

The Weather
Prediction—Unsettled, and prob-
able rain.
Maximum yesterday 57
Minimum 42
Precipitation 0.1

Weather Year Ago
Maximum 68
Minimum 43

MEDFORD, OREGON, SATURDAY, MARCH 24, 1928.

No. 2

Today
What Did the Horses Do?
In Canada They Mean It
Crownwell, Milton, the S-4
This Great Century

The race tracks of Maryland decide that Harry Sinclair, who races horses, is not pure enough. He is barred.

Those that have studied intellectual faces that gather on the various race tracks, particularly in the betting ring, will agree that if a man isn't pure enough for that crowd there must be something serious the matter with him.

The greatest American racing association, in the state of New York, has not barred Mr. Sinclair, perhaps because "to the pure all things are pure" or because, after all, Mr. Sinclair's horses didn't get any of the oil bonds.

Republican senators that reply to disgraceful facts by trying to smear Democrats are not impressive. They should get rid of their bribe givers and bribe takers. A man convicted of chicken stealing does not help his case by trying to prove that someone else stole chickens.

It seems hard to eliminate the conviction in some of our "best minds" that the shortest road to what you want is the road of bribery.

Hiram Johnson of California says that in connection with proposed public works, Colorado river, etc., there is being raised a slush fund that would make all others look like "chicken feed."

More details will be interesting. Alice MacDonald, a young American girl, convicted of helping her husband murder a taxi driver for his money, was to have been hanged in Canada. Partly because of appeals and protests from the United States, perhaps, the authorities have commuted her punishment to life imprisonment.

This country also hangs women, and our protests to Canada are queer. Canada sets us a good example in one thing. There, as in England, justice is justice, and not a joke. When they sentence a murderer to life imprisonment, it MEANS life imprisonment, not a few years in jail and a chance to go murdering again.

The submarine S-4 is raised. The pathetic remaining bodies of the brave officers and men are found "showing signs of a desperate struggle for life." And "there is an earnest and careful search for any diary that might have been left by the men."

HAYS OFF TO EUROPE FOR WHILE

Former G. O. P. Chairman Called Abroad on Important Movie Business—Denies Working for Hoover—Got Secret Contribution From Lasker in 1920 for \$25,000.

NEW YORK, Mar. 24.—(AP) Will H. Hays, head of the motion picture theater and producers' association, today denied charges made yesterday by F. J. Rembusch, secretary of the unaffiliated independent motion picture exhibitors of America that he used his office to spread propaganda for Herbert Hoover.

He made the denial just before sailing for England. He also expressed his willingness, if necessary to answer the questions of an investigating committee pertaining to the charges.

Mr. Hays is going to Paris on "an urgent visit," he said. He will confer with French government officials concerning the future interests of the American motion picture industry which is faced by a drastic government decree against American films.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—(AP) A \$25,000 contribution to the republican party in the 1920 presidential campaign, which had not been later, was found today by the senate Teapot Dome committee to have been given by Albert D. Lasker, of Chicago, who became chairman of the shipping board in 1921 after Warren G. Harding became president.

Lasker produced a check, dated in October, 1920, in the amount in which Will H. Hays, the manager for Harding, had said contributions were held to a maximum of \$10,000.

Lasker made a contribution of \$10,000 in September, 1920. He said the additional \$25,000 was paid in cash to the late Fred W. Upham, treasurer of the republican national committee.

"Why did you make it in cash?" Senator Walsh of Montana asked Lasker. "Because Mr. Upham asked for it that way," he replied. "I thought nothing of it as most politicians like to get contributions in cash."

"Oh, that's the general practice around Chicago?" Lasker replied. "I believe so," Lasker replied. The witness explained that Upham probably wanted "to distribute the money around among the states." He explained that he was greatly interested in the 1920 campaign because of his intense opposition to the League of Nations.

The records turned over by Upham to his successor, William V. Hodges, credits Lasker with a contribution of \$5000 during 1921, and 1922. "I made no such contribution," Lasker told Walsh. "The evidence shows that during the late 1922 there was a drive for funds for the republican national committee," Walsh said. "Were you approached?" "Not that I can recall."

