

KIDNAPED LOS ANGELES GIRL RETURNED DEAD

Mutilated Body Delivered to Father When Ransom is Paid.

Los Angeles.—The mutilated body of Marian Parker, 12, bank official's daughter, kidnaped on Thursday last week, was tossed out of an automobile Saturday night at the feet of her father, Perry M. Parker, who had gone to an appointed street corner in the northwest section of the city, carrying \$1500 in ransom money demanded by the abductor.

Parker received a telephone call instructing him to proceed to the corner of Fifth street and Manhattan place with \$1500 in gold certificates and his daughter would be returned to him there.

A few minutes after he arrived a small roadster drew up alongside Parker's automobile. The banker saw his daughter in the seat beside the driver and was told by the kidnaper that the little girl was asleep.

According to the agreement, the man after taking the money drove ahead of the father a little way. Climbing out of the car, he threw the body of the girl on the grass in front of a house a few doors up the street.

As soon as the man had driven away, Parker ran frantically to his daughter's side, clasped her in his arms and found she was dead.

First examination of the mutilated child revealed that both legs had been cut off apparently close to the body.

A wire had been twisted so tightly around the girl's throat that the flesh had been cut deeply into a gaping wound.

NATIONAL DEBT NOW EIGHTEEN BILLIONS

Washington, D. C.—The tills of the treasury gained approximately \$400,000,000 at the close of the regular quarterly fiscal operations.

The transactions represented a turnover of approximately \$1,250,000,000 and completed operations that made possible approximately a billion-dollar reduction in the national debt for the calendar year, leaving it at about \$18,000,000,000.

The principal sources of receipts from the quarterly financing came from the last payment of federal taxes for the calendar year, estimated at \$430,000,000, subscriptions to the 3 1/2 one-year treasury certificates placed at \$261,761,000 and semi-annual payments on foreign debts to the amount of \$96,544,830.

Eight foreign countries came forward with payments on their funded indebtedness. Of the total brought in from this source, Great Britain paid the bulk with \$92,575,000. It brought Britain's total payments since 1923 up to \$903,506,879, leaving a balance due of approximately \$4,500,000,000. The other seven countries making payments were: Belgium, \$1,125,000; Czechoslovakia, \$1,500,000; Estonia, \$75,000; Finland, \$182,210; Hungary, \$39,724; Lithuania, \$47,896, and Poland, \$1,000,000.

PRAYER BOOK REJECTED

British House of Commons Votes Against Revised Edition.

London.—Contrary to all expectations, the house of commons has rejected the revised prayerbook, despite the fact that Premier Baldwin recommended its adoption. It had already been approved by the house of lords, by a vote of 241 to 88. The commons rejected the measure, 247 to 205. It therefore cannot now be presented for royal assent.

Seldom has a decision of parliament thrown this great community into such confusion. Rejection seems to have been a possibility which no one contemplated. Preparations had been completed for printing millions of copies of the new prayer book, and now all this work of printing and binding has suddenly ceased, throwing hundreds of workers out of employment.

Billion Dallar Farm Body Borah Plan

Washington, D. C.—Creation of a federal agricultural corporation with a capital stock of \$1,000,000,000 was proposed in a bill introduced by Senator Borah, republican, Idaho. The board of directors would be composed of the secretary of agriculture and eight individuals to be appointed by the president, one of whom would act as managing director at a salary of \$25,000 a year. Other members of the board would draw \$20,000 salaries.

Congressmen Should Be Native-Born.

Washington, D. C.—Only American-born citizens would be allowed to sit in congress under a constitutional amendment introduced in the house by Representative Wilson, democrat, of Tennessee. This provision now applies to presidents only.

DR. A. C. MILSPAUGH



Dr. A. C. Milspaugh, formerly financial adviser to Persia, who has been appointed financial advisor to Haiti.

COMMITTEE CLEARS FOUR U. S. SENATORS

Washington, D. C.—Papers from the files of the offices in Mexico City may be sought by the special senate investigating committee to check against documents published by the Hearst newspapers supposed to have been taken from there purporting to show that a \$1,215,000 slush fund was provided by Mexico for four United States senators.

