

Today

By Arthur Brisbane Word From Arizona. Successful Miss HoKins. Mr. Wells' Chimpanzee. Shot in Prison.

Mrs. Grace H. Logan of Phoenix says Arizona women earnestly favor abolishing capital punishment. A woman, Eva Dougan, was hanged there recently, says Mrs. Logan, and "we now have two young boys facing the gallows. When our committee was in session today I agreed to see if you would not touch upon this subject in your writings for our Arizona papers."

Punishment inflicted by government on criminals reflects the civilization of the period. After the French revolution, when torture of witnesses was forbidden, judges were aghast, and said: "We can't get the facts if we are not allowed to torture witnesses."

That applied to witnesses not accused of any crime. If Arizona decides to stop punishing one killing with another killing, that will be due to the influence of women.

A million women, burning with the desire to be "independent," although nobody is independent, will be interested in Miss Marion Hollins. Years ago she was champion female golfer. Now, she takes her place in big business, as an able "oil woman." She made up her mind that if men could do it, she could, went into oil financing, and a recent sale netted her \$2,500,000.

Did you read H. G. Wells' interesting statement about the higher apes? They can "think ahead" a little. No other animal except man, not even monkeys with tails, can do it.

Without being taught, a chimpanzee will take one stick, insert it in the hollow of another stick, and, with the added length, draw a banana into his cage.

Since the beginning of time, no other animal but man could think as much as that.

Consider what man does now, weighing the stars, measuring the electrons inside of an atom, and only 12,000 years ago he was using sharp flints for weapons, not far ahead, mentally, of the chimpanzee.

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Abe Martin



Don't mention me, but it's whispered Mr. Bentley has lost absolutely everything. Anyhow, his son has gone to work," said Mrs. Leghorn Tharp to a house full of bridge players today. Five cents used to top for holdin' a horse, but I don't know what bank hands pay blonds to sit at the wheel.

CARPENTER KILLED BY FALL HERE

Ben Smith Plunged From Holly Theater Scaffold By Heart Attack - Head Badly Crushed By Contact With Sharp Corner.

Heart attack is given as a possible cause for a plunge of 30 feet from a scaffold in the Holly theater this noon, claiming the life of Ben Smith, 55, a carpenter. An autopsy will probably be held this afternoon in an effort for definite determination.

Smith was working on the ceiling of the theatre and was standing on one of three planks when he suddenly lunged forward and fell onto the floor, his head striking a sharp corner. His head was badly crushed. Earl Fehl, in charge of the construction, rushed to the man but said he was dead the instant he struck or possibly before. He thinks the man was the victim of heart attack.

Smith is believed to have two daughters living at Richmond, Calif., and he was residing in Medford with friends.

BAYONNE FIRE RAGING AFRESH AS GALE FANS

BAYONNE, N. J., May 9.—(AP)—With chemicals virtually exhausted and a stiff north wind carrying the flames toward two large high pressure gasoline tanks near the main office building, the fire at the Gulf Oil Refining company, threatening the entire refinery at Bayonne, N. J., today.

The plants of the Standard, Tidewater and Vacuum Oil companies nearby, also were feared to be in danger. The last supply of special chemicals was brought from Syracuse, N. Y.

The estimated damage is \$5,000,000. More than 5,000,000 gallons of oil have been consumed. The storage yard today was a scene of desolation with crashed and twisted tanks standing like white spectres in the early dawn. Chemical flasks covered every piece of equipment in the vicinity of the blaze with a heavy white coating and made the ground underfoot a mire of slippery grey mud.

HORTON SMITH IS COMPSTON VICTIM

SOUTHPORT, Eng., May 9.—(AP)—Horton Smith, young American golf professional, was beaten today in his first start on English soil this year when his 289 was not good enough to win the northern professional championship. Smith, up among the leaders throughout the 72 holes of medal play, was definitely defeated when Archie Compston, big English pro, came in with a 285.

Compston won the tournament, shooting steady golf through the wind and rain that marred the closing day of the event.

Execute 39 Men PARIS, France, May 9.—(AP)—Four of the 39 men condemned to death for the Indo-China riots during February were executed at Yau-bay.

