

The Weather

Prediction Fair
Maximum yesterday 53
Minimum today 33

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SUICIDE IS BROUGHT IN VET HEARING

Senator Reed Asks Forbes if C. F. Cramer, Former Counsel of Bureau Who Killed Himself, Was a Graft—Ex-Director's Cross-Examination Concluded

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—The sharp plowshare of the senate veterans' committee, driven forward again today through the affairs of Director Charles R. Forbes, turned up another collection of charges, denials and counter charges.

The code which Elias H. Mortimer testified was arranged for the use of certain contracting firms and some officers of the veterans' bureau figured largely in today's cross examination.

Forbes reiterated his denial of any knowledge of any such code, which Mortimer said was arranged during the Pacific coast trip of Forbes and his party into the summer of 1922 for the use of C. B. Hurley, of the Hurley-Mason company of Tacoma; J. W. Black of the Black-Thompson company of Chicago, and others.

Hurley's name in the code, according to Mortimer, was "Hyder." John P. O'Ryan, general counsel for the investigating committee read a telegram sent from Tacoma July 25, 1922, and signed "Hyder." As translated it read as follows:

"Wish to leave for Alaska thirteenth. Return about tenth. Will absence interfere? Ask Forbes."

Denies Code Message

Denying that he had ever sent any messages to Hurley in code Forbes said all the messages that went out from him were signed by "Charles R. Forbes," and "were in the clear." The witnesses said he could offer no explanation if copies of his communications to Hurley were not in the bureau files.

O'Ryan read a letter signed "Hyder," and addressed to "Moxie," which was supposed to be Mortimer's code name. It was under date of September, 1922, and asked if "Moxie" could not give the writer some idea as to when "the projects was talked about will be ready to figure."

The letter added that "Monk," alleged to have been the code name for Mason, had left Tacoma to take his son to Yale.

"No doubt he will be in Washington around the end of the month," the letter added, "and no doubt he will call for 'McAdoo'."

"McAdoo," was the designation for Forbes in the alleged code.

Forbes said his presentation of a Harding medal to H. F. Alexander on the steamer Alexander at Tacoma was not an "impulsive" act, as Mortimer had testified.

He testified that before he left Washington he called at the White House, saw some of the medals on President Harding's desk and suggested that he give them to some of his friends. It was agreed, Forbes said, that the director should give them to friends of the president who had aided him in his campaign for president.

"I thought the occasion on Mr. Alexander's ship," he added, "was a good one at which to make the presentation to him."

Mortimer was Drunk

At San Diego, Forbes said, Mortimer was drunk and insulted General and Mrs. Terry.

"What was your condition?" asked O'Ryan.

"I was as sober then as now."

"And Mrs. Mortimer?"

"The same."

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Woman Is Arrested in Connection With Klansman's Murder

ATLANTA, Ga., Nov. 16.—Police Chief Beavers today ordered the arrest of Mrs. W. A. Weaver of Nashville, Tenn., in connection with the slaying of W. S. Coburn, Atlanta attorney, by Phillip E. Fox, Klan publicity man.

Chief Beavers forwarded a request to the chief of police at Nashville to arrest Mrs. Weaver.

He would not discuss the matter.

W. S. Howard, who has been employed to assist in the prosecution said Mrs. Weaver was wanted as a material witness.

YOUTH CRAZED BY LOVE SLAYS GIRL'S FAMILY

Minnesota Town Horrified by Wholesale Murder, Drops Business to Search Woods for Maniac Who Killed Four With Five Shots

KELLIEHER, Minn., Nov. 16.—A madman, slayer of four, is fleeing through the north woods before a posse formed here which took up the search at dawn.

Leonard Portano, 33, yesterday slew Mr. and Mrs. John Sanders, of whose fifteen year old daughter, Myrtle, he was enamored, Oscar Timmy, 30, farmer and suitor of the girl, and J. A. Wilson, marshal of this village and deputy sheriff, who sought to arrest him.

The shooting occurred at separate times, in both the morning and afternoon. Before fleeing, the murderer went to a timber cutting plant he operated and left a signed confession of the crimes, with a list of the dead.

Early yesterday Timmy and Portano engaged in an altercation over Myrtle Sanders, during which Portano drew a revolver and shot Timmy through the leg. Timmy came the eight miles from the farm where the shooting occurred to this village and had his wounds dressed. He reported the case to Marshal Wilson, 45 years old.

While Timmy was gone Portano went to the Sanders home and shot dead the mother of his sweetheart. While he was going down the road from the Sanders home he met the husband of his first murder victim, He took Sanders to a nearby cabin, bound him to a bedpost and shot off his head.

