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FIVE HUNDRED LIVES LOST AND MILLIONS OF DOLLARS PROPERTY DAMAGES AS RESULT OF FLOOD IN TEXAS

WARDEN ABANDONS IDEA THAT BANDIT WILL SURRENDER

Three Expert Woodsmen Are Sent Into Heavy Timber to Search for Escaped Convict.

GARDNER IS KNOWN TO HAVE MAP OF ISLAND

Hydroplane Brought to Aid is Useless; Impossible to Distinguish Fugitive From Brush

McNEIL ISLAND, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)

Warden Maloney today abandoned the idea that Gardner would walk out and give himself up. He sent three expert woodsmen into the heavy timber to hunt for the bandit. McMurray predicts the bandit will stage a vicious fight should the searchers apprehend him. Gardner is known to have a map of the island. He talked with several old timers prior to his escape. A hydroplane, brought to aid in the search is practically useless. The pilot reported it was impossible to distinguish the fugitive from the undergrowth. Many believe the bandit has escaped to the mainland.

McNEIL ISLAND, Sept. 10.—(A. P.)—Roy Gardner was seen by the guards last night at midnight in the woods. He had been foraging chickens.

FILM COMEDIAN GIVEN HEARTY WELCOME IN LAND OF HIS BIRTH

Charlie Chaplin Reached London Amid Greatest Ovation Ever Accorded Hero.

LONDON, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Charlie Chaplin reached London amid the greatest ovation ever accorded a conquering hero. The movie comedian, born in England, was welcomed back to the land of his birth with a burst of wild enthusiasm from thousands gathered at the Olympic stadium. Squads of policemen fought their way through the crowd with the Chaplin party, barricading him from his admirers. The lord mayor of London officially welcomed the star of the screen.

BEAUTIFUL DIVORCEE'S COUNSEL ASKS FOR BAIL

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Mrs. Madalynn Obenshain's counsel today filed an application for bail for the woman charged jointly with Arthur Burch for the murder of Belton Kennedy. The application states Mrs. Obenshain collapsed and is physically unable to remain in jail. Five days' notice is required before bail can be awarded.

THE WEATHER

Reported by Major Lee Moorhouse, weather observer. Maximum, 65. Minimum, 35. Barometer, 29.60.

TODAY'S FORECAST

Tonight and Sunday fair, light to heavy frost in morning.

SOCIETY'S WEARING THEM LONG.



Designers continue to argue about whether the short skirt is still "good," but—all the society leaders who attended the annual meet of the United Hunt Club, Belmont Park, L. I., one of the social events of the year, were wearing skirts that reached their ankles. Mrs. William K. Dick, formerly Mrs. John Jacob Astor, is on the left. With her is Mrs. August Belmont, Jr.

PEOPLE WILL VOTE UPON BUDGET TO PROVIDE TOTAL OF \$107,400 FOR CITY EXPENSES NEXT YEAR

Revenue Available Under Charter Limit Found Too Small for Town's Safety.

Unless Pendleton grants the city government a little more latitude in the way of producing revenue for city expenses the town next year will be in a worse plight than the small boy whose pants had become dangerously tight. This fact became evident last evening at a meeting of the budget committee, composed of the mayor and members of the council, in addition to eight other men named in accordance with the state budget law. The figures as presented show that a higher levy than the 11 mills allowed by the charter will be imperative if the city's interests are to be safeguarded. Accordingly the people will be asked to approve a larger levy and it was recommended by the committee last evening that the charter be amended so as to eliminate the 11 mill limit on the assumption that the state six per cent limitation law is sufficiently drastic as a check on expenses without a charter restriction also.

On Parsimonious Basis. Some line on the extremely conservative character of the city administration's estimates for the coming year may be had when it is known that the budget they submitted to the committee last evening carried nothing for auto park expenses save \$1250 for pay of a caretaker. This was regarded by the committee as inadequate and accordingly \$3000 more was added for betterments and up \$500 for emergencies in the fire department and \$1500 in the street department. In the view of accidents, storms or other possibilities that may easily arise these sums are known to be small yet they were allowed to stand in order to hold down the total.

Estimated Needs. The total of city expenses for next year is set at \$107,400 under the budget as adopted last evening and which budget will be open to criticism from citizens at a public meeting to be held following the publishing of official notices. The totals for the various departments were set as follows: Fire department \$13,600; police department \$11,250; street department and lights \$21,000; sewer department \$4000; park department \$2750; cemetery \$2750; city hall \$2000; health department \$3200; legal department \$2,400; surveyor department \$3200; recorder department \$2700; treasurer's department \$800; interest \$15,000; levee \$5000; elections \$500; natarorium \$1000; sinking fund \$2500; bridges \$1000; library \$2000; planning commission \$500.

