

The Weather
Forecast—Cloudy tonight and Saturday. Occasional rain.
Highest yesterday 57
Lowest this morning to 5 a. m. 29

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The Greatest Birthday. More Land for America. We Talk More Rapidly. Mr. Hoover's Triumph.

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Today is the birthday of the biggest of all Americans. He gave this country the right to govern itself and gave his fellow citizens the advice to keep out of foreign alliances and entanglements. May they have brains enough to take that advice and thus maintain the independence that Washington won for them.

Byrd, looking down from the air, maps out vast new territories in the Antarctic regions, claims them for the United States and names them for his wife, "Mary Byrd Land."

Whether other nations recognize a claim based on "I saw it first" remains to be seen. For a few years it will not matter, but a few thousand years hence, when the North and South Poles change their positions and flowers grow where the poles are now, "Mary Byrd Land" will be valuable. By that time, however, there may be only one nation on all the earth.

The wise Rockefeller family sent men to the Arctic region, dug wells there, found oil, plugged up the wells and will run a pipeline, sometime, if they need to.

It would cost \$100,000,000. Too much money with oil so abundant as it is today.

The "Yankee drawl" is vanishing, and even the deliberate speech of the South is speeded up, with new steel and textile mills and so much business to attend to.

The shorthand reporters' association is told that in twenty years the average speech of the American has increased ten words per minute. That's hard on the shorthand men, but makes no difference to the talking machines. Talk into it as rapidly as you like and it will repeat as slowly as you like.

Moving pictures with their captions have taught millions of brains to work more rapidly.

Twenty-eight governors will participate in Herbert Hoover's inaugural parade, giving the new President what the old Romans called a "triumph."

In Caesar's triumph, he rode ahead in his war chariot of gold. Behind him, on foot, marched the conquered, kings and queens in golden chains, barbarian chiefs with chains of iron. The victims were usually slaughtered after the triumph. The modern plan, with a president's triumph made up of judges, governors, distinguished citizens, all surviving the day, is much pleasanter.

The snow is thick in New York but there was sunshine in Wall Street. Prices climbed "to new highs." Call money cost only 5/8 per cent. When the bell rang, brokers went home for a three-day rest. No more news from that street until next Monday at 10 in the morning.

Senator Heflin of Alabama, annoyed by one of Ned McLean's bright young men, characterized him in the Senate press gallery as "a feather head and a possum head."

Senator Bruce of Maryland defended the reporters, but it was hardly necessary.

The opossum knows when to (Continued on Page Six)

MISSING DORIS IS FOUND UNHARMED

THREE FACE CHARGES OF KIDNAPING

Four-Year-Old San Francisco Tot Located By Detectives—Missing for Week—Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharp Arrested With Man in Apartment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Mrs. Charles Sharp this afternoon identified John Williams, 60-year-old employee of the U. S. Mint, as the man who she said met her in Vallejo last Friday and gave her custody of baby Doris Smith-Murphy. Williams, arrested on suspicion, had been unable to account for his time Friday afternoon.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Doris Smith-Murphy, missing since last Friday, was returned to her mother's arms today, one week after her disappearance from a crowded playground.

Detective Jesse Ayers today took Mrs. Helen Murphy, mother of the girl, to an apartment occupied by Mrs. Charles Sharp, who was living there under an assumed name.

With them was baby Doris, object of a state-wide police search. Mr. and Mrs. Sharp were arrested with a third person, a man, and subjected to a severe interrogation. Mrs. Sharp told a long story of receiving the child under mysterious circumstances under the impression Doris was her own baby, Betty, whom she had not seen for months.

Captain of Detectives Duncan Matheson immediately placed kidnapping charges against the trio.

The story told by these people and the facts as they find them do not agree," he declared.

"There has been no promise of immunity to anyone on the part of the police department. Every angle of the case will be sifted to the bottom until we have established motive and guilt."

Taken From Stranger
Mrs. Sharp said that she received the child from a stranger last Friday. She explained that by a previous marriage she had a little girl who is now just about Doris' age, 4 years old. This little girl was supposed to be in Los Angeles in care of her father. Her name is Betty. For many months, however, Mrs. Sharp was unaware of the child's whereabouts, she said.

Friday afternoon, the day baby Doris vanished, Mrs. Sharp declared, she found a note slipped under the front door of her home. Sharp, her husband, was absent.

