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Predictions

Rain.

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The Weather

Maximum yesterday 41
Minimum today 32
Precipitation 43

LANDIS TO QUIT BENCH ON MAR. 1

Federal Judge, after Picturesque Career, to Devote Time to Baseball—Southern Democrat Attacks Roiled—Dalton Band Robbery Comment—Saved Baseball.

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—(By Associated Press.) Federal Judge Keneaw Mountain Landis announced his resignation today.

The resignation is effective March 1. Announcement of it was made formally by the judge today as he took his place in court. He said he would devote his entire time to his position of baseball commissioner.

"There are not enough hours in the day for all my activities," said the judge. "Therefore I have forwarded my resignation as federal judge to Washington, effective March 1."

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—Judge Landis will have virtually completed 17 years as judge for the northern district of Illinois when his resignation becomes effective.

Rumors of the resignation have been current for months and intimate friends have known for some time that the action was imminent.

It has been generally understood that Judge Landis would have resigned some time ago but for the attacks made on him by Senator Dial of South Carolina and the notoriety brought through his handling of the case of Willie Dalton, 17 year old bank robber.

On the verge of resigning when these things came up, the judge changed his plans, informing friends that he would "never resign under fire."

Senator Dial had attacked the judge because of the latter's statement that bank officials sometimes were partly responsible for robberies by boys because they did not pay adequate salaries. Senator Dial and Representative Welby of Ohio later brought impeachment proceedings against the judge, the representative basing his case on the fact that two jobs were held by the judge. Both cases were dropped.

Shortly before the Dalton robbery in which the loot was nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in Liberty bonds, Judge Landis had made some remarks about the low salaries which he said were paid to bank clerks. This was in the case of a young Ottawa, Ill., bank clerk who had attempted to steal \$50,000 from the bank where he worked. When Judge Landis made the remarks he was widely quoted by newspapers throughout the country.

After the Dalton robbery some newspapers quoted Dalton as saying that he had committed his robbery because he felt, through Judge Landis' remarks, that nothing would be done to him. Dalton never said this and later in a signed statement said that he had never before heard of Judge Landis' remarks. The story had spread, however, and the judge was severely condemned as having made statements which were declared to have influenced Dalton.

The judge became head of organized baseball shortly after the grand jury investigation in the 1919 world series scandal. He was offered \$50,000 a year to take the position and after several refusals, finally agreed under condition that he remain on the bench too. He insisted that his salary be only \$42,500 explaining that his judicial income would bring the total to \$50,000.

Although 56 years old Judge Landis has always been known as a boy at heart and a lover of all forms of sport. The baseball magnates urged him to "re-organize baseball for the sake of the American boy," and it was this

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"MONEY POWERS" MANIPULATE PRICES TO SHIFT BURDEN OF WAR ON FARMERS

CHICAGO, Feb. 18.—The money powers of this country manipulated by the international investment bankers have decided that the farmers should be made to bear the brunt of the war costs, Benjamin C. Murrh, managing director of the farmer's national council, told members of that body in session here today.

"During the past three years," he said, "farmers have lost \$20,000,000,000 through the deflation in prices which they received for their farm crops and through the foreclosing of

U. S. Finances Best Shape Since 1919 Bank Calls Show

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Viewed in a statement issued by the White House as showing the most satisfactory turn in the financial affairs of the country since 1919, an analysis of the December 31 bank call records the total resources of the national banks on that date, exclusive of rediscounts, at \$19,420,000,000. This was an increase of \$400,000,000 over the previous call in September.

The condition shown in the December call, a statement issued at the White House said, "demonstrates that the process of liquidation has been proceeding at such an excellent rate that it may fairly be said that we are well on the road to getting the 'frozen credits' thawed out."

VILLA WANTS TO FIGHT HERNANDEZ IN CHIHUAHUA

Ex-Bandit Chief Asks License to Curb Ex-Aide, Who Deserted Him—Mexican Secretary Sees No Reason for Alarm Over Conditions

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—Francisco Villa, former bandit chief, has asked permission to lead his men against General Rosendo Hernandez, who was several days ago to be in rebellion in the state of Chihuahua. Back in 1914 Hernandez was Villa's trusted aide, but he went over to Carranza when Villa and the latter split.

MEXICO CITY, Feb. 18.—(By the Associated Press.)—There is "no reason for the alarm of the United States authorities over threats of rebellion along the frontier," according to Acting Secretary of War Serrano. He said:

"There are no rebels of importance close to the boundary, and the few desperadoes in Chihuahua do not dare attack a single federal military unit, much less threaten Juarez. Sufficient troops have been placed on the border to repel any attack, and the garrisons at Juarez and other border points are competent. The fears in the United States are absurd."