Estimated revenue possible under the 11 mill levy and with an estimated valuation of \$8,000,000 are as follows: Taxes \$4000; licenses \$3000; impounded stock \$50; franchise \$400; taxes, current \$46,000; taxes delinquent \$1000; interest \$250; street department \$100; cemetery \$2500; natarorium \$1000; total \$80,500. In order to meet the budget as approved it will be necessary for the people to vote a levy of 15 mills. It was explained last evening by Mayor Hartman that the elective officials serve the city without pay and that the duties falling upon them are difficult enough without the necessity of being constantly obliged to worry over the lack of funds with which to meet necessary and legitimate expenses of government. Members of the budget committee present last evening in addition to the regular officials were Earl Gillanders, E. J. Murphy, Charles Bond, Lowell Rogers and E. B. Aldrich. Mayor Hartman was made chairman of the committee and E. B. Aldrich, secretary.

BOLD BANDITS MAKE GETAWAY WITH MAIL

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Four bandits held up and robbed the postoffice station at Fifth and Los Angeles streets in the downtown district of \$1,000 worth of registered mail, and escaped through a shower of bullets early today. The quartette made their getaway in a high powered automobile. Henry Hittman, a bystander, was shot and seriously injured in a running gun battle. The bandits arrived a few moments before the registered mail was delivered at the postoffice, covered the clerks with their guns and transferred the mail to their machine. The clerks opened fire as soon as the men started to make their getaway and a fierce battle resulted.

SWIMMER MAKES PROGRESS. LONDON, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Harry Sullivan, American distance swimmer, who set out from Dover late yesterday to swim the English channel is reported to be making good progress early today.

SINN FEIN ACCEPT BRITISH INVITATION TO BIG CONFERENCE

Dail Eireann to Send Delegates Despite Extremists Objections to Lloyd George's Con

IRISH TRUCE ENDANGERED BY KIDNAPPING OF OFFICE

Kidnapping of Constables Followed Shooting of Civilian at Bandon Last Night.

DUBLIN, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—The Sinn Fein will send Arthur Griffith, Professor McNeill, Ralph Barton and perhaps others, as members of the delegation to Inverness to discuss the Irish situation with members of the British cabinet. The Dail Eireann virtually decided to accept Lloyd George's invitation, despite the extremists objections to the condition that Ireland must remain within the empire. The Irish truce is further endangered by the kidnapping of two constables at Bandon last night, which followed the shooting of a civilian there last night.

DUBLIN, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—The Sinn Fein's reply to Premier Lloyd George's latest note probably will insist upon De Valera's interpretation of self determination and avoid the issue "to separate from the empire" and agree to a conference to decide what relation is possible with Eritria, the United Press has been authoritatively informed. Dail Eireann discussed Wednesday the British proposal to meet at Inverness, Scotland.

SHOW AT HAPPY CANYON TO BE BEST EVER GIVEN

The atmosphere of the Old West, always sought in the presentation of the shows at Happy Canyon, will not be missing this year when the night activities of the Round-Up are staged. A search by the management of the night show for the best ideas has resulted in some changes being made which will provide novelty in the way of settings and program even for those visitors who have been seeing Happy Canyon since its inception. There are 11 different "sets" for the show. With the passing of the years, some of the names of former "proprietors" of the places of "business" in the frontier town naturally have changed, and even the old Western town has had a little "spotting up" here and there. The scenic effects in the background have been rejuvenated. The eternal mountains are still there, snow-capped and imposing in solitary grandeur, and there will be more than 100 evergreens on the "sidings."

Down below where the activities of the town are staged there are many new signs. Dan McGraw's Dance Hall, Shake A Leg; General Store, A. Notion, Prob. Doctor I. Will Killum & Dentist; the old mill, the entrance to the stockyards, and Kate's Military Store; Customers Trimmed While They Wait; Slaughter Inn, O. U. Slaughter, Prop.; I Long Sing Laundry; Marty McKay's Blacksmith Shop, are some of the signs. Over the blacksmith shop is the city hall, and some indication of the standing of the mayor is reflected in the sight of a bottle which stands in his office window. The Overland Express, the Red Dog Saloon and Spenders Bank; Interest Charged on Deposits are other places. Percy Drawbluds Barber Shop, Successor to the Late I. Cut Em.

Another sign is the Rotten Gun Club and under this caption is the motto, We Insure Anything. Levi Murphy runs a Heck Shop and is a Money Loner. The Hotel De Bunk almost crowds out the modest church back in the corner. Another sign gives information at the Livery Stable that the management has Hay For Sale.