The note requested her to go to Vallejo and get her baby, Betty. The following story was related by Mrs. Sharp as to how she obtained possession of baby Doris. She went to Vallejo by ferry, she said, and there on the dock was a dark-haired man with a little girl. The child was dressed in a pink and white cotton frock and bloomers. When baby Doris appeared, Mrs. Sharp was unusually she was said to be wearing a dress of blue and white checked material. Police are investigating this discrepancy.

Child Was Friendly
Then, Mrs. Sharp said, the man (Continued on Page Eight.)

STANDARD OIL CHARGED WITH EVIL INTEREST

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Charges that the International Standard Oil interests, John D. Rockefeller, and Ivy Lee, New York publicity man, were propagandists against the interests of the United States were made in the House today by Representative Tinkham, Republican, Massachusetts.

Tinkham was speaking in behalf of his resolution to provide for a congressional investigation of the expenditures of International Standard Oil to influence the foreign policy of the United States.

He declared that the International Standard Oil interests, John D. Rockefeller, and Ivy Lee, "have no country, no flag, and no allegiance, except to the power of money and what money can compel or buy."

Baby Girl Returned to Mother's Arms



Four-year-old Doris Virginia Smith-Murphy, for whom San Francisco police have been conducting a frantic search for the past week, was shown with her mother, Mrs. Edward J. Murphy.

NURSE CLAIMS KNOWS SECRET CLARKE DEATH

Mrs. Margaret Kelly Gives Information On Disappearance of Spokane Millionaire—15-Year Mystery Believed Solved.

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Authorities today were looking for Mrs. Margaret Kelly, 28-year-old red-haired nurse, to lift further the shroud which for 15 years has concealed the fate of Francis Lewis Clarke, Spokane, Wash., multimillionaire.

Clarke disappeared from Santa Barbara, Cal., in January, 1914. A month later parts of the body of a man, including a crushed skull, were washed up on the sands near Santa Barbara, but the corpse never definitely was identified as that of Clarke, which, Mrs. Kelly has now told police here, was done away with by a "mob" with which she worked at that time. She said she had received \$800 upon after she last saw Clarke in company of three men, to "keep my mouth shut about the affair."

"I have had this thing on my mind ever since I learned that Clarke probably was murdered by a mob," she said.

Mrs. Kelly told investigators last night and early today, after prolonged questioning.

She said she was called to a Los Angeles hotel during the middle of January, 1914, by a man working there, who asked her if she wanted a "rich old duck who was a good spender."

"I said 'Sure,' and went down to meet him. We were drinking a lot, but I was in the racket in those days and money talked, so I always kept my head. The boys were hanging around the hotel and immediately got their eyes on my find," she declared.

"You have a live one here," they told me.

"When Mr. Clarke asked me to go to Santa Barbara with him just for the ride, I said 'I would.' He gave me \$100. I told the boys where we were going.

"We drove to Santa Barbara in a taxicab. He sent me to the hotel to register and said he would be back later. That was about 10:30 at night. I never saw him again."

"The Berries" Behind Bat, Hal Swain Will Don Beaver Uniform

ANAHEIM, Cal., Feb. 22.—(AP)—EXETER, N.H.—Tom Turner has made another find.

The subject of the latest burst of enthusiasm from the hasty president of the Portland Beaver Club is Hal Swain, 19-year-old catcher from Long Beach, Calif., and take it from Turner he is the "berries."

Swain has been signed to a 1225 contract and will be given a trial with the Beavers at their spring training camp here. He is a well-built fellow standing 5 feet 10 inches in height and weighing 185 pounds.

GRAND CANYON SEARCHED FOR FEDERAL MEN

GRAND CANYON, Ariz., Feb. 22.—(AP)—Searchers today were penetrating the mile-deep gorge of the Grand Canyon of the Colorado in an attempt to find the bodies of Fred Johnson, government ranger, and Glenn Sturdevant, Grand Canyon national park naturalist. The two men were hurled from a boat yesterday in Horn Creek Rapids, two miles below the point where the famous Bright Angel trail winds its way to the bottom of the mighty gorge. James P. Brooks, chief ranger of Grand Canyon park, also was tossed into the treacherous, silt-laden stream, but after being carried several hundred feet by the swirling current, he managed to reach shore and to bring here the report of his companions' probable death.