NEGRO AMUCK, SHOTS 3 COPS ERE CAPTURE

DETROIT, Mich., Feb. 18.—Three police officers were shot, two of them seriously wounded, when they responded to a call from a drug store last night where Alexander Walsh, a negro, terrorized patrons and clerks by flourishing a pistol. The negro was disarmed and placed under arrest by a fourth officer.

RESTRICT FLOOD OF ALIENS FOR YEAR MORE, PLEASE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Advocating the extension for another year of the three per cent restrictive immigration law, the house immigration committee in a report laid before the house today declared the people of the United States were demanding continuance of the act after its expiration June 30, "or something more restrictive."

This view, however, was challenged by two members of the committee, Representative Siegel, republican, New York, and Sabath, democrat, Illinois, who contended the "quota law is inhuman and contrary to the highest American ideals."

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K. C. STOCKYARDS SWEEP BY FIRE

KANSAS CITY, Kan., Feb. 18.—A stretch of pens in the stock yards district here were destroyed by a spectacular fire last night. For a time the flames threatened to spread to the central part of the district, but a high wind which prevailed died down about two hours after the fire started and the flames were soon placed under control.

Several hundred head of sheep and hogs were burned and about 7,200 sheep, hogs and cattle were taken out safely. Estimates today placed the loss at approximately \$25,000.

SHADE GETS DRAW WITH J. BRITTON

NEW YORK, Feb. 18.—Jack Britton, at 26 is still the world's welterweight boxing champion. Last night in Madison Square Garden Britton met young David Shade of San Francisco in a fifteen-round match. The judges decided the contest was a draw which enabled Britton to retain his title. It is the majority opinion of fight writers at the ringside, however, that the judges erred, for Britton appeared to have had the advantage of points over his young rival.

HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GIVEN LONG TERM

SPOKANE, Feb. 18.—Carl Sorenson, 19 year old high school student, pleaded guilty in superior court today to a charge of second degree burglary and was sentenced to a term of four to fifteen years in the state reformatory at Monroe.

Sorenson told the police he had participated with two other boys in robberies of local stores involving more than \$12,000 worth of goods. J. McGinnis and George Turner, named by Sorenson as his accomplices, were sentenced at Great Falls yesterday to a term in the Montana penitentiary for a robbery committed there.

FLORIDA FEUDERS NEAR CIVIL WAR, CITIZENS IN FEAR

Twenty-Year Fuss of Pioneer Families Given As Reason for Murder, Kidnaping, and Disappearance of Banker—Trouble Is Predicted.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla., Feb. 18.—The sheriff of Baker county appealed today to Duval county authorities for help in coping with a situation at MacClenny, 30 miles west of here, which he said threatens to develop into civil warfare as the culmination of the shooting to death there this morning last week of a man named Williams and the recent mysterious disappearance of T. R. Henderson, former banker and wealthy naval stores operator.

One citizen of MacClenny stated over the telephone shortly after one o'clock that "hell will break loose here tonight," and that he was preparing to move his wife and children.

Governor Hardee of Tallahassee said he had heard nothing from the Baker county authorities but if troops were required there he was prepared to act immediately.

Reports from MacClenny were that the trouble apparently was an outbreak of a feud which has existed between two pioneer Baker county families for 20 years.

WYOMING FAMILY DIES IN FLAMES

WHEATLAND, Wyo., Feb. 18.—Four members of a family were burned to death and the only surviving member is suffering from exposure as a result of a fire which destroyed the home of L. A. Dove, one-half mile from Hartsville Junction, 25 miles north of here last night.

The dead are L. A. Dove, 55, section foreman for the Burlington railroad; and his children, Orval Dove, 32, Mabel Dove, 19 and Cleo Dove, 15. Mrs. Dove was the only one to escape and walked half a mile in her night clothing, barefooted, to the home of David Miller to inform neighbors of the tragedy.

Mr. Dove helped his wife out of the house and returned to rescue the children. The bodies of all four, burned to a crisp, were found in the charred remains of the back room.

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13-Year Oklahoma Girl Ordained As Methodist Preacher

TULSA, Okla., Feb. 18.—A 13-year-old girl was among seven persons granted a license to preach the gospel by the Northeastern Oklahoma conference of the Methodist Episcopal church here yesterday. She is Miss Fay Emery of Miami, Okla., who began preaching last summer in the mining district near her home.

