

Today

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Pink, Shiny Toes.
The Little Birds.
Alas, Poor Bears.
Moral Russia.

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Important news from Palm Beach, where prosperity gets its coat of winter tan. Ladies, "the very nicest," walk on the beach in silk pajamas, wearing sandals, no stockings. The sandals reveal their little toes, and these toes are manicured, the nails nicely rounded, beautifully polished. Carlyle could have written about that.

There is good in everything, and manicured toes will be good for the feet of generations to come. Women having spent ages squeezing their feet, almost eliminating the little toe, will now realize that a foot to be beautiful must be treated intelligently.

The pleasures of our "upper classes" at Palm Beach will interest future historians. At one party six clowns drove tiny pigs and another exhibited the smallest living mule, named "Spark Plug." That was intellectuality most diverting.

Then there came a "tacky" party, all trying to look poor, wearing rags and tags, cheap cotton and calico dresses. And how they did laugh as they saw each other. Marie Antoinette dressed herself in the clothes of a shepherdess and pretended to be a little milkmaid in her little trianon. That was dangerous in old France, because the French royal "tacky party" actually ruled France.

Palm Beach's tacky party only rules Palm Beach.

In an old fable little birds in the wheat field were worried. They heard the farmer's son say, "We must eat that wheat tomorrow."

The mother bird said, "Don't worry."

But when the farmer himself said, "We must eat that wheat tomorrow," the mother bird her little brood.

Wall Street speculators paid little attention to Federal Reserve gentlemen, solemn bankers and others, saying, "You are gambling too much in Wall Street, you will suffer if you persist."

But now that Farmer Mellon, boss farmer of high finance, says Wall Street ought to be careful, perhaps Wall Street will listen.

Bears bit the dust in Wall Street Friday, and bit it hard. Stocks went up from five to ten points. The worm turned and "call money" cost only 7 per cent, while time money, for "legitimate business," cost 8 per cent.

How long business can thrive on a usury basis remains to be seen.

We read that in Russia young people expel from their association a boy or girl guilty of indecent jazz dancing in public, also boys and girls guilty of public flirtation, and this "up-to-date" nation laughs.

It need not laugh. If Russia takes life and decency seriously, and we do not, Russia will win, and we shall lose.

The loose court of Charles the First laughed at the stiff-necked Puritans. But they chopped off Charles the First's head, established themselves in New England, and accomplished a good deal. Cromwell, their leader, inspired fear after he had been dead for years.

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STATE HOOP TITLE WON BY LOCALS

Medford Swamps Astoria 35 To 14 In Final Game of Series—Settle Down After First Quarter and Show Clean-Cut Skill—McDonald Leads First Half Scoring.

SALEM, Ore., Mar. 16.—(AP)—The Medford high school basketball team walked off the Willamette University gymnasium floor here tonight wearing the crown of victory with the state championship safely tucked under its belt and a 35 to 14 win over Astoria's fighting fishermen.

Medford won the tell-tale game from Astoria purely on its ability to recover from a first quarter of wild basketball in which shooting was high pitched and little real basketball was displayed. Later in the game Medford showed some real skill in defense work under the basket where Astoria garnered most of its scores.

McDonald of Medford scored practically all of his team's points in the first half. He was high man with 19, while Larson of Astoria trailed with 8. Astoria came back near the end for a final rally but Medford by that time has picked their combination and it was easy sailing for the southern Oregon boys from then until the final gun.

In a loosely played game Washington high school won its consolation game from Wallawa 31 to 19. The score indicates just what brand of basketball was played. Acheson of Washington was high man with 14.

The final game of the state tournament underway here the last three days drew hundreds to the Willamette gymnasium. Standing room was at a premium and the large room became a hotbed with cheers of rosters.

There was much rejoicing throughout the city and valley when the news was received that Medford high had again won the state basketball championship. Neighborhoods were gathered about the radio sets in the homes and small crowds in front of the business places where the returning players were received from the KMEM play by play broadcast direct from the game. Although the general feeling had been that Medford would win, especially when the local team began to increase its lead long before the end, the final score was received by cheers and applause.

Melvin opened up with a long one which went wild. Helobera fouled Garnett and Garnett showed signs of high temperature when he threw the foul far and wide as he tried for the free shot. Melvin's chance for a cripple was wild. The teams felt each other out. Very few shots were tried from close quarters, the players fought for every opportunity.