American Pilgrims Hold Mass Aboard Ship in Carthage Rites

CARTHAGE, Tunisia, May 9.—(AP)—America's part in the thirtieth International Eucharistic congress today consisted of an impressive series of 169 masses at fourteen altars improvised on the steamships which bore the new world pilgrims to this meet.

WHAT'S IN A NAME? \$10 IS OFFERED FOR LOCAL MOVIE TITLE

"What's in a name?"—\$10 this time if you choose the right one for the motion picture of southern Oregon to be presented at the Craterina theater next week. The Medford Mail Tribune is sponsoring a contest to obtain a good snappy title for this film, which will be used for publicity purposes. A prize of \$10 will be awarded the person who hands in the title judged most appropriate.

SLAYER DENIES CRIME A WHIM BEFORE DEATH

Vogel Confesses Murder Was Not Result of Gin and Anger - Leaves Mother's Day Message.

CHICAGO, May 9.—(AP)—August Vogel, 27, was electrocuted early today for the murder of Lyle Perrenoud. He left a "Mother's Day" telegram to be sent to his mother, who cannot read and thinks her son is in jail only for violation of a parole.

In a last minute confession, Vogel denied he had been a "whim slayer." "I lied when I said this killing was the result of gin and anger. I deliberately planned a robbery; I was watching for anyone worth robbing. I had a revolver and an automatic. I know how to handle revolvers, but this was the first time I ever handled an automatic. As I pressed it against the man and told him to put his hands up, the gun exploded, although I didn't mean to shoot."

Perrenoud was killed in an argument that followed a minor collision between his car and one driven by Vogel.

George Vogel, serving a prison term for being a member of the robber gang of which August was leader, "confessed" last night it was he and not his brother who fired the shot, but he withdrew his statement when prison officials warned him he was putting himself in danger of the death penalty.

Baseball Scores

Table with columns for American and National leagues, listing teams and scores.

Homicides in California decreased 42 last year, with 327 reported for the 12 months.

COURT HOUSE IS FIRED BY MOB TO BURN NEGRO

SHERMAN, Tex., May 9.—(AP)—George Hughes, negro, was cremated in a vault in the county court house here today after it had been fired by a mob that sought to lynch him. Sheriff Arthur Vaughan said this afternoon.

10,000 HOMELESS IN CEYLON INUNDATION

COLOMBO, Ceylon, May 9.—(AP)—Ten thousand persons have been rendered homeless by unprecedented floods which have inundated a large area in the northern part of Colombo.

OREGON PRIMARY CONTESTANTS



A. W. Norblad, (left) governor of Oregon, is opposed at the polls for reelection as republican nominee by Charles Hall, (center) Coos county legislator, and Henry L. Corbett, (right) Portland legislator. The primary will be held May 16.

RAY HEIRS FILE ANSWER TO SUIT OF INA OLWELL

Allege \$35,000 Paid As Compromise - Ask Dismissal 'Undue Influence' Charge - Action Is Hit.

An answer and petition to the suit of Mrs. Ina Enola Olwell, contesting the last will of her mother, Mrs. Charles R. Ray, Sr., was filed in the circuit court today, by Attorney Charles R. Reimes. It is asked that the will and all its bequests be declared invalid, and that the suit of Mrs. Olwell, in which she alleges "undue influence" be dismissed. The answer alleges that the family paid Mrs. Olwell \$35,000 as a compromise in the suit filed by her against the terms of her father's will.

The mother bequeathed the major portion of her estate of the estimated value of \$40,000, to her daughter, Mabel R. Ray, and her son, Charles R. Ray, named as executor without bonds. Frank R. Ray, a son, and Mrs. Olwell were bequeathed \$1 each.

Mrs. Olwell seeks in her suit to have the will of her mother declared intestate, and divided equally among the four children. As part of the answer, it is alleged that Mrs. Olwell "for many years prior to the death of her mother... was an undutiful daughter, and caused them worry, annoyance and humiliation." It is also asserted that the settlement of the estate was delayed 15 months by her course in the courts.