Portano kept on toward this village, and not far from here met Marshal Wilson, who had left to arrest Portano for wounding Timmy. Portano shot the officer dead. This was about noon.

Not far from the spot where Wilson was lying dead, the maniac met Timmy, who was going to the village to learn what had been done toward arresting Portano for wounding him. Again the lunatic's revolver fired a fatal bullet, Timmy falling dead.

Although Myrtle Sanders was missing it was definitely stated late last night that she was not harmed or kidnapped by the desperado. It is believed some neighbor has sheltered her in an attempt to help her bear the sorrow caused by the tragic loss of her parents.

More than thirty men gathered in Kellieher last night to form a posse.

Seven Killed in Train Wreck

BERLIN, Nov. 16.—Seven persons were killed and twenty injured today in a railway smash near Stuttgart. A locomotive collided with a passenger train.

HI JOHNSON THROWS HAT INTO RING

California Senator Says G. O. P. Under Control of Reactionaries — Will Appeal to People as a Progressive—Slams League of Nations and Boss Control

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.—(By Associated Press). Two presidential booms emanating from Chicago resounded through the country today, following announcement by Senator Hiram W. Johnson of California that he was in the contest for nomination as republican candidate for president and the endorsement from Omaha, Neb., by William G. McAdoo of a statement issued here by David L. Rockwell of Ravenna, Ohio, that supporters of the former secretary of the treasury intend to nominate him in the democratic convention and elect him to the presidency.

Senator Johnson launched his boom with a formal statement, issued after a conference here with party political leaders who favor his candidacy, in which he assailed present policies in democratic and national affairs and enunciated the principles upon which his race would be made.

Senator Johnson made this declaration:

"Theoretically, under our system, the people themselves select their president. Those states with presidential preference primaries not only recognize this theory, but put it in practice. They preserve the spirit as well as the letter of American institutions. It is an American's birthright to submit himself and his political tenets to the decision of his fellow citizens. He is entitled to their decision and they are entitled to make it. I recognize no prescriptive right to office, and I deny that any one or number of men may disregard the popular will, and in defiance of it, dictate our candidates. Peculiarly should this be so at the present time.

Discontent in Land.

"There is discontent abroad in the land; there is threatened disintegration of the republican party. The discontent and party difficulties arise not because of popular government, but from the lack of it. Two warring philosophies of government in the nation just as in the state from which I come struggle for mastery.

"It is the old, old struggle beginning in the early days of man's first achievements, and never ending since. Reaction and progress must fight it out again in the republican party in the coming presidential primaries.

"I question not men now, but their philosophy of government. That which obtains at Washington does not fit present day needs. Ultra-conservatism rules; progressivism challenges it. And the ensuing contest will determine whether the republican party shall be the permanent instrument of reaction or whether it shall respond to present day conditions and aspirations.

"Not only is there the fundamental and irreconcilable difference in our domestic policies but a like divergence perhaps even of greater importance, in relation to our foreign affairs. A foreign policy once entered upon may with difficulty be changed. One false move may do what years cannot undo. The whole future of national existence may be endangered by the ill-considered act of a day.

Against the League

"I am against the League of Nations and all its subsidiaries, membership in which would tend to participation, directly or indirectly, in the league. To take us into the league court or to involve us in the political struggles abroad, inevitably will draw us into the European maelstrom from which we fondly imagined the election of 1920 had delivered us.

"Our country, the greatest on earth, should have its own foreign policy, thoroughly understood by our people, frankly proclaimed.

"Upon these as fundamentals, amplifying and expressing details hereafter, to the men and women who constitute America's free citizenship, I will make my appeal. In those states where the voters may express their preference, the issue can be definitely decided, and I hope all candidates will participate in the presidential preference primaries, including California and cheerfully acquiesce in the result."

Beyond the written statement handed newspapermen, Senator Johnson would not be quoted. He said other statements would follow. Senator Johnson remained in Chicago today and will go to Washington tomorrow.

Lodge for Coolidge

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Senator Lodge of Massachusetts, republican leader of the senate, returned to his office here today to prepare for the convening of the new congress. He called on President Coolidge and arranged for another White House appointment later to discuss at length the legislative program.

Commenting on Hiram Johnson's candidacy for the republican presidential nomination Senator Lodge said:

"Who Killed Dot King" No Mystery To This Man; Try Psycho-Graphology On It!



ABOVE: DOT KING, WHOSE MURDER REMAINS UNSOLVED BY NEW YORK POLICE. BELOW: RAFAEL SCHERMANN, PROPONENT OF THE NEW HANDWRITING SCIENCE.

