of such a nature that he might reopen the entire investigation. "Schwartz had visitors during the time he was in hiding," Veale said, "and we now are looking for two men."

He refused to reveal the identity of the men.

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BOLT HELPS PARALYTIC

USE OF ARM IS RESTORED WHEN LIGHTNING HITS MAN

BAKERSFIELD, Cal., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—It is an ill wind that blows nobody good; and today's freak thunder, lightning and rain storm brought to Noah W. Miers, 67, a measure of good luck for which he is duly grateful. For nearly three months past Miers has been suffering from a paralytic stroke which left him without the use of his left arm. Neighbors of Miers, who lives alone in a tent, have helped him get around his tiny yard and assisted him with his cooking.

While lying in his tent this morning, a bolt of lightning struck the tent, hit a metal cooking utensil near the suffering man and then struck Miers. A spot about six inches in diameter was burned under Miers' left arm, and he was rushed to a hospital. Dr. S. C. Long was called in and later declared the patient will make a good recovery, but Miers is chiefly pleased to find that he has entirely recovered the use of his paralyzed arm.

Rain gauges recorded 1.8 of an inch for the storm.

WOMAN'S BODY IS FOUND

VICTIM UNIDENTIFIED; ATTEMPT MADE TO BURN BODY

DES MOINES, Ia., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—The body of a woman with the skull fractured in three places was found in a straw pile that had been partly burned, near Carleton, 15 miles from here, late this afternoon. The partly burned straw pile had been there for two or three weeks. Two men, passing the spot, found the body and notified the Warren county coroner, who tonight is making efforts to identify the body.

VIOLENT TORNADO RIPS CITY FROM FOUNDATION

CALIFORNIA TOWN SUFFERS \$150,000 DAMAGE

Five Hurt; Only Two Buildings in Rockwood Left Standing on Original Sites

ROCKWOOD, Cal., Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—Damage estimated at from \$125,000 to \$175,000 resulted from the tornado which late yesterday ripped this little Imperial Valley town off its foundations. A check-up of property losses and casualties revealed tonight that only two of the town's approximately 29 buildings were resting on their original sites and that five of the 500 residents were nursing minor injuries.

A freak feature of the storm was the fall of hail that accompanied it. One of the slightly injured men was knocked down by a hailstone and chickens were slaughtered by the hundreds.

An Associated Press representative surveying the scene could not find a live chicken anywhere in the vicinity, although thousands were known to have been kept by ranchers and householders in the four-mile path. The dead fowl lay scattered about as though it had rained chickens.

ITALIAN DEBT DISCUSSED

FINANCE OFFICIALS PLAN PAYMENT OF U. S. LOAN

ROME, Aug. 10.—(By Associated Press.)—To prepare Italy's case for presentation in the negotiations over payment of her war debts, with special reference to the debt owed the United States, the government's highest financial authorities met today with Count Volpi, minister of finance, presiding. The meeting's significance is emphasized by the fact that Giacomo de Martino, Italian ambassador to the United States, sailed from New York Saturday to discuss the debt situation with his government.

The discussion dealt with the definite shape to be given documentary material which it is planned to submit to the American debt funding commission and the United States congress concerning Italy's financial situation and also statistics bearing on Italy's population problem. This material will include also a prospectus showing the international payments which Italy now is making, and also the fiscal pressure now being exerted in Italy in preparation to the wealth and revenues of the nation as compared to the same pressure in other countries.

Dr. Mario Alberti, who was associated with Ambassador De Martino in the early negotiations at Washington, presented an organic plan dealing with all these questions.

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BARTENDERS STILL WORK

MONTREAL, Aug. 10.—Organized bartenders in the United States are continuing the same work they did before prohibition. Edward Flore, president of the international alliance and the Bartenders' International league said today, and constitute 75 per cent of the membership of the organization.

MUNICIPAL WATER PLANT IS FAVORED

Salem Water Company Willing to Sell to City According to President

MAY SEEK VALUATION

Three Engineers Proposed; Special Committee Will Act in Advisory Capacity Under Present Plan

Ninety representative citizens who met at the Chamber of Commerce last night went on record as approving municipal ownership of the Salem water supply and unanimously approved arbitration as the most satisfactory method of determining the value of the Salem Water company plant.

High lights of the session were announced by C. A. Parks, president of the water company, that if the city wished to buy the plant, the company would be willing to sell.

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T. M. Hicks, president of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mayor John B. Geisy authorized to appoint a committee of five to seven representative citizens to act as an advisory committee to the city council and special committees dealing with the water system.

Expression of favoring purchase of the water company plant before placing the question of a new mountain water source before the people.

Mr. Hicks acted as chairman of the evening and introduced Mayor Geisy who announced as the primary question for consideration the problem of how an appraisal of the water plant could be secured in such manner as to give complete assurance to the voters that the transaction was perfectly fair.

"Nothing is more intimately connected with the development of the city than the matter of its water supply," Mayor Geisy declared in opening the meeting for discussion. "I have no criticisms to make of the Salem Water company, but it is apparent that something must be done, and the sooner the better. I am hoping that it can be done in such a way as to leave

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