McDonald took the ball off the back board after Melvin shot and converted to give the Peacemakers the first blood of the game and an edge in the classic game of the 1928-1929 basketball series.

The game was one of the closest checking title of the tournament, neither team being able to get in close enough to make their shots count. McDonald closed the entire team and went down the floor fast to score his second field goal of the game, as the Astorians culled for time out. McDonald was the heavy gun in the Medford offense.

Score first quarter, Medford 4, Astoria 0.

Second Quarter
The Finns seemed badly off of their game, evidently burning themselves out in last night's hard struggle against the Colonials of Portland.

Garnett fouled Thompson, Astoria center, and he converted for the upper Oregonians' first score of the game.

Larsen, Astoria's big cog last evening, came down the side of the court like a flash to score and bring the count within one point of tieing.

Anderson replaced Boyerman at forward. Boyerman had been sick during most of the tournament and hardly able to sit up.

Yestad fouled Melvin, who missed the first one and then old Bkewise on the second try. Lowe, Astoria, fouled Garnett, who converted the point to make the score Medford 8, Astoria 5 as the first half ended.

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Aids Revolt



Headquarters for Mexican revolution have been opened in New York City by Gen. Mariano V. Montero, former aide to Adolfo de la Huerta.

OFFICIALS FEEL WORST IS PAST ACROSS BORDER

No Official Statement From State Department—Observers See Indication U. S. Thinks Rebels' Move Fading Now.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—State department officials rolled down the tops of their desks today for the week-end holiday visibly more relieved over the Mexican situation than they have been since the revolution started.

While the department made no public comment, the indications were that this government feels the worst has passed and that the rebel movement has shown its maximum strength. There was a noticeable lessening of the apprehension which was felt in Washington immediately after the revolt suddenly flared up.

Following a policy of full support for the Porfirio Gil administration, officials in Washington were prepared to take all consistent steps in helping the federals to restore order and they already have formulated a policy of cooperation with Mexico City to prevent further activity by rebels who cross the border into the United States.

So confident was the opinion that things were turning out favorably for the federals, that Secretary Kellogg felt himself at liberty to make a trip to New York on private business, the secretary had been following the events of the revolution very carefully during the week but today turned over his personal attention to Under Secretary Clark.

SELLING MORE ON WALL STREET NO BAR TO STRENGTH

NEW YORK, March 16.—(AP)—The stock market encountered heavy selling today in anticipation of tighter money next week, but offerings were absorbed with remarkable ease, and vigorous pool operations in the radio and other shares imparted renewed strength to the general list before the close.

Trading was again carried on at breakneck speed, 2,718,286 shares changing hands in the two-hour session, the largest Saturday business since January 5. The Associated Press index of 50 industrial shares was elevated half a point to another new high at 233 1/2, making a gain of over eight points for the week.

COPCO SUED FOR LINK RIVER FLOOD DAMAGE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—Another suit was filed in federal district court here today against the California Oregon Power company for damages resulting when flood gates of the Link River between upper and lower Klamath lake in Klamath county were opened and sent a unusual amount of water down the Klamath river.

The suit was filed by Mrs. Mary E. Keene, who states she is owner of certain tracts of marsh lands along the Klamath river which were protected from high water by a dike constructed by the land owner. She seeks \$25,250.

RELIEF FOR FLOOD AREA IS HELD UP

Raging Torrents In Alabama Hamper Aid For 20,000 Sufferers—Many Helped to Safe Ground—13 Bodies Found—Property Loss Is Great—Mid-West Floods Subsiding.

MONTEGOMERY, Ala., March 16.—(AP)—Unprecedented torrents which raged seaward between Alabama's two watersheds tonight were a handicap to the relief agencies which concentrated their efforts on aiding approximately 20,000 persons affected by flood waters. Clear weather, however, was aiding the rescue workers, who had helped thousands to safe ground during the past 24 hours.

While only 13 bodies had been recovered, estimates here were that the fatalities would run into the scores.

Property loss in the form of buildings, livestock, household goods, farm implements and other materials was so great that no effort was made today to give an accurate estimate.

The greatest immediate emergency tonight appeared to exist in the neighborhood of Geneva and Etba, in the Choctawhatchee-Chattoogee watershed, but many other towns in that valley, as well as Brewton, Gairland and several other communities in the Alabama-Tombigbee basin likewise were flooded and in great need of food and medical supplies.

