

Forecast—Fair tonight and Thursday. Highest yesterday 46. Lowest this morning 34.

Daily—Twenty-fourth Year. Weekly—Fifty-seventh Year.

MEDFORD, OREGON, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24, 1929.

Highest year ago today 62. Lowest year ago today 42.

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Mr. Hoover On Crime. No More Poverty. Who Sold the Whiskey? Lo, the Poor Farmer.

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Herbert Hoover tells newspaper editors that crime is our problem, and it is not chiefly a prohibition problem.

The President sees the country's foundations subsiding under crime's attack.

He says: "Nine thousand are murdered every year in the United States, little more than half as many arrested, less than one-sixth of the slayers convicted."

"At least 50 times as many robberies in proportion to the population are committed in the United States as in Great Britain, and three times as many burglaries."

Prohibition has increased crime, says the President, "by the vast sums that are poured into the hands of criminal classes by patronage of illicit liquor, by otherwise responsible citizens."

"But only 8 per cent of crimes come from the prohibition amendment."

How many crimes come from contempt for law and the constitution, shown by "the otherwise responsible citizens?"

When the merchant and the banker have their bootleggers, the highwayman feels that he has a right to his blackjack, the burglar that it is his right to own and operate a jimmy.

The President, sincerely and courageously determined to enforce the prohibition law, will find it a task compared with which controlling the Mississippi floods would be child's play.

The "Berliner Tageblatt" says Herbert Hoover's "fundamental object is abolition of poverty. The benefits of modern technique should come to the people as a whole. Equal rights for all, and not merely for Wall Street and Rockefeller and Morgan."

You can't do Wall Street, Rockefeller or Morgan a greater favor than to abolish poverty. They don't make profits from poverty. Their profits come from the money that the average prosperous man spends. And the more he has, the more they get.

In New Jersey a "prominent engineer and clubman" is in jail, accused of driving while drunk and killing a garage attendant whose leg was sheared off by the "prominent engineer's" running board.

In New York a negro accused of attacking women in a subway, says, "I finished my work, had a few drinks and went home." That's all he remembers.

What about the gentleman that supplied whiskey to these men?

Have the authorities made any effort to identify and punish the whiskey sellers? Not yet.

Frank Pellego, Mansfield, Ohio, owns a "soft drink parlor," but won't own it long.

A prohibition agent shot Pellego, who is dying, his wife and six children watching him.

The agent said Pellego sold whiskey but wouldn't let the agent take it out of the soft drink parlor, so the agent shot Pellego.

Prohibition is a complicated institution.

The "William and Mary" plan to

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GIRL SETS NEW SOLO AIR MARK

Elinor Smith, Long Island's Flying Flapper, Breaks World's Record for Endurance Flights—Flies Throughout Night, Completing Over 26 Hours—Carried From Plane.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, N. Y., April 24.—(AP) Elinor Smith landed at 2:02:16 p. m. today with a new woman's solo endurance flight record to her credit. She took off at 11:40:44 a. m. yesterday.

Miss Smith had been in the air 24 hours, 21 minutes and 32 seconds. The previous record, held by Louise McPhetridge, was 22 hours, 3 minutes and 12 seconds. She made a perfect landing but had to be helped from her plane after the long hours in the pilot's seat.

ROOSEVELT FIELD, New York April 24.—(AP) At 11:40:44 a. m. today Elinor Smith, Long Island flapper, completed a full day in the air, the first time a woman solo flier ever accomplished such a feat.

Three minutes and 12 seconds after completing her 24 hours aloft Miss Smith had added two hours to the previous woman's solo endurance flight record, and kept on flying.

Earlier this morning she dropped a note saying that her stabilizer had gone "haywire" and that she was clinging to the control stick with both arms. This difficulty apparently corrected itself, however, when a photographer flew alongside her shortly before noon she blew them kisses with both hands and seemed to be having no trouble at all.

Fliers at the field had not heard any spluttering or her engine at noon, indicating that she had not switched from her main tanks to the five gallon reserve supply of fuel. It is true they estimated that Miss Smith might stay up for a total of as much as 30 hours.

Miss Smith established a woman's record of 13 hours last January, but this was shortly after surpassed by Miss Bobby Trout of California, who in turn lost to Mrs. McPhetridge.

In her previous flight, which was made in an open cockpit plane Miss Smith suffered severely from the extreme cold, but her father, Tom Smith, actor and amateur pilot, revealed that this time she was amply protected against any chilling blasts.

JOPLIN, Mo., April 24.—(AP) A new attempt by Miss Louise McPhetridge, former title holder, to regain the women's endurance airplane flight record, will be made in June, her mother Mrs. R. F. McPhetridge of Bentonville, Ark., announced today.

The record was captured today by Miss Elinor Smith, a New Yorker.