It is further alleged and charged that through legal actions and threats Mrs. Olwell received from the estate of her father, C. R. Ray, \$35,000 more than her sister, Mabel R. Ray, and her brother, Charles R. Ray, and that this sum was paid "as a compromise, so that Ina Olwell would not further worry and harass her mother."

Her legal action is declared "calculated for," and filed for the purpose of causing worry.

A copy of the last will of Mrs. Ray is attached to the answer, with Dr. W. S. Sleeter and Charles A. Wing as witnesses. It was made February 9, 1929.

Mrs. Olwell, a former well known resident of this city, is now a resident of Oakland, California.

CORBETT GIVES HIS VIEWS ON OREGON NEEDS

State Needs Efficient Business Management - Governor Should Be Free From Entangling Alliance

In a talk at a luncheon at the Hotel Medford this noon, in which humor, sincerity and plain common sense were nicely blended, Harry Corbett of Portland, candidate for governor at the republican primary, gave his views of what, in his opinion, the qualifications of the chief executive of this state should be.

Mr. Corbett stressed the fact that managing the affairs of this state means managing the affairs of the largest single business in the state, and that the people should, as stockholders in this business, be interested in securing a man for governor who has good business experience, who has good judgment, who can be depended upon to be more concerned with the material and welfare development of this state, for the benefit of all the people, than with any patent cure-all or panacea that may be his own particular hobby.

"I have made no definite promises or commitments in this campaign," the speaker declared, "and intend to make none. I believe the people are entitled to have as governor a man who has not tied himself up with any local interests or any special factions, who when he takes office will be absolutely free and untrammelled to do what he believes to be best for every section of the state."

"I would rather never get this office than to have my hands tied or my freedom of decision and action curtailed before I had secured it. That does not mean I am not aware of special needs in your section and in other sections of this state. I am aware of them, and I am sympathetic with them."

"My forefathers came as pioneers many years ago, and as Oregon develops and benefits, I will benefit. But when it comes to specific commitments, commitments."

COURT HOUSE IS URGE ROSEBURG FIRED BY MOB SOLDIERS HOME TO BURN NEGRO APPROPRIATION

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9.—(AP)—The establishment at Roseburg, Ore., of a branch national home for disabled volunteer soldiers was urged before the house military affairs sub-committee today by Dr. E. B. Stewart of Roseburg and Representative Hawley of Oregon, chairman of the house ways and means committee. Hawley, who introduced the bill providing for erection of the branch at Roseburg and authorizing \$2,000,000 for the project, described the need for the home.

He told the committee there is no branch home in either Washington, Oregon, northern California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Utah or Nevada. A home at Roseburg, he said, would provide for from 2500 to 3000 soldiers.

Dr. Stewart emphasized the point that it could be cared for more cheaply per capita than in scattered homes. He said that while there are ten homes east of the Rocky Mountains, there is only one west of the range. That one is located at Sattelle, Calif.

Furthermore, Dr. Stewart said, before men are admitted to states homes in the northwest, residence of from one to three years is required, leaving many unable to enter institutions as they need and deserve.

CONVENTION OF LAUNDRY MEN OPENS

Delegates Here From Coast States to Discuss Industry - Mayor Pipes Welcomes Visitors - Fabrick Presiding.

Laundrymen from Washington, Oregon, California and one from New York City were in attendance at the opening meetings of the convention of Oregon Laundry Owners Benefit and Protective association in session at Hotel Medford today and tomorrow.

Registration opened at the hotel at nine o'clock this morning and the main program at 10 with Glen Fabrick of this city, president of the association, presiding. Singing of America was followed by invocation by Rev. C. B. Porter.

Members and visitors were welcomed to the city by Mayor A. W. Pipes. A response to his address was given by E. L. Weider of Salem, who is secretary of the association. Giving the report of the president, Mr. Fabrick emphasized the progress the association has enjoyed. "If we remember the

NEBRASKA TOWN SWEEP BY WIND ONE LIFE LOST

HASTINGS, Neb., May 9.—(AP)—A whirl storm of terrific force swept Hastings last night. One man was killed, several were injured slightly, and the property damage may total \$100,000.