The water was icy, Brooks said, and Johnson and Sturdevant, he feared, either had been so numbed by the shock of their sudden immersion that they were unable to struggle to shore, or had been battered unconscious against the rocks which capsized their boat. He said he saw nothing of them after he himself was splashing headlong into the stream.

M'NARY WILL NOT ENTER CABINET

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—United States Senator McNary will not accept a cabinet position or any other appointment under the Hoover administration. He prefers to remain in the senate as chairman of the committee on agriculture and forestry.

This information comes to Salem direct from Senator McNary in a telegram to Mrs. Emma Murphy-Brown, who is the senator's secretary when he is at home and who during the legislative session is secretary to State Senator Reynolds of Marion county.

STEELHEAD BILL DIES IN HOUSE

Commercial Fishermen Win First Vote Tilt—Two Hours Hot Debate Precedes Ballot—Tax Relief Body's Bill Decreasing Road Districts Passes.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—While the clock ticking its way through the minutes of the fortieth day, the normal duration of a legislative session, the house this morning without a dissenting vote, passed the bill taxing intangibles, the second revenue measure of the property tax relief commission, and the problem of wiping out the state deficit of more than \$2,000,000 was one step nearer completion.

It is estimated by Representative Carlin, chairman of the commission and its floor leader of the house, that the tax on intangibles will net the state at least \$500,000 annually. From the excise tax on banks and other corporations an additional income of \$750,000 is expected each year. The returns from the two would wipe out the existing deficit during the coming biennium.

Both measures now go to the senate.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The first round of the biennial battle of the fish was won by the commercial fishermen Thursday afternoon when the lower house failed to pass Peers' bill, making the steelhead trout a game fish in all the waters of the state.

After nearly two hours of hot debate with the advocates of the commercial fishing industry claiming that the passage of the bill would ruin the third largest industry in the state and the sportsmen and their supporters equally insistent that the steelhead is a game fish and should be retained as such. The vote was called for. Twenty-nine members of the house voted against the bill. With the absence, this was a sufficient number to kill the bill.

Those voting against the bill were Anderson, Childs, Childers, Clark, Egbert, the three Johnsons, Knapp, LaFollet, MacPherson, Marley, McAllister, Metzler, Oxman, Potter, Robinson, Ruelle, both Scotts, Settlemier, Slevens, Stewart, Swift, Tompkins, Weatherpoon, Wells, Wilks, Winslow.

Fight Bill
Robison of Clatsop, Metaker of Columbia and Winslow of Tillamook made a strong fight against the bill from the floor of the house. Winslow advocated the passage of the Child's resolution, which asks for the appointment of an interim committee of both sportsmen and commercial interests to make a study of fishing legislation in an attempt to reach a truce.

The commercial fishing advocates made an attempt to have the bill re-referred to the fisheries committee. The bill was first referred to the game committee, who returned it without recommendation to committee was lost, and the debate continued.

The property tax relief commission's bill decreasing the number of road districts in counties as an economy measure, finally passed the house Thursday afternoon. In its original form, H. B. 236 provided that there should be only one road district in each county outside the cities. To satisfy demands from Marion, Clackamas and Lane county courts, the bill was amended to provide that a county be limited to not more than five road districts.

The lower house sought to make a change in the cigarette law Thursday afternoon when it passed Haxell's bill to make it possible for minors to be employed in a place where cigarettes are sold.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—After arguing the question nearly an hour the joint ways and means committee last night voted to make a report to the legislature recommending against passage of the bill to appropriate \$50,000 for the construction of an infirmary at the University of Oregon. The measure probably will be reconsidered.

The bill had been approved and passed the \$50,000 would have been matched by an equal amount contributed by the parents of university students.

The committee tabled vetoed house bill 249 of the 1927 session appropriating \$25,000 for a library at the university.

Nebraska Frats Unite to Abolish 'Hell Week' Rites

LINCOLN, Neb., Feb. 22.—(AP)—"Hell Week," a seven-day period which heretofore has been devoted to fraternity initiation at the University of Nebraska, has been abolished by united action of the fraternities.

There has been much criticism of "hell week" recently because of time wasted and frequent disturbances blamed on it. Discovery that an underclassman has suffered a cerebral loss of memory as a result of his initiation into a fraternity led to last night's decision to abolish the week.

