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MEXICAN CHIEF AND HIS FRIEND UNDER ATTACK

Portes Gil and Calles Receive Bombs and Threats Through Mail

Anonymous Plotters Promise to "Get Your Daughter Ernestina"

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Threatening letters have been received by President Emilio Portes Gil and his friend General Calles. Three unexploded bombs have been found in residences of prominent members of the "nationalist revolutionary party" which is dedicated to preserve the policies of Calles and the late General Obregon.

The letters received by former President Calles also threatened kidnapping of his daughter, Ernestina, wife of Thomas Arnold Robinson of New York, member in office, Plantario Elias Calles. Three more unexploded bombs have been found in residences of prominent members of the "nationalist revolutionary party" which is dedicated to preserve the policies of Calles and the late General Obregon before his assassination.

Threats Made Against Ernestina, Calles' Daughter

Some of the anonymous letters received at the Calles residence read: "We will get you. We will get your daughter Ernestina. You will be punished through her. You said that you would leave Mexico when you left office. You have not done so. You will pay by your daughter being taken away."

Persons close to the family know that nothing could hurt the former president as much as injury to his daughter, Ernestina. Her husband was an American.

FIRST OF SPECIAL TAX BILLS PASSED

Indications Point to Easy Time for Measures Drawn by Commission

Oregon may yet be led out of the financial wilderness into which it has fallen, and led by the property tax relief commission, if the easy passage of House bills 198, 199 and 289 on Tuesday is an indication of the way in which their program is to be received.

These bills were the first of the new series which not only are expected to provide additional revenue to get the state out of the "red" but to provide more efficient machinery all along in the tax departments. Briefly the measures are:

Bill 198 gives the state tax commission general supervision for the entire administration of the assessment and tax laws of the state, with full power to equalize assessments to the end that assessments may be uniform and equal both as between the counties and within any given county.

Bill 199 amends sections of the state law, and provides for the creation of a three-man paid tax commission to take the place of the ex-officio member and the appointed member of the present tax commission.

Bill 289 provides that additional compensation shall be given and clerical assistants acquired and special assessors appointed upon order of the tax commission.

FORTUNE TELLER IS PLACED UPON TRIAL

POCATELLO, Ida., Feb. 12.—(AP)—One of the west's most sensational stage coach robberies figured in the trial here today of A. B. Meyer, alleged pseudo clairvoyant and former resident of Milwaukee, Wis., charged with snatching a Pocatello woman out of \$400 treasure buried in 1864.

Mrs. Agnes Schwabe of McCammon, Idaho, testified that Meyer posed as a fortune teller and during a seance told her of a stage coach robbery at Robbers' Roost creek near here in the early days and claimed to know where the handkerchiefs were hidden. He offered to go to the hiding place and recover the plunder, if she would advance the money to carry on the excavations. She said she provided the money for the treasure hunt.

George Waleky, reputed oldest resident of this region, testified that he searched for the buried loot in 1865.

Meyer was arrested in Salem, Oregon, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

Lindy Engaged to Wed Daughter of U. S. Ambassador

Romance of America's Most Famous Aviator Culminates in Formal Announcement of Intended Marriage to Anne Morrow

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 12.—(AP)—U. S. Ambassador Dwight W. Morrow today announced the engagement of his daughter, Anne, to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

Miss Anne Spencer Morrow is at the American embassy here with her parents. The couple met first when Colonel Lindbergh made his famous non-stop flight from OMAHA, NEBRASKA, to WASHINGTON, D. C., a little more than a year ago.

Since that time, Colonel Lindbergh has been the guest of the Morrow family in Mexico City and at their country home at Cherravaca.

Miss Morrow is 22, a brunette, and a favorite in the diplomatic social circles here. She won two prizes for proficiency in scholarship at Smith college, from which she graduated last year.

Mexicans Suspicious of Romance Pending

The Mexican capital suspected that a romance was in the offing between the colonel, who has been the idol of feminine hearts since he flew to Paris, and Miss Morrow. Rumors to that effect had been printed in local papers last November but at that time were denied.