NEW YORK—What is a little question like "Who killed the Rev. Edward Hall?" to Mr. Rafael Schermann, the latest European to visit these shores.

Now that Couc, Lloyd George and the Moscow Art Theater have come and gone, Mr. Schermann arrives to teach American police the science of "psycho-graphology."

By studying the handwriting of persons connected with the famous unsolved Hall-Mills murder mystery, Mr. Schermann told New York, he could give valuable hints toward finding the murderer. He even offered to take on the Dot King case, and solve it "free gratis."

MEDFORD EXPECTS HARD GAME WITH SALEM TOMORROW

Southern Oregon gets a baptism of high school football tomorrow with the leading teams battling in Medford, Grants Pass and Ashland. Roseburg plays Ashland at Ashland, Grants Pass plays Klamath Falls at Grants Pass, and Salem plays Medford here. An effort is being made to have all the members of the six teams meet in this city Saturday night, for a get-together-meeting.

In preparation for the Salem game in this city, a rally will be held this afternoon at the close of school, with a serpentine through the business district.

The Medford line up will be the same as in the Ashland game last Monday. Coach Callison gave his charges a light workout last evening, and there will be another light practice today. The team is in good physical condition. Williams' sore ankle is rapidly improving. While there is not the interest there was in the Armistice day game, one of the biggest crowds of the year will undoubtedly be on hand.

The Salem team is one of the strongest in the Willamette valley and is coached by Hollis Huntington, who formerly had charge of athletics in the local school, and is well known here.

INDIANA GOVERNOR ADMITS FORGERY

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Nov. 16.—Governor Warren T. McCray, under questioning admitted he had signed notes in the name of other persons without written authority of those whose names appeared on the paper when he resumed the stand today for the second day of the hearing on the petition of three Port Wayne, Ind., bankers to have him adjudged bankrupt.

The admission was made by McCray while he was being examined by W. J. Vezey, chief counsel for the petitioners, with regard to trips to his farm near Kentland, Ind.

said: "Senator Johnson and I are close personal friends and I trust that we always shall remain so. I am for Mr. Coolidge for the republican nomination. Senator Johnson knows it and the whole country should know it."

Everett Radio Fan Claims He Talked With Arctic Party

EVERETT, Wash., Nov. 16.—Everett Kiek, amateur radio operator, reports that last night he was able to exchange greetings with the MacMillan Arctic party, now in winter quarters north of Etah, Greenland. He says he has heard an Arctic operator for two weeks but was not able to communicate with him until last night.

PARLIAMENT IS DISSOLVED BY BRITISH KING

King George on Advice of Cabinet Takes Steps for General Election on December 6th — France Blamed for Present Crisis

LONDON, Nov. 16.—(By Associated Press). King George, acting on the advice of his cabinet, this morning dissolved parliament in preparation for the general elections to be held December 6. Parliament re-assembles on December 20.

The king's prerogative speech was as follows:

"My lords and members of the house of commons:

"My government recently initiated negotiations aiming at the appointment, with the collaboration of the United States, of a commission of inquiry to determine Germany's capacity to pay reparations. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to secure the assent of the French government to these proposals, which, it has been hoped, would lead to a solution of reparations problems.

"My government regards with profound anxiety the continuance of the present economic conditions in Europe which depends so largely on a settlement of this question. A serious situation has developed in Germany which is engaging the close and earnest attention of my government.

"The arduous negotiations for peace with Turkey, begun in November, 1922, have, I am happy to say, been brought to a successful conclusion.

"A bill to carry into effect certain provisions of the settlement reached at Lausanne, July 24, will be laid before the parliament as soon as possible. It is my earnest hope that the conclusion of this treaty may bring real peace to the Near East and may herald an era of political and commercial prosperity for Turkey and for the countries which are resuming friendly relations with her.

"Negotiations are proceeding with the United States government for the settlement of difficulties with regard to the carriage of liquor in transit and illicit importation into the United States.

"I deplore the disaster that has recently befallen Japan. The heartfelt sympathy of my country is with the Japanese government and people—our former allies and our close friends—who are bearing this national tragedy with characteristic fortitude and heroism.

"My government welcomed the opportunity afforded them during the last few weeks of meeting so many ministers from the self-governed dominions and India. The conferences just terminated were marked throughout by a spirit of great cordiality and good will.

"Members of the house of commons, I thank you for the provision you have made for the public service.