CHICAGO, March 16.—(AP)—Raging rivers were carrying on their incursions over varying sections of the middle west tonight while other streams reached their crest and gradually subsided.

The situation in Iowa took on a more serious aspect. Reports were received that hundreds of residents of lowland territory had been forced to evacuate their homes. The points hardest hit were Waterloo, where the Cedar river was on a rampage; Cedar Falls, Des Moines, Mason City and Keokuk.

Rail traffic throughout the district was seriously impeded by flooded roadbeds and thousands of dollars' damage to farm lands was reported. Weather bureau officials predicted further rise of streams over most of the area tonight.

GENESIS FLOOD STORY UPHELD BY DISCOVERIES

NEW YORK, March 16.—(AP)—The biblical story of the flood today had the support of material evidence unearthed by science.

Returning from an archaeological expedition to Mesopotamia, Prof. C. Leonard Woolley said he had found an eight-foot layer of silt and clay deposited during an overflowing of the Euphrates river and the Tigris delta.

Prof. Woolley headed an expedition of the Museum of the University of Pennsylvania and the British Museum which with a crew of 169 Arab workmen, has been excavating for seven years in excavating the ruins of ancient Sumeria.

Penetrating through a layer of evidence indicating a highly developed civilization of about 4000 B. C., they suddenly came upon a layer of silt or sand in which all manifestations of human life ceased to exist.

Beneath this deposit were utensils in the native fashion and expertly moulded brick indicating a high peak of cultural development.

Prof. Woolley emphasized that he attempted to prove nothing by his findings.

"We are not out to prove anything or disprove anything," he said.

"If we were we would be had archaeologists. We, as scientists, use the things we dig up with any other kind of information which may be forthcoming. In this case the previous information was in Genesis and in the Sumerian and Babylonian legends.

"The eight-foot deposit of silt in three places as much as 200 yards apart, can only have resulted from a flood of unexampled magnitude, and this can only be the flood of Sumerian legend and history, the flood of the book of Genesis."

Prof. Woolley said his discovery would indicate that the flood was not universal, but declared "with the Bible story, properly understood, make any such claim."

She's Best Lawyer



Jewell Russell showed she had the keenest wits among 110 law school graduates by making the highest marks at the Oklahoma bar examinations in Tulsa.

NEW POLICY ON PUBLIC DOMAIN IS UNDERTAKEN

Hoover Oil Conservation Plan First Step In Program—States to Realize Return From Public Lands Is Report.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—The government oil conservation policy of the Hoover administration is only a first step in a new program of dealing with the public domain. Former Representative Winter of Wyoming said today after a conference with the president at the White House.

Mr. Winter asserted that the chief expedient was a plan for dealing with public lands under which the comparatively small group of states in which these lands are located will be able to realize a return for them. It was without details of the plan and administration officials declined to discuss the matter.

While Mr. Winter was at the White House, Secretary Wilbur of the interior department announced the appointment of a committee of three to review outstanding permits to prospect for oil and gas on government lands with a view to the early cancellation of those whose holders have failed to protect their equities.

This committee is composed of William Stry, commissioner of the general land office; George O. Smith, director of the geological survey; and Edward C. Pinney, solicitor of the interior department. It will begin work at once.

PHONE CO. FILES ANSWER TO SUIT PORTLAND RATES

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—An answer to the suit the city of Portland brought against the Pacific Telephone & Telegraph company to enforce by court order the acceptance of a franchise approved by the voters at the last election regulating the rates to be charged by the utility, was filed in federal district court today by O. C. Spencer, the telephone company's attorney.

In affirmative pleadings in the answer, the telephone company reiterates its willingness to comply with a city franchise regulating the conditions under which they shall continue to enjoy the use of the streets and other privileges afforded by the city, but questions the authority of the municipality to regulate rates to be charged by the company for its services to its customers.

Such authority, it is contended, is peculiar to the state public service commission under an act of the legislature of 1911. The defendant corporation seeks a decree from the court "that the city has no authority to fix, regulate or bargain for the rates to be charged, and that the reasonable terms and conditions to be paid by the defendant be determined, to the end that all such terms, conditions and compensation may be incorporated in a franchise to be granted by the city of Portland to the defendant."