"Was there any reason why you should be overlooked?" "Yes, I had given enough."

SUMMER PASTOR VISITS COOLIDGE



Rolf Lium, 20-year-old preacher who delivered several sermons before President and Mrs. Coolidge during their vacation in the Black Hills last summer, is shown here as he called on the president at the White House. Lium was visiting Washington with the Carleton college debating team.

As a Watch Dog Rin-Tin-Tin Is a Good Sleeper

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Mar. 24.—(AP)—As an actor Rin-Tin-Tin ranks with the best, but as a watchdog, apparently he is nothing but a sound sleeper.

The Westwood home of Mrs. Lee Duncan, which does as a doghouse for Rin when he is not acting for Warner Brothers, was entered by a burglar last Thursday night, Sawtelle police aver, and the famous screen canine didn't even tear out the seat of his pants. In fact he didn't even wake up.

Nothing in the house was taken except some of the contents of the refrigerator, so it didn't matter much, anyway.

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 24.—(AP)—Big John Oscar, 45, of the Klamath country, took a whiff at sightseeing here last night. The event started and was brought to a conclusion by the accompaniment of a series of well-timed revolver shots. Cal Wells, deputy United States marshal, of Medford stepped off the train last night with Oscar in his custody. Oscar is charged with breaking into the post office at Eagle Point.

They jumped into a taxicab and drove up before the court house. As they stopped, Big John leaped. He scrambled around the corner, down one street and across another, until three blocks away, he crashed into the arms of three passersby who were attracted by the sharp cracks of Wells' revolver as it punctuated the still night air in accompaniment to Oscar's leaps and bounds.

Oscar, apparently docile, responded in jail today. Oscar was held in the county jail here from January 11 and was considered as a desperate character if given any advantage. He was arrested at Gwendale, Ore., at 2 a. m., on the morning of the day he was placed in jail as a suspect for the Eagle Point postoffice robbery over two months ago and is to be given a trial in the federal court here in Portland along with Jas. O'Neil, who is alleged to have been Oscar's partner.

FALL WILL TELL STORY OF OIL DEAL

Court Orders Secretary of Interior to Give Deposition at Home in El Paso Report He Will Claim President Harding Insisted Upon Teapot Dome Transfer.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—(AP)—Albert H. Fall, former secretary of the interior, will tell his story of the Teapot Dome lease on Thursday, March 29, at his home in El Paso, Texas.

Justice Jennings Bailey of the district supreme court today granted a motion of Harry F. Sinclair for the making of a deposition of Fall, who is too ill to attend the trial of Sinclair here on April 1.

Daniel Thew Wright, who was recently retained as associate counsel by Sinclair, will conduct the examination of Fall. Representatives of the government's special counsel will be present.

A motion for permission to take the deposition submitted to Justice Bailey asked that the court, a notary public, whose address is Court House building, 41st district court of Texas, El Paso, Texas, to take the oral deposition of Fall.

"In order to properly take the affidavit of witnesses it is essential that the witness be examined orally," the petition said, "as will appear by the affidavit of Reginald W. Ragland, heretofore filed in this cause, March 22, 1928."

President Insisted Ragland, one of Sinclair's counsel, recently visited Fall in El Paso. In his affidavit, filed when Sinclair asked a continuance of two months before going on trial, he said that Fall would testify that he assented reluctantly at the insistence of the president to the executive order which permitted the Teapot Dome lease to be given Sinclair. He also asserted that the former interior secretary would say that he drove a good bargain for the government, did not favor Sinclair, and that the bonds he received were for one-third interest in his ranch property which was worth more, he said, Fall would say, were in no wise offered or received as a bribe.

EL PASO, Texas, Mar. 24.—(AP)—Refusing to be disturbed when his wife was notified that his deposition would be taken here on March 29 in connection with the Teapot Dome leases, Albert H. Fall, former secretary of the interior, through his spokesman, Mrs. Fall, said the granting of Harry Sinclair's petition was "news to him."

"We are anxious to have the deposition taken, and then perhaps I can persuade Mr. Fall to go to California," Mrs. Fall said. Dr. H. T. Shafford, Fall's physician, said in all probability the former cabinet member now is physically able to give his deposition. Mrs. Fall said Mr. Fall's notes and memorandum books have been sent to El Paso from the Fall ranch at Three Rivers, N. M.

