

**The Weather**  
Prediction—Unsettled, with rain.  
Maximum yesterday 57  
Minimum today 43  
Precipitation .29

Daily—Twenty-third Year  
Weekly—Fifty-sixth Year

# Today

Uncle Sam Is Rich  
Plain, Unpleasant  
23 Maniacs  
More Purifying

By Arthur Brisbane

UNCLE SAM will probably collect in taxes \$100,000,000 more this year than last. Good news for many, especially those that like to see important public works put through. With one hundred millions as a starter, you can do a good deal.

The latest oil scandal news, in plain, unpleasant words, is this: Investigators suggest that the late President Harding got some of the oil bonds, the transaction being in some way connected with the sale of President Harding's newspaper, the Marion Star. Absolutely no proof is offered to support the suspicion.

When the newspaper was sold, Frank A. Vanderlip suggested corruption, but professed unwillingness "to lift a corner of the shroud" of the dead President.

The senate investigators propose to lift off the coffin lid and find what they can.

With Dante through purgatory and hell, you find misery no deeper than you seen in the faces of twenty-three lunatics carried into court yesterday, that the judge might send them to the asylum.

Some were in straight jackets, struggling horribly, some on stretchers. One young man had tried to kill himself, worrying about the income tax. His income is \$23 a week.

Their troubles were all imaginary. So are many troubles among those called sane. One hundred years wipes out everything.

Mrs. Alice Roosevelt Longworth sends Senator Borah \$100 to help purify the Republican party by giving back to Mr. Sinclair money he contributed to pay the debts of the Harding campaign managers.

One of the most amusing demonstrations witnessed in this nation capable of extreme silliness is the excitement about giving back his money to Mr. Sinclair.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, sensibly calls it "paying a hired assassin for the dagger he left in the body of his victim."

It was not quite as tragic as that. On the whole, it was rather comical to see a collection of "high financiers," oil men and others, trying to be dishonest in a deep way, gaining about it with their trumped up Continental Oil company, as foolishly as three-year-old children might have done.

You may have noticed occasionally in this column the suggestion, "Don't sell things short in America."

The wise E. I. DuPont Nemours gentlemen bought 114,000 shares of United States common a little while ago. Many said then: "The stock is very high." Needing a little cash the DuPonts have just sold that steel, making about \$8,000,000 profit.

The day is coming, and the DuPonts know it, when they will wish they had kept their stocks. However, don't gamble. Steel will go up, but it can go down. And it will do that also. Up and Down, and the DOWN drops out the little fellows—wiser, sadder, poorer.

Dr. Herring, chairman of the na-

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# MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

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**Weather Year Ago**  
Maximum 70  
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## TED BAKER IS ELECTED PRESIDENT

Medford Chamber of Commerce Secretary to Lead State Association During Coming Year—Vining Urges Foreign Trade Development.

EUGENE, Ore., March 23.—Ted Baker of Medford was elected president of the State Association of Commercial Secretaries last night. Other officers named were H. E. Cully, Roseburg, vice president; L. K. Cramb, Bend, secretary-treasurer; W. E. North, Baker, John Eckman, McMinnville, Lynn Sabu, Portland, and W. A. Reid, Corvallis, directors.

EUGENE, Ore., March 23.—(AP)—Foreign trade and its development should be encouraged throughout the entire state if industries are to progress. Agriculture and marketing, with proper support, will go ahead during the coming year, while community organizations will prove to be the key to prosperity in many communities.

These were the conclusions laid before the secretaries of the chambers of commerce of Oregon at the final meeting today of their eighth annual session, held at the University of Oregon this week.

Lynn Sabu, of Portland, reporting on the work of the foreign trade committee of the secretaries' organization, described the proceedings of the last annual meeting of the Pacific Foreign Trade Council in Victoria, B. C.

"The future development of the Pacific coast depends to a great extent upon the future development of our foreign markets," Mr. Sabu declared. "Factories will locate on the Pacific coast only after such markets are developed, and every commercial or industrial organization in the state should give this field intensive study and support."

Oregon is exceptionally fortunate in its location for foreign trade, pointed out Irving E. Vining, Ashland, past president of the Oregon State Chamber of Commerce. The state ports are both receiving and shipping points for the Orient, and if proper co-operation of the state as a whole is shown, the possibilities of expansion along this line are unlimited, he declared.