Anne and her mother arrived in Mexico City shortly before noon today from Laredo, Texas. They were 17 hours late because of the train of President Portes Gil. The bridge destroyed by the dynamiters has not been replaced and all passengers have to change trains at that point.

Late this afternoon Ambassador Morrow summoned the newspaper correspondents and handed them a formal typewritten statement.

It read: "Ambassador and Mrs. Morrow have announced the engagement of their daughter, Anne, to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh."

LINDY REACHES HAVANA IN SAFETY

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Health Leaders To Be Nominated

The nominating committee of the Marion county public health association will meet at the Gray Belle at noon today to nominate officers for the ensuing year. Mrs. F. A. Elliott is chairman of the committee. Officers for next year will be elected at the annual meeting to be held Tuesday, February 26. T. M. Hicks is president of the association and Mrs. Roy Burton, secretary.

Facts and Gossip

Brief Bits of News and Belief Gathered Here and There in Legislative Halls.

Bruce Dennis, publisher of the Klamath Falls Herald and News, arrived in the city Tuesday evening, and is at this very minute busy making arrangements for the big banquet and get-together of the "Oregon Dads" which will be held at the Marion hotel tonight at five o'clock. Following his banquet he popped up fathers of University of Oregon students will go up to the state house where they will attend in a body the public hearing on university appropriation measures.

President of the Senate Norblad arrived Tuesday at the Lincoln services where he recognized "Representative Robison" upon hearing the voice of Joe Singer, sergeant-at-arms of the house. But the president was later consoled when

agement of their daughter, Anne Spencer Morrow, to Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh.

Ambassador Morrow refused absolutely to say anything more. He declined to give any indication of the time or place of the wedding but the capital immediately assumed that it would be held in Mexico City and perhaps before long.

The ambassador was smiling and seemed highly pleased as he made the announcement.

He declared that no definite plans have yet been determined upon. There was immediate speculation as to whether the colonel might fly to Mexico City as soon as he completed his air mail flight.

Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, mother of the aviator, is now en route to the United States from Constantinople where she was taught for six months in an American school where a sister of Ambassador Morrow also teaches. It was, of course, certain that there will be no wedding until she arrives, but that would not mean a long delay.

When Lindbergh took off from Valbuena field here last November (Turn to Page 2, Column 7.)

MYSTERY CLEARED BY ANNOUNCEMENT

Persistent Rumors Indicated That Lindy Was to Wed Anne's Sister

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—(AP)—The engagement of Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh to one of the daughters of Dwight W. Morrow, United States ambassador to Mexico, former Morgan partner, has been rumored for some time but the reports were indefinite as to just which one it would be—Anne or Elisabeth, her oldest sister.

When Elisabeth returned from Europe last November after having visited Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, the flying colonel's mother, in Turkey, the rumors were more or less definite that it was Elisabeth. She smilingly declined to answer all questions pertaining to the matter at that time and being under the escort of J. P. Morgan, succeeded in keeping a secret of the fact it was her younger sister who was favored in Colonel Lindbergh's eyes.

Anne Morrow, the colonel's fiancée, is 22 years old, five less than the colonel himself, and has been a favorite in Mexico City diplomatic circles, participating more often than her sister, who although heiress to millions preferred to teach school.

State Birthday Celebration To Draw Big Crowd

Much interest is being shown in the plans for Oregon's 70th birthday celebration, which will be staged at the capitol building Thursday night, and indications Tuesday were that the building will be thronged with people not only from Salem, but from distant parts of the state, drawn here by this unique observance.

The events will open with the governor's reception from 8 to 9:30 o'clock, which will be followed by a program in the first floor rotunda, at which Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg will deliver an address on "Pioneer Oregon." The governor will then light the 70 candles on the state's birthday cake. The monster cake will later be cut and served to the crowd.

Loan Bodies are Still Shooting At Excise Bill

Mutual building and loan associations are still keeping everlastingly at their attempt to get their part of the excise tax measure straightened out to their satisfaction. The bill at present provides that after a certain exemption percentage, their returns to investors shall be taxed as are other returns from corporations.

Opponents of this clause claim that in mutual concerns, only the "profits" represented by the amount put into their "surplus" should come under this proposed tax. They are now attempting a compromise by agreeing to a higher franchise charge, but so far have failed to convince the committee on taxation and revenue which now has the excise tax measure under consideration.

Arguments Upon Bills Slated at Capitol Tonight

The bill to create a state board of motion picture censors, the bill for a physical examination for persons about to be married and the bill to regulate dance halls, will be given a public hearing by the house committee on health and public morals tonight at 7:30 o'clock. Each of the bills is highly controversial.

LAND SALE FOR AIRPORT IS UP TO COMMITTEE

Marion County Delegation Gets Matter Before Joint Group for Conference

Price of Tract Thought to be Only Question as Sale is Nearly Certain

Decision on a recommendation to the legislature asking sale of state property for Salem's municipal airport, may be reached today by the joint committee of the house and senate appointed in accordance with a resolution adopted at the instance of the Marion county delegation.

A meeting of this committee will probably be held before the recommendation is finally adopted. Indications were Tuesday that there would be little doubt that the legislative committee would report favorably on the sale, the only question being the amount which the state would ask.

Council and Legion Compromise City Group

Members of the committee are Senators Reynolds, Ed Bailey and Kiddle, and Representatives Smith, McCready and Henderson. The city airport committee includes George J. Wenderoth, Paul Johnson and Watson Townsend of the city council, Brazier C. Small, Jack Elliott and C. E. Nelson of the American Legion, and Fred Erixon, Henry R. Crawford and George F. Vick of the chamber of commerce.

A favorable report on the proposed sale was made to the legislature early in the session, by the state board of control. This report made no recommendation as to price. It covered the site originally considered by the city airport committee. Recently, after this report had been prepared, the

CHICAGO GRAFT IS SHOWN BY INQUIRY

City Mulcted of Millions During Past Decade Years, Report Indicates

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Chicago was jarred into an acute realization today of the sorry plight of its streets.

The city has been mulcted of millions of dollars in paving work in the last 12 years. Alderman John A. Massen informed a committee of the council.

His findings, he said, were the result of a five months investigation during which 72 cores, or samples were taken from the streets and subjected to compression and thickness tests.

Carelessness in laying pavements, skimping on materials, and negligence in city inspection caused the wholesale loss to the city and property owners, the alderman declared.

Examinations of the samples of pavements showed: Fifty-eight per cent of the cores were not as thick as specified in contracts, the average shortage being \$4.8 per inch.

Forty-one per cent were under the strength expected from the mixtures specified in contracts. The average lack of strength was 63 per cent.

Tuesday In Washington

By The Associated Press

The senate considered the Caraway bill to prevent cotton and grain futures trading.

The \$18,000,000 supply bill for the legislative branch was taken up by the house.

The house ways and means committee decided to conclude its tariff hearings on March 1.

The senate and the house observed Lincoln's birthday anniversary with tributes and the reading of the Gettysburg speech.

The departure of President and Mrs. Coolidge for Northampton, Mass., soon after the Hoover inaugural ceremony was disclosed.

President Coolidge recommended to congress the expenditure of \$2,216,000 for new public buildings.

The decision of the shipping board to accept the \$16,923,000 Chapman bid for its Atlantic passenger fleet was disclosed to a senate committee.

Giant Airship Prepares for Atlantic Trip



Final preparations are being made for the flight of the R-100, largest lighter-than-air craft in the world, from England to the United States. It is almost half again the size of the Graf Zeppelin, which crossed the Atlantic and moored at Lakehurst, N. J., last October. It has an average cruising speed of 100 miles an hour and is manned by a crew of 40 men. One hundred passengers can be accommodated. Above, the R-100 and inset of its commander, C. D. Burney.