John P. Walters was working in a small shed. The wind lifted it from its foundation and hurled it 50 feet. Walters was thrown to the street and killed.

The storm struck while a dedicatory ceremony was taking place in the city auditorium. A tree was blown against the side wall, causing one section of it to collapse, and the 3000 persons present were in a state of alarm.

A band, playing continuously for half an hour while the wind roared did much to prevent a panic. Many buildings were blown down or demolished. The Missouri Pacific railroad station and the two-story factory of the Dubois manufacturing company were among the structures destroyed.

Census Figures

SAN FRANCISCO, May 9.—(AP)—San Francisco today is the "home town" of 621,762 persons, and can boast a population increase of 115,000, or 22.71 per cent, in the last decade.

SAN DIEGO, Cal., May 9.—(AP)—San Diego has a population of 147,987, according to official announcement made this morning by the census supervisor. This shows an increase of 88.35 per cent over the 1920 census figure of 78,509.

CHICAGO, Ill., May 9.—(AP)—The Herald and Examiner, after checking up "nearly complete census returns," says today that the 1930 census will reveal Chicago as a city of more than 3,350,000 population. This is nearly 100,000 in excess of the Association of Commerce's pre-census estimate.

CHICAGO, May 9.—(AP)—For James Addams, today brought an observance of twice "twenty years at Hull-House."

Slay 'm Woman



Dale Lawson, 15, Independence, Ore., chore boy, has confessed to killing Mrs. George Dickinson in her farm home, authorities said.

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FIVE AIRMEN IN FATAL CRASHES TWO ARE HURT

Seaplane Locks Wings With Army Observation Ship Near Langley Field - Private Planes Fall.

LANGLEY FIELD, Va., May 9.—(AP)—Captain Percy G. Black, eighth field artillery, was in a hospital today, the sole survivor of an airplane collision which cost the lives of Lieutenant Colonel Percy Ames of the Siamese air corps and Lieutenant Robert B. Brown, Jr., U. S. A. air corps.

Ames was killed instantly when the seaplane he was piloting, locked wings with an observation land plane occupied by Brown and Black and both planes fell 200 feet. Brown died an hour later in Langley field hospital. Black suffered a broken left arm, broken wrist and severe lacerations of the head.

DOWNINGTON, Pa., May 9.—(AP)—A 27-year-old airplane pilot and his two friends were killed near here last night when the pilot attempted to make a deadstick landing, after the plane's motor had died.

The plane, with Carman van Leer of Glen Loch, at the controls, went into a dive at 1000 feet over the farm of J. Lewis Downing, a mile north of Downingtown. Norman Donnelly, 20, West Chester, and Robert Stafford, 27, Frazier, were in the front seat.

THOUSANDS SLAIN BY CHINESE REDS

SHANGHAI, May 9.—(AP)—Climaxing China's unparalleled banditry in recent months, 15,000 Chinese of Yungyang, Honan province, were killed April 23, said unverified dispatches appearing today in Chinese newspapers.

The dispatches state the looting, burning and killing lasted four days. The outlaws kidnaped 500 of the townspeople, holding them for ransom.

The town was obliterated, nothing being left but burned ruins.

ROBERTS IS NOMINATED BY HOOVER

Prosecutor of Teapot Dome Cases Selected for Supreme Court Vacancy, After Rejection of John J. Parker - Is Republican.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—Opposition to Owen J. Roberts of Pennsylvania, who was nominated today by President Hoover for the open court seat, was announced an hour or so later by Senator Shepard, Democrat of Texas, on the ground that he believes the Philadelphia is a wet.

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—Owen J. Roberts of Philadelphia, special government counsel in the Teapot Dome and other oil cases, has been selected by President Hoover for the vacancy on the supreme court.

The selection is to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Justice Sanford, for which John J. Parker of North Carolina was rejected Wednesday.

Roberts has made a national reputation by his handling of the Teapot Dome and other oil cases which grew out of the senate investigation of 1924.

He was named special government counsel in the cