

Today

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The Little Dog's Tail.
Usury Hurts Business.
Some Bright Spots.
The Value of Men.

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The Federal Reserve might be interested in the man who hadn't the heart to cut off his little dog's tail, all at once.

Kindness of heart made him cut off half an inch every day, until it was short enough.

The Federal Reserve, established to prevent panics, would not let the United States have a panic, all at once.

But it doesn't prevent interest rates of 7 per cent for serious business, with 10, 12 and 14 per cent for "call money."

The little dog probably thought "You might as well cut the whole tail off at once."

Business men might say to the Federal Reserve: "It is kind to prevent a big panic. But I might as well have my panic all at once as to have a little 12 per cent panic every day."

Federal Reserve authorities, lecturing and telling the people what they must do with their money as regards investment or speculation, say the wave of speculation interferes with business.

It isn't so much speculation that interferes with business as the high money rate. If a man with money can get 10 to 14 per cent without risk of losing his money up more than 21 hours, why in heaven's name should he go into any respectable business?

The trouble with business is usury, not speculation.

The suggestion in congress to investigate the Federal Reserve is unnecessary. Everybody is delighted with the Federal Reserve. What Congress might do is to make it a felony for any official connected with a national bank to lend money to anybody by any device at a rate exceeding 6 per cent.

There is always a ray of some kind some where. Friday, while the price of call money went up like a bounding champion, from 6 to 9 per cent, the price of export copper rose to 18 1/2 cents, domestic delivery 18 cents, highest price since 1920.

Chain stores continue to make individual store owners pensive.

Twenty-four chain store systems show that in January this year they increased their sales on the aggregate 22 per cent over January, 1928. Twenty-two systems in one month sold \$7,323,746 worth of goods.

Dr. Huebner, professor of insurance at the University of Pennsylvania, says American lives will soon be worth about six times as much as the total national property, real estate, industries and everything else.

He says that unnecessary deaths of adults now cost this country \$3,000,000,000 a year.

Every intelligent business man knows that the men who run the property is as important as the property itself.

What would the old Standard Oil Company have been without John D. Rockefeller, or the Ford company without Henry Ford?

The Vatican rejoices in the agreement made with Mussolini's government. The payment of \$100,000,000, the added territory, the right to coin money, even the probability that many cardinals and

PAY BOOST BILLS SURE OF A VETO

Governor's Plea for Economy Greeted by Dozen Bills to Increase Salaries — Prohibition Changes Give Prison Terms for Drunken Drivers — Stricter Tab on Dry Funds.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Despite the governor's plea for economy, more than a dozen salary increase bills have found their way into the legislative hopper and others are predicted.

The latest salary bill to be introduced is that of the public service commissioners who are asking an increase from \$4,000 to \$5,000 a year. This bill was introduced in the house yesterday.

The first salary increase bill introduced at the current session would advance the compensation of the members of the state industrial accident commission from \$3,500 to \$4,500 a year. This bill was so framed that the increased salary would be paid out of the funds of the industrial accident commission.

While Governor Patterson has refused to intimate any action he will take in connection with the salary increase bills, friends of the administration said that they probably would fall under the veto ax.

The governor vetoed a large number of salary increase bills at the 1927 session. Some of these bills have been passed over the governor's veto at this session of the legislature, while in other cases the veto of the executive was sustained.

Pro-legislature proposals that a number of state departments be placed on a "cost accounting" basis apparently have gone on the boards, and the numerous governmental functions probably will continue to operate at the expense of the taxpayers as in the past.

When the legislature first convened four weeks ago there was considerable sentiment that at least a half dozen state departments should be made to pay their own way. Acting on the second day of this information the joint ways and means committee conducted exhaustive investigations to determine what could be done to reduce taxpayers.

Sub-committee investigated and recommended two bills increasing materially the fees for plumbing and electrical dealers. Those bills were filed with the ways and means committee and were considered. The cry went up almost immediately that the fees were in reality an additional tax and the bills were rejected.

Another bill providing that a fee of \$5 should be charged for boiler inspections and \$2 for inspections of unfired pressure vessels received more favorable consideration. Although this bill and means committee it has been introduced in the house and stands a chance of being approved.

