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\$25 a Day.
\$10,000 an Hour.
50 Cent Gasoline.
Uncle Gargantua Sam.
The Biggest Yank.

Corporations get good service and government, sometimes, poor service. Col. Lindbergh is named federal aviation advisor and WHEN HE WORKS his Uncle Sam will pay him \$25 a day.

All Hollywood knows that Lindbergh could have had \$500,000 for making one picture which would have paid him about \$10,000 an hour for his work.

However, as Lindbergh says, flying is his business and \$25 a day for work on government flying would suit him better than any price for standing before a camera. Besides, he has a job with General Atterbury of the Pennsylvania, selecting landing places, etc., for the railroad which will pay a salary considerably better than \$25 a day.

Important to owners of 25,000,000 automobiles, running in America, is this question:

What can the government and Herbert Hoover do about conserving the nation's oil supply?

Statistics show that the country will use in 1929 ONE BILLION, ONE HUNDRED AND TEN MILLION BARRELS OF OIL. Those barrels, nicely strung, end to end, would make a necklace of which your little boy can tell you the length, allowing five feet to the barrel.

Uses of oil, gasoline and other products of petroleum increase daily.

Horses will soon disappear from city streets. Railroad men will tell you that gasoline transportation by motor bus and truck is only beginning.

The New York Central Railroad has ordered from the General Electric company driving machinery for its first combination oil-electric passenger engine 59 feet long, weighing 350,000 pounds. Much oil will be needed to move such an engine at high speed with a train of cars behind it. The biggest German passenger ship, just launched, is motor driven.

Where is the oil to be found and whence will machine power come from when reckless folly shall have squandered the nation's oil wealth? Men that now talk of a "surplus oil supply" will live to pay 50 cents a gallon, and more, for gasoline.

Engines using gas more economically will come. Even good engines waste 85 per cent of fuel. Power from the sun will be harnessed some day, and someone will perhaps invent an electric motor better than a gas engine.

But what is in the future. The danger of a disastrous oil situation, with irreparable damage to the automobile industry and high costs for automobile owners is here NOW!

If Mr. Hoover, who combines engineering skill with plenty of will power, can solve that problem, the country will be much obliged. Meanwhile, wise companies conserve their oil in the ground, buying supplies from the squanderers. Mr. Rockefeller and his associates knew what they were about when they established oil resources as far away as the Arctic coast and Venezuela.

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BILL BANS MOTHER OF DAM BELOW DORIS NOW BUTTE CRK.

Rogue River Measure Now Up to Governor—Jackson Treasurer Salary Increase Passes Senate—Final Hearing On Abolishment of Rival Regents Monday—Hope to End Squabbling.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(Special to Mail Tribune.)—Senate bill 164 introduced by joint delegations of Jackson and Josephine counties withdrawing Rogue river from dam construction below Big Butte creek but protecting municipalities irrigation and domestic use passed house today and now is in the governor's hands for approval.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 22.—(P)—Two salary increase bills were passed by the senate today. One of these increase the salary of the treasurer of Jefferson county from \$1,900 to \$1,200 a year, while the other increases the salary of A. C. Walker, treasurer of Jackson county from \$1,500 to \$2,000 a year.

The dam bill would halt the proposed construction of a power plant at Gold Hill, which is now in litigation between the city of Gold Hill and the California Oregon Power Company.

SALEM, Feb. 23.—(P)—Efforts of sportsmen to declare the steelhead a game fish and prohibit commercial fishermen catching them have failed by a vote of 29 to 23. Telegrams and telephone messages centered on Harvey Wells, Multnomah, to ask for a reconsideration, but the motion was lost. However, the sportsmen are likely to effect a compromise regarding steelhead on the Rogue, they have a bill which closes the stream to commercial fishing. If, however, senate bill 154, which will prevent construction of dams below Big Butte creek, passes and uniform seasons are established on the streams in the vicinity of the Rogue, the bill to close the Rogue will not be pressed.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(P)—The senate bill creating a state board of higher education and abolishing the board of regents of the University of Oregon and the Oregon State college and normal schools will come up for final hearing at 2 o'clock Monday afternoon. Representative MacPherson motioned for such procedure together with denying he was "conspiring against the university."

"The constant warfare between the university and the college is reaching a point where it is almost intolerable," he said. "Oregon is divided between two camps, the followers of the two institutions. The college is going out to organize its forces and the university is doing likewise. Both sides are strenuously opposing any movement that would centralize control and bring about a greater efficiency of the schools."

"What about the rest of us who are looking at this disgraceful thing and having to pay the bill?"

"It has been brought to my attention that I have been working for the college to the detriment of the university. I want this situation to be settled. The senate bill proposed by Senators Bell and Schumacher is one of the best pieces of legislation offered to this body and I urge that early consideration be given to the bill."

