

The Weather
Forecast — Partly cloudy tonight
and Wednesday. Warmer.
Highest yesterday 52
Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 24

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Weather Year Ago
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Today

By Arthur Brisbane
A Mistaken Grand Duke.
Happy Mule.
The Reticulated Python.
Optimistic Wall Street.

Grand Duke Cyril Vladimirovitch, head of the Romanoff family, and, luckily for him, outside of Russia, thinks he will be czar. He is mistaken, but his statement that he would keep the present bolshevik system of government, extending it to a "logical, constructive phase," is enlightening.

Relations of the czar apparently have discovered that bolshevism, giving land instead of blows to the peasants, and education instead of ignorance to the masses of Russia, interests Russians.

Just now Russia is more interested in the question, "What happened to Trotsky?" than in any visionary grand duke's plans. Whether Trotsky has been "suppressed" or what has happened to him nobody knows.

It is dangerous for a deposed revolutionary leader to disagree with those in power. "Honest Ben," a mule, having worked many years for the city of Atlanta, now old and feeble, was to be slaughtered and fed to lions in the zoo.

Atlanta's kind hearted mayor, Ragsdale, will buy the mule and pension him.

A kind thought. Many an old man that cannot be fed to the lions because tender hearted laws forbid it, while they don't forbid old men and women to worry themselves to death, might almost wish they were deserving mules.

"De gustibus non est disputandum," which means "There is no use quarreling with another man's taste."

A young Chicagoan, formerly a reporter at \$18 a week, suddenly heir to a fortune of \$1,000 a day, has decided how to spend his money.

He will go to Borneo, hunting for a "perfect specimen of the reticulated python," biggest reptile known to man. He takes a scientific expedition with him and his time will not be wasted.

But how many things could other young men think of if they had \$1000 a day, leaving the reticulated python to his own devices?

Another week opening finds Wall Street refusing to be scared to death. Speculators are like "Old Dog Trey, ever faithful." Grief cannot drive them away.

Jack up the interest rate, and still they say, "I think stocks are going to be worth more, and so I am going to buy 'em." The prices lifted up their little heads as soon as the market opened, and kept them up.

THREAT TO CORONER BY GUN GANGS

Activity Against Gangsters of St. Valentine's Day Massacre Brings Death Threat—Detectives Called On Carpet for Questioning.

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(AP) Coroner Herman N. Baudesen revealed today his life has been threatened twice in the past three days which he attributed to his activity investigating the St. Valentine's day massacre of seven members of the Moran gang.

Sunday Dr. Baudesen said, he received an anonymous telephone call in which he was told "you will be the next to die if you don't watch out." He said he received an anonymous letter yesterday asking him how he would "like to kick the bucket."

Every detective squad member of the Chicago police force totaling 525 men, was called in for questioning in the gang massacre investigation today. Each was asked: "Where were you last Thursday morning between 10 and 11 o'clock?"

That was the hour in which seven of George (Bugs) Moran's men were lined up in a North Clark street garage and slain. State's Attorney John A. Swanson issued the order for questioning of the policemen.

"It isn't because Swanson believes the gang killers were led by city detectives," one of his aides explained. "It is because he is absolutely sure that they were not."

Police Commissioner William Russell is convinced that no police men were involved, but he is lending his assistance to the state's attorney to clear up the mystery.

It is the commissioner's theory that if any of the slayers were uniforms it was as a disguise. Every squad car that has been sold in the last 100 years is being traced. In this manner, police believe, they may find that the machine used by the murderers was, as witnesses said, in a police car, but one that had been disposed of by the department.

DOHNEY SR. DAZED BY DEATH OF SON

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 19.—(AP) Silent guards today stood guard at the gates of Graystone, Beverly Hills mansion of Edward L. Dohney, Jr., murdered son of one of the country's greatest old fortunes, while a white-haired old man prepared dazedly for the closing act of his life's crowning tragedy.

Ed. L. Dohney, whose role in the checkered romance of oil has encompassed out many harassing chapters, was fighting his greatest battle—last night against the numbing tentacles of grief—as the body of his only son was laid to rest.