An attempt also was made to provide a fee of \$10 per year for the inspection of restaurants, candy shops and bakeries, by the state dairy and food commissioner. Investigation showed that the additional work would cost the state approximately \$14,000 a year, while the additional revenue would not exceed \$19,000.

Another suggestion was that the state scaler of weights and measures should receive a fee for inspections. This proposal was opposed on the ground that the fees would fall on the small merchants and that the revenue derived would not defray the cost of the additional inspectors.

The work of passing on the various appropriations recommended by Governor Patterson is now well under way, and should be completed late next week.

Only a few capital outlays have thus far been approved by the ways and means committee. Early in the session the ways and means committee approved an item of \$55,000 with which to construct a two-story garage at the state penitentiary and convert the old boys' training school into a boys' prison.

SON NAMES DAD AS SLAYER OF HOME WRECKER

Walla Walla Mystery Near Solution By Statement of Lad — Father Laughs, But Bullet Incriminates.

WALLA WALLA, Wn., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Alfred Wilkins, 16, in a signed statement, said his father shot and killed John W. Brooks, prominent attorney on December 2, because he "broke up father's home."

When the elder Wilkins, who was arrested several days ago after a man, whose name has not been disclosed, said he had heard Wilkins threaten the attorney, was told of his son's statement, he laughed, but later admitted he "might" have a statement later, officers said.

According to young Wilkins, whose statement was taken by a court reporter, his father asked him on December 9 if he wanted to "see the man who broke up my home." The pair then went to the Brooks' home, the boy claimed, and the father went inside. He said he heard shots and his father ordered and they drove away.

Prosecutor Coleman said that unless Wilkins admits the murder of Brooks by Monday, a charge of first degree murder will be filed against him. He added that a bullet taken from the attorney's body, now in the possession of Luke S. May, Seattle criminologist, indicated "in seven distinct places" that it was fired from a pistol found in Wilkins' possession when he was arrested.

Alfred Wilkins did not elaborate on the reference to his father's home being "broken up" by the attorney. Brooks was shot and killed on December 9 by a heavily masked man who stepped inside the home and fired upon him, according to Brooks' housekeeper. The case seemed destined to be classed as an unsolved mystery until he arrested a few days ago of Wilkins and his son. The name of the man who said he had heard Wilkins make threatening remarks to Brooks was not divulged by authorities.

TWIN BROTHERS WED TWIN GIRLS

ALHAMBRA, Cal., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Twin brothers were married to twin sisters in a triple wedding here this afternoon and tomorrow the sextet planned to leave for a triangular honeymoon in Oregon. Willis B. and Alvin E. Young, twin brothers, were married to Louise and Lucy Doyle, twin sisters, respectively. Elmer L. Young, a brother of the younger Youngs, was married to Alice Gertrude McKee. The twin brides and their husbands will live in one home on their return from Oregon.

GREAT WAR IDOL BACK TO NORMAL

PARIS, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The pulse and the temperature of Marshal Ferdinand Foch had returned to approximately normal this evening. Doctors said his general condition was stationary. He is suffering from grippe which followed a complicated heart and kidney attack. Cardinal Dubois, Archbishop of Paris, returned from Rome tonight bringing an Apostolic blessing from the pope. He said that the pontiff was very solicitous for the health of Marshal Foch, who is a fervent churchman.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—The house judiciary committee today approved the Hawley bill to make the federal government a party defendant to a suit to be brought by Oregon for determination of title to the beds of Malheur and Harney lakes, Harney county, Oregon, and of riparian lands.

ST. LOUIS, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Miss Anne Morrow, rumored a few months ago to be engaged to Col. Charles A. Lindbergh, visited the Lindbergh exhibit in the Missouri Historical society museum today. A stopover here late yesterday en route from Cleveland to Mexico City.

OREGON CITY, Ore., Feb. 9.—(AP)—The heir, so he was informed two years ago, to a \$3,000,000 estate in England, Frank Neldon died here yesterday, a victim of heart attack. He had been a watchmaker here for sixteen years. Up to the time of his death Neldon had received none of the money.

