

The Weather

Maximum yesterday.....54
Minimum today.....26

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Weekly—Fifty-first Year.

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DEFENDANT CRIES WHEN NOTE READ

Mrs. Obenchain Weeps When Letter From Murdered Man Is Read to Jury—Relates Experiences With Kennedy and Burch, Refreshing Her Memory By Dairy.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 9.—The story of Madalynne Connor Obenchain of Chicago which she said she had waited seven months to tell, concerning J. Belton Kennedy, local broker, for whose murder she is on trial here began at 10:08 o'clock today when she was called to the stand as a witness in her own defense.

She smiled at the clerk as she was sworn as a witness. Her opening testimony was that she had been in the county jail for seven months, since the morning of August 9 last, when she was arrested, following the shooting of Kennedy at his Beverly Glen bungalow. She said she was not allowed access to her letters or property since that time.

She was pale and spoke quite low, although appearing composed and not hesitating in her answers to questions but it was necessary for her attorneys to admonish her to speak higher.

Eyes on Jurors.
Her eyes were upon the jurors most of the time. Saying that she kept a diary of her activities in 1921, she referred to it frequently to refresh her memory.

"I arrived in Los Angeles January 7, 1921," she said. "I did not meet Mr. Kennedy for some time, although I saw him once or twice on the street. On January 14 I telephoned to him asking that he return my letters. He refused to return them until I consented to see him."

"I refused to see him. On my second telephone conversation, January 24, he said he would never return them unless I saw him that night. I consented to see him that night and waited for some time in the street and then saw him approaching, accompanied by his father. We talked for some two hours."

Referring to her diary for the dates which were every three or four days after this meeting with Kennedy, she testified that she had meetings with Kennedy. She continually asked him for the return of her letters, saying that she "wanted everything ended, believing that would make it happier for everybody."

Kennedy Pleads.
Kennedy wanted to continue their relations, pleading her to "bear with" him further.

Kennedy told her that owing to his mother's illness he could not do that "which his heart asked him to do," she testified.

On one occasion, she said, Kennedy followed her in a taxicab and on others, waited for her outside of her abode.

Mrs. Obenchain's first tear after she took the stand came when her counsel read what purported to be a letter from Kennedy to her, as it was printed in a local newspaper, and which was not produced by the district attorney when he offered other correspondence.

After the purported text had been read, drawing Mrs. Obenchain's tears, argument began on the admissibility of the letter in evidence.

Letter Brings Tears.
The letter which brought tears to the eyes of Mrs. Obenchain when it was read by her attorneys, is as follows:

"Dear Madalynne:
"How beautifully you have remembered me, dear Madalynne. Every thing you have ever done for me will always be cherished. Do not think me cold, ungrateful. Ah, no, 'tis only that I wander in the dark and oh, Madalynne, I cannot see the light. I know it lives, but the darkness is smothering, smothering me. If only I can lift the black mantle away and up from my shoulders and step out into the glorious day."

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Pays \$1000 for Hooch He Doesn't Get, Asks Court for Damages

VANCOUVER, B. C., Mar. 9.—After having laid a scheme for buying whiskey for \$50 a case in Vancouver, taking it by gas boat to Tacoma, burying it in the sand at night and then selling it at \$80 a case at Tacoma, Robert Engblom suffered a disappointment. Someone else got the whiskey after he had paid for it. The story of this little venture in liquid cheer was unfolded before Justice Clement in the superior court here today when Engblom sued J. G. Brooks and Hox and Brooks company for the return of \$1000 he claims to have paid them for twenty cases of whiskey.

"How can you expect the courts of this province to come to your help?" the court interrupted.

"This transaction strikes me as being against the law of British Columbia."

U. S. PLANS TO BRING EUROPE TO HER SENSES

Refusal to Enter Genoa Conference Interpreted As Campaign of Tactical Pressure to Force Europe Down to Brass Tacks.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Refusal of the United States to participate in the Genoa conference may be viewed as the first step in a campaign of "tactical pressure" to promote economic rehabilitation of Europe, it was said today by a high official of the American government. It should not be regarded, this official said, as an indication of the United States desire to hold aloof from the grave problems confronting European nations.

Secretary Hughes' note to Italy declining the invitation to participate in the Genoa meeting should be interpreted, it was said, rather as an expression of America's willingness to aid wherever it was felt that its aid could be rendered effectively.