Young Dohney was slain Saturday night by Theodore Hugh Plumley, his friend and confidential secretary.

OREGONIAN SETS FAST PACE TO WIN SIERRA DERBY



Victorious team of the dog races from Truckee, Cal., to Tahoe Tavern during a winter sport carnival in the mountains. Fred Printz munched first in each of the 32-mile laps.

LINDBERGH TO MR. TELEVOX IS HOUSE PASSES TEL. MOTHER LATEST AID TO SIXTEEN BILLS OF ROMANCE NIGHT AVIATORS MONDAY GRIST

Mrs. Lindbergh Arrives Today From Constantinople—Colonel to Greet Her at Jersey City Pier—Repels Questions.

NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—(AP) Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh this evening will have his first opportunity to talk to his mother, his romance with Miss Anne Morrow, Mrs. Evangeline Lindbergh, who has spent almost a year as a guest in the home of the American ambassador in Washington at Curtiss field yesterday, while on aviation but silent on all matters pertaining to his engagement.

His face wreathed in a smile, the colonel descended, spoke enthusiastically of the new Pan-American mail line which he has organized, and declared the route a thoroughly practical one.

"Colonel, are you feeling as happy as you look?" someone asked. A frown replaced his grin, but he did not answer.

"Colonel Lindbergh, when are you going to Mexico City?" was the next question.

The colonel hesitated a moment and replied: "Are there any other questions you care to ask?"

There was another question, and it was: "Colonel, is there anything pertaining to Miss Morrow that you would care to discuss?"

Apparently there was not, as the colonel merely repeated his query whether there were any other questions.

Up from Depths

KEY WEST, Fla., Feb. 19.—(AP) Two fearless members of a submarine crew, who yesterday braved the crushing force of the sea at a depth of 20 feet clad only in

Mechanical Man Turns On Flood Lights at Call of Kindergarten and Oregon Plan Bills Passed to Senate—Dog Measure Found Too Drastic—Road Vote Amendment Passes.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 19.—(AP) Mr. Televox, the mechanical man, has come to the aid of aviators by making dangerous landing on unlighted flying fields unnecessary.

In obedience to the note of a siren on an approaching plane the mechanical man, turned on the flood lights at the Newark airport last night without the aid of human hands.

Mr. Televox, whose name, freely translated from the Greek and Latin means "distant voice," demonstrated his ability as an airfield attendant when he repeated tests he flooded the new airport with 24,000,000 candle power in response to the distant voice of a plane high in the air.

Pete Branson, air mail pilot, approached the field from various directions and at different altitudes in the tests, turning on a wind-driven siren as he neared. Each time the sound of the siren reached the field, the mechanical man flashed on the lights.

The device which gives Mr. Televox the similitude of human response to sound is the combination of two recent inventions, the Knowles grid-glow and a vibrating Reed selector.

IDAHO DROWNS PROHIBITION IN MOON IS CLAIM

WASHINGTON, Feb. 19.—(AP) Echoes of the Reed-Borah prohibition debate sounded in the senate today as Senator Bruce, democrat, Maryland, described prohibition conditions in Borah's state of Idaho as "shocking."

Borah, who defended prohibition in an hour's speech yesterday in reply to an attack by Reed of Missouri, sat soundly silent as Bruce read a newspaper article whose headline said: "Idaho drowns, dry problem in moonshine."

Canadian liquor, Bruce declared, flowed freely into Idaho and other border states.

"That's why so much liquor is being produced in Canada," he asserted, "not only to satisfy the needs of American tourists but to export the large amounts that are shipped into the United States."

Kindergarten and Oregon Plan Bills Passed to Senate—Dog Measure Found Too Drastic—Road Vote Amendment Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP) Sixteen house bills, including the kindergarten bill and the "Oregon plan" bill, received the house ticket of admission to the senate today at a long and tedious session Monday afternoon.

The "Oregon plan" bill, as passed by the house, provides that the board of control may be asked to serve as a "board of review" to sit on appeal in any tax levy or bond issue by any municipal corporation in excess of the six per cent limitation.

This board of review may act in an advisory capacity only and be authorized to furnish publicity for a proposed tax levy or bond issue.