DRIVERS PREPARE FOR SIERRA DOG TEAM RACE



Fay Delezens (left), winner of one all-Alaska dog race, Ted Kent (center) and Jimmie Fritz of Donner Lake, Cal., are among the entries in the 90-mile Sierra dog derby to be raced between Truckee and Lake Tahoe, Cal., February 10-12. Upper picture shows Scotty Allen, veteran racer, and his team on the trail.

Eleventh nationally known drivers including two feminine racers rested today after weeks of strenuous training waiting for the whistle of Mayor James Rolph Jr. of San Francisco, which tomorrow starts them on the first lap of the 90-mile Truckee-Sierra dog derby.

The two women, who will match wits and dogs against some of the best trail followers of the country, are Miss Lydia (Whitliff) Lyd.

Hatchcock of Ashton, Idaho, who carries the banner of the Wyoming Women's club and Thula Campbell of Graveland, who represents the McCall, Idaho winter sports association.

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WINTER SHIFTS OREGON VICTOR, TO EAST COAST, HUSKIES, BEARS, TOLL IS HEAVY CINCH HONORS

Chill Blasts Over Gulf States, as Cold Wave Moderates in Mid-West Stock Suffers in Rocky Mountain Area.

(By the Associated Press) Winter, that irascible actor, was to shift its scenery east today, after playing to shivering audiences nearly everywhere west of the Mississippi valley.

It lingered for a parting bow on two last night after breaking frigidly records on many localities, but today the sun was due to make a welcome return, bringing warmth at last to the storm ridden area.

More lives and dollars in damage were added to the cold wave's toll yesterday, when weeks of icy breath were climaxed by tempests ranging from near zero to 14 below in the Midwest valley down to 52 below in southwestern Wyoming. Sweeping to the southeast, chill blasts howled over the southern Gulf states today, with Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi, Tennessee and Louisiana in their path. The lowest temperatures of the winter were expected there.

Two lives were lost in a motor car's skid at Belleville, Ill., a train car crash killed another at Holton, Kan., a rat in a snow covered road near Clay Center, Kan., overturned a car and a woman died of injuries late Saturday; a man was struck by a train at Plana, Ill., and killed. Trains ploughed through snowdrifts behind school-buses and roads were kept open with difficulty everywhere, although the snow had generally abated.

The blizzard lingered last night, however, on the fringe of the Texas gulf coast, lashing out its fury in temperatures that had dropped to the 20's last night. Smoke pots were buried in southern California yesterday where a mercury reading of 26.12 degrees endangered citrus fruits. Heavy sheep losses were reported in southwestern Wyoming, where the temperature fell to alarming depths and cattle casualties were general in Oklahoma as the storm passed.

Predictions from the Missouri valley, the Southwest, the North-west, the Rockies and the coast were for moderation during the day although the grip of the almost universally record breaking coldness seemed hardly loosened last night at many points.

CHICAGO, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Twenty patients were carried to safety by nurses and two patients were overcome by smoke and later revived today after fire had broken out in the south wing of the Chicago sanitarium for nervous and insane patients in South Prairie avenue. Special alarms were sounded to bring extra fire apparatus to fight the flames.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 9.—(AP)—The University of Oregon basketball team won its third Pacific coast conference game tonight by defeating the Oregon State college, 35 to 26. Oregon led throughout, the score at half time being 13 to 14.

In the last period the Azules quit staged a determined rally which brought the two halves of the score within one point of each other, 19 to 18. Whitlock, Oregon State reserve, had two free throws but missed both. Horner and Eggs were retired by the referee for four fouls each.

The summary:
Oregon State (26) FG FT PF
Callahan, f. 9 2 4
Haltiner, f. 5 2 2
Torson, c. 1 1 2
O'Ryann, c. 1 0 2
Whitlock, g. 0 2 2
Whitlock, g. 0 0 1
Grayson, s. 1 1 1

Totals 9 8 14
Oregon (35) FG FT PF
Ridings, f. 3 1 0
Mulligan, f. 2 2 2
J. Eberhart, c. 5 4 3
Horner, c. 1 1 4
Edna, g. 0 0 4

Totals 11 13 13
Bob Morris, referee.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., Feb. 9.—(AP)—In a nerve wracking contest which left enthusiasts thrilled from start to finish, the University of California basketball team tonight made certain of the southern section Pacific coast conference championship by defeating Stanford University 19 to 17. The score at half time was 10 to 12.