U.S. TO DECLARE AN EMBARGO ON FRUIT IN FLORIDA

U. S. Dept. of Agriculture Asks Congress for \$4,250,000 to Combat Spread of Mediterranean Fruit Fly—Immediate Action Taken.

WASHINGTON, April 24.—President Hoover recommended to congress today that \$4,250,000 be made available to "meet the grave emergency due to the presence of the Mediterranean fruit fly in certain sections of the state of Florida."

WASHINGTON, April 24.—(AP) The department of agriculture announced today that a federal quarantine restricting the movement of fruit and certain vegetables from Florida to combat the infestation by the Mediterranean fruit fly will be instituted "within a few days or as soon as the requirements of the plant quarantine act can be complied with."

The department said it asked congress to authorize the expenditure in this connection of \$4,250,000 which is available. This sum was made for control measures against the pink boll weevil and now is available as conditions have not required its expenditures.

To Try For Record



Pretty 17-year-old Elinor Smith will attempt to set a new endurance record. She is shown before her new Bellanca plane.

HEAD OF U.S. LEGION IS A VISITOR

National Commander Paul V. McNutt Inspects Medford Legion's Playground and Honor Roll—Presented With Picture of Crater Lake—Vining Gives Welcome Address.

National Commander Paul V. McNutt of the American Legion was welcomed to Oregon on his swing thru the western states at a largely attended luncheon at Lithia hotel in Ashland today, approximately 200 Legionnaires and Auxiliary members being present from all parts of the state for the occasion.

Following the luncheon the national leader was brought to Medford by automobile as part of a long caravan which also accom-



Paul V. McNutt

panied him to Grants Pass where he will be made an honorary member of the Cavemen's organization this afternoon.

During his brief visit here Commander McNutt inspected the playground and honor roll board, and was welcomed by Mayor A. W. Pipes on behalf of the city. Before his departure he was presented with a large framed picture of Crater Lake by H. L. Bromley, chairman of the Medford post reception committee.

Commander Ives S. Fisher headed a delegation of state legion officials on hand to welcome McNutt upon his arrival in Ashland. Those responding to introductions by Legionnaire Wm. Briggs, of Ashland post who acted as toastmaster at the Lithia hotel luncheon included: Past State Commander George E. Love of Eugene, Department Adjutant Carl R. Mosey, National Committeeman Vic MacKenzie, State Executive Committeemen J. S. Morland, S. S. George and P. B. McDonald; State Publicity Officer Irl S. McSherry, Neil Moritt, grand chef de guerre and Wm. Sherlock Brown, garde de la porte of the state organization 40 of 8, the latter also representing Portland post.

Mrs. William C. Kelley, state president of the Legion Auxiliary greeted Commander McNutt on behalf of the women's organization and other officers of the auxiliary including Mrs. N. C. Chaney of Medford, state vice president; Mrs. Polly McInturff, Marshfield, state secretary, and Mrs. Lena Stewart, Albany, state committeewoman, also were present.

In addition to the state department officials, delegations were on hand from Klamath Falls, Lakeview, Grants Pass, Kerby, Medford and several posts in northern California.

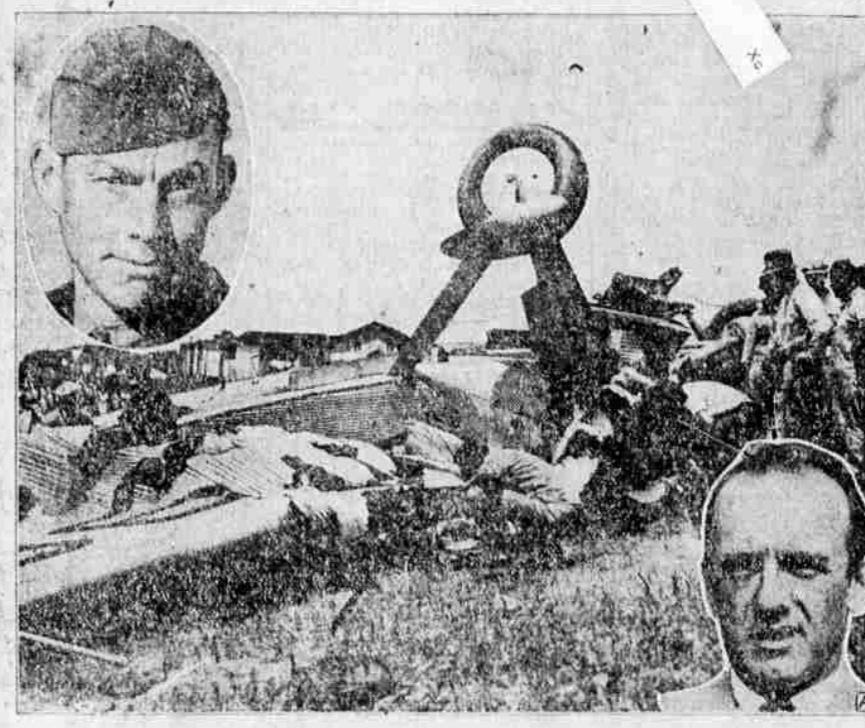
Following a welcoming address by Irving F. Vining, State Commander Fisher introduced McNutt at the Ashland meeting, the latter giving a brief outline of the principal aims of the veterans' organization during his incumbency.

