

Today

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Warning to Russia. The Soul and Beethoven. Buying Refinement. A 24-Foot Eye.

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Read this and wonder. Yesterday the Russian government sent five tons of gold through the streets of London on a truck with no armed men escorting it, not even two or three detectives. The gold, worth more than two and a half million dollars, traveled through London like ordinary pig iron.

It is only fair to tell Russia's government that it would not be wise to try that in any big American city.

In New York yesterday you could see an armored car carrying \$100,000 and ahead of it two policemen on a motorcycle with a bullet-proof shield in front of them.

Sir Arthur Keith, head of the British Association for the Advancement of Science, says what we call mind, spirit or soul is a product of the material brain and dies with it.

Sir Oliver Lodge, a great scientist, but old, says: "The soul does not die with the body, the brain is an instrument used by the mind."

To say that the soul is a product of the mind is, according to Lodge, like calling Beethoven the product of a piano which interprets his music. Burn the piano and you will not destroy Beethoven.

Duveen has bought another picture at another price record. For the painting, "The Madonna Child," by Raphael, that gave Lady Desborough \$875,000. If Britain wants it at cost it will stay in England. If not, some American will gladly pay \$1,000,000 for it.

When you pay a million dollars for a picture you get a beautiful painting, and you feel you have purchased a good deal of respectability, refinement and importance. That's comforting.

Garrett P. Serviss, able astronomer, says dirigibles will help astronomers, lifting giant telescopes high above earth into clear atmosphere.

There might be some difficulty keeping the giant "eye" steady.

At present, says Mr. Serviss, earth's biggest telescope is on Mount Wilson, with a lens eight feet in diameter. Europe is working at a 24-foot lens.

Such a lens, raised seven or eight miles above the earth, would bring objects on the moon to within eight miles of the human eye.

The Senate approved a bill that now goes to the president, cutting air mail charges 50 per cent. Postmaster General News believes that lower price will mean more business, better profit.

The Manhattan elevated railroad in New York City never made any real money until the fare was reduced from ten cents to five.

The bill also permits the postoffice to make ten-year mail carrying contracts, which is sensible. It doesn't pay to build airplanes and train men for a four-year contract.

Centuries ago, boats sailed cautiously from Mediterranean ports.

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MELLON'S WORD IS CHEERING

Hoover Forces Elated By Advice of Penn. Leader — Sen. Watson Sees Veiled Plea for Coolidge — Listing of Delegates To Date.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—Secretary Mellon's words of advice to his fellow Pennsylvanians, setting Herbert Hoover above all other candidates but counseling against a definite pledge to anyone, were hailed by Mr. Hoover's friends tonight as a definite promise of victory and were echoed amid eager questionings through the political camps of Mr. Hoover's rival.

There were almost as many attempts to read between the lines as when President Coolidge issued his "I-do-not-choose" statement last summer in the Black Hills.

The supporters of Hoover saw in Mr. Mellon's assertion that "Mr. Hoover seems to come closest to the standards that we have set for this high office," a complete assurance that Pennsylvania's coveted block of 79 delegates—the second largest in the convention—would drop into the Hoover bag at Kansas City. They did not hesitate to add that this removed all doubt of the result.

Already the Hoover managers are claiming upwards of 500 in delegates already selected or definitely assured, although these claims are hotly contradicted at many points by the opposition. It takes 545 to nominate.

Those who have held away from Mr. Hoover were slow to comment but some of them, including Senators Norris and Borah, predicted that what Mr. Mellon had said would go a long way toward nominating the commerce secretary at Kansas City.

Just returned from a triumph over Hoover in the Indiana primary, Senator Watson at first declined to talk for publication but later declared that "putting the various parts of the statement together I construe it to be in effect an endorsement of President Coolidge by Secretary Mellon and literally a request for his renomination."

"The significant feature of the Mellon statement is that he does not directly endorse the candidacy of Secretary Hoover. Doubtless if Secretary Mellon were not reservedly for Herbert Hoover's nomination he would have said so in unequivocal terms and would have insisted upon an endorsement of him by the delegation. The important feature of the entire transaction is that Secretary Hoover sought endorsement of the Pennsylvania delegation, but did not get it."

