

ASHLAND DAILY TIDINGS

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THE WEATHER

Rain tonight and Sunday. Normal temperature with strong south winds.

PHEASANT SEASON

Opens tomorrow. Use due caution and observe all state game laws.

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UNCLE SAM TO INVESTIGATE KIDNAP PLOT

Federal Officials Planning Probe of McPherson Case

PROSECUTION CLOSES

Defense Preparing to Introduce Evidence Early Next Week

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—(United News)—Uncle Sam may take a hand in the Almee Semple McPherson case, it was indicated here Friday.

A new federal investigation may be launched, it was intimated, when United States Attorney J. G. Ohannesson announced that his office was interested in two new "avengers" letters reported to have been received by Mrs. Minnie Kennedy, mother of the evangelist.

Ohannesson said that postal inspectors probably will seek to trace these letters which, according to reports, were received at Angelus temple and purported to have come from the "kidnappers" of Mrs. McPherson.

Evidence Completed

Meanwhile the prosecution drew its case against the famous prophet of the Four Square gospel to a close and the defense prepared to answer charges made by the state that Mrs. McPherson had attempted to veil her amatory relations with her radio operator by preparing false evidence and perpetrating the "kidnaping" hoax.

The colorful pastor of Angelus temple may take the witness stand in her own defense, it was reported, in a desperate effort to turn the tide of incriminating evidence and bring about the dismissal of complaints which charge the evangelist and four others conspired to defeat justice.

Arizona Witness

Witness from Arizona will play a prominent part in the efforts of the defense to prove that the evangelist was held captive in a desert shack and walked miles across the Sonora desert to free, dom, it was said.

The letters which may launch a federal investigation were written on stationery of S. S. Hahn, counsel for Mrs. Lorraine Wiseman, star witness for the state.

Hahn admitted the stationery was his, but denied any knowledge of the contents of the letter which informed Mrs. Kennedy that Hahn was acting for the kidnappers.

Author of Letters

Ohannesson said that in case Mrs. McPherson was held for superior court a thorough investigation would be made to determine the author of the letters.

The defense score in the cross

ASHLAND TIDINGS LETTER CONTEST

Following are the rules for the letter writing contest. It closes Oct. 23.

Any person over 15 years of age is eligible.

Letters are limited to 250 words.

Cash prizes totaling \$30 will be given the three winners.

Write a letter to some friend in another city telling what you think of Ashland.

Write on one side of the paper only and if possible use a typewriter.

Send a copy of your letter to the Contest Editor of The Tidings.

The letters will be judged by five disinterested judges and the winners announced a few days after the close of the contest.

That The People May Know

A SUMMARY

The complete written report of Consulting Engineer Frank C. Dillard was concluded in these columns yesterday, and a summary of his various suggestions and recommendations brings home a number of salient facts which it might be well to stress at this time.

In the first place, he recommends to the people of Ashland their approval of the proposal to purchase of an additional 200 acre-feet of water from the Talent Irrigation District at an approximate total cost of \$22,000. This additional supply, he gives assurance, will provide this city with at least 600 acre feet of water even during such dry seasons as we have just experienced and will insure for all time to come enough to take care of the orchards and home gardens of Ashland.

Mr. Dillard dissects at length two separate projects which would increase the city's domestic water supply. One of these—the South Fork Spring—would provide pure spring water at a cost of \$650,000, not including the \$50,000 which would be required to put the distribution system in condition to receive this supply.

However, it is plainly showed that the South Fork Spring will furnish water for not more than 8700 people. After the city passes that growth, there is no other source at South Fork Spring which could be used. It would then be necessary to procure water from some other section.

In Ashland Creek Canyon there is sufficient water to supply a city many times the size of Ashland. The construction proposed under the present bond issue of approximately \$450,000 would provide water for a population of 10,000 people, with more water available to provide for 15,000 people whenever it should be needed.

Other strong arguments favoring the Ashland Canyon supply are set forth in Mr. Dillard's report. The city at the present time owns perpetual rights to its present supply of water in Ashland Creek. It likewise has perpetual control over the Ashland Canyon watershed, thus insuring that this water can be always safeguarded. These rights do not exist at South Fork Spring.

Although no provision has been made for it in the present bond issue, Mr. Dillard's report recommends the installation of meters throughout the city. He urges that this be done out of the earnings of the water department, if it is possible to do so. This, he declares, will help immeasurably in conserving the city's water supply.

Mr. Dillard puts the facts bluntly and to the point. If the people of Ashland believe the city will never grow beyond 8700 people, he probably would recommend the South Fork Spring at a greater cost to the city, but if Ashland intends to keep pace with the normal growth of the entire Pacific Coast, the Ashland Canyon supply is the one to be chosen, for there, and there alone, can be found sufficient water to supply Ashland when it shall have grown to several times its present size.

At the outset of this campaign many local residents declared that they had complete confidence in Mr. Dillard and would be willing to follow any recommendations he should make. Others who did not know him by reputation asked for facts concerning his experience, and when these were furnished, they expressed themselves as being well satisfied with the council's selection.

So with a great mass of the people now satisfied with the ability and integrity of the consulting engineer, they now have only to consider whether or not the people should follow the recommendations which he has made. In his judgment, Ashland Creek Canyon is the better of the two sites and should be developed. If Ashland expects to increase its water supply, it would seem the only logical thing would be to carry out the recommendations of the engineer.

Other features of the water improvement will be taken up next week, including the construction of the auxiliary reservoir on Crowson Hill, which, while shunted to the background temporarily, is really one of the most important items in the general water program.

Queen to Avoid Much Publicity

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—(UP)—Queen Marie of Roumania has decided to bar newspaper men and news photographers from the Baltimore and Ohio's special train which will carry her about the country. These orders were given to the railroads today.

Trail Of Bandits Believed Located

EUREKA, Cal., Oct. 16.—(UP)—Discovery of a wrecked automobile north of Crescent City late yesterday indicated that the three bandits who robbed the Liberty bank at Del Norte yesterday had doubled back into California, according to local authorities.

CITIZENS WHO FAIL TO VOTE ARE DISLOYAL

President Coolidge Urges Better Attention to Public Duty

ADDRESSES CHILDREN

Obedience to Law is Also Essential, Says Nation's Executive

BY RAYMOND CLAPP

United News Staff Correspondent WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—Citizens who neglect to vote are disloyal to the American system of self-government, President Coolidge declared last night in opening the first international oratorical contest here for school children of several nations.

The president seized the opportunity not only to explain some of the principles of self government to the children, but to broadcast a lecture on the obligations of citizenship for the benefit of their parents.

Apathy Shows

He emphasized the necessity of voting, because the political scouts report a general state of apathy toward the congressional election barely two weeks ago.

"All our citizens of the requisite age and education are called on to vote," he said. "I wish especially to emphasize that. Whenever a choice is to be made in electing a public officer all those who can qualify are under the most solemn and binding obligation to register their decision at the ballot box. To fail in that is to be disloyal to our whole system of self government. On our

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Will Use Marines To Protect Mails

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 18.—(UP)—Postmaster General New today is considering the advisability of using the United States marines to protect the mails, due to the recent epidemic of mail robberies.

BIG KLAMATH HOTEL BURNS

White Pelican Hostelry is Total Loss From Explosion

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Oct. 16.—(Special)—Starting at 10 o'clock this morning, a fire swept through the White Pelican hotel here today and shortly after 1 o'clock this afternoon it was declared the building would be a total loss.

Although the report could not be verified this afternoon, due to the confusion, it was reported that a leak had been detected in the ammonia tank and one of the employees had gone into the basement with a lighted candle to find it. The escaping ammonia caught fire and exploded, and within a short time, Klamath's magnificent hotel was a mass of flames.

The fire was still burning fiercely at 2 o'clock this afternoon, and firemen were throwing personal effects, bedding and other effects out of the windows.

The White Pelican hotel was one of the most slightly hostelry in Southern Oregon and was built about four years ago by the Klamath Development company, one of the largest realty holding companies in Klamath county.

Mrs. Hope Weston Kilbourne has been the manager for the past year.

The loss this afternoon was places at \$300,000, with insurance of about 90 per cent of the total loss.

HEAVY GALE RAGES ON PACIFIC COAST

ASTORIA, Ore., Oct. 16.—(UP)—A southerly gale accompanied by torrential rains is raging on the north Pacific coast. Although the velocity of the wind is not exceptional the rainfall is by far the heaviest experienced since last December. Thus far no direct damage from the storm has been reported although more than two inches of rain have fallen in Astoria during the past 14 hours.

KLAMATH BOYS ARRESTED FOR 5 BURGLARIES

Three Youths Are Taken to Portland for Series of Thefts

WHITE SLAVE CHARGE

Mrs. Madge Cram of Talent is held as Chief Government Witness

PORTLAND, Oct. 16.—(United News)—Alleged to have looted five homes in the vicinity of Klamath Falls on October 3, Eldon Cross, 15, Frank Murdock, 19 and Felix Jackson, all of that city, were brought to Portland Friday by Deputy U. S. Marshall Wells and bound over to the grand jury by Bert C. Thomas, United States Commissioner, when they failed to raise bond of \$1,000.

Murdock and Jackson are Indians while Cross is white.

Another prisoner brought by Wells was Madge Cram, who is being held under bail of \$500 as a material witness in the white slave case against James Nolan, 55, who is alleged to have transported Mrs. Cram from Talent, Ore., to Waukegan, Wash., back to Bend and then to Klamath Falls. Nolan's bail was fixed at \$2,500 and he was placed in the county jail, while Mrs. Cram and her two children are being kept at the home of the Volunteers of America here.

Stolen Postal Order

The third case brought by Wells was John Mendoza, 28, charged with violating the postal laws. He found a postal order for \$50 which did not belong to him and cashed it, it is alleged.