Absolution of the four senators named in the Hearst documents—Borah, Norris, Heflin and La Follette—has been given already by committee members, who are determined to find out how the documents got into existence.

To this end, careful check is being made on the story of Migueta Avila, American-born son of a Mexican father and Italian mother, who told the committee he purchased all the documents with money provided by Hearst and saw most of them extracted from files in the Mexican archives in Mexico City.

The names of the senators were divulged when William Randolph Hearst, publisher, testified before the senate committee investigating the veracity of the documents.

Hearst indicated he had paid between \$15,000 and \$16,000 to obtain the letters, which were printed with the senators' names blocked out.

Questioned specifically about the documents relating to senators, Hearst said he was convinced the money had never been paid to the senators.

BRIEF GENERAL NEWS

Thirty-six children and one woman met death in the St. Charles orphanage fire in Quebec.

Over 19,000 applicants are after 2500 jobs in the federal prohibition service, and the civil service commission, which is sorting them out, will spend nearly \$200,000 in the examinations.

An investigation has been started by the intelligence unit of the internal revenue bureau into charges that forged search warrants and affidavits were being used by prohibition agents in Arizona in their enforcement activities.

South China is being purged of communism by fire and sword. As a result of events in Canton and Shanghai, including complete severance of diplomatic relations between nationalist China and soviet Russia, bolshevik diplomacy has suffered the most severe setback yet experienced in the far east.

Coolidge Nominates Radio Officials.

Washington, D. C.—President Coolidge has sent nominations of three members of the federal radio commission to the senate. They are: Orestes H. Caldwell, New York; Harold A. LaFount, Utah, and Sam Pickard, Kansas, now in office under recess appointments. Garland S. Ferguson, Jr., North Carolina, was nominated to be federal trade commissioner.

Orderly Apple Marketing Planned.

Portland, Or.—Extension of functions of the Pacific Northwest Advisory board to orderly marketing of the apple crop of Oregon, Washington and Idaho was determined upon at the closing session of the board here. The board voted to create a committee to make a comprehensive study of the subject and report recommendations.

Pan-American Meet in Havana.

Havana, Cuba.—Preparations for the sixth Pan-American conference, to be held here beginning January 16, are being rushed in an effort to have everything in readiness by that date.

OREGON STATE NEWS OF GENERAL INTEREST

Brief Resume of Happenings of the Week Collected for Our Readers.

Sixty-one turkey growers of the Redmond district last week received \$12,720.92 for 2696 birds shipped out for the Christmas trade.

Dr. John Rankin, Astoria, was elected president of the Willamette Valley Veterinarian association in session at Oregon City last week.

An order has been issued authorizing the establishment of a mail delivery service at Coquille with two regular carriers, effective March 1, 1928.

Roseburg was chosen as the 1928 meeting place of the Oregon State Horticultural society, which closed its 42d annual meeting in Hood River last week.

A group of business men has made application for a charter for a new national bank for Tillamook. The proposed capital is \$50,000 and the surplus \$10,000.

Benjamin B. Ostlund, manager of the Coos Veneer & Box company, has announced an expansion of the business to the construction of furniture, an entirely new department.

Schools at Clatskanie, 40 miles east of Astoria, were ordered closed last week following the death of a 6-year-old boy from infantile paralysis. It was the first case reported.

The Newberg tourist park this past season had the best patronage in its history. Caretaker Van Fleet having taken in about \$350, practically three times the amount taken in last year.

Purchase of the assets of the State bank of Talent by the First National bank of Ashland, which will transfer the entire business of the Talent institution to Ashland, was closed last week.

Ellis S. Dement, Myrtle Point stockman, resigned as mayor of that city, and W. W. Baynes, president of the council, was immediately nominated for the office and elected by unanimous vote.

The Oregon State Motor association, after an investigation, finds that approximately 1000 storage garages and 1560 regular repair shops are necessary to keep Oregon's motor cars on the road.

Extensive improvements are to be made soon at the Necanicum river trout hatchery, damaged by floodwaters on Thanksgiving day, according to G. C. Webb, superintendent of the hatchery.