Senator Borah of Idaho, whose state has decided to vote for him at Kansas City said that "if Mr. Mellon means it, it means Hoover's nomination."

"That is to say if Pennsylvania is added to what Hoover at present has it would seem to insure his nomination."

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—Of the 1,089 delegates to the Republican national convention, 870 actually have been selected, leaving 219 still to be chosen. A majority of 545 is needed to nominate.

Of the 1,100 Democratic convention delegates, 754 have been designated and 325 remain to be selected. Two-thirds, or 732 2/3 is required for nomination.

The total after each candidate's name in the following table represents delegates already selected who have been elected, plus the number of delegates to be elected.

Republicans
Hoover—146, of which 184 are in dispute.
Lowden—225, of which 68 are in dispute.
Curtis—46, of which 22 are in dispute.
Norton—33, of which 16 are in dispute.
Borah—11.

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COUNSEL IN BISHOP BAST TRIAL



These men are counsel in the case of Bishop Anton Bast, of Copenhagen, Denmark, facing an ecclesiastical tribunal at the quadriennial general conference of the Methodist Episcopal church in Kansas City, Mo., on charges of conduct unbecoming a minister, following a civil charge in Copenhagen of alleged misuse of charity funds. On the left is Dr. Fred D. Stone, of Chicago, representing the church, and, on the right, Dr. Dorr F. Dieffendorf, of East Orange, N. J., representing Bishop Bast.

AURORA TILLER LOSES FORTUNE TO BUNCOISTS

Upstate Farmer Tries Luck On Stock Market, With Trio, and Desires Return of \$10,000 — Bilking Very Slow But Profitable.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—Police here today were searching for three men—experts in the "bunco" game, they say—who played a slow but certain hand to relieve H. C. Ziegler, Aurora, Ore., farmer, of \$10,000. Ziegler today detailed experiences of the past three weeks to police as they sought information on the men.

The trail is cold, police say, and the three suave confidence men are believed to have gone to other fields as green, there to practice their art and spend their profits.

Excelling luck on the stock market, need of sudden cash to protect a deal that was to bring a fortune, and plain bunco talk were the numerous methods combined to bilk the farmer.

Ziegler told police of listing his fine 120 acre farm for sale two months ago.

Three weeks ago, he said, the men—now termed bunco artists—number one—called to look at the farm. Mrs. Ziegler showed him about the place. The price was \$21,000. Dickering on a "cash basis" brought the price down to \$22,000.

Then Ziegler was invited into a stock market deal. Advancing no money, he was paid \$250 as his "share" on a "deposit" the three men had completed. He was asked to "invest" this. He did so and was paid \$750. Then came the talk of quick cash coverage for a \$168,000 deal. He was asked to put up \$15,000. But he could spare only \$10,000.

The three men vanished with the \$10,000.

POLAR DIRIGIBLE SNOW BUFFETED

ROME, May 12.—A violent snow storm is raging at King's Bay, Spitzbergen, says a late wireless dispatch from the base ship Citta di Milano. Crews of both the ship and the dirigible Italia were reported to be working unceasingly to prevent the dirigible from being snowed in.

General Noble, leader of the expedition, has assumed personal charge of the clearing operations.

WASHINGTON, May 12.—(AP)—The house today passed the McNary-McSweeney bill which would authorize the establishment of forest experimental stations throughout the country.

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KLAMATH'S RAIL FROLIC CONCLUDED

A Pleasant Time For All, With Parade, Sunshine, Bill Hanley on Horseback, State and Railroad Officials and Queen Margie — Portland Boosters Busy.

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—A mile long parade, dispatch of the first train of Klamath basin products over the new Great Northern line via Bend and a May day fête were high lights of this city's final day of celebration over the advent of a new era of development in transportation and industry.

Perfect weather and traditional western hospitality throughout the two days and the hundreds of visitors were inculcated with the enthusiasm of Klamath folk themselves.