A state-wide program of co-operation in promoting advanced methods in agriculture and following this up with profitable marketing ideas, was recommended in the report of the agricultural and marketing committee, given at the session by W. S. Nelson, The Dalles, chairman.

Agriculture and marketing in every section of the state is being studied by this committee.

Community marketing organizations and what they can accomplish for the individuals were explained by George O. Gatlin, of Corvallis. Market organizations bring more profit for the agriculturist and at the same time allow lower prices to the consumer, he pointed out. The increased prosperity of the farmer makes for better business and the entire district progresses, it was shown.

Earl C. Reynolds, Klamath Falls, president for the past year, gave his report, in which he showed that great strides had been made in all lines by chambers of commerce during the last 12 months, and he predicted even better co-operation and more prosperous conditions for the coming period.

While mystery still surrounds the suicide of George W. Barker, Butte Falls banker, on Monday last, friends of the deceased are generally agreed that needless worry over business affairs was the cause of a mental and nervous breakdown, which resulted in the unfortunate tragedy.

## Business Worry Cause of Death



GEORGE W. BARKER

## BLACK FLAG ON REPORT BARKER TOWER SHOWS LEFT PROPERTY HANGING OVER OF HIGH VALUE

Geo. McDonald, American, \$20,000 Life Insurance Is Executed in Canada Is Executed in Canada for Taxi Murder—Wife Also Sentenced to Die, Saved by Husband's Plea.

VALLEY FIELD, Que., March 23.—(AP)—The raising of a black flag on the tower of the Valley Field jail this morning signified that George McDonald, notorious confidence man, had paid with his life for the slaying last July of Adair Boucher, Lachine taxi driver.

During his last night there came a telegram from his 22-year-old wife, Doris Palmer McDonald, whom he had absolved of all blame in the murder, and whose sentence of death was commuted Wednesday to life imprisonment.

Tomorrow mass and communion will be offered, the message read, "and I will never cease to pray for you. May the Blessed Lady receive you at the gate of heaven."

"God bless her soul," murmured McDonald when he read the message only a few hours before he mounted the scaffold.

Sheriff Crippin, who was in charge of the execution, announced at 5 o'clock that the death sentence had been carried out at 4:30 a. m. The black flag was raised later. Meanwhile armed guards kept reporters away.

After the sheriff had made the announcement the chief of provincial police at Valley Field said the announcement was premature.

Newspaper men who had been driven away once and had returned close to the walls standing at 5:37 a. m. by their watches.

They reported hearing the priest say in a loud voice:

"Jesus, redeemer, have mercy on my soul."

McDonald's repetition of the words was inaudible to the listeners outside the walls. The black flag was hoisted at 5 a. m. McDonald, apparently resigned to his fate from the time sentence was pronounced last December 17, sat his last night quietly. He was attended by a priest of the Roman Catholic church, and before his execution the gallows was given a benediction and last communion in the corridor of the jail. Officials said he went to his death quietly.

## JOHN D. & SCHWAB ON STAND

Steel Magnate and Oil Prince Give Views of Coal Conditions in the Pennsylvania Fields—Schwab Raises Laugh by Remarks to Senators.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Appearing before the senate committee investigating the bituminous coal industry, John D. Rockefeller Jr., a stockholder in the Consolidation Coal company, today denied direct knowledge of the Baltimore wage agreement which the United Mine Workers previously had charged was violated by the company.

The multimillionaire champion of industry followed Charles M. Schwab as a witness after the steel man had testified that his solution for problems besetting the bituminous industry was to find other employment for the surplus 300,000 miners, saying this surplus provided the main trouble for the industry.

Rockefeller said he owned 114,135 shares of common and 71,701 shares of preferred stock in the Consolidated company, which amounts to 25 per cent and 21 per cent, respectively, of the total amount. He said the stock was presented to him by his father.

"The United States Steel company did not earn six per cent on their investment last year," Schwab declared, denying a statement by Senator Wheeler that the public needed to be protected from such huge industries.

"When I came down here," said Schwab, "I was afraid of you."

As the crowd committee broke into laughter, he went on:

"I was told you were going to give me the devil. But now, look at your faces, I am not afraid at all."

Senator Wheeler, to whom he spoke, smiled broadly and remarked:

"You must have been talking with the operators."