The United States cannot afford to enter into a situation where the help expected from it cannot be given, officials explained, adding that the American government must be viewed as holding its support in abeyance until such time as the European nations "get down to brass tacks," in setting their house in order.

England Not Alarmed.
LONDON, Mar. 9.—(By Associated Press.) The decision of the United States not to participate in the Genoa conference will not affect the date or the plans for the conference as far as Great Britain is concerned, it was stated officially today.

The American refusal was no surprise to official circles, where the realization exists, that efforts to ratify the arms conference treaties are engaging the government's attention primarily at present. It is the British belief that the other nations invited to attend the Genoa meeting will be present.

While it is known that Russia desired American representation it is not thought likely she will risk losing her long sought opportunity to re-enter the conference of the powers by declining to take part in the Genoa gathering.

Drowned in Buttermilk.
GALESBURG, Ill., Mar. 9.—John Palm, 41, drowned when he fell into a 10,000 gallon vat of buttermilk at a milk plant today.

UNDERWOOD TRIES TO GET FROM UNDER

Democratic Member of U. S. Peace Delegation in Reply to Democratic Attack Says He Knows Few Details of Four-Power Pact As He Wasn't in Washington.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Challenged from his own side of the chamber to reveal to the senate the origin of the four power Pacific treaty Senator Underwood of Alabama, the democratic leader and a member of the American arms delegation, told his colleagues on the senate floor today that he knew few of the details of the negotiations as he was absent from Washington while they were in progress.

Secretary Hughes, as head of the delegation, Mr. Underwood said, conducted most of the conversations leading up to the treaty with the purpose of effecting an arrangement to take the place of the Anglo-Japanese alliance.

The democratic leader's statement was made in reply to a direct question from Senator Robinson, democrat of



Senator Oscar Underwood.

Arkansas, who was in the midst of a speech characterizing the treaty as an "alliance" and predicting that it "would lead to trouble rather than peace."

Senator Robinson's inquiry followed an attack by him on the speech made yesterday by Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, the republican leader and another member of the delegation and was addressed to Mr. Underwood, the Arkansas senator explained, because Mr. Lodge was out of the chamber. To the republican leader Mr. Robinson paid his respects as having performed intellectual gymnastics "seldom equalled even in his record of inconsistency," by advocating the four power treaty in words that were "a poor paraphrase of the language of Woodrow Wilson."

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Pronouncing the four power Pacific treaty an "alliance," Senator Robinson, democrat, Arkansas, in renewing senate discussion of the pact today declared it would not promote peace "but on the contrary will invite the formation of rival alliances and lead to great harm."

REPORT ERUPTION OREGON MOUNTAIN

MADRAS, Ore., Mar. 9.—Black smoke was observed today arising in columns from the southwest side of Mount Jefferson crater. The report reaching here said the eruption was causing snow to melt on the southwest side of the mountain.

PRINCESS MARY AND VISCOUNT DEPART FOR PARIS VISIT

LONDON, Mar. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles left Victoria station today on their way to Paris. They were almost overwhelmed by the salutations of a great crowd.

Pretty Defendant Tells Story of Relations With Murdered Man



Latest photograph of Mrs. Madalynne Obenchain, on trial for complicity in murder of J. Belton Kennedy, who told her story on witness stand today.

BRITISH SEC'Y FOR INDIA IS FORCED TO QUIT

LONDON, Mar. 9.—(By the Associated Press.) Edwin Samuel Montagu, the secretary for India, tendered his resignation today and it was accepted.

The resignation was announced in the house of commons by Austen Chamberlain, the government leader, who assigned no reason for the secretary's action. Before making the announcement, Mr. Chamberlain said he understood the telegram sent to Secretary Montagu from the government of India, setting forth the feeling in India regarding the necessity for revision of the treaty of Sevres between Turkey and the allies, was made public by the Indian government with only Mr. Montagu's sanction, no other minister having been consulted regarding it.

LONDON, Mar. 9.—(By the Associated Press.) India's appeals for Turkish rights which endorsed revision of the Sevres treaty, has aroused resentment in a large section of the press against the Earl of Reading, Viceroy of India and his council. Every London newspaper today vigorously condemns the message. It is complained that India's demands are calculated to cause the British government serious embarrassment in its dealings with the signatories of the Sevres treaty.