A huge blast set off to loosen a solid rock cliff Monday destroyed the new Galice bridge over Rogue river, leaving Galice residents without means to cross the river to Grants Pass. The damage is \$5000.

When surgeons recently made an incision for an emergency operation for appendicitis on Mrs. E. K. Jones, prominent Marshfield woman, they found a needle had been imbedded in the flesh for years.

Five or six carloads of turkeys were purchased by buyers throughout Douglas county for shipment to Pacific coast market centers. The turkeys are all of prime stock and will be used for the holiday trade.

There will be no teachers' institute in Coos county in the school year 1927-28, Mrs. C. E. Mulkey, school superintendent, announced. Cancellation of the institute was due to infantile paralysis ban.

Between \$150,000 and \$175,000 will be distributed by the Hood River Apple Growers' association the latter part of this week. This is the first "melon" to be cut by the co-operative association this year.

The streets of Dayton have received their Christmas decorations of small fir trees being placed at close intervals. A large fir has been placed in the center of the main street and electrically lighted at night.

Books, 2,745,293 of them, were circulated by the Portland Library association for the year ending October 31, 1927, a gain of 163,809 over the previous year, Miss Anne M. Mulheron, librarian, reported recently.

The proposed new highway between Sweet Home and Holley, which eliminates the steep hill over the Rowell hill, is meeting with general approval in those communities, according to word received from that section last week.

The Marion county community federation in session at Salem last Wednesday went on record in favor of a county agent and agreed to sponsor a movement to place the question before the voters again at the November, 1928, election.

The Arlington city council at its last regular meeting adopted a resolution calling for bids for the leasing of the municipal auto camp. The lessee will be required to construct several modern cabins and otherwise attractively improve the site.

County Judge Moses of Benton county, president of the State association of County Judges and Commissioners, has called a state convention of the organization, to be held in Portland three days, starting January 24.

Dates for the annual meeting of the Oregon Woolgrowers association in Pendleton have been changed to January 9 and 10. The change was made in order not to conflict with the annual meeting of the Montana Woolgrowers association.

Marion county put a crew of surveyors in the field preparatory to outlining its road-building program to cover a period of five years. It was said that a number of roads would be macadamized or paved, while several new highways would be constructed.

The Bandon chamber of commerce is championing the action taken by the Port Orford chamber in an effort to remove all road signs from the Roosevelt highway from the California line north to the Coos-Curry county line, it became known in Coquille recently.

Forty-seven years ago telephone exchange service was established in Corvallis, and that event was celebrated at a meeting last Saturday noon in that city, when about a half a hundred of the original users of the telephone service in Corvallis were guests.

Toledo high school students returning to their classes after lunch one day last week, were routed by stifling skunk fumes which permeated the classrooms. Investigation disclosed that the animal had been killed and hidden in a cloakroom by some of the scholars.

Aviation is not exclusively a young man's game, J. M. Staats, 66, told officials of the Pacific Airplane Service corporation in Salem last week, when he signed up as one of 16 students being instructed by the corporation at their field adjoining the state fair grounds.

In honor of Dewey Morris, Ed Nichols and Roy Wilson, Bend trappers murdered at Little Lava lake early in 1924, a volcanic cone, prominent landmark in the upper Deschutes country, is to be named "Three Trappers' butte," Bend forest service officials have announced.

Property valued at nearly \$175,000 was destroyed in Reedsport last week by fire, and industrial plants of half a million dollars' value were threatened by a blaze of undetermined origin. The fire destroyed the Coast Fisheries and Anderson Packing plant within two hours.

Purchasing of right of way property between Lebanon and Sweet Home by M. Lynott and J. F. Byers, who have been surveying a railway route between Albany and Foster, was in progress last week. A crew of more than 20 was also engaged in re-surveying part of the route.

The population of Baker, based on number of families, is fifth among the cities of Oregon, according to the results of a house-to-house count. The count is by families only: Portland leads with 53,435, Salem follows with 34,000 Eugene is third with 2815, Astoria fourth with 2172 and Baker fifth with 1825.