Search for Sweet-Vot Gun
NEW YORK, March 16.—(AP)—Philip Russell, author, thinks it ought to be a simple matter to stop the Mexican revolution. "All one would have to do would be to throw some chocolate to the soldiers. A Mexican would rather reach for a sweet than a gun any day."

WILL SEEK RELIEF FOR 1929 CROP

McNary Acts For Quick Results On Opening Extra Congress Session—Call Issued for Hearings Beginning March 25—Farm Leaders Invited to Present Views.

WASHINGTON, March 16.—(AP)—Enactment of a farm relief bill early enough in the forthcoming extra session to make it applicable to the 1929 crops was proposed today by Chairman McNary of the senate agriculture committee in issuing a call for the opening of committee hearings March 25.

The senator declared he intended to get a new farm measure into shape in time to have it presented by the committee to the senate on the opening day of the session, April 15. He said he would then press for immediate consideration of the bill.

All agricultural leaders have been invited by McNary to present their views to the committee, and he declared himself today for an open discussion of all possible legislative remedies.

It is believed the bill introduced last session by the Oregon senator ultimately will become the basis for the new legislation, but McNary has invited discussion before the committee of all proposals hitherto presented to congress.

Among the first to be heard by the committee will be the heads of the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Grange and the Farmers' union. The farm federation was a supporter of the old McNary-Hausen bill with its equalization provision which was twice vetoed by Calvin Coolidge, while the grange favored the debenture farm proposal.

While indications have come from democrats, including Senator Harrison of Mississippi, that their party again will propose the equalization plan for raising funds to market surplus crops, the republican majorities in the new congress are not expected to lend support to such a move in view of the decision against it by the republican national convention.

The revised McNary bill placed before the senate last session provided for a \$300,000,000 revolving fund with which to aid co-operative marketing associations in the establishment of agencies for controlling surplus crops.

CLOUD RAISED OVER COLLEGE CONTROL BILL

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—The Portland Oregonian will say tomorrow that a proposal will be made to Governor Patterson Wednesday by Frank J. Miller, member of the Normal School Board of Regents, that a suit be instituted to determine the constitutional points raised regarding senate bill 192, or the Bell-Schulmerger measure which created a board of higher education to control the university, the state college and three normal schools.

The proposal will say that if some of the contentions are correct, it is within range of possibility that a special session of the legislature may be called to un-lingulate it.

Miller, a former senator and for several years a member of the public service commission, suggests that a friendly suit be started with a member of each of the three boards of regents as plaintiffs.

Among the various contentions made is that the bill repeals the millage voted by the people and authorizes a levy of 2.04 mills, which is the total of the present millage; that by doing this the legislature placed the millage within its 8 per cent limitation and if this is true, then the millage will be left for the rest of the state activities, such as the penitentiary, hospitals and other institutions; that the bill carries an emergency clause which is not permissible on a tax measure. These are but several of a number of points raised.

The legislature intends to consolidate the schools under one board and have this board and all the funds, but the bill is said to have been so carefully drawn that its constitutionality is in doubt as well as its effect on the finances.

Revolt Leader



Rogelio Loreto, president of Agua Prieta, Sonora, who took over the border town, its garrison and custom house in the name of the revolutionary party.

OIL INDICATIONS FOUND IN WELL CENTRAL POINT

Wm. Bohnert Property Site of Drilling Operations—Artesian Water, Co a Found—Owners Balk at Option-Giving.

Efforts have been in progress in the Central Point section for sometime to lease 1000 acres of land for oil drilling purposes, in view of good indications said to have been found there during the past six months while in the course of drilling for an artesian well on the farm property of William Bohnert, adjoining the Pacific highway north of Central Point. The well was drilled to a depth of 500 feet yesterday and may be drilled deeper.

The drilling operations have been under the direction of A. R. Enyart, well known driller of this city, and were begun last summer for the purpose of finding water for irrigation purposes for the large acreage owned by Mr. Bohnert. However, since operations began indications of oil have been continuing to grow better until the drillers now are nearly confident they are on oil land, their confidence made stronger by chemical analysis and the fact that three veins of coal have been encountered within the last month of drilling.

Property owners surrounding the Bohnert property have been reluctant in signing up acreage, giving drillers first option on their land for oil wells should oil of sufficient paying quantity be found in the test well.