She is in the seventh grade at school and says her ambition is to become a foreign missionary. The girl became a church member two years ago and immediately became a Sunday school teacher in the primary department.

HOUSE PREPARED TO PASS BONUS BILL EARLY DATE

Fordney Expects Passage By March 4th—Decision On Sales Tax Plan for Funds in Abeyance—Senate Apt to Be Stumbling Block.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—With ten days announced by Chairman Fordney as the time within which their draft of the measure would be completed, republican members of the house ways and means committee continued at work on the soldier bonus bill today, although little indication of what direction their work was taking on the question of cash payments and the raising of funds to meet these.

As to the sales tax plan, advocated by President Harding, however, it had been stated that several days might elapse before a decision was reached on whether this should be adopted.

Whether the opposition to such a tax could be reduced to a point that would insure passage of the bonus bill with it, continued to be a subject of unending discussion among house members today. There appeared to be a growing determination among republicans, however, to put the measure through, regardless of what might happen to it in the senate and leaders said if the bill was in shape for consideration by a republican caucus within the time set by Mr. Fordney, it would be passed before March 4.

It was stated at the White House yesterday that if the sales tax plan is adopted, President Harding would vie with favor a tax on production rather than on general retail sales.

'MASH NOTES' JURY FOREMAN, CHARGED

SPOKANE, Feb. 18.—"Mash notes" declared to have been written to an 18-year old girl witness for the defense by the foreman of a superior court jury which returned a verdict for the defendant last December in damage suits brought against the Great Northern railroad are set forth in a petition for a new trial filed on behalf of the plaintiffs in the superior court here.

The suits grew out of the destruction by fire last summer of almost the entire town of Milan, Wash., in this county.

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WASHINGTON, Feb. 18.—Senator McCormack of Illinois, in a statement issued today, commenting on assertions in certain French quarters to the effect that the government of that country was not contemplating payment of its debt to the United States, and that payment of the debt was conditioned upon receipt of reparations from Germany and liquidation of the Russian debt to France, declared the American taxpayer is paying for European armaments and civil establishments "were made in good faith" and that "no Russian or other conditions were attached to the payment."

SANDS SAYS HE KNOWS ASSASSIN

Ex-Valet of Taylor Promised Immunity if He Reveals Facts—Dist. Atty. Woolwine Awaits Surrender—Rockford, Ill., Lady Gives New Information On Case.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Investigators of the murder of William Desmond Taylor, film director, were waiting today to see if anything would result from the announcement of Thomas Lee Woolwine, district attorney that Edward F. Sands, missing former butler-secretary to Taylor, would not be prosecuted on an embezzlement charge preferred by his former employer, if Sands could prove himself innocent of the slaying of Taylor and "untangle this murder mystery."

Woolwine's announcement followed receipt of a letter purporting to have been written by Sands. The writer stated he was in Los Angeles, was not guilty of the murder of Taylor, but could name the murderer and solve the mystery of the slaying. He inquired whether he would be set free if he surrendered himself and proved his innocence of the slaying.

Woolwine stated he had no means of knowing whether the letter was genuine but that he and his investigators thought it better to "treat it as such" in the hope that it was.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 18.—Detectives investigating the slaying of William Desmond Taylor, film director, conferred with District Attorney Woolwine today but the district attorney said afterward that "nothing definite" had come from the conference. He said he felt the most important thing to be done was to get in touch with Edward F. Sands, missing secretary-butler of Taylor.

Sands was offered immunity by the district attorney last night on an embezzlement charge on file against him if he would come out of hiding and tell what he knew of the slaying of Taylor.

Mr. Woolwine said he was expecting further information from Chicago or Rockford, Ill., concerning Mrs. Margaret Snyder, reported to have said she knew Taylor and Sands and that Taylor had been married three times.

POLICE SLAYER GETS SEVERE SENTENCE

PANA, Ill., Feb. 18.—Solitary confinement upon each anniversary of the night upon which he shot and killed Policeman Thomas Hughes, is part of the sentence imposed here today upon Owen Nash, 23, in the city court. The jury denied his plea for a new trial and sentenced him to 30 years at hard labor.

NAME COMMISSION FOR STILLMAN SUIT

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y., Feb. 18.—A commission to take testimony at Montreal beginning March 12 in the divorce suit of James A. Stillman, New York banker, against Mrs. Anne U. Stillman, was granted today by Supreme Court Justice Morsehauser on application of defense counsel.

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