"My lords and members of the house of commons, the problems of agriculture and the problems of unemployment throughout the country continue to cause me deep anxiety. Despite all efforts of my government to stimulate trade and alleviate distress, the circumstances of large numbers of our fellow citizens still remain deplorable.

"My ministers are convinced that unless measures for the safeguarding and development of home markets are adopted, no permanent improvement in their situation can be expected."

"I am advising you of this intention on the part of the city in order that you may, if you still disagree with us as to the rights of the parties, take such steps as you may deem advisable. The city will not start with actual construction work until November 24th, 1923."

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LONDON NEAR OPEN BREAK WITH PARIS

French Threats Resented by British Parliament — German Penalties Declared Violation of Treaty of Versailles — Poincare Condemns Baldwin — End of Entente Cry Followers

LONDON, Nov. 16.—(By Associated Press). Indications are multiplying that France and England are approaching the parting of the ways on the question of how to deal with Germany.

France's threatened penalties against Germany if Berlin does not renounce its position on the extradition of the former crown prince and the establishment of full allied military control in Germany are declared in government quarters to be wholly unacceptable to England.

These penalties are understood to be:

First—The seizure of more railroads east of the occupied area, which would probably include the eventual occupation of Frankfurt by the French.

Second—Consolidation and extension of the Franco-Belgian military position in the Ruhr.

Third—the occupation of Hamburg and Bremen. (Paris dispatches today said high officials of the French foreign office declared they knew nothing of any plan for French occupation of Hamburg and the ground for this disclaimer would seem also to exclude Bremen.)

Great Britain believes that all these threatened sanctions not only violate the treaty of Versailles but would plunge Germany into a deeper economic and political mire from which it would be impossible to extricate her.

The British government is considering the whole situation today with a view to instructing delegates in the council of ambassadors in the light of the threatened action. There is no indication, however, that the cabinet will yield on its already declared policy respecting the return of Frederick William and the extension of the allied military measures in occupied Germany.

The view prevails among officials here that M. Poincare's conditions are largely of an intimidatory nature, designed to coerce Germany and at the same time force a change of attitude by England.

Rupture of Entente

PARIS, Nov. 16.—(By Associated Press). Premier Poincare took issue with Prime Minister Baldwin of Great Britain as to who is to blame for the present Franco-British differences when he rose unexpectedly to speak in the chamber of deputies this afternoon during an interpellation of foreign affairs.

"I cannot let it be said that it is by our fault an agreement has not been reached," M. Poincare declared.

"For several years we have not ceased to make concessions from our rights and it is not on our side that the attitude is uncompromising."

The premier said he had not intended to speak because he could not at this time discuss certain subjects but the occurrences in the British parliament yesterday could not be allowed to pass and must be answered immediately.

The British premier, M. Poincare said, had supported the German point of view in the council of ambassadors during discussion of the seizure of twelve Franco-Rumanian company airplanes in Germany although the treaty of Versailles gave the allies most favored nation treatment in commercial air matters and later the British delegate repeated this opposition when the subject was submitted to the jurists.

Cries of "It is a rupture of the entente cordiale!" greeted this description of the British attitude.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—New York's latest crime wave continued today when bandits smashed a plate glass window in the fashionable Fifth Avenue shop of Hilsen, Inc., and escaped in an automobile with \$50,000 worth of furs.

OREGON LAWS ALREADY FIXED TO ALLOW FARMERS TO BORROW FEDERAL FUNDS

WASHINGTON, Nov. 16.—Laws of a number of states will have to be amended to enable their farmers to take full advantage of the intermediate credits provided by congress in the agricultural credits act, Secretary Wallace of the agriculture department, announced today.

"Under the federal act, individual farmers may secure credits by using either local banks or their own cooperative credit associations organized under state laws but these state laws must authorize the formation of such associations and give them the necessary financial powers," said Mr. Wallace. "Unless this is done the full benefit of the act cannot be obtained."

Iowa and Oregon are among the states whose laws seem to preclude agricultural co-operative associations from borrowing for their members from intermediate credit banks, the secretary said.

BOK'S \$100,000 PEACE PRIZE CONTEST CLOSES WITH OVER 22,000 CONTESTANTS

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—The jury which will award the \$100,000 prize, offered by Edward Bok for the best practicable proposal to achieve and preserve peace, begins today the monumental task of picking the winning plan from the 22,165 which had been submitted at the close of the contest last night.

Remedies proposed to end war came from men and women scattered among twenty-two nations. Announcement of the winning plan is expected by January 1. For a month the jury

of award of which Elihu Root is chairman, has been going over previously submitted manuscripts.