## NESTOR ERICKSON AGAIN LEADING MARATHON RUN

GALLUP, N. M., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Nestor Erickson of Port Chester, N. Y., was the first into the 21st control station of the Los Angeles to New York marathon race today. He covered the 22.3 miles from Lupton, Ariz., to Gallup in three hours, 7 minutes, 25 seconds. He has covered the 788.8 miles from Los Angeles in 136:11:47.

Peter Gavuzzi of Southampton, England, finished second in three hours twelve minutes, twenty seconds, and an elapsed time of 126:19:31.

Arne Souminen of Detroit, retained the leadership in the race by finishing in third in three hours 13 minutes and five seconds. His elapsed time is 121:54:05.

LUPTON, ARIZ., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Ninety-six runners in the Los Angeles-New York cross country marathon pushed forward today from here toward their 21st control at Gallup, N. M., a distance of 22 miles. Stepping across California and Arizona the derbystas have left 686 miles of their 3400-mile jaunt behind them.

Thursday's lap in the marathon ended in a tie between Ed Gardner of Seattle and Seth Gonzales of Denver. The two runners jogged into Lupton from Navajo, Ariz., completing the 24.7 miles in five hours, 9 minutes and 50 seconds. For the 655 miles from Los Angeles the elapsed time for the two runners was: Gardner, 131:29:16; Gonzales, 156:47:57.

Other finishes Thursday were: Oil Vantinen, New York, 5 hours, 12 minutes, 30 seconds, and Peter Gavuzzi of Southampton, 5 hours, 22 minutes, 30 seconds; Arne Souminen, Detroit, Mich., who finished yesterday's lap in 5:45:15, now leads the van with an elapsed time of 118 hours, 26 minutes. Runners who finished the run from Navajo Thursday included Allen Currier of Grants Pass, Ore., 6:39:30.

## Death Toll of the Automobile

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 23.—(AP)—J. F. Stassenburgh, reputed to be a wealthy drug wholesaler of Rochester, N. Y., was killed, his wife possibly fatally injured and Howard P. Ashmenson, of Los Angeles held in the Wilshire jail here following a traffic accident last night in which Ashmenson was declared to have run down the couple as he entered a pedestrian safety zone.

## The Husband Pays



LOS ANGELES, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Mrs. McDonald (above) was given life imprisonment, but her husband (below) was executed this morning.

## LOCAL FUGITIVE HARVARD STAR REPORTED IN L. DROP KICKER IS ANGELES JAIL GUILTY THEFT

Sheriff Jennings Wires for Finger Prints of M. D. Jones, Believed to Be William Jones, Who Escaped From Jacksonville in 1924.

Upon information furnished by Maurice Cotard, special agent of the Southern Pacific railway, the sheriff's office today requested the Los Angeles, Calif., authorities for fingerprints of Malcolm D. Jones, recently arrested in that city for alleged complicity in a \$63,000 robbery of a bank messenger, on the theory that he is none other than William Jones, member of the notorious Jones brothers gang who operated in southern Oregon five years ago. Oregon Jones, his brother, was killed in the Salem prison break of August, 1925.

Malcolm Jones is under indictment in this county for highway robbery, and while held in the county jail at Jacksonville, made a daring escape in April 1924, by knocking down the jailer, with Jesus Gonzales, a Mexican, he fled into the manzanita brush near the then county seat. Gonzales surrendered in a few hours, but Jones eluded the posse, and made good his escape. It was thought at the time that he was endeavoring to join Oregon Jones, who a few days before effected his first escape from the state prison.

His purported detention in Los Angeles is the first word of him since his jailbreak here, although his photo and fingerprints were broadcast over the land.

The crime over the head of Malcolm Jones, in this county, is the coupling and kidnapping of two auto loads of men and women returning from a dance. The party were halted by three men on a lane near the southern city limits, bundled into an auto and driven to a lonely spot on Blackwell hill near Gold Hill, where they were robbed of money and jewels and ordered to walk home. Jones was also alleged to have taken part in the Sexton mountain holdup near Grants Pass.

William Schutze, a local barber, and Sprague Reigel, now a bond salesman of Seattle, Wash., and Walter Smith, a local carpenter, were among the holdup victims. Reigel was hit on the wrist with the butt end of a revolver by one of the bandits.

