

The Weather
 Prediction..... Probable Rain
 Maximum yesterday..... 47.2
 Minimum today..... 29
 Precipitation..... .07

Weather Year Ago
 Maximum..... 48
 Minimum..... 10

Daily—Tuesday Year.
 Weekly—Fifty-third Year.

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SHIP TRUST ON COAST IS FORECASTED

Sale of Pacific Mail Fleet to Dollar Lines Raises Loud Outcry—Shipping Board Is Divided—Ex-Sen. Chamberlain Protests Action—Injunction Suit Rumored.

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Representatives of the Pacific Mail Steamship line discussed here today the situation confronting the company in view of the acceptance by the shipping board of the bid of the Dollar interests for its ships and service in the California-Orient line.

Participating in the conference were Gale H. Carter, president of the Pacific Mail; New York counsel for the company and former Senator George E. Chamberlain of Oregon, who represented the Pacific Mail in the negotiations with the board.

No statement was forthcoming nor was any light thrown on reports that some action to defer consummation of the sale might be taken, possibly through injunction proceedings.

R. Stanley Dollar, vice president of the Dollar lines, remained here to take up through counsel for the shipping board the drafting of a sale contract which might go before the board for final approval.

The Dollar interests were awarded the California-Orient line yesterday on their purchase bid by a four to three vote of the shipping board, which was a climax to a long series of discussions and open hearings at which warning was given of what was viewed as a monopolistic trend in shipping on the Pacific coast.

Man Forsees Death; Writes Will On Card, Dies the Next Day

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—A business card with a bit of writing on it was filed with the county clerk here today under the heading "will for probate."

It was the last testament of John Denair, city agent of the Santa Fe railroad and was written on a train bound for Kansas City. Denair had a premonition of death on the train. He drew out the card, hastily wrote on it a will conveying an estate of more than \$10,000 to his wife. A day later he collapsed and died on the train.

ARTHUR COVELL SENTENCED TO DIE MAY 22

Crippled Astrologer Convicted of Murder Two Years Ago, Declares His Nephew, Serving Life Sentence, Innocent—Denies Guilt As Charged.

MARSHFIELD, Ore., April 1.—Arthur Covell, crippled astrologer, convicted of first degree murder for the death of Mrs. Ebbu Covell, his sister-in-law at Bandon in 1923, was today sentenced by Judge J. C. Kendall, at Coquille, to hang on May 22.

L. W. Pearce, convicted of the murder of James Culver, in 1922, was sentenced at the same time to die on the same date. Both were brought from the state penitentiary at Salem to hear the sentence. Both indicated they would appeal to the governor for clemency. Both have lost appeals to the supreme court.

Covell made a brief statement before his sentence, declaring his nephew, Alton Covell, who is serving a life sentence for the execution of the murder, which the state charged was planned by Arthur Covell, was innocent. The astrologer said the boy took the blame to clear the name of his father who was arrested after the murder, adding that the boy felt it was his duty to do so. He declared that the confessions made by Alton and himself were untrue and that both were innocent of the crime as charged.

'JAZZ' GIRL'S DEFENSE IS HER VICTIM

Dorothy Ellingson's Lawyer at Opening of Insanity Hearing Claims Mother Threatened to Kill Her Husband in Fit of Insanity Before Dorothy's Birth.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Alexander Moslin, chief counsel for the defense in the murder trial of Dorothy Ellingson, made an opening statement this afternoon to the jury passing on her sanity. He promised to prove that the girl's mother, whom she killed last January, tried in an insane spell before the girl's birth to kill her father.

Mr. Moslin said the testimony would establish that this parental influence had predisposed the child toward abnormality. Her home life, he explained, had been unhappy and she had been without moral or religious training.

He traced a gradual dissolution in the character of the girl up until the time her mother was slain and she was arrested for the deed and was persuaded to sign a confession in which she admitted it.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 1.—Dorothy Ellingson, who confessed that she killed her mother last January in a quarrel over the daughter's conduct, observed her 17th birthday today in custody on the charge of murder, which has been held in abeyance pending a determination of her present sanity.