It is expected that the quarantine imposed at Roseburg two weeks ago when the first case of infantile paralysis was reported will be lifted soon. For the past two weeks movies and churches have been closed, public meetings forbidden and all children under 21 years have been confined to their homes.

Baker merchants played Santa Claus to 2000 school children of Baker and Grant counties Saturday, December 10, when presents were distributed at a huge community tree erected at the corner of Main and Court streets. The event was a part of the formal Christmas opening in Baker. The city is decorated gaily for the Christmas season.

The high school strike at Newport ended abruptly last week when 27 of the students presented themselves at the school and, through a representative of their parents, said they had decided to return to their studies. They asked Mrs. Daisy T. Halleck, principal, against whose administration they had been protesting, to aid them in making up grades.

With every lake of the Klamath basin covered with thick ice and with deep snow throughout the central and northern sections of the county, winter sports in Klamath are now in vogue. Upper Klamath lake, the largest body of fresh water west of the Rocky mountains, is under a thick sheet of ice, and skaters can skim over the ice for 30 miles.

Perishable freight affected by freezing temperatures has been shifted by the Southern Pacific company from the Cascade line to the Siskiyou line, on account of the colder weather at the summit of the Cascades and in central Oregon.

Representatives of the state veterinarian department left Salem last week for Tygh Valley, Wasco county, to inoculate a herd of hogs which contracted hog cholera. The county agent of Wasco county sent the request for state assistance.

MRS. HELEN D. ORTON



Mrs. Helen D. Orton, known as the "figure sleuth" of the United States Department of Agriculture, because she checks for errors in the documents issued by the department.

DESTROYER SINKS U. S. SUBMARINE

Provincetown, Mass.—The United States submarine S-4, coming to the surface after an undersea dive, rose directly in the path of the navy destroyer Paulding, and was sent plunging to the bottom with her crew of approximately 40 men and officers.

The Paulding, on patrol duty off Provincetown, was making for the harbor. Suddenly her lookout saw the S-4 running submerged dead ahead. There was no time to swerve from the course and the vessels crashed. The destroyer made port with her lower hold flooded.

The S-4 went down a bare 1800 yards from the shore off Wood End coast guard station. The water at that point is very deep, which, it was admitted, would increase the difficulties of raising the sunken vessel.

Two navy divers, Thomas Eady and William Carr, who braved freezing temperatures and rough seas in a 102-foot descent to the bed of the ocean, brought back word that six men of the 40 within the wrecked submarine S-4 were alive.

MOTHER FLIES TO LINDY

Mrs. Lindbergh to Spend Christmas in Mexico City.

Detroit.—Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh soared away from the Ford airport at 10:10 a. m. Monday for Mexico City, where she will spend the Christmas holidays with her famous flying son, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh, as a guest of the government of Mexico.

Flying in a tri-motored Ford plane, "Lindy's" mother, as dauntless as himself, swept swiftly southward to cover in three or four days an aerial distance just a little greater than that her son negotiated in 27 hours to write his latest epic in the pages of aviation history.

Rail Clerks Get Wage Increase.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Oregon Short Line railway clerks were granted wage increases of \$6 monthly and other wage inequalities were adjusted at a conference here, officials of the road announced. Class A clerks will receive \$6 more monthly, while class B clerks were granted \$3 increases. The increase is retroactive for the first of December. One thousand employees are affected.

Russians Ordered to Leave Shanghai.

Shanghai, China.—Approximately 100 persons in the Russian settlement were notified by police that they must leave immediately. The order was given in pursuance of the nationalist campaign to deport communists and other Russians considered undesirable.

THE MARKETS

Portland
Wheat—B. B. bluestem, \$1.31; hard white, \$1.26; federation, soft white, western white, \$1.23; hard winter, northern spring, \$1.21 1/2; western red, \$1.20 1/2.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$16.50@17; valley timothy, \$17.50@18; eastern Oregon timothy, \$20.50@21.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$10.25@11.50. Hogs—Medium to choice, \$8.25@9.85.