SALEM HIGH AT TOP IN DEBATE LEAGUE

Corvallis-Dallas-Salem Meet on Thursday Should Decide Winner

Standings of the 12 schools in the district of the state debating league in which Salem comes have been received by Principal J. C. Nelson from the district director, Robert Goetz of Silverton, and give Salem 13 points, the highest in group one. Newport, leader in the smaller schools' group, also has 13 points. Other standings in group one are: Lebanon, 10; Dallas, 10; Albany, 8; Woodburn, and Corvallis, seven each; Silverton 5; and Independence, 4. Other ratings in group two are: Stayton, eight; Brownsville, six; and Mill City, five.

The third of the series of four district debates will occur Thursday night, February 14. The Salem affirmative team, Marvin Byers and Edith May Jenks, will travel to Dallas and the Corvallis affirmative will meet Fred Blatchford and Norman Winslow of the Salem negative here.

Should Salem high school win the two debates Thursday night, the teams will expect little difficulty in taking the district title.

Boy's Problems Today Great as Lincoln's, Held

The boy of today has as much to overcome as did the boy who was Lincoln, Senator B. L. Eddy of Roseburg told the Salem high school students in addressing them Tuesday morning on phases of Lincoln's boyhood. The boy of today, the senator explained, has to overcome ease, rather than poverty and hardships as did Lincoln; and it is the present-day existence which is often harder to overcome.

The senator also stressed the fact that Lincoln the man could not be entirely explained by his boyhood environment. Lena Belle Tartar, head of the high school music department, sang a solo appropriate to the occasion.

Night Sessions Threatened, May Get Start Soon

The much talked of night session, threatened last week by Speaker Hamilton, may actually arrive tonight in the house, for in addition to the usual routine of bills introduced, second readings and committee reports, some 30 bills await final action on the calendar.

One of these 30, the famous "kindergarten bill," house bill 201, will probably take up the most time. On this measure the committee itself is split, and these members are leading the fight on the floor of the house. Each claims enough votes to win, and the outcome will be watched with interest.

Several salary bills also are on the list, after being considered by the special committee appointed for this purpose early in the week. Some of these may have to come back again for a trip over the governor's veto, it is intimated, but the backers are going to do all in their power to put them across this session.

Ben Getzoff Given Chance Today To Tell Full Story Of Alleged Keyes Bribes

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 12.—(AP)—Members of District Attorney Byron Fitts' office today prepared the stage for questioning of Ben Getzoff, convicted briber, in detail of his sensational confession here tomorrow.

The statements given yesterday by Getzoff, which named seven men not heretofore charged with bribery and increased the bribes alleged to have been paid former District Attorney Ann Keyes by \$150,000, had only covered the "high spots," Fitts said. Six of the district attorney's investigators today were checking Getzoff's

Moonshiner Shot By Prohi Officer Who is Set Free

TOLEDO, Or., Feb. 12.—(AP)—J. J. Zimmerman, state prohibition officer, was excoriated tonight by a coroner's jury for killing Clinton P. Kelley, alleged moonshiner, early today. The jury found that the "killing was justifiable and in defense of lives of officers of the law while in the pursuance of duty."

Kelley was shot by Zimmerman after the former had fired three shots at L. L. McBride while resisting arrest. Kelley was operating in a vacant house.

W. J. NELSON HEADS BOTTLERS OF STATE

45 Members Attend Association Meeting Here Tuesday; Banquet at Night

W. J. Nelson, assistant manager of the Gideon Steitz Cider company, was elected president of the Oregon State Bottlers' association at the annual business meeting of the group held at the chamber of commerce rooms Tuesday afternoon. C. O. Gildea, of the Pacific Soda works of Oregon City, was elected secretary-treasurer and R. A. Ramage, of the Star Bottle Works, Salem, was re-elected vice-president.

W. A. Wagner of the Weinhard plant of Portland is retiring president and Mr. Nelson had held the secretaryship for the past five years.

The next meeting was set for March 12, in Portland. The association meets bi-monthly.

Jones of Virginia Speaks

About 45 bottlers were present for the evening banquet meeting held at the Marion hotel and presided over by the newly elected president, Carl Jones of Bristol, Va., president of the American Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages, was the principal speaker, talking at length on the food value of beverages, the importance of becoming thoroughly sold on one's own product; methods of increasing output, and developing sanitation in the plants.