WALE'S COSTUME SUIT



This snapshot of the Prince of Wales at a London state function shows him wearing a morning coat and tweed trousers with a cuff, a combination which likely is to lead to a new style. It has somewhat startled the staid British. Second to the left of the picture is former Premier Ramsey MacDonald, and second to the right, Premier Stanley Baldwin.

Stock Brokers So Tired Making Money Ask for Vacation

NEW YORK, March 24.—(AP)—Hattered and wrecked by the unprecedented markets of the past two weeks, members of the New York Stock Exchange have petitioned for a three-day holiday starting on Good Friday, April 6.

Although the last 13 days have seen a golden stream of commissions flowing into their pockets, money of the big traders and their assistants and clerks have almost reached the limit of human endurance.

Many of the big firms have provided sleeping quarters near their offices, and nearly all those commuters—employer and employee alike—have been forced to live at hotels during the last two weeks so as not to lose the precious hours that would be wasted in traveling back and forth to their homes.

DELAIED BLAST OF DYNAMITE KILLS RANCHER

OREGON CITY, Ore., Mar. 24.—(AP)—Hurtled 100 feet by a terrific charge of dynamite, Roy Rothman, 49, rancher near Sandy, was killed this afternoon.

Mr. Rothman and his son, Lawrence, 15, had been blasting stumps to clear farm property one mile from Sandy. After placing sixteen sticks of twenty per cent dynamite under a stump and touching off the fuse, Rothman returned to the stump to determine why the charge failed to go off while the boy went to a nearby stump to get more fuse which he thought would be needed.

A BUMPER PEAR CROP FORECAST

Largest Pear Production in History of Valley Expected This Year—Heavy Set and Strong Growth With Increasing Yields—Need Is For Pollenization Now.

The outlook for a bumper crop of pears equal to any previous bumper crop and possibly exceeding such previous crops is the present situation in the Rogue River valley, as there are very heavy settings of all varieties of pears, and barring damaging frosts and other possible acts of nature there will be a record breaking yield.

Contrary to the general belief of the local populace not actively interested in the orchard business, the majority of the growers do not desire cloudy, cold weather now to hold the pear crop back, but instead wish for a week of warm, sunny weather to insure proper pollenization.

The leading growers entertaining this hope declare that pollenization is necessary now, especially for the D'Anjou variety, which needs it more than the other varieties of pears.

These growers say that they can fight frost later if it comes, but that proper pollenization must come within a short period to ensure a large crop.

In general the season may be said to be a week in advance over that of recent years. The Howells and D'Anjou are almost in full bloom as a general rule, the clusters of the Neils, Dose and Comies are just separating, and the Bartlett are half way between full bloom and separation of clusters.

A fact not generally known to those outside of the fruit industry is that because of having a lighter soil the pear crop of the northern end of Jackson county is usually a week to 10 days ahead of the Medford and southern section. This and a number of other facts relating to the present crop outlook were gained today in an interview with Floyd D. Young, who besides being a frost fruit expert, is an all around expert on fruit conditions of the Rogue River valley, gained three years of study and experience with local conditions.

In the meantime with such a favorable outlook for a big and profitable pear crop ahead the general run of growers, who are not already prepared to combat frost, are bending every energy to get their smudge pots and fuel for them placed and ready for lighting in an emergency. Never before has so much interest in combating frost damage been undertaken by the growers of the valley, it is claimed.

Mr. Young, of course in the interview, was unable to discuss the frost outlook except to state that, as well as everyone else hopes for a favorable frost season, like last year when there were only six or seven frosts of consequence which, thanks to smudging, caused comparatively little damage.

FIRE SHOTS AT LOCAL CULPRIT, ESCAPE HALTED

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When he was held here, Oscar made no friends with other prisoners in the jail, with the exception of two, Robert White and Donald Jackson, who were convicted last month for the robbery and holdup of the Diamond cafe here last month. He was a very nervous man and paced the jail floor almost incessantly during the daylight hours.