Malcolm Jones, at the time of his escape was married and the father of a baby boy. His wife returned to relatives living near Albany, Oregon.

In the event that a comparison of fingerprints shows the Los Angeles suspect to be William Jones, his extradition to this state, after the disposition of the California charge, will be sought.

Chicago Bombed  
CHICAGO, Mar. 23.—(AP) The Stuyvesant, a one-story concrete structure on the west side, was wrecked by a bomb early today, causing damage estimated at \$10,000.

John Rankin, who lived next door was taken from his bed and hit by flying glass when windows in his home were shattered.

Calif. Editors to Hold Convention at Crater Lake

SAN FRANCISCO, Mar. 23.—The California Press association will hold its annual outing and convention next June at Crater Lake, Ore., the Office of the association announced that 100 editors and their wives would spend one day at Klamath convention.

Fraternities Banned  
TOPEKA, Kas., Mar. 23.—(AP)—Fraternities and societies cannot legally exist in Kansas public junior colleges. Attorney General William A. Smith ruled today.

## DAM BOSS FEARED A COLLAPSE

Witness Declares St. Francis Dam Boss Said Day Before Tragedy That Structure Was Unsafe—Boss Was Drowned—Jury Visits Scene of Disaster.

LOS ANGELES, Mar. 23.—(AP)—Warnings that the St. Francis dam was not safe, as told by some of the survivors—told with tears for at least one family that heard them but heeded them not—today had been made part of the record of the inquest over the Los Angeles victims of the disaster.

Two engineers, one a builder of 19 dams, including the ill-fated structure itself, and the other his assistant, had inspected that dam 11 hours before it burst and pronounced it sound.

But a power-house boss that same day had sounded a warning: "Boys, that dam is not safe."

His words were echoed at the inquest by Dave Matthews, one of the survivors, for the power-house boss, L. Berry, lost his wife in the flood he forecast.

Matthews testified to visiting the dam Saturday with Berry and finding "the old road washed in, the hillside soaked with water and an extra large amount of water coming down the spillway."

"Monday (the dam broke shortly after midnight that night) I was working at the power-house," Matthews continued in his testimony, "when I noticed excess water in the canal. The overflow was running down the road."

"On Monday morning Mr. Berry said: 'Boys, the dam's not safe. I have got orders to pull all the logs in the canal to stop the water from flowing down the aqueduct.' Brother was warned."

"Mr. Berry told me to mention it to no one. On my way home I met my brother at Harry Carey's ranch."

Matthews broke down on the witness stand and sobbed for a few minutes.

"I told my brother for God's sake to get his family out of there, that the dam was going to burst. He said to me: 'Dave, I'll move them to Newhall tomorrow.'"

"That was the last time I saw him. My brother and his family died that night."

Chester Smith, another witness, from the witness stand told how he also had feared the dam as the result of seeing the leak in the west side of the huge retaining wall. He slept that night in his barn with the door open.

The barking of the ranch dog, Awakened him. Then came the crash of trees and telephone poles as the water wall struck them. Smith dashed 150 yards to the home of a ranch employee and the two dragged the latter's wife from the water. "The creek in night clothes made for the hills and reached safety" with feet bleeding and clothes in rags from scrambling through the brush.

Smith said he had expressed his fears to many valley folk but they refused to take him seriously. Many of them died on that terrible night when his fears came true.

Cornier Frank Vance announced the jurors would be taken today to the dam site for a personal inspection of the structure.

## CHICAGO GUNMAN IS SHOT DOWN WHILE PRAYING

CHICAGO, Mar. 23.—(AP)—John Infantina, known at his prayers, was shot dead early today—three bullets in the back. He was the second Italian to fall before assassins' bullets within thirty hours.

"The Dimie," as he called Diamond Joe Esposito, slipped to the sidewalk near his home Wednesday night with 58 shotgun slugs in his body. Whether his death and that of Infantina were connected police said they did not know. Coming so closely together, the one a slinger sequel to the other, police are pushing a theory that the slaying were woven on the same loom.

Lake County who have died before in Chicago's half-world gun wars, Infantina, and perhaps Esposito, was involved in the "alky" or liquor racket, police said.

Divito, the landlord, said that Infantina had been given a job as an alcohol cooker for a west side bootlegging gang. He expressed the opinion that a rival gang may have been responsible for his death.