MOSCOW, U.S.S.R., Feb. 9.—(AP)—A short shooting crew of Buckle pushed their way to a decisive 35 to 28 victory over the Idaho Vandals tonight to clinch the basketball title of the northern division of the Pacific coast conference and to maintain their undefeated record. The score at half time was 24 to 16 for Washington.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 9.—(AP)—The Oregon State Rook basketball team defeated the Oregon Freshmen, 31 to 20 in the final game of the annual four game series between the rival first year squads. The victory gave the Rooks a three to one edge in the series. Harrell, Rook guard, gave the sound the deciding point about a minute before the close of the contest after a series of sensational scoring spurts on both sides. Five minutes before the close of the 4th the yearlings led by 28 to 17.

MELBOURNE, Australia, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Immigrants here have expressed strong protests to the government against the proposed United States tariffs on Australian Premier Brins should take some action. One big firm has suggested retaliation by increasing the duty on American automobiles.

SPORTSMEN OF VALLEY TO AIR BILLS AT MEET

Session Monday Night at Hotel Medford to Discuss Rogue Fish Situation and Open Violation on Lower River — Large Attendance Urged.

No effort is being spared by the Jackson County Fish and Game Protective association to have a large attendance at the annual meeting in the basement of the Hotel Medford at 8 o'clock Monday evening, at which time the annual election of officers will be held. The meeting has been called by the president, Paul Schermer.

The usual banquet at annual meetings will not be held until a later meeting on Monday evening will be entirely devoted to business and many matters of importance are scheduled to be discussed.

Southern Oregon sportsmen are vitally interested in a number of bills that will be introduced at the present legislature affecting fish and game conservation and these bills will be analyzed at the meeting.

The Rogue River committee appointed by President Schermer a year ago to make a study of the possibilities of future fishing and its conservation in Rogue river will give a resume of the year's work. The committee has probably given more time to this work than has been received by any similar work in the past and their report should be interesting to sportsmen.

"Boating fishing" for steelhead by commercial fishermen on lower Rogue river will not attract attention at the meeting, and a delegation from Grants Pass is expected to report the result of a conference with Governor Patterson and representative of the State Fish commission at which it was agreed that something must be done to cope with the open violation of fishing laws on lower Rogue river, or which appears to have been beyond the ability of the state game commission to curb. At the conference it is reported that the fish commission's representative suggested and agreed to have the fish code of Oregon amended to prohibit all future commercial fishing in all Oregon coastal streams between the Umpqua and California line.

"There will not be a dull moment in the meeting," said one enthusiastic conversationalist yesterday, "and there should be plenty of interesting things to bring out the big crowd that is desired."

OREGON CITY, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Their fifteenth child, a daughter, Nedra, born here yesterday to Mr. and Mrs. Victor Hubbard of Sunnyside.

SOUND MOVIES OF INAUGURAL MAIN FEATURE

Col. Lindbergh to Be Honor Guest at Most Photographed Event in History — Hopes for Television Fade — Name Summerall, Grand Marshal.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Col. Charles A. Lindbergh was invited today to participate in the Hoover inaugural festivities.

The inaugural committee mailed the flier a specially embossed invitation. Assistant Postmaster General Glover, executive secretary of the committee, said Lindbergh would stop in Washington on his return flight from Central America. It was indicated that the request that he participate in the ceremonies would be personally confirmed at this time.

Asserting that the inauguration will be the "most photographed event in history," committee members today were busy assisting photographers in making arrangements. More than 200 it was said, will "cover" the event.

Sound movie producers have guaranteed to produce scenes at the ceremonies of inducing the president and vice-president on Broadway on the evening of March 4.

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NORTHCOTT TAKES DON'T CARE POSE

RIVERSIDE, CALIF., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Gordon Stewart Northcott today professed to have adopted a fatalistic attitude toward his conviction for the murder of three boys at his Vineville chicken ranch. "It doesn't make much difference," he said as he looked forward to hearing the death sentence pronounced next Monday. "I haven't had a very pleasant life, anyway."