Professor E. H. Wiegand of the horticultural department at O. S. C. gave an interesting talk on "Taste Appeal of Bottle Carbonated Beverages."

Stols Makes Talk

Other speakers at the banquet included: Gideon Stols of Salem, who is the oldest bottler in Oregon, having been in the business 35 years; Mrs. W. J. Nelson who spoke on convenience and use of carbonated beverages for refreshments and in the home; Mr. Foster of the Coca Cola Bottling company of Portland, who spoke on "Cooperation." Brief remarks were made by the visiting bottlers.

Mr. Jones came here from attendance at the California Bottlers' convention in Los Angeles and will leave today for Seattle to attend the convention of Washington bottlers in session this week-end.

Fisheries To Be Withdrawn From Northwest, Word

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 12.—(AP)—Salmon fisheries on the Columbia river are headed for the same fate as those of the Sacramento, Harry O'Malley, United States commissioner, stated today in a telegram to Hugh C. Mitchell, of the Oregon State fish commission.

The United States bureau of fisheries is "practically done," the telegram stated together with the request that present fishing seasons at be maintained.

Some of the members of Oregon and Washington legislatures met last week at Olympia and agreed on a change in the open season for salmon on the Columbia river. O'Malley, on learning of the change, wired Edward Sims, chairman of the Washington fisheries committee.

ONE CENT GAS TAX PROPOSED FOR HIGHWAYS

State Solons Decide to Submit Idea of 5 Year Program to Voters

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Senators Also Behind Road Building Idea

Associated with him are President Norblad and Senators Bell and Hill. The three members of the senate each has a resolution "directing" the highway commission to build certain roads and to issue bonds ranging from \$5,000,000 to \$10,000,000. The three senators have agreed to withdraw their resolutions. Senator Upton, who was joined with President Norblad in a resolution directing the sale of \$10,000,000 bonds, refused to withdraw his resolution, although Norblad's name will be erased from the document.

In proposing a one cent gas tax, this program has no connection with the proposed one cent gas tax to enable a revision of the automobile license fees. The latter will be a legislative matter, while

FREIGHTER POUNDS TO BITS ON ROCKS

One Lifeboat Containing Two Men is Packed Up by Nearby Steamship

DUTCH HARBOR, Alaska, Feb. 12.—(AP)—One lifeboat containing two seamen of the freighter, Alloway, slowly pounding towards shore in Unimak Pass near Dutch Harbor, was picked up by the steamer Montauk late today. They were Oliver and a man named Owen. This information was wireless to Dutch Harbor by the Montauk.

The rescue ship reported that other lifeboats were being pre-gale which tore away the tow line, prepared for launching in the violent between the two ships just as they neared safety in the harbor at Dutch Harbor.

The Montauk wireless, that just after the tow line parted the two ships were smashed together in the pass but that it was able to back away leaving the Alloway to its fate.

The rescue ship did not say whether either vessel was damaged in the collision.

Although the violent gale was tossing the two ships at will in the pass the Montauk wireless that no men had been lost in the launching of the first lifeboat.

In an effort to save off pling up on the nearby rocks the Alloway cast off its anchor which was helping to keep it from shore.

CHEERIONS AGREE TO MAKE CARAVAN TRIP

The Salem Cheerions will make a caravan trip to southern and eastern Oregon points early in the summer. It was unanimously decided at the regular monthly business meeting held in the chamber of commerce rooms Tuesday night and presided over by King Bing Giese.

The trip, on which the women folk of the Cheerions will also be invited to go, will take the group to Bend and Klamath Falls by way of Eugene and the McKenna river highway, the return route to be through Ashland and Medford and on north over the Pacific highway, the members decided last night.

Plans Considered for Yocco

The Cheerions have considered making such an excursion for several years, and find this year promises to be auspicious for the undertaking. Further details will be worked out at future meetings and in committee.

Two new members were taken into the order last night: George D. Norris and Ralph D. Hamilton.

Plans were discussed to increase the membership of the organization by about 25 and to increase the size of the drill squad. Approximately 50 members were present at the meeting, at which interest ran high.

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