MacPherson said that his name had been associated with the matter so as to impugn his motives and to jeopardize the measure. He said that he had asked Senator Bailey of Lane county to name a committee of three or five members of the alumni of the University of Oregon to investigate all the correspondence he had regarding the matter since 1925 to determine whether he had conspired to do anything against the university.

Representative Wells of Multnomah voted against it but yesterday he moved that the measure be brought back for reconsideration. Put to vote it developed that there was just enough defection to defeat it, the vote being 21 against reconsideration.

Home bill 229, introduced by Henderson and Bronaugh, providing a method for the fixing liability as the result of automobile accidents, failed to pass after it was given extended consideration. Henderson, Bronaugh, Byrd and Hazlett, spoke in favor of the measure. They said that the bill was legislation that was needed to meet a serious situation regarding reckless automobile drivers. Goldstein, led the opposition

Grandfather and Welfare Society File Charges as Abduction Climax—Los Angeles Authorities Probe Accused Pair—Mrs. Sharp Has Police Record.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The machinery of the law that worked at top speed for seven days to return kidnaped four-year-old Doris Smith-Murphy to her distracted mother was thrown into reverse gear tonight as efforts were initiated to wrest the four-year-old girl from her mother on the grounds of alleged unfitness.

The first move came from the girl's maternal grandfather; the second from the San Francisco society for the prevention of cruelty to children which investigated the Murphy home more than a year ago.

Los Angeles police today evidenced an interest in the case when Chief James E. Davis telegraphed officers here asking that "fingerprints, photographs and descriptions" of all persons involved in the kidnaping be sent to the southern city.

Chief Davis said he wanted the material because cases similar to the Doris kidnaping in Los Angeles are, as yet, unsolved. The trip made to Los Angeles by Sharp, husband of the woman held here on the kidnaping charge, was said to have influenced Los Angeles authorities to ask for the fingerprints and descriptions. It developed tonight that Mrs. Sharp has been in trouble here prior to the kidnaping of baby Doris. She was charged with bigamy and a statutory offense about four years ago, police records revealed. The charges were dismissed without trial after she had a previous alleged bigamous marriage annulled, procured a divorce and then a year later remarried her present husband.

The records also revealed that the home of the Murphys was investigated by the San Francisco society for the prevention of cruelty to children about a year ago. The case was dropped when it was shown that baby Doris was properly cared for. Officials of the society said tonight that "in view of recent developments it is imperative that the case be re-opened."

From another source tonight there was an indication that an attempt would be made to wrest the child from the custody of her mother. C. H. Vasson, grandfather of the child said that Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were not suited to care for baby Doris, for whom Vasson has a great attachment. Murphy, celebrating the happy event of the child's return announced tonight that she will resist all efforts to take the baby from her.

FELON CELL-FOR DRUNKEN DRIVER

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(P)—Following a spirited debate in which a large number of senators participated, the bill providing for a general tightening of laws relating to drunken drivers on the state highways was re-referred to the alcoholic committee.

Under the provisions of the bill a person twice convicted of driving an automobile on the highways while intoxicated would be subject to serve a term of from one to five years in the penitentiary and pay a fine of not less than \$200 or more than \$500.

UNSETTLED WEATHER THIS WEEK OUTLOOK

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—(P)—The weather outlook for the week beginning February 24, was announced here today by the United States weather bureau as follows: Far western states: The outlook is for unsettled weather with rains in western Washington and western Oregon. Local snows over the northern plateau region, and fair weather followed by unsettled in Nevada and California until the middle of next week when the weather will become unsettled with the possibility of rains.

KIDNAPED GIRL RETURNED TO MOTHER UNINJURED



Nationwide search for Doris Virginia Smith-Murphy came to a happy ending with the recovery of the four-year-old child uninjured. She is shown (lower left) in the arms of her stepfather and her mother, Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Murphy of San Francisco. Above at right are Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sharp in whose custody Doris Virginia was held for five days in the Mission district apartment, indicated by cross. C. C. Sidwell, radio salesman, (right) furnished the first clue to the whereabouts of the child. He was held for questioning and the Snarps arrested pending investigation.

FIND CLUE TO DRIVER OF CAR COMPLEXES OF LOST TRAPPER; IN MASSACRE OREGON SHOWN LEFT KIN COIN OF GANG KNOWN AS ONLY CURSE

Note Found By Mother In Desk Sheds Light On Douglas Mystery—Gillbreath Never Returned From Trip In Hills—Flight or Suicide?

ROSEBURG, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Some light on the mysterious disappearance of Rex Gillbreath, missing since January 28, was shed today with the finding by his mother, C. H. Vasson, grandfather of the child said that Mr. and Mrs. Murphy were not suited to care for baby Doris, for whom Vasson has a great attachment. Murphy, celebrating the happy event of the child's return announced tonight that she will resist all efforts to take the baby from her.