He appeared to have at least partly recovered from a mental and physical let-down which gradually overtook him after his conviction Thursday night.

"How do you feel," he was asked. "Fine," he answered. "How do I look?"

"I had to laugh, though," he said. "When the verdict was brought in. You could have heard a pin drop in that court room. It was so solemn. You would have thought it was a funeral."

The young convicted slayer planned to spend the week-end over plans for an appeal which he says he will file when he is sentenced.

STARVING WOLVES SPREAD TERROR

BRATISLAVA, Czechoslovakia, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Starving wolves to-day fell upon the village schoolmaster of Bayda, near here, and a parish priest and inflicted serious injuries. The wolves were driven off by peasants armed with guns and pitchforks. The victims were unconscious when rescued.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Feb. 9.—(AP)—A furious blizzard and packs of wolves have caused terror in Broussan. Three German tourists exploring the outskirts of the city near the Green Mosque were reported to have been devoured by wolves. The blizzard destroyed many houses in Moudania. Here the cold is the most intense in 25 years. The Upper Golden Horn and the Bay of Bosphorus are frozen.

GRIM HATE OF PRISON FOR KEYES

San. Quentin Warden to Place Degraded Official in Condemned Row Cell to Block Death Threats of Convicts, Who Claim They Were 'Railroaded' Convicts Bitter.

SAN QUENTIN, Cal., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Should former district attorney Asa Keyes of Los Angeles, convicted of accepting bribes, be sent to San Quentin prison, as will prove a source of embarrassment to prison authorities, Warden James E. Holohan admitted today. Even now, although Keyes is expected to appeal the conviction and take the case to the courts of last resort, prison officials are seriously considering where to place him if the conviction is upheld.

"With probably 50 percent of the prisoners here having been sent up from Los Angeles and a great many of them claiming that they were 'railroaded' by Keyes, the feeling against him is so intensely bitter that we will have to go to the extreme to protect him from the other prisoners," Holohan said.

"As about the only place where he would be unmolested by other prisoners is the condemned row, it is probable that Keyes will be assigned to a cell in that section," he said.

Knowledge of Keyes' conviction, borne on the mysterious and undefined prison "telegraph" has already caused sinister whispers and threats of reprisals against Keyes from the prison inmates, declared those close to prison affairs.

Holohan said that should Keyes be convicted he "probably would be placed in a cell without a cell mate in a block used by condemned men because its location and rigid surveillance would be the greatest guarantee that no convicts would be able to reach the former prosecutor."

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Former district attorney Asa Keyes and two associates turned to the only recourse of the convicted today—a plan to obtain another trial.

Each prisoner was kept in a separate cell—Keyes in that once occupied by Russell H. Bell, convicted Los Angeles murderer—and each conferred alone with his attorney.

Keyes appeared untroubled this morning after his first night of sleep on an iron cot covered with a rough blanket and it apparently perturbed him little when jailers stripped him of his street clothes and ordered him to dress in the conventional blue dungarees.

Keyes' companions in court and in conviction awake with an air of depression still spread across their faces.

The prisoners were kept under a heavy guard and they refused to be interviewed or photographed. Gotsch, complaining that he was ill from stomach ulcers, asked for removal to a jail hospital and a physician was called to examine him.

COLLEGE DIES IN AUTO CRASH

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 9.—(AP)—Robert W. Kelly, Hollywood, Cal., sophomore at the University of Oregon, was fatally injured and Sherman Lockwood, San Francisco, tennis star, was seriously injured here today when the automobile in which they were riding crashed into a fire truck.

Kelly died in a hospital tonight. He suffered a fractured skull and internal injuries. Lockwood will survive, physicians believe.

The accident occurred when Lockwood drove Kelly to his stalled automobile with a gallon of gasoline. The fire truck, answering an alarm at the home of Mayor Wilder, was speeding down the thoroughfare with siren screaming. Lockwood drove his car broadside into the truck.

NAME LOWELL DEW NAVAL ALTERNATE

WASHINGTON, Feb. 9.—(AP)—Edgar H. Batcheller of Corvallis, Ore., has been recommended for appointment to the United States naval academy at Annapolis by Representative Hawley Lowell. Dew of Medford, Ore., was named first alternate.