At the head of this morning's parade rode on horseback two men who have fostered the growth of the Klamath basin since its first settling by whites. They were William Hanley of Burns and J. Frank Adams, one of the first ten white settlers in this section.

Behind them came marching organizations, Queen Margie and her retinue, state officials and scores of elaborate floats. Transportation progress was depicted from ended wagon days to four-wheel brakes.

There was a wheezing replica of the famous old Great Northern locomotive "William Crooks," there was Klamath Falls' first and only horse car, the Linkville trolley, and there were two or three rat trap automobiles of horseless carriage vintage.

To the tune of "Hail, Hail the Gans' All Here!" played by the Scotch bagpipers, the Portland delegation, with blazing yellow banners and with rattling kiltie makers, marched in the parade.

Behind a car bearing the legend "Why We Need Transportation," came a series of floats showing the Klamath valley's annual production of potatoes, grain, lumber and other products. On another truck was a tom-tom beating troupe of Indians from the Klamath reservation.

Governor Patterson rode in a car with Irlene Dennis, chairman of the celebration, and Tom B. Waters, mayor of Klamath Falls. Louis Porter, commander of the Klamath post of the American Legion, was their driver. Mr. Badger left last night for Texas where he will assist in opening a new line on a subsidiary of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy.

At one p. m., the first train of Klamath products was dispatched over the new line for points in the Midwest and East.

Students of Klamath high school concluded the formal program of the celebration with a May day fête on the courthouse lawn at 2 p. m.

TELLURIDE ORE RICH IN GOLD IN JOSEPHINE

Reported Discovery Gives Grants Pass Vision Of Being Another Cripple Creek — First Discovery Of Sylvanite In Large Quantities In State.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—Gold-bearing telluride ore in considerable quantities, discovered on claims of Adam Yount at Grants Pass, four miles south of that city, will soon be produced, according to Yount, a visitor here today.

A test mill established on one of Yount's fourteen 20-acre claims has been successful in retrieving 94 per cent of the gold and silver in the ore, he said.

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AUSTRIAN GIRL TO DARE ATLANTIC



Lily Dilenz, Austrian actress and aviatrix, is reported to be planning a non-stop transatlantic flight westward in a Junkers plane. Miss Dilenz, who has been making acrobatic flights near Paris, accompanied by a French aviator, was a member of a crew to plan a transatlantic attempt from Germany last year.

CAPS MAD ACT BY SUICIDE IN FLAMING STACK

Oil Driller On Way To Get Divorce Beats Wife To Death With Bat, Then Burrows Into Hay Pile For Fiery Death — Tots Bring Aid.

CAMPBELL, Neb., May 12.—(AP)—Beating his wife to death with his little boy's baseball bat, Reinhold Koch, 37, an oil driller, hauled her body to a nearby haystack in his car, threw it into the pile, then saturated his own body, burrowed into the haystack, setting fire to it here this afternoon.

It lived a few minutes after neighbors, brought to the scene by Koch's three small children, extricated his body.

The Kochs, the children explained, were enroute to Franklin, Neb., to get a divorce.

Mrs. Koch's body could not be reached because of the fierce blaze.

The children and a sister-in-law fled from Koch when he dragged his wife from the car, and short time before he put her body into the haystack.

Koch had been working on an oil rig near Nelawka, Neb. After a family row last night Mrs. Koch fled in the car with the children to the home of her parents here.

Koch followed by train reaching here at noon. After a conference Koch and his wife with the children and her sister, Mrs. Oliver Sulker, got into the car to drive to Franklin, where it had been agreed they would start divorce action.

Reaching a corner several miles out of town Koch turned off the road and headed the car down into a hollow. In the ravine he announced to his wife he was going to kill her. Terrified, the children and Mrs. Sulker leaped from the car and ran for help to a nearby farm.

The three children are two girls, 13 and 10, and a boy, 9.

The bat used by Koch was a small one belonging to the little boy.