Officers declared today the note indicates Gillbreath left the county or ended his life. Gillbreath left his home in search of yew wood, carrying three days' provision. When he failed to return more than 200 men beat the surrounding territory, uncovered moonshine activities on Silver Peak and discovered a set gun which officers thought might have caused Gillbreath's death. Three men were arrested when stolen articles were found in their possession and were sentenced to jail. They were believed to have owned the setgun.

COUPLE CHARGED WITH SPREADING SMALLPOX CASES

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 23.—(P)—Charged with having spread from thirteen to twenty cases of smallpox in Portland, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hayes were being sought by police today. The two escaped from their home today as Dr. Harold C. Averill, assistant city health officer, entered to investigate the situation.

Dr. Averill questioned the home several days ago when it was discovered that a number of persons living there were ill with the disease. Today, just as he arrived at the house, Roy Hayes drove up in his automobile. His wife, Velma, went out the back door and the couple drove away.

Mrs. Hayes who had just recovered, officers say, worked in a restaurant while ill. Hayes is believed to be "breaking out" with the disease now. He has been working at a factory.

Chicago Investigation Into Butchery—Dr. Tacker Not Connected With Killings. Police Claim—Theories All Fade.

CHICAGO, Feb. 23.—(AP)—The Chicago Tribune said tonight that evidence gathered by investigators of the St. Valentine's day gang massacre was convincing on the identification of Rocco Belcastor as chauffeur and member of the squad of executioners.

The St. Valentine's day gang massacre tonight appeared as much of a mystery as it did nine days ago, unless the authorities have undisclosed information as to the identity of the gunman who shot down seven members of the Moran gang in their headquarters.

Half a dozen theories have been built up in the interim and as many clues uncovered, only to evaporate into unsupported beliefs of inconsequential happenings when subjected to examination. Police who several times have announced the slayings would be cleared up in a few hours and have given out new, and often conflicting information day by day, tonight were left with the odds and ends of a few beliefs and clues in their hands concerning the slayings not yet made public.

The latest "skeleton" to be exploded by the authorities came today with the finding in Detroit of Dr. Loyd Tacker, Chicago dentist who disappeared from near his home last night. When it was learned he had vanished the police at first announced that he had identified one of the killers when shown a photograph of the suspect, as a man whose tooth he had extracted recently.

Later Dr. Tacker was found in a dozen condition in Detroit with the story that he had been seized, kidnaped and drugged in Chicago by four men who took him away in an automobile. John Egan, chief of detectives, declared Dr. Tacker was not a material witness, and that the man identified by him was in jail at the time of the massacre and was not involved in the case.

Editor Proves State Has Poverty, Inferiority, and California Complex, None Justified By Facts—Judge Sawyer's Paper To Be Broadcast.

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Oregon suffers from a poverty complex, a California complex, an inferiority complex—in fact a veritable array of complexes, not one of them justified by facts, Robert W. Sawyer, publisher of the Bend Bulletin and state highway commissioner, declared in his address at the final session of the Oregon press conference at the University of Oregon today.

Mr. Sawyer presented facts of the final session of the conference, and was preceded by the election of Earle Richardson, Dallas, publisher of the Polk County Register-Observer, as president of the 1929 conference and George Turnbull, of the University school of journalism, as secretary. Mr. Richardson succeeds Frank H. Appleby, publisher of the La Grande Observer, who presided at this year's conference. Resolutions were adopted proposing that Mr. Sawyer's paper be made public over this state.

Mr. Sawyer, who presented facts and figures to prove that Oregon is not only well off, but extremely well situated financially and educationally.

Dr. Arnold Bennett Hall, president of the university outlined a plan for a business survey. It will be increasingly necessary for the weekly newspaper to pay more attention to business as a source of news, declared George F. Cornwall, of the Timberman.

Following a report of the committee on exchange of data by weeklies, presented by Arno Rae, Tillamook, and the new field manager of the editorial association, a resolution was passed to the effect that such an exchange of data system be put in effect for the weekly newspapers.

LINDY ON WAY TO VISIT ANNE OR MARRY HER

Lone Eagle Hops at Dawn For Mexico City—Gives Hint of Wedding Plans at Wichita—Lands at Abilene In Pitch Darkness.

EAGLE PASS, Texas, Feb. 23.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh landed here at 7:30 p. m., tonight enroute to Mexico City. He said he would spend the night here and leave for the Mexican capital at daybreak.

Leaving Abilene at 2:45 p. m., Lindbergh required four and one-half hours to fly the 300 air miles here. A strong headwind held him to 50 miles an hour much of the time he said.

The noted flier refused to amplify his statement that he was going to Mexico City. Asked if he intended to marry his fiancée, Miss Anne Morrow, at this time, he preserved a stony silence.