Before going to Chiloquin, where he was arrested, Mendoza is said to have been forced from operating a pool hall at Oakridge when his license was cancelled upon the discovery by authorities that he had no citizenship papers. His case, in all probability, will be investigated by the immigration department.

HOUSEWIVES COUNCIL MEASURE PROTESTED

D. G. Tyree of Copco Addresses Local Kiwanis Club Lunch

Members of the Kiwanis club were told of some of the dangerous features of the Housewives Council Constitutional Amendment, yesterday, when Darwin G. Tyree, Secretary of the California Oregon Power Company, and the main speaker at the meeting, discussed the bill from the many angles by which its passage would affect the tax payers of Oregon.

The principal danger lies in the unlimited power it gives the executive board, Mr. Tyree pointed out, the bill not only allowing the board to raise the money, exceeding more than fifty million dollars, but naming for the first four years those who would control it.

"The general plan if the voters of Oregon gave their approval would be to plunge the state into hydro electric, and irrigation projects far beyond the capacity of the state pay," the speaker declared, "and in case of a failure of these projects, the loss would not be upon the promoters of the change in the constitution but would fall upon the tax payers of the state."

He urged the members of the Kiwanis club to study the bill carefully in order that they might properly safe guard their selves and their property interests.

V. E. Miller, proprietor of Miller's Toggery, rendered two bass solos, which were enthusiastically received by the club. He was accompanied on the piano by Billy Briggs. The meeting was presided over by President Hardy who has recovered sufficiently from his recent illness to again take an active interest in the club's affairs.

J. C. Thompson, resident manager of the California Oregon Power Company at Medford, accompanied Mr. Tyree to Ashland and participated in the general discussion that ensued after the speaker had concluded his remarks.

Savage was a first lieutenant in engineers, having been appointed from civil life in 1918 at Chicago. He was assigned to the 515th engineers at Camp Custer and served with the regiment in railroad construction overseas until June, 1919. He is now an officer in the reserve corps. Savage is 42 years old and is in the railroad business.

Several band prizes were awarded as follows: first prize of \$1,000 to Monaghan post, Sioux City, Ia., 500 to Columbus, Ohio post No. 1; \$250 to post No. 124, Beaver Dam, Wis., fourth and \$250, Batavia, N. Y., post; fifth and \$150 Garrett Cochrane post No. 1 of Williamsport, Pa.

BROTHERHOOD BANK CLOSES ITS DOORS

Labor Institution in Pittsburgh Fails When Agent Flees

PITTSBURGH, Penn., Oct. 16.—(UP)—The Brotherhood Savings and Trust company, the Pittsburgh labor bank, closed its doors today following the disappearance of one of its employees and between \$320,000 and \$425,000. Those arrested included R. A. McCrady, president of the institution, who told police of the swindle. The missing man is Charles A. Knapp, who had been given the funds to buy bonds.

LABOR UNION WINS IMPORTANT RULING

Shorter Week Not Conspiracy, Jurist in Washington Decides

WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 16.—(UP)—A decision of far reaching importance to labor unions and indirectly bearing on the five and a half day week, was handed down here today by Justice Smith of the district supreme court in favor of the painter's union. The judge held that the union is not engaged in conspiracy in striving for a shorter week.

Fire On Vessel Does Big Damage

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—(United News)—Fire in the lower hold of the Japanese freighter Montreal Maru, docked at a local pier, late yesterday caused damage of approximately \$250,000 to the ship and pier.

Two firemen were slightly injured and three others overcome by smoke. Heat from the engine room was believed to have ignited cotton in the lower field.

Central Point Theatre Burns

Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Central Point theater early today. In spite of efforts of volunteer fire fighters, the building was a total loss. The damage is estimated at \$3500, partially covered by insurance.

CHICAGO VET IS SELECTED LEGION HEAD

Howard Paul Savage Named National Commander at Convention

CONTEST IS SPIRITED

Other Officers Chosen at Friday Session of National Body

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 16.—(United News)—Howard Paul Savage of Chicago is the new national commander of the American Legion. He was elected Friday after a spirited contest of two ballots in which neither he nor his chief opponent J. Munroe Johnson of Marion, S. C., was able to command a majority.

Three other candidates, Thomas Amory Lee of Topeka, Kan., E. E. Spafford of New York, and Jay Williams of South Dakota, received scattering votes.

Vice Commanders

Five vice commanders were elected from six candidates. They were John E. Curtiss of Lincoln, Neb.; J. D. Sims, of Maryville, Tenn.; Thomas Busha, Helena, Mont.; Stafford King of St. Paul, Minn.; and John B. Townes of Waterville, Maine.

Gill Robert Wilson of Trenton, N. J., with 566 votes, was the defeated candidate.

Captain Joseph L. Wolfe of Philadelphia was elected national chaplain over Father Francis J. Hurney of Washington, D. C., and Captain A. V. Simoni of Fort Sill, Okla.

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