If the acreage could be contracted, the construction of a steel derrick and improved drilling apparatus would be installed by Mr. Bohnert, and if necessary the drilling continued to a depth ranging from 1000 to 2000 feet. Experts who have viewed the indications are confident oil will be found before that depth is reached.

But in view of the present situation, it is probable Mr. Bohnert may not drill much deeper and will cap the well, for the present, using it mainly for irrigation purposes through the use of pumps.

In the course of drilling to the present depth, quantities of gas, soda and sulphur water have been found. Nearly 100 feet of casing has also been installed in the well, which has a circumference of 15 inches.

LINDBERGH LANDS AT ALBUQUERQUE FOR NIGHT'S REST

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., March 16.—(AP) Flying the course charted for the contemplated transcontinental air mail route over the southwest, Col. Charles A. Lindbergh landed here at 3:44 p. m. today from Clovis, N. M., and will spend the night in Albuquerque.

The flying colonel, for whom mild apprehension was felt when he was unheard from after leaving Midland, Texas, until he landed at Clovis, N. M., this afternoon, is expected to leave here tomorrow for Los Angeles.

Colonel Lindbergh, who is flying his Curtiss-Elliott plane, locked over the airport at Clovis when he made a 30-minute stop.

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TAX RETURN SWAMPING U. S. COFFER

Cash Pours In Too Fast To Permit Count—Receipts Rushed to Banks—Treasury Needs The Money—Last Figures Show \$5,400,000 Ahead Last Year on March 15.

WASHINGTON, Mar. 16.—(AP)—Cash was pouring into the treasury today at a rate that made it impossible for officials even to guess as to the total which the March 15 income tax payment, the first in 1929, will reach.

Collection offices throughout the country were not attempting to make a tabulation of the current totals, but in response to Washington instructions, were rushing their receipts into banks, since the treasury technically is very nearly up to its bank balances with expenditures, and needs the money.

By the latest available figures, which showed the condition of receipts at the close of business March 15, income tax payments for the month were running about \$5,400,000 ahead of receipts to the same date last year. If this rate of increase is maintained the government may receive \$50,000,000 more in March this year than it received last year.

Though this possibility was seen by some officials others were doubtful that it would be realized. "Considering all these factors the treasury would not attempt even a guess today at what total receipts would be and it was considered unlikely that any definite knowledge would be available before March 23.

Last year the government took in \$218,000,000 from its March income tax sources and if the indicated increase is maintained this year the figure might be raised to \$260,000,000. There are some grounds for expecting an advance but until it is actually in hand Secretary Mellon and his aids will refrain from indicating it.

PORTLAND, Ore., March 16.—(AP)—With approximately 800 more income tax returns filed than a year ago, the filing period for 1929 closed at midnight Friday. The last taxpayer was not cleared through the Portland office until 12:30, according to Clyde Huntley, collector of internal revenue for Oregon.

The figures forwarded to the secretary of the treasury at midnight indicated an increase of but \$35,000 over the \$1,044,044 in tax up to 1927 incomes collected last year. A few delinquent returns were being filed.

ACTORS WORRY OVER CHARGES OF TAX FRAUD

LOS ANGELES, March 16.—(AP) A second true bill found by the federal grand jury charging fraud in the making of income tax returns for movie actors and actresses of prominence, caused added numbers of film folks to wonder today "what the harvest will be." Edward H. Hayden, Hollywood and Los Angeles income tax counselor, was also faced today with the necessity of furnishing \$1000 bond, following his indictment for alleged falsification of tax returns.

The grand jury, after hearing the testimony of Fred Nibbe, film director, George J. O'Brien, motion picture actor, Raoul Walsh, actor, and Ramon Navarro, actor, yesterday, regarding their relations with Hayden, returned the true bill. An indictment covering 53 pages charges Hayden with falsifying the income tax statements of the four film directors and actors.

Several government agents were also called as witnesses before the indictorial body.

Hayden's indictment follows that of Miss Marjorie Berger, another income tax adviser, who was indicted by the grand jury last week. She is accused of having falsified the returns of Rod La Roche, Director Mackell and William Hains.

Federal officials said charges might be filed against the motion picture people involved, although earlier expressions by United States Attorney S. W. McNabb had given them hope that money penalties would be the extent of their punishment, if any.