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THURSDAY, JUNE 1, 1922

DEATH-DEFATING RADIO

There are seamen who believe that

the original home of Davy Jones is

Whitefish Bay on Lake Superior. It

is the most dangerous stretch in all

the Great Lakes, with their heavy

traffic, fogs and swift storms. Lake-

men call Whitefish Bay "The Grave-

yard of Ships." Its 60 miles are

strewn with wrecks. The waters of

the great, sweet inland sea pour

around its corner into the channel of

the St. Mary's river, and no matter

how smooth and beautiful the weather

elsewhere, the Bay is always choppy

with conflicting currents. No matter

how many years a captain has sailed

the lakes, no matter what his record

for intelligence and care—or perhaps

all the more so because of that—he is

always glad when he gets out of that

dirty stretch of hidden rock and tor-
tuous drifts and awkward winds.

Safety has come to the bay at last—

through radio. One radio naval com-
pass station was opened the middle of

May, and within three weeks two more

will be ready for action. The skipper

lost in fog can ask about his position

at any moment. Reports from two

stations, telling his direction from

them, can be plotted on his chart. His

ship is where the two lines meet.

The people who are lamenting the

progress of radio because it adds more

noise and restlessness to life may well

pause before they condemn it. For

those who go down to the sea in ships

it may mean life itself.

FLOOD PREVENTION

Residents of the Miami river valley

in Ohio believe that they are now fully

protected against floods. In April 200

members of the American Society of

Civil Engineers visited Dayton, in-
spected the conservancy dams con-
structed in that region and confirmed

the general feeling of satisfaction.

After the disastrous flood of 1913,

when 400 lives were lost in Dayton

alone and \$100,000,000 worth of prop-
erty was destroyed, the communities

involved determined to do all that was

possible to prevent any further recur-
rence of such floods.

Today, only nine years later, the

completed dams are ready to with-
stand floods 50 per cent greater than

that of 1913. The dams and levees

constructed can hold 447,000 acre-feet

of water, an amount believed to be

greater than any possible flood vol-
ume. Conduits provide for the free

flow of all the water that the river

channels can safely contain. The sur-
plus, in flood time, is to be held in

basins and between flanking hills in

numerous tributary streams. The sys-
tem has already been somewhat tested

by the great floods of this spring.

The awe which human beings feel

before the mighty, unchained forces

of nature is scarcely greater than they

must sometimes feel in their own

power to control these forces.

Portland has decided not to adopt

"daylight saving," for which it is en-
titled to thanks. Daylight saving by

turning the clock ahead an hour is a

fool scheme under any circumstances,

and where it is adopted in some places

and not in others it is an abomination.

If people want to save daylight, they

can do it nicely by getting up an hour

earlier. If business communities want

to go to work earlier and quit earlier,

let them do it by changing opening

and closing hours. Making a liar out

of the clock is a poor way to go

about "saving daylight."

There's one curious co-incidence in

connection with payment of German

reparations. Every time the Germans

become convinced that France is

going to use force, they "come across."

A big new tobacco merger has been

announced. Here's hoping no more

cabbage leaves are merged with the

As a matter of public service, Ma-

thilde should either jilt Max or marry

him without delay. Being of middle

age and therefore presumably philo-

sophical, he may be able to stand the

strain, but the uncertainty is telling on

the public.

Three hot days and then cooler

weather. That's an Oregon rule that

doesn't go wrong very often.

"Irish Factions Fighting," says a

headline. That isn't news! It's tragedy.

The weather man is trying to make

up for lost time.

Earlier Days in Eugene

(From the Morning Register, June 1,

1903.)
Arthur Gallocoy, a former studentof the University of Oregon, has re-
ceived an appointment as cadet at

West Point.

Jesse G. Wells, attorney-at-law, has

opened an office over the Lane

County bank in the rooms formerly

occupied by L. T. Harris. Mr. Wells

comes well recommended.

John S. Baker died at Junction City

May 29 at the age of 28 years. He

had been sick but a few days.

The Eugene high school track team

lost to the Seattle high school in the

dual meet there on Memorial day by a

score of 43 to 29. Eberle Kuyken-

day was the high point winner for

Eugene.

G. E. Woodruff, a barber, was

knocked senseless when his bicycle

collided with one ridden by little

Wayne Willoughby, son of Dr. R. L.

Willoughby, late last night. Young

Willoughby was practically uninjured.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Osburn, of Sa-

lem, have moved to Eugene. Mr.

Osburn is a printer and his wife is en-
gaged in newspaper work.

W. R. Dillard has returned from

Riddle where he has been teaching

school.

HOOVER ANNOUNCES FAIR

PRICES FOR SPOT COAL

SECRETARY REACHES AGREE-

MENTS WITH CONFEREES

Schedules in Five Districts Are Fixed

After Parley With Committees

Representing Fields

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Maxi-

mum fair prices for spot coal in five

districts were announced tonight by

Secretary Hoover after reaching

agreements with committees repre-

senting those fields under the plan

adopted in the general conference of

operators from producing fields for

preventing runaway prices on coal at

the mines during the strike.