Henderson's bill, regulating dry cleaning establishments, H. B. 353, met its doom at the hands of house members.

The Russell dog bill is being held up until amendments can be made to make the bill less drastic. Any call of Mr. Russell from the floor of the house Monday afternoon that under the present bill "no dog has a right to live after dark."

The house agreed to concur in the senate amendments to H. B. 296, the Robinson reforestation bill.

The house sustained the governor's veto on house bill 256.

Other bills passed by the house today included H. B. 457—Providing for investment of surplus funds of school districts and municipalities.

H. B. 349—Relating to the transportation for students of a union high school districts.

H. B. 453—Providing for the appointment of special deputy constables.

H. B. 37—Unifying statutes regarding traveling expenses for county officers.

DUNNE AND KLEPPER IN FIST FIGHT

Senate Corridor Scene of Encounter—Debate Over Salary Increase for Accident Commissioners Brings On Blows, Card Game Begulation Axed.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 19.—(AP) A fist fight between Senators Joe Dunne and Klepper, which drew spectators in at 11 a. m. at the senate door and in the corridor leading to the chamber, featured passage Monday afternoon of the house bill increasing salaries of the industrial accident commissioners.

The measure was up on reconsideration, after it had been defeated Saturday.

In the course of his argument against the bill, which proposes an increase the salaries from \$2500 to \$4500 a year, Dunne referred to the case of a widow seeking adjustment of a claim from the commission.

Replying to this Klepper declared Dunne had not told the whole story.

As soon as he had opportunity, Dunne demanded that Klepper apologize to the widow, whose name had not been mentioned.

"I offer no apologies to anyone whom I criticize on the floor of this senate," Klepper answered.

After the vote had been taken both senators left the chamber.

Speakership Day, which Klepper with his open hand, Klepper responded to the attack.

As he started towards Dunne, say eyewitnesses, he was grabbed by Tom Collins, of Portland, while Fred Clifford, also of Portland, grabbed Dunne. The interference seemed to work to Klepper's advantage.

It was said, for it enabled his blow to land with full force just under Dunne's left eye.

Senator Dunne arose at this point and apologized to the senate and to the visitors. "I thought Senator Klepper should have apologized to that little woman," he said, "and when he refused I thought it was time to take matters into my own hands."

After a long debate into which more good humor was injected than there had been ill humor in the previous argument the senate killed by indefinite postponement the Corbett-Eddy-Moser bill to take card games out of all pool and billiard halls, except the Y. M. C. A., lodge hall and similar places.

A majority of the senate dry committee reported favorably to the bill and a minority against it. The minority was adopted.

Measures passed by the senate Monday afternoon included: H. B. 356, by Collier—Authorizing county courts to levy assessments for maintenance of county fair buildings and grounds.

Average Span in Jacks. County Figures Years

If not already that old, people in Jackson county have a reasonable assurance of living to be 55 1/2 years of age if the average life span of county residents, as figured out at the county clerk's office this forenoon, holds true. The ages of the 136 people who died since last September were added together and their divided by the figure number. If the lives of all those who died in the last five months were lived by one person he would be 72 1/2 years old at the time of his death. The oldest person to die was 97 years of age and the youngest, outside of several infants who died at birth, was two years. There were several deaths in the teen age, with quite a number from 20 to 40 years, followed by more from 60 to 80 years. *****

MEEKER NAMED BY MERCHANTS FOR PRESIDENT

Elmer Wilson Chosen Vice President—Hunt, Strong and Mann On Board Governors—Spring Opening Plans Discussed.

Jarvis A. Meeker, well known Medford business man and owner and manager of the M. M. department store of this city, was selected as president of the Medford Merchants' association at the regular monthly gathering of that organization last night at the Hotel Medford.

Elmer Wilson, associated with the Medford Furniture & Hardware Company, was chosen vice president, and George Hunt, R. H. Strang and John C. Mann were elected to membership on the board of directors.

Mr. Meeker, in his short address of acceptance, pledged his efforts to further the constructive work of the merchants' association. He also outlined the salient points of the state merchants' convention, held at Corvallis on February 11, 12 and 13.