The commander, who proved himself a pleasing and forceful speaker dwelt mainly upon the subject of rehabilitation and hospitalization of disabled ex-service men, the outstanding activity of the American Legion since its organization following the war.

The failure of congress to pass the hospital bill has created a serious situation for the disabled veterans, particularly the mentally ill, the commander pointed out, the failure having left 5189 neuro-psychiatric (mentally ill) veterans awaiting hospitalization.

"Of this number, there are 2762 whose mental illness is directly connected with their service in the World War; 1671 more veterans suffering the same illness are entitled to hospitalization by the government, but cannot receive the care intended for them under section 202, paragraph 10, of the World War Veterans act. There are 756 (Continued on Page Six)

MID-AIR PLANE COLLISION HURTLIES SIX DEATH



Wreckage of air liner which crashed with an army plane above San Diego, killing five in the transport and Lt. Kaefer, (upper left) pilot of the army craft. Maurice Murphy, (lower right) flying the passenger ship, was one of those killed.

CARKIN RESIGNS AS LEGISLATOR; SALEM BUZZES

Prominent Local Official Sends Resignation to Governor Without Explanation—Business Obligations Given As Cause—Sale Is Surprised.

The news that City Attorney John H. Carkin had resigned his membership in the state legislature, to become effective immediately, will not only be received with surprise by the Medford public, but by the people of the entire state of Oregon.

Mr. Carkin took this action today, by sending to Governor Patterson the following brief letter, which gave no reason for his action:

Hon. L. L. Patterson, Governor, State of Oregon, Salem, Oregon.

Dear Governor: I hereby tender my resignation as representative, eighth representative district, to take effect immediately.

Dated at Medford, Oregon, this 23rd day of April, 1929. Respectfully, JOHN H. CARKIN.

However, it is known that Mr. Carkin, who is not only one of the most prominent, and generally regarded as one of the most able, members of the Oregon legislature, but is the oldest in point of continuous service in that body except Denton Burdick of Redmond, member from Deschutes county, who has one term more, has been contemplating such action for some time past.

Mr. Carkin has been a member of the lower house of the legislature continuously since 1913, and two years ago served as speaker of the house. At the last session he was chairman of taxation and revenue, vice chairman of legislation and rules, and member of the rules and judiciary committees.

In a brief interview this afternoon Mr. Carkin said that the fact that he was generally regarded for appointment to the state tax commission, had nothing to do with his resignation.

"I have taken this resignation action because I can no longer spare the time from private and business duties here, for legislative work; did not care to run for another term, and in view of the suggested possibility of the legislature being called into special session, thought it desirable to resign now and avoid further absence from home, if such a special session is held."

Salem Speculates SALEM, Ore., April 24.—(AP) The resignation of John Carkin, veteran legislator from Jackson county and speaker of the house of Representatives during the 1927 session, was received by Governor Patterson and members of the state board of control Wednesday.

While Representative Carkin stated no reason for his action and members of the board would not comment, speculation about the state house attributes the resignation to the desire of the board of control to appoint Carkin as one of the three members of the state tax commission as enlarged by the last legislature.

Under the constitution Carkin is barred from accepting appointment to an office created during the time he was serving in the legislature, but there have been indications that members of the

TORNADOES KILL SCORE IN SOUTH

Slocum, Texas, Town of 200 People, Reported 'Blown to Bits'—Eight Known Dead in Palestine—Mississippi Floods Illinois Farms.

SALMON, Texas, April 24.—(AP) A tornado swept Slocum, a town of 200 persons, near here this afternoon.

Reports from persons living near there said that the "town was blown to pieces."

All doctors in Salmon were rushed to Slocum.

It is not known whether there was any loss of life.

R. F. Smith, merchant here, said that two customers of his store, living a few miles from Slocum, told him that the storm struck about noon.

"One of them said that it blew a large tree down on his house and that a farm house a short distance from his home was blown to pieces."

PALESTINE, Texas, April 24.—(AP)—Eight are known to be dead and many injured in a tornado which destroyed Slocum community 18 miles southeast of here at noon today. The dead:

Charles Fay Turner, schoolboy; Russell McIver, schoolboy; Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Melver; H. W. and Marvin Kirkwood, sons of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kirkwood.