It was determined that in the Ala-

bama district the price should be

25 cents below the final "Garfield

scale" or a maximum of \$2.20 a ton

to \$2.50 a ton.

In the Harlan and Hazard fields of

Kentucky, the southern Appalachian

fields of Tennessee and Kentucky and

the Pocahontas New River, Tug River

and Winding Gulf Fields (Smokeless

coal districts of West Virginia) the

maximum price was fixed at \$2.50 a

ton.

Cost of Production Reduced

Costs of production have been re-

duced in the Alabama field since the

final Garfield scale was determined.

Mr. Hoover explained. The opera-

tors, he said, explained that the

price set was a maximum, that any-

one might sell below it, and that long

contracts for coal are necessarily be-

low the levels set today.

In the other districts, he declared,

production costs have increased since

the Garfield scale and that scale in-

cluded contract coal which now sells

below the new maximum. The opera-

tors are to absorb a reasonable sell-

ing expense at the new prices. Secre-

tary Hoover said.

Other Prices Fixed Today

Fair prices for the remaining fields

which are producing during the strike

are to be fixed tomorrow after con-

ferences between Mr. Hoover and

committees representing those dis-

tricts.

Moral suasion will be relied upon

by Mr. Hoover to keep the agree-

ments in force for the duration of the

strike, it was indicated.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE THEATRES TODAY

Rex—Lon Chaney in "The Trap";

Charles W. Hawley playing "Some-

where in Naples";

Castle—Cullen Landis in "Watch

Your Step"; Harry Myers in the 3d

Adventures of Robinson Crusoe.

Coming offerings—Harry Carey in

"Man to Man"; Marshall Neilan's

production, "Pools First"; Star

Cast in "At the Stage Door"; George

Walsh in "Serenade"; Zane Grey's

"Wildfire"; Charles W. Hawley in

Wurlitzer court.

A Rex innovation is to be presented

for three days, starting today, in a re-

production of one of the first motion

pictures ever made, "Going Straight,"

in which Mary Pickford, supported

by King Baggot, one time favorite of

all, is the featured player. The pic-

ture was taken under pioneer diffi-

culties and while, at the time was con-

sidered quite the thing in melodrama,

is today a riot of laughter. Aside from

its entertainment quality, "Going

Straight" presents unquestioned pic-

torial proof of the progress of the mo-

tion picture, highly contrasted as it is

to the settings, lighting, photography

and most important of all the portray-

als in "The Trap," featuring Lon Chan-

ney, which is screened on the same

program.

As an organ solo, Charles W. Haw-

ley, Rex organist, will be heard in a

rendition of "Somewhere in Naples,"

a late popular selection, which will be

presented with pictorial words each

matinee and evening on this week-

end's Rex program. Mr. Hawley has

also prepared a fitting score to the

screen novelty, "Going Straight," and

a synchronized musical setting to the

feature picture, "The Trap."

Lon Chaney has the greatest role of

his career in "The Trap," which comes

to the Rex today. Incidentally this

production is the first in which "the

man of a thousand faces" has been

starred.

"Watch Your Step," now playing at

the Castle, is a smooth comedy with

many surprises. The hero, played by

Cullen Landis, has a mania for speed,

and is cured only by a strange series

of incidents that arise after he has had

one grand smash-up with a racing

car.

FEDERAL JURY STARTS

PROBE OF WAR FRAUDS

FIRST CASES DEAL WITH DISPO-

SAL OF SURPLUS LUMBER

Attorney General Announces That He

Will Develop No Information

Concerning Cases

WASHINGTON, May 31.—Investi-

gation of the so-called war frauds

cases began today before a special fed-

eral grand jury, when United States

attorney Peyton Gordon presented, as

the first of the government's series of

cases dealing with war time contracts,

that involving disposal of surplus lum-

ber by the quartermaster corps of the

United States army. Without a recess

intervening the grand jury empaneled

under a recent act of congress sat for

four hours, the deliberations being ac-

companied by secrecy usually sur-

rounding such proceedings. Attorney

General Daugherty announced that at

no time during the progress of the

grand jury investigation would he dis-

seminate information concerning its ac-

tivities nor the names of the cases pre-

sented.

All Records Called For

One of the acts was to subpoena all

available papers and records bearing

on the lumber cases. Witnesses were

on hand to testify, but their names

were withheld.

An announcement issued from the

attorney general's office late in the

day, disclosed that he had conferred

with Chairman Graham of the house

committee, which conducted the in-

quiry into war expenditures and that

he also had a conference with Ex-

Governor Dineen of Illinois in con-

nection with these cases.

The department is not ready at

this time to make any further an-

nouncement in this connection," the

statement added.

Thomas Takes Oath

Former Senator Charles S. Thomas,

of Colorado, a Democrat, whose ap-

pointment as a special assistant to the

attorney general was announced

earlier in the week, took the oath of

office and entered upon his duties to-

day. It was said that