Advertising, buying, window trimming, salesmanship and management—all vital factors in successful merchandising—were briefly touched upon in Mr. Meeker's talk.

Success is within ourselves," Mr. Meeker emphasized in the course of his remarks. "There may be many controlling factors upon which a measure of it is dependent, but we must have the ambition and ability within ourselves to actually achieve unqualified success."

Spring Opening Planned
Extensive plans for a city-wide spring opening celebration were discussed by the merchants who were present at last night's association meeting.

Medford stores, on March 5 will present elaborate, reasonable displays of merchandise, show windows will be unveiled and some of the local merchants will offer style shows and spring exhibitions in their stores during the evening.

Every effort will be made to draw out-of-town people to Medford to see the complete stocks carried by shops in this city.

Ernest Scott will head the committee which will supervise the details of Medford's great spring opening celebration. Mr. Scott will be assisted by Harry Jacobs, Henry Fisher, Morris Leonard, R. H. Strang, William A. Gates, H. Schorer, E. R. Brophy, Roland Hubbard, H. Crane and Herbert Grey.

An effort is being made to bring H. T. Vance, dean of advertising at the Oregon State college, to Medford for the next meeting of the Medford Merchants' association.

SNOW AIDS ESCAPE BY OHIO CONS

Slayer of Don Mellett and Two Other "Lifers" Saw Way From Prison—Blinding Snow Obliterates Tracks—Seven Refuse to Join Dash.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Feb. 19.—(AP) Three life term murderers, including Pat McDermott, slayer of Don Mellett, Canton publisher, and two other prisoners saved their way to freedom from the state penitentiary here early today.

They dropped from the roof of the residence of Warden Fredon E. Thomas and escaped under cover of a blinding snowstorm that soon obliterated their tracks.

Besides McDermott, those who escaped are: William Young, 40, Washington county, serving a life term for murder.

Mike Jaeko, 21, Cuyahoga county, serving a life term for murder. James Walton, 39, Cuyahoga county, serving a term of 12 to 25 years for robbery.

Joe Russo, 26, Cuyahoga county, serving a term of 10 to 25 years for robbery.

The blinding snowstorm left officials with no clues as to the direction the men took in leaving the penitentiary. All extra guards were sent out to search near the prison immediately after the escape was discovered and police of surrounding towns and cities were notified to be on the lookout for the men.

Seven other prisoners, including another life term murderer, who were quartered with the five escaped men, refused to make the dash for liberty.

In a statement issued several hours after the escapes, Warden Thomas placed responsibility on "ignorance and disobedience of orders on the part of officers."

Charles Shibley and J. B. Isaacs, guards on duty in the third tier, were summoned from their homes for questioning by the warden, who also quizzed the men who remained in their cells while their fellow prisoners escaped.

A fellow prisoner, who refused to escape, said that Walton sawed the bar of the cell before the lights went out last night while he drownded out the rasping sound of the saw with the drone of a Jew's harp.

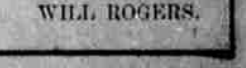
HANLEY DISAPPROVES NEW FUMBLE RULING

CHICAGO, Feb. 19.—(AP) The change in the fumble rule does not meet the approval of Dick Hanley, head football coach for Northwestern university.

"We must consider the spectator in football, and when we take away the thrilling long runs after a recovery of a fumble, we're taking away something vital," said Hanley.

Portland Swamped
VANCOUVER, B. C., Feb. 19.—(AP) Vancouver's hockey team swamped Portland here last night, 6 to 2.

Will Rogers Says:
NEW YORK, Feb. 19.—The war didn't scare the senate as bad as Jim Reed's joke that he was going to tell who voted dry and drank not only wet, but anything (whether it was wet or not). Some haven't slept since he threatened to do it. No man that has left the senate in many a day will be missed like Jim. Ain't it funny how many hundreds of thousands of soldiers we can recruit with nerve, but we just can't find one politician in a million with backbone.



We got a new cure for the flu here in New York. Mayor Walker prescribed the Stribling-Sharkey fight. Yours, WILL ROGERS.