10,000 CASUALTIES IN BATTLE OF CHINESE

LONDON, Sept. 10.—(I. N. S.)—There were 10,000 casualties in a four day battle at Hupeh Province, China, between the armies representing Peking and the South China governments, according to a Shanghai dispatch. Nationals are fleeing, fearing renewal of the engagement.

HISTORIC WESTON WILL CARRY OUT AMBITIOUS PROGRAM FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HER STREETS

Nine Blocks to Be Paved This Fall; Business Good, Many Farmers Liquidate.

WESTON, Sept. 10.—Weston has had a reputation of being a bit quiet and old fashioned in a lot of ways, and it has been quite true. Our town is old, quite a lot older than Pendleton, and we have got along with old buildings and old ways of living for a long while; but a majority of us have made up our minds that we will have the good things of life and stay right here to enjoy them. The city has started a program of building by letting the contract for some paving which will do us all kinds of good, and before long I predict that a great many of our old buildings will give way to modern new homes and that within the next five years, we'll be dressed up in altogether different clothes from the ones we're wearing now.

When Claud Barr, secretary of the county federation of commercial organizations, and I were here yesterday, we heard nothing from the eight or ten men with whom we talked that seemed to me to express the real spirit of this town and the people who live here any better than the foregoing remark from C. D. Avery, city recorder. Mr. Avery isn't the sort of man from whom one would expect any "airs or pretensions," if the impressions of a stranger are worth considering, and he seemed to hit the nail on the head as to the heart of Weston.

From the city recorder and from Mayor Nelson H. Jones we heard of some of the constructive things that Weston plans to do and is already doing. The contract, or rather, two contracts with the Warren Construction Co., have already been let for paving work which will cost the city about \$25,000 in round numbers. Bitulithic paving will be laid on Water street by widening the state highway from 16 to 30 feet and adding concrete gutters and curbing. The state highway will be done on a length of seven blocks. Two blocks on Main street will also be paved, and then, one-half block on Franklin street will be improved. In addition to this, the present wooden bridge over the creek on Main street will be torn out and replaced with a reinforced concrete structure. With this addition of nine and one-half blocks of pavement to the streets of the city, Weston expects to keep the mud off of her feet this winter very nicely because work on the contracts will start as quickly as possible, according to the assurance which has been given the city council by Pat Lonergan.

Improve Water System. The water system is being improved some every year, and during 1921, about \$4000 has been spent in replacing old wooden pipe with modern steel pipe. Until recently, the town has suffered from a shortage of water in the dry months which has been a barrier to the keeping of attractive lawns, but the construction of the reservoir on Pine Creek has changed this, according to Mr. Avery. The water is piped a distance of about three miles, and during the months of summer when the creek bed is dry, the water is filtered through a bed of gravel which makes the supply unexcelled, the city recorder declares. It is interesting to hear of some trouble that Weston has encountered, which is common to Pendleton and to many another town in Oregon. The levy possible under the original charter of the town was 15 mills, and as Mayor Jones said, with the income derived from such a low levy, all the city council could do was to meet, inspect bills, and if they were not too high, then they could be paid. "But there was mighty little left over to do any of the things here that are needed to be done," he said, "so we started a movement to increase the levy, and as a result of our recent election, we now have a limit of 25 mills. The proposition carried by a big margin, so we can have the money to accomplish things which before we would have been powerless to do."

City of Many Churches. The population of Weston is about 800, and in proportion to its population, I believe the town has more churches than any other municipality in Umatilla county. Ed Wood, associated with his brother, Clark Wood, one of the pioneer newspaper men in Eastern Oregon, in the publication of the Weston Leader, said he thought there was "six here. He named them over and a count showed that he had designated seven. "By gosh! I guess maybe you had better ask somebody else about the churches," said Ed. "I'm not as well posted on that matter as I ought to be."

The Episcopal, Baptist, United Brethren, Methodist, Dunkard and Christian Science churches have buildings and congregations here. (Continued on page 5.)

TOM MIX IS UNABLE TO ATTEND 1921 ROUND-UP

Tom Mix, movie star, will because of a new picture contract, be unable to attend the Pendleton Round-Up, says a letter received today by H. W. Collins, president of the Round-Up. Following is the letter: "I have been trying my best to shape my plans to attend the Round-Up but I am sorry to say that it will not be possible for me to do so. "I am scheduled to make a story around the Grand Canyon in Arizona and as this is to be my next story it means that I must leave for that place soon with my company. We will be in and there for three weeks or so. This being the case, of course I will not have time to write my story around the Round-Up and make the trip to your town. "I am very much disappointed as I had planned on being with you this year. However, I will start now to make my arrangements to be in attendance at your next show and if necessary will take a vacation to be able to do so."