Two unidentified. It was not known whether Mr. and Mrs. Kirkwood were killed or injured. They were reported missing.

The known injured include the small daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Barney Tucker, arm severed and lacerations.

Karl and Marie Kirkwood, children of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Kirkwood, legs broken.

The Slocum school house was destroyed, but it was not believed any lives were lost in it.

QUINCY, Ill., April 24.—(AP) The pounding waters of the Mississippi battered a new breach in the protecting wall along the South Quincy gardens at 7 a. m. today and poured in upon 5000 acres of improved farm lands.

Photo Engravers Strike SAN FRANCISCO, April 24.—(AP) Failure of employers to agree to a shorter working week resulted in the strike today of 150 commercial photo engravers in northern and central California.

BOOTLEGGERS BOMB POLICE IN CLEVELAND

Homes of Officers Shaken By Early Morning Blasts—Explosive Believed Thrown From Auto—Dead Gangsters Found.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 24.—(AP)—Two dynamite bombs which police charged against harrassed bootleggers, exploded within an hour of each other early today in attacks upon two members of the department. One was planted at the home of Captain William A. McMasters and the other at a recent residence of Sergeant Patrick J. Holland, chief of the vice and liquor squad.

At the McMasters home part of a porch was torn away and all windows in the neighborhood were shattered. Mrs. McMasters and two children, William, Jr., 4, and Ruth, 3, were severely shaken. Frame porches were ripped from a four-apartment building where Holland lived until four weeks ago. Windows were broken and occupants of the building were thrown from their beds.

The bombers left no clues and police said they believed the explosive was thrown from an automobile in each case.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 24.—(AP)—Bodies of two men who had been shot to death and then thrown into a ditch were found near here today, and police said that bootleg gang warfare had broken out again in Cleveland.

The men were identified tentatively as "Skinny" Freetman and Jessore Shiller. Both of the men were about 25 years old.

"They had been 'taken for a ride' and dumped from the killers' auto in typical gangster style, Detective Chief Cody said after opening investigation of the case. The bodies were lying face downward.

Shortly after 3 a. m. General Francisco Borquez, rebel commander, got up out of bed and rescribed the order and the Americans who had settled down in the cafes and saloons to make a night of it, were permitted to cross back into Arizona. Mexicans also were permitted to return to their side. General Borquez announced that hereafter the border would be closed from midnight until 6 a. m., but gave no explanation of the new order.

Baseball Scores

Table with columns for National and American baseball scores, listing teams like Philadelphia, New York, Boston, and Cleveland with their respective runs, hits, and errors.

GERMANY'S ANTI-BOMB PLAN FAILS

Proposal for Prohibition Aircraft Bombing in War Is Rejected By Disarmament Conferees—Safety for Civilians Upheld—Aeroplanes Could Slay Thousands.

GENEVA, April 24.—(AP)—Germany's proposal for prohibition of aircraft bombing in war time was rejected today by the preparatory commission on disarmament of the League of Nations. Out of 25 national delegations at the conference only five countries supported the project.

However, in refusing to insert the bomb prohibition clause in the draft treaty, which the commission is formulating, the delegations voting against the proposal accepted a subsequent resolution offered by Nicolas Paltis, of Greece, affirming that they had no intention of authorizing the dropping of bombs on civilian populations.

Count von Bernstorff, in arguing for his proposal, said that in a few hours bombing airplanes flying over Paris, Berlin and London could take a toll of half a million victims. The Germans insisted that if this method of warfare was permitted war would become not only more horrible, but more cowardly.

"The combatants themselves, protected by defensive appliances, would be in the safest position, while the real victims would be old people, women and children who hitherto have been protected by all possible means which civilization affords," he said.

MEXICAN REBELS CLOSE LINE GATE ON LATE VISITORS

NOGALES, Ariz., April 24.—(AP) American citizens were held for three hours in Douglas, Ariz., today after Mexican rebels closed the international line here without warning shortly after midnight. Mexicans on this side similarly were cut off from returning to their country.

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Will Rogers Says: BOSTON, Mass., April 24.—Say, that speech of Mr. Hoover's Monday was just about one of the strongest things a president ever said when he said life and property here is less safe than in any other civilized country in the world.

The only difference of opinion we can have about that is, do we come under the head of civilized? I doubt that more than I do the statement. One thing he hadn't spoken two minutes till you could tell the same man hadn't written that speech that had been in there. It was about the condition of the country, but not the same condition that Calvin used to enumerate to us.

Babe Ruth came up this afternoon and didn't knock anything but a single. I never was so disgusted.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.



Will Rogers

Pair rain, cloudy west tonight and Thursday. Local frosts east tonight. Gentle, variable winds.