Seattle.

Wheat—Soft white, western white, \$1.25 1/2; hard winter, \$1.24; western red, \$1.22 1/2; northern spring, \$1.25; bluestem, \$1.38; dark northern spring, \$1.44; dark hard winter, \$1.38.

Hay — Alfalfa, \$25; timothy, \$28; P. S., \$22.

Butterfat—54c.

Eggs—Ranch, 34c.

Hogs—Prime, \$9.75@10.50.

Spokane.

Cattle—Steers, good, \$10@10.50.

Hogs—Good, \$9.35@9.50.

HOUSE COALITION PASSES TAX BILL

Reduction \$65,000,000 Above Maximum Set by Secretary Mellon.

Washington, D. C.—The tax bill, passed by the house, reached the senate with indications that it would not even be considered by the senate finance committee until after Christmas.

Out of line with the recommendations of the treasury, and calling for a \$290,000,000 decrease in revenue payments—more than the treasury, in President Coolidge's opinion, can stand—it will be the subject of brief hearings, then the senate will take it up, with predictions general that concerted efforts will be made to revise its provisions.

As approved by the house, the measure would result in an annual tax reduction of \$57,000,000 more than the amount recommended by its ways and means committee—at least that is the estimate. The house total was \$65,000,000 above the "safe" maximum, set by Secretary Mellon and approved by the president, but more than \$100,000,000 below the figure recommended by the chamber of commerce of the United States.

Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee has expressed the belief that the senate may scale the bill down to somewhere near the treasury total. On the other hand, Senator Simmons of North Carolina, the senior democrat on the committee, sees no reason why the reduction shouldn't be boosted to \$400,000,000, and is laying plans to that end.

With a democratic-republican coalition holding a whip hand, the house passed the tax bill with three major amendments, which were vigorously opposed by republican party leaders. On a final showdown, however, only 21 republicans were willing to go on record against the measure after exhausting every parliamentary means to eliminate the three contested amendments, among them one for repeal of the sales tax on automobiles. The vote on passage was 366 to 21.

LINDY WILL VISIT CENTRAL AMERICA

Mexico City.—Mexico safely captured, Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh made plans to extend the Lindbergh air line to Central America.

He announced his acceptance of invitations to visit Guatemala, Honduras, Salvador and Panama. After leaving Mexico City he will fly to the Central American countries and then visit Cuba before pointing the nose of the Spirit of St. Louis toward its home port, St. Louis.

Mexico gave Lindbergh a reception that impressed him more than any other he had received at home or abroad.

"Vivas," flags and hunting in the capital of the southern republic vied with New York's ticker tape and the bouquets and medals of Washington, Paris and London in acclaiming Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh as the darling of the people wherever he goes.

HERRICK CONTRACT VOIDED

Oregon Timber Sale Deal Declared Off by Chief Forester Greeley.

Washington, D. C.—Chief Forester Greeley canceled the contract of Fred Herrick of St. Marie's, Idaho, for the sale of 880,000,000 feet of timber on the Malheur national forest in Oregon. Representatives of Herrick said they would appeal to the secretary of agriculture. The sale to Herrick occurred several years ago. Failure of the company formed by Herrick to carry out the terms of the contract aroused residents of Baker, Or., to petition the secretary of agriculture to cancel the contract. Representatives of Mr. Herrick failed to satisfy Chief Forester Greeley that prospective associates or purchasers were prepared to take over and push the lumber project to completion as demanded by the government.

Young Texas Co-Ed Guilty of Robbery.

La Grange, Tex.—Mrs. Rebecca Bradley Rogers, ex-University of Texas student, was found guilty by a jury in district court here of the daylight robbery of the Farmers National bank of Buda, Tex., in which \$1000 was obtained a year ago. Her punishment was assessed at 14 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary.

Republicans Rule Senate Election.

Washington, D. C.—Drawing the support of both the irregulars in their own party and the one farmer-labor member, Shipstead of Minnesota, the republicans were able to hold control of the senate organization. By a margin of a few votes they re-elected Senator Moses, of New Hampshire, president pro tempore.