BEAUTIFUL FILM STAR DIES FOLLOWING AN ALLEGED 'WILD PARTY'

Virginia Rappee Becomes Hysterical and Dies Before Medical Aid Can Be Summoned.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Fatty Arbuckle telephoned the police from Los Angeles today, that he would come here and aid in the investigation of the death of Miss Virginia Rappee, a beautiful motion picture actress, dead from peritonitis following an alleged "wild party" at the St. Francis hotel last night. Reports from the hotel attaches indicate the party was one of the wildest ever staged there. Liquor flowed freely. Bottles were found. Many men and women were in the party. The girl died before medical attention could aid her.

Affair to Be Investigated. The police told the United Press the whole affair is to be investigated. Movie people attending the party motored from Los Angeles. Following the sounds of merry making, one of the women telephoned the manager that Miss Rappee was hysterical. The manager found the girl on the bed partially clad. Men in the party said Miss Rappee took three drinks and then became hysterical. The coroner ordered the dead woman's stomach examined.

Arbuckle Arrives Today. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Fatty Arbuckle is expected to reach San Francisco with his attorney this afternoon. He told the police over the telephone he was never alone with Miss Rappee at any time. The girl became hysterical and the women tried to revive her by removing her clothing and putting her in the bathtub. This failed, then medical attention was called, but it was too late.

Arbuckle on Way to Frisco. SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 10.—(A. P.)—The police, investigating the death of Miss Virginia Rappee, a motion picture actress in a sanitarium yesterday, after attending a party in the rooms of Roscoe "Fatty" Arbuckle in the St. Francis hotel, Monday, said the women in the party declared Arbuckle and Miss Rappee went into a room of the suite and the door of the room was thereupon locked. Later they heard cries and sounds of struggle.

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BUSINESS PART OF SAN ANTONIO UNDER SIX FEET OF WATER

21 Bodies Have Been Recovered and Reports of Additional Dead Pour Into Headquarters

CITIZENS IN DEVASTATED QUARTERS IN NEED OF FOOD

City is Under Military Control; Regular Soldiers Assist Police to Patrol Streets.

SAN ANTONIO, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Thirty-six known to be dead, over one hundred estimated dead, thousands are homeless and millions of property damage is the toll in San Antonio and South Texas as a night of storm horror. The waters have receded almost to the normal river stage.

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Five hundred lives lost and a property damage of \$10,000,000 is the latest estimate the city officials made of the results of last night's flood which swept the entire business and great portions of the residential districts of the city, leaving wreckage and ruin in its path. Twenty-one bodies, mostly women and children, have been recovered already, and the reports of additional dead continue to pour into police headquarters. Pitiful stories of family separation come from all parts of the city. There were heroic rescues by the score. People in the devastated quarters are badly in need of food and clothing. A ten inch rainfall in addition to the heavy rise of the nearby creek flooded the business district under six feet of water. The waters are now receding.

Damage Reaches Millions. Property damage from the storm over southern Texas will run into millions. Water damaged the business blocks and streets. Dispatches from Austin reported the damage estimates for the tornado are increasing. Traffic on all railroads is blocked. Bridges between Corpus Christi and Laredo, the International line, were washed away. The flood came as a climax to the most violent storm suffered in 15 years in the territory around Austin and San Antonio. San Antonio is under military control. Regular soldiers from the first infantry and 13th cavalry were ordered out and are assisting the police to patrol the streets. Looting in the inundated districts is rife, according to police reports. Women and children walked the streets, mourning for their wrecked homes. Street cars are abandoned everywhere and automobiles are washed into all sorts of ridiculous places. Telephone communication is impossible. Newspapers were forced to suspend, with the exception of extras printed on hand presses. Austin, the Texas state capital, is cut off from the rest of the world. All communications are destroyed.

Storm Moves South. HOUSTON, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—The Caribbean storm has moved south of Haiti Island, according to a report received by the weather bureau here. The report warns of danger to vessels in the central Caribbean in the next 24 hours and in the western part of the sea Sunday.

Damage Reaches Millions. WACO, Tex., Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Reports received from Cameron said a million dollar damage was done in that section of the state alone. Hundreds of head of cattle were drowned. Houses were felled by the high winds. Eleven inches of rain has fallen. No casualties are known.

TORNADO STRIKES TOWN, MANY PERSONS INJURED

SIoux Falls, S. D., Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—One man was killed, another fatally injured and several hurt when a tornado struck Sioux Falls here. Heavy rains and severe lightning accompanied the storm.

THEATRE MAN BEATEN BY GANG OF ANGRY THUGS

DENVER, Sept. 10.—(U. P.)—Joseph Goldstein, a theatre owner, is near death as the result of being beaten by a gang of thugs who were denied admission to his show. Several gangsters were arrested.