Her program for the day included a rest in the morning and a court session in the afternoon, when her attorneys had prepared to produce testimony in support of their contention that she is insane.

Shingle Bob Wins Peeresses Despite Court Inconvenience



The "shingle-bob" fashion has found favor with England's peeresses at last. Lady Trowbridge is the first to yield up her locks to the shingling scissors. Her lead is being followed by other titled women, despite the inconvenience it occasions at court affairs, where a headdress must be worn.

RICHEST WOMAN RANCH OWNER DIES IN TEXAS

KINGSVILLE, Texas, April 1.—Mrs. Henrietta King, 93 years old, virtually unknown to the outside world and yet possessing the world's largest ranch and rated as one of the country's wealthiest women, died last night.

Proprietor of a ranch bordering the Gulf of Mexico for 100 miles and comprising 1,280,000 acres, which came to her at the death of her husband, Captain Richard King, pioneer Texas cattleman, Mrs. King's fortune rose to an enormous figure, through the advance of land values from a few cents to many dollars an acre.

Coming to the ranch as a bride, Mrs. King's first home was a block house, due to the constant menace of Indians and bandits. Her last home was of concrete and marble and was described as the "most sumptuous farm home in America."

PAN-AMERICAN PEACE LEAGUE PLAN OUTLINED

WASHINGTON, April 1.—Publication today of a series of thirty draft conventions proposed for discussion at the de Janeiro this year by the jurists commanded by the Fifth Pan-American conference to begin codification of American international law revealed a vast tentative project for reuniting American republics into a cohesive community of sovereign states pledged to solidarity of policy and action aimed chiefly at outlawing wars of conquest among themselves.

Included in the project is one proposed pact banning any grant of territory by the contracting parties to non-American states. It forbids also every temporary occupation of such territory by any nation with the purpose of exercising sovereignty regardless of the will of the public whose territory was affected.

In case of violation of the provision of the preceding articles by one or more nations, or, in general, in case of menace, offense or acts of violence, individual or collective, committed by those nations with respect to an American republic, the continental solidarity will be affected thereby and any American republic may refer the question to the Pan-American union in order to bring about an exchange of views on the subject, declares the final clause of the draft convention on this subject.

President's Father Quits Maple Sugar Business at Home

CHICAGO, April 1.—Colonel John Coolidge, father of the president, is no longer in the maple sugar business, he has written to Mrs. J. E. Knapp, of Joliet, Ill., who asked him for prices.

OREGON TEAMS ARE BEATEN IN CHICAGO MEET

CHICAGO, April 1.—Fighting hard for mastery of a game that was decided entirely in the second half, Torrington, Conn., high school, today won the first game of the second day's play in the national basketball tournament from Salem, Ore., 27 to 23.

Team	W	L	T
Salem (23)	1	1	0
Ellis, Jr.	3	1	2
Hoeman, Jr.	4	0	2
J. Drager, Jr.	2	2	1
R. Drager, Jr.	1	0	0
Ashby, Jr.	0	0	0
Hanson (sub)	0	0	1
Torrington (27)	1	0	0
Briggs, Jr.	2	0	1
Szozokaki, Jr.	3	3	0
Burns, Jr.	2	0	1
Viantone, Jr.	0	0	1
James, Jr.	0	0	2
Maine (sub)	0	0	1

CHICAGO, April 1.—Two scoring prodigies faced each other in the same last night of the University of Chicago national interscholastic basketball tournament in which Louisville, Ky., high school won away from Franklin high, Portland, Ore., 32 to 24.

Jeffries of Louisville, who has scored seven-eighths of his team's points through the playing season, tallied six field goals and four free throws. Scallon for Franklin high scored the same number of field goals and three free throws. Both teams built their offenses about these men. Franklin started a rally that netted six points late in the game, but fell short of Louisville's total. The scores follow: Torrington, Conn., 27; Franklin, 24; Louisville, 32.