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BUILDING GOLD SHIP IN VALLEY

1000-Ton Steel and Timber Ship For Gold Dredging Nearing Completion On Left Fork of Footh Creek — Big Payroll Maintained 10-Year Operation Assured.

They are building a 1000-ton ship where the left fork of Footh creek used to be, at a shady spot, about two miles and a half from the Footh creek bridge on the Pacific highway.

Used to let for they are building this ship over the dry creek bed, the left fork of the creek itself having been picked up gently and laid down to the westward, where it runs along the edge of the mountain, and then returns to its original course, several hundred feet below.

About 70 men are working on the ship, many of them expert ship builders from Seattle and Portland ship yards. Sam Sandry of Rogue River is among them. Sam bores a wicked hole with a compressed air auger. (That may not be the proper term, but this is not a technical paper. It is a mere layman's attempt to tell the people hereabouts what is going on down in the Footh creek section these days.)

Yes, they are building a ship, a 1000-ton ship, and the framework is about completed. Some of the exact dimensions of these timbers, but we can say this—not a stick in, the bunch that an elephant couldn't walk on with perfect safety. And each stick is cut just so, to a gnat's eyelash.

So that when the giant derrick picks one up, swings it around and lets it down, there, three or four workmen grab it, it fits into that framework, just like the proper piece in one of these jigsaw puzzles, so popular with children a few years ago.

No ship just like this has ever been built before, and one just like it will probably never be built again. For it is being built for Footh creek only, and the peculiar character of the terrain adjoining this somewhat lackadaisical, but heavily mineralized body of water. It is being built primarily for strength, for about the first of this September—perhaps picks one up, swings it around and lets it down, there, three or four workmen grab it, it fits into that framework, just like the proper piece in one of these jigsaw puzzles, so popular with children a few years ago.

In short, this ship is the new dredge,—the only dredge of its kind in this part of the world,—which was designed by Mr. D. H. Ferry, is being built under his direction, and will be operated by him. The company which Mr. Ferry represents has not yet been incorporated, but it is generally known (or if not generally known can at least be confidently stated) that he has the backing of a group of the most prominent and successful mining men in the country, that he has, himself, been connected with the Cuggen being interests for over 20 years, and that this particular venture is an enterprise by itself, which when finally christened, will bear an appropriate Oregon name.

At the present moment, this section of Footh creek is the busiest section of southern Oregon. A miniature town has been built on the side of the county road. In addition to the fifty men on the Ferry payroll, Swartley Brothers, contractors, have trucks and men at work on excavation; there is a huge steam shovel puffing and backing and filling all thru the day; the 100-foot derrick is busier than a hen with one chick, picking up huge timbers by the side of the road and swinging them over the pit, where they are lowered to become an integral part of the dredge a few moments later; a blacksmith shop is going full blast; here a man with a shad over his eyes is engaged in electric welding, another man is grinding a piece of metal with a pneumatic emery stone; someone else is pulling levers on the donkey engine, while a few steps down the road a woman, in a freshly starched white dress, is preparing deviled eggs and head lettuce salads in the kitchen of the neat-as-a-pin dining hall, while next door in the air-cooled meat house, the chef is cutting off pork chops for the evening meal.

Quite a town in itself and everybody busy. Most of the workers on the job have come from Rogue River and Gold Hill, but some have come from far distant points, and these men live in cottages built by the side of the road, and eat at the attractive dining hall, above mentioned.

PORTLAND, Ore., May 12.—(AP)—Discovery has been made by County Clerk Beveridge that 75 voting machines to be used in Portland for the primary of May 18 do not function properly on the peninsula bridge bond issue. Due to the mechanism, Beveridge says it is possible to vote twice on a bridge bond.

If it is not possible to remedy the error, Beveridge said, paper ballots will be used for voting on the bridge issue.

LOS ANGELES, May 12.—(AP)—James Hoover, 27, alias James William Huff serving a six months sentence for petty theft, today told Jailer Frank Dewar that his conscience was "driving me crazy," and confessed to the slaying of 17-year-old Ruth Little of Summitville, Indiana, and an 18-year-old married youth, James Leo Carroll of Los Angeles.

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