MEDFORD CHOSEN A TOURIST CENTER

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 9.—The Oregon Tourist and Information bureau announced today that during the coming season it will maintain five branch information bureaus at strategic points on the main state highways for the convenience of tourists. These points are Medford, Klamath Falls, Bend, Ontario and Pendleton.

Police Find Women In Cab Abandoned By 2 Hotel Bandits

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—Two bandits alighted from a taxi in front of the Penn Post hotel, 80th avenue and 31st street early today, entered the hotel and robbed the cash register of about \$200.

A newsboy, known as "Able" was passing the hotel and gave the alarm. Police arrived in time to see the bandits run out, jump into the machine and dash away.

The officers commandeered another taxicab and during an exciting chase nearly a score of shots were exchanged. The bandits' car broke an axle a mile and a half from the scene of the robbery and the two men jumped out of the disabled car, but when the police arrived they were astounded to find two women and one man still in it. They were arrested. The other two escaped.

CHINA IN CHAOS FORM ALLIANCE TO OUST WU-FU

PEKING, Mar. 9.—(By the Associated Press.) Support of the president by General Chang Tso-lin, governor of Manchuria, has been formally withdrawn and his relations with the cabinet have been severed. The ministers of communication, finance and war have retired the minister of foreign affairs is insisting that he will resign and the premier, though he has not resigned, is not performing the duties of office.

All loan transactions are suspended, the foreign banks withholding release of the salt surplus and the government admittedly is bankrupt. A six alliance composed of General Chang Tso-lin, Sun Yat Sen, president of the Canton government, ex-premier Chun Chi Jui, with a large following and Premier Liang Shih-Yi controlling the bankers and native finance, has been formed, with the object of eliminating Wu Pei-fu, inspector general of the provinces of Hupeh and Hunan and uniting China. The plan as now outlined is to let Wu Pei-fu take the capital and evict the president; then make a concerted attack on Wu Pei-fu. The latter's attitude is defensive. He declares that he will not occupy Peking; therefore a long period of indecision is probable.

O. GROWERS RAISE PRICE OF PRUNES

SALEM, Ore., March 9.—Following an improvement in the prune situation in the east, an advance of from 1 to 4 cents on all grades of prunes is being made by the Oregon Growers Co-operative association this week. The advance on all grades follows: 20-30's four cents; 30-35's 3 1/2 cents; 35-40's 3 cents; 40-45's 2 1/2 cents; 45-50's 2 cents; 50-60's 2 cents; 60-70's 1 1/2 cents; smaller sizes 1 cent.

Almost all of the small holdings have been absorbed. The prune market has been influenced by the announcement recently of the withdrawal from the market of all brands of the California Prune and Apricot Growers' association.

PORTLAND SUFFERS A \$21,750 FIRE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 9.—Fire early today caused loss estimated at \$21,750 to six concerns occupying a building on First street. The heaviest loser was the Pacific Coast Leather and Shoe Finding Supply company.

Salome An Acrobat, Not a Dancer, Says Oxford Scientist

LONDON, Mar. 9.—Salome was an acrobatic tumbler—not a dancer of the modern ballet type, according to evidence laid before the Royal Archaeological institute by George C. Druce of Oxford. If his evidence is corroborated theologists, historians and others have long labored under a misapprehension as to Salome's first claim to fame. All the old parchments and carvings show her posing as an acrobat and not as a dancer, Mr. Druce declares.

IRISH WILL CARRY FIGHT TO AMERICA

Delegations Supporting and Opposing De Valera to Come to United States to Gain Support—Dissensions in Limerick Increase.

DUBLIN, Mar. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Pierce Beaslay, a vigorous supporter of the Anglo-Irish treaty and political dissenter with Eamon De Valera, and who heads the delegation of leading advocates of the Irish free state will leave for the United States on the steamship Aquitania next Saturday. They are to put the case for the treaty before the sympathizers in the United States.

The Freeman's Journal which is the authority for the statement that De Valera's supporters are to send a rival mission which also may possibly sail on the Aquitania says that J. J. O'Kelly, former minister of education in the Dail cabinet and editor of the Catholic Bulletin and Austen Stack, former minister for home affairs in the Dail Eireann, have applied for passport to the United States.

LIMERICK, Mar. 9.—(By Associated Press.) A proclamation extensively posted in Limerick today asserted that Richard Mulcahy, minister of defense in the Dail Eireann cabinet "by a breach of trust, is alone responsible for the present Limerick situation." The proclamation declares that Mr. Mulcahy "solemnly guaranteed that the Dail Eireann would keep the Irish republican army as such intact until the election. He has not kept his word. He refuses to allow the Limerick brigade of the Irish republican army to occupy vacated barracks in Limerick City because they would not take them over on behalf of the provisional government but insisted upon maintaining their status as a part of the Irish republican army."

"He drafted troops into the republican areas, namely Limerick, and Kilkenny, in the interests of the free state army. * * * He officers these troops by men who will obey his instructions without questioning. * * * He seeks to insure that, no matter how the coming Irish republican army convention decides the provisional government will hold all areas for the free state party. The republic still lives to prevent this insidious attempt to suppress the republic. * * * Will they, who fought and suffered for the republic, now take part in destroying it?"

DUBLIN, Mar. 9.—(By Associated Press.) Evacuation of the Haulbowline dockyards by the British has been ordered temporarily stopped by the provisional government. This step is taken because discontinuance of work at these yards would result in the immediate departure to England of a large number of skilled workers. It also

CRISSINGER WILL FIGHT BONUS BILL

Comptroller of Currency Declares in Event of Passage House Measure He Will Advise Banks to Accept No Certificates—Worst Sort of Frozen Credit.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.—Comptroller of the Currency Crissinger announced today that in the event of the enactment of soldiers' bonus legislation providing for payment by adjusted service certificates, he would advise national banks to decline to accept the certificates as securities for loans.

Mr. Crissinger described the proposed plan of issuing adjusted service certificates for use by the soldiers if desired, as collateral for loans to 80 per cent of their face value as "the worst kind of frozen credit," and declared while he would be without authority to order national banks to refuse to accept them as security he would strongly advise against their acceptance.

The certificates would be "not negotiable paper" Mr. Crissinger explained and loans upon them would lead the banks up for three year terms which they cover, with an unmovable mass of security.

The certificates would be similar to real estate loans which are not redeemable at federal reserve banks, he said.

BIG CONSPIRACY ROB UNCLE SAM AT ARMY AUCTION

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 9.—Confession of a third man involved in an alleged conspiracy to defraud the government by manipulation of bids for army goods at an army auction in Camp Kearney last month, was made known by federal agents here today on the eve of presentation to a mass of evidence in the case.

The confession was reported to be that of a Los Angeles man, member of a large firm of salvage agents which, according to confessions reported to be in the hands of the federal investigators, would have made hundreds of thousands of dollars if the alleged conspiracy had not been thwarted.

U. S. Produced 61.9 Per Cent Petroleum, 1921

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—The world's production of petroleum last year is estimated in the weekly summary of the American Petroleum Institute at 759,030,000 barrels. This compares with 694,854,000 barrels reported by the United States geological survey for 1920.

The figures show an increase in United States production in 1921 of 5.9 per cent and in Mexico's production of 19.3 per cent. The United States produced 61.9 per cent of the estimated total world production and Mexico 25.7 per cent.

would bring hurried unemployment to several hundred other unskilled men and would involve the scrapping of a valuable plant. The question of final evacuation is under consideration.

JEWS, CATHOLICS AND PROTESTANTS UNITE TO SECURE PACT RATIFICATION

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—Four national religious organizations, representing Protestants, Catholics and Jews, today began a concerted movement to obtain the United States senate's immediate ratification without reservation of the treaties adopted at the armament conference at Washington.

The movement is being carried on by the church union in connection with the World Peace Federation of Boston, in letters and petitions mailed to 12,000 clergymen of the na-

U. S. FARMERS AND TECHNICAL EXPERTS LEAVE TO REHABILITATE SOVIET RUSSIA

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.—American and Canadian farmers and technical experts enlisted in a project to rehabilitate the economic life of soviet Russia, will be aboard the Baltic-American liner Estonsia when that vessel sails tomorrow. Agricultural machinery, motor trucks, tractors, electric motors, irrigation and drainage supplies, various tools and machine equipment and paraphernalia will be taken aboard by the group, it is announced.

It is announced that Winnipeg and