DODGE BROS. SELL OUT TO N.Y. BANKERS

One of Largest Motor Car Deals in History Declared Consummated—Over Hundred Million Cash Involved—Packard and Hudson in Merger Is Denied.

NEW YORK, April 1.—News that the Dodge Brothers Automobile company of Detroit has been acquired by a syndicate headed by the banking firm of Dillon, Read and company of New York, is prominently published here today as one of the most important financial transactions in the history of the automobile industry.

Representatives of the banking firm declined either to affirm or deny the sale and Clarence Dillon declared, that while final negotiations had not been completed, some announcement relative to the deal would be made within a day or two.

In financial circles here it was declared that the sale consummated a financial battle between Dillon, Read and company and the house of J. P. Morgan and company, representing the General Motors corporation, to gain control of the Dodge Brothers' property. It was also believed that the sale was preparatory to a \$500,000,000 merger of the Dodge property, the Packard Motor company and the Hudson Motor company and the Briggs Body corporation.

Confirmation of this also was lacking. Sale of the Dodge Brothers company marks an eventful step in the recent history of the concern which began under the guidance of John and Horace Dodge, who had been stockholders in the Ford Motor company until they went into business for themselves.

Officials of the Dodge Brothers Automobile company early today refused to confirm or deny reports from New York that the company had been sold. Arthur T. Waterfall, vice-president and assistant general manager of the company and John Ballantyne, treasurer, asserted that no sale of the company had been announced.

STATE CLOSES IN G. CHAPMAN CASE

HARTFORD, Conn., April 1.—(By Associated Press.) After two pistol experts had declared that the bullet which killed Patrolman James Skelly in New Britain last October 12, had been fired from Gerald Chapman's gun, the state's murder case against the notorious bandit was completed shortly before noon today.

Directly after the prosecution's close, Nathan O. Freedman of Chapman's counsel, moved that the indictment be dismissed on the ground that the state had not proved its case against the accused.

Judge Newell Jennings denied the motion. HARTFORD, Conn., April 1.—(By Associated Press.)—General Chapman, debonaire mail looter went on the offensive in his fight for his life when his attorneys this afternoon began presentation of his defense against the accusation that he murdered Patrolman James Skelly in New Britain last October 12.

Wall Street Report

NEW YORK, April 1.—Stock prices displayed a firm undertone in today's market, the dullest full day's session since election day. Total sales approximated 1,050,000 shares.

Klamath Indians Blow in Government Cash On Moonshine

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Apr. 1.—Government checks of \$100 each were distributed to Klamath Indians for the sale of their timber on the reservation.

Daily Report on the Crime Wave

NEW YORK, April 1.—The body of a man containing two bullet wounds and believed to be that of Mack Passwell, of St. Louis, was found today stuffed in the narrow arway of an upper Park avenue tenement house. In a pocket was found a savings bank book showing deposits of \$60,000.

The Noted Dead

PORTLAND, Ore., April 1.—One week ago Thomas S. Luke, pioneer mining man of Nevada, Montana, Oregon and Alaska, died at his home here. Last night his widow, Nellie E. Luke, died from shock and grief.

FOUND \$120,000 IN LOST MAIL SACK, NOW IN JAIL, POLICE RECOVER \$115,000

BUFFALO, N. Y., April 1.—August Lehman, a car cleaner and Heenan Rex, alias Rex, alias Chuck Connors, are in custody in connection with the loss from the mails of \$120,000 in currency, February 27.

Colonel Forbes Is Better

BOSTON, April 1.—Colonel Charles F. Forbes, former head of the United States veterans' bureau, who sustained a stroke Friday and was resting comatose today and his condition showed improvement.

KLAMATH LEGION SAVES SON OF WAR VETERAN FROM STATE REFORMATORY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., April 1.—An 11-year-old Klamath boy whose daddy died in action overseas was saved from the state reformatory today through the intervention of the American Legion.