CONGRESS OBSERVES BIRTHDAY

197th Anniversary George Washington's Birthday Is Observed By Special Exercises—Representative Beck Talks On Constitution in House Ceremony.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The president, congress and the capital city had arranged today to observe the 197th anniversary of George Washington's birthday. Ordinarily, the cabinet meets on Friday, but this was dispensed with today as was the usual Friday press conference with the chief executive. Mr. Coolidge had on his engagement list tonight an address at George Washington university, where he and Mrs. Coolidge were to receive the degree of doctor of laws.

A section in the university auditorium had been reserved for members of the cabinet, many of the members of congress, ambassadors and ministers from foreign countries and others prominent in official life.

A speech by Representative James M. Beck, authority on the constitution, was the feature of the exercises arranged in the house. For many years it has been the custom for Washington's farewell address to be read, but this year Representative Beck was asked to deliver an oration.

Beck said that Washington's associates regarded him as a man of unusual gifts.

"Jefferson spoke of Washington's intellect as 'great and powerful,'" Beck declared, "and Patrick Henry said that of all the members of the first continental congress, Washington was foremost for 'solid information and sound judgment.'"

The Pennsylvania representative, described Washington as having little faith that the constitution would by itself be a panacea. Beck declared that safety of the union depended upon the preservation of the rights of the states.

"The problem of the future," Beck asserted, "will be to preserve the just equilibria which the constitution sought to maintain, between the power of the central government and the power of the states."

In the senate the reading of Washington's farewell address had been assigned to Senator James Reed, Democrat, Missouri, who retired from congress at the end of this term.

PLATFORM BILL GETS COMMITTEE APPROVAL

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The senate committee on elections this afternoon voted unanimously to report favorably on the Bell bill providing for a platform convention of state central committees prior to primary elections. After hearing the arguments of Phil Metcahan, chairman of the Republican state central committee, and others in support of the plan.

COPS FIND DEATH CAR IN CHICAGO

Efforts to Destroy Auto by Gas Flame Leads to Discovery—Commissioner Declares Massacre Mystery May Be Solved in Few Hours.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—Police late today announced that the identity of the owner of the car believed to have been used by the gang assassins had been established and that a squad of detectives had been dispatched to arrest him.

CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—(AP)—The killer's car used in last week's gang massacre has been found, police said today, in a garage not three miles from the scene of the multiple murder.

Efforts to destroy it led to the discovery, for an acetylene torch used to cut through the steel frame, ignited the garage. Firemen, finding the machine, called police, and police, after a careful survey including the photographing of fingerprints inside the automobile on parts of the car, believed themselves near solution of the worst gang outrage in Chicago history.

Early today Deputy Police Commissioner John Stege said: "There is good reason to believe the Moran murders will be cleared up within a few hours."

Arrests followed quickly after police established to their own satisfaction the identity of the automobile. Half a dozen arrests had been made by midnight, and shortly before dawn a squad went out on a secret mission which Lieutenant William Cusack, squad leader, said would solve the slayings.

The machine was an 1923 model touring car of the type used by mob squads of the police department. It was found almost completely dismantled, with identifying marks removed, with two wheels off and with parts of the body burned or cut away by a back saw and acetylene torch, which were found in the garage.

The police order to dry up Chicago, entailing the search of every place in the city where the sale of storage of liquor is suspected, including "beer flats," was having a marked effect today, the several district captains reported. In the loop district police said they did not believe a single gambling place or "boozie joint" was in operation.

Will Rogers Says: NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday. Hear the political speeches delivered under the guise of being addresses on Washington. They start out by saying, 'It's the birthday of our first president, had he lived to see the fruits of the great Republican party.' As a matter of fact there wasn't any Republican in Washington's day. No Republicans, no boll weevil, no income tax, no cover charge, no disarmament conferences, no luncheon clubs, no stop lights, no static, no head winds. Liquor was a companion, and not a problem, no margins, no ticket speculators, no golf pants or Scotch joke, and Tom hadn't yet read about the iniquities of Rome. My Lord, living in those times, who wouldn't be great! Yours, WILL ROGERS.

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Floyd Cook, secretary of the Republican state central committee, announced that 14 senators, a majority of the upper house, had pledged their support to the bill.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 22.—(AP)—The only news in this story is: Oscar Johnson isn't dead.

He thought the gas tank was empty today. He lighted a match to see. Doctors are treating him.