MELLON OBSERVES 74TH BIRTHDAY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 24.—(AP)—Apparently in excellent health and as determined as ever to stick to the post he has held for seven stormy years, Andrew W. Mellon, secretary of the treasury today observed his 74th birthday.

W. H. CANON FILES FOR CONVENTION AND AL SMITH

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 24.—(AP)—Franklin P. Korrell of Portland, representative in congress for the third district, today filed with the secretary of state his candidacy for the republican nomination for re-election. "Continuing to give my country state and district my undivided service and fidelity," is his platform.

H. H. Corey, member of the public service commission, who two weeks ago announced his candidacy for the republican nomination for secretary of state, filed today.

Joseph K. Carson of Portland and W. H. Canon of Medford filed as candidates for delegate to the national democratic convention. Carson for the third and Canon for the first congressional district. Both declare in favor of Al Smith for president.

Daniel J. Fry, pioneer Salem druggist and banker, filed as a candidate for delegate to the democratic national convention. He favors Al Smith.

WHERE ART YOU WALTER! CRIES OSWALD WEST

Former Governor Can Not Believe Lachrymose Walter Is Supporting the Wet

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 22.—(AP)—Oswald West, democratic national committee man, has written a letter to former Governor Walter R. Flodre asking him whether he supports Governor Alfred E. Smith of New York for the democratic presidential nomination.

West's letter follows: "It is reported in private beer circles and greatly to my surprise, that you are for Al Smith for president. At first I refused to believe, but was forced finally to accept the statement as a fact because of the reliability of the source of information."

"When I think, Governor, how we have fought and bled for the dry cause—yes, even shed tears for it—it is hard to believe that you will not answer to your name when the roll is called."

"Am I to stand alone? Ashby has left us. Harvey is slipping and MIT is in doubt. I can account for that, but not for you. Can it be that you have been misled by the tears you have shed for the cause? Can it be that you have been led astray through your association with the Anti-Saloon league?"

"Can it be that the speeches you made for the W. C. T. U. were without reflex action?" "The drys need help, the booze dam is about to break. The flood will destroy millions of homes. Mount your horse, Walter. Join me in spreading the alarm."

"Let it not be said when the waves are upon us: "Where where was Roderick then? One blast upon his horn, Were worth a thousand men."

Death Toll of the Automobile

PORTLAND, Ore., March 24.—(AP)—Knocked to the pavement when hit by the tender of an automobile last night as he stepped from the curb, L. H. Manning, 76, died early today at a hospital. His death was the twenty-fourth due to traffic accidents in Portland since December 1.

New Bus Service

EUREKA, Cal., Mar. 24.—(AP)—The opening of a new steamship service between Coos Bay, Eureka and San Francisco and Crescent City and Eureka by the R. & A. Steamship company, was announced here last night by George S. Verba Cruz, about 13 miles from Vera Cruz.

Four Crew Drowned

VERA CRUZ, Mex., Mar. 24.—(AP)—The fishing smack Marinero was found overturned yesterday off Vera Cruz, about 13 miles from Vera Cruz. There was no trace of the captain and the crew of 13 men, and it was assumed they had been drowned.

SUIT IS FILED AGAINST ELEVEN MOVIE CONCERNS

CHICAGO, March 24.—(AP)—Eleven motion picture companies, including the leaders in the industry, were federal in a complaint filed in federal court today by the United States district attorney with violating the Sherman anti-trust law during a strike of motion picture operators last fall.

The Moving Picture Exhibitors' Association of Chicago, with a membership of 175 theaters, including all the large houses, also is named in the suit.

The film producers and theaters are charged with conspiracy in restraint of trade because pictures were withheld from theaters that failed to close their doors during the wage dispute with the operators. For several days most of the movie houses of Chicago were closed.

The film companies named in the complaint include Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, Paramount-Famous-Lasky, First National, Universal, United Artists, Film Booking Office, Vitagraph, Columbia, Renown, Fox and Pathé.

Some Stakes

NEW YORK—A reminder of riches made after a trip west in 1855 in a covered wagon is the filing in court of the will of Herbert Vanick Day, who died in 1925 at the age of 91 bequeathing \$3,800,000 that came largely from the Constock lode.

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