Notified that Lindbergh was thought to be heading his direction, more than a hundred persons were at the air field when his motor was heard. He circled the field once and landed in pitch darkness.

After being shown to a hotel, Lindbergh made arrangements to obtain a passport to Mexico. He then retired to his room and asked not to be disturbed until morning. His Travelair monoplane was functioning perfectly, he said.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Colonel Charles A. Lindbergh has broken his silence on his engagement to Miss Anne Morrow. Asked by the Wichita Beacon whether he thought his marriage would affect his flying he answered "Yes." As to where he planned to live he replied, "St. Louis is my home."

RADIO FLASHES MESSAGE FROM BYRD AT POLE

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Feb. 24.—(P)—For the first time in the history of radio broadcasting, a message direct from the Antarctic was given to the radio audience of the world early today.

After establishing two-way radio communication with the Byrd Antarctic expedition, radio station KDKA here picked up a message in code, sent by Commander Richard E. Byrd, re-broadcast the original signals and then radiocast an English translation of the wireless "to-to-to-to-to-to-to-to."

The rebroadcast followed a special program put on the air by KDKA, each week for the Byrd expedition and for the people of the far north.

Commander Byrd, in his message, addressed to George Wendt, Canadian Westinghouse company, Montreal, Canada, said that "We have been having 24 hours of daylight since arrival, but in a few days now the sun will sink below the horizon, and in another two months darkness will set in."

POLITICS AND PORK AT SALEM

Final Week of Legislature to Produce Much That Does Not Matter—Income Tax Bill In Dire Straits—Portland Gang Prepares to Pester Governor.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(P)—Carried by about 50 votes, the house late today passed a resolution voting each member \$5 a day during the session as expense money.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 23.—(P)—The thirty-fifth legislative assembly will adjourn sine die next week, probably at midnight, Saturday, March 2. Practically all of the major legislation is in senate committee, the house has acted on the entire tax relief program, excepting the income tax, and the motor license fee bill has sent to the senate.

For the seventh and last week of the session, there are several measures which are controversial and bristling with politics. Among them will be action of the home rule bill to permit Portland to fix its own telephone rates; a resolution making a "pork barrel" out of the highway department; attempts to over-ride the veto of the governor on the bill giving Minnominah county two additional judges; fish and game legislation and the proposed personal income tax.

Politics is showing in the proposed personal income tax bill. Its backers are uncertain whether to pass it, or refer it to the people. If the bill is passed the legislature will be criticized for trying to force on the people a tax which has been repeatedly voted down by the electorate. If the bill is referred to the people there are hints that the tax on intangibles and the excise tax on highways, the revenues involved and all three measures may be slaughtered by the people.

The highway "pork barrel" resolution is swelling hourly. Being a resolution, the governor has no veto over it. The resolution directed the highway commission what to do, but there are lawyers who say that the resolution is merely suggestion, no matter how strong its language, and that the highway commission need not regard it as a mandate.

Much remains to be done in the coming week, but the past week has seen some important matters disposed of. The kindergarten bill has passed and the credit for this goes to Mrs. Dorothy Lee. Dividing the boards and commissions into a cabinet form of state government is an idea to be submitted to the people. The resolution has been adopted by senate and house and will appear on the ballot in due time. Hereafter when the legislature has attempted a cabinet government, through consolidation bills, the bills have always failed because boards, commissions and departments united to defeat the proposals.

MOON SOURCE OF PORTLAND CLOSED

PORTLAND, Feb. 23.—(P)—Flow of one thousand gallons of moonshine a day was cut off last night when federal and state prohibition officers and the Washington county sheriff's force descended on a plant which officers identified with the name "distillery." It was located on the Williams ranch near Cass Corners on the Tidgard road.

Leslie H. Case, Horace Case, George Maxwell and Edward Sabo were arrested at the still, charged with manufacturing liquor.

The distillery was of a new type and was complete with boiler, piped water and an electric light plant. Its value was estimated at \$12,000.

The still had been operating for fourteen days, and the liquor had been coming to Portland. Approximately 20,000 gallons of mash and 400 gallons of whiskey were confiscated.

HILL LINES WILL SPEND MILLIONS

ST. PAUL, Minn., Feb. 23.—(P)—Expenditures totaling \$50,000,000 for new equipment and maintenance and improvement of existing equipment and track have been authorized by the Great Northern railway for 1929. C. O. Jenks, vice-president in charge of operations, announced today.

WRIGHT FIELD, DAYTON, O., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Lieut. Harry Johnson's third attempt in 11 days to establish a new airplane altitude record ended here today at 1:10 p. m. an hour after he started. Lieut. Johnson landed after he encountered a dense haze at 26,000 feet that obscured sight of the earth.

ROCK, Mo., Feb. 23.—(AP)—Her man Henry Taylor, 31, justice of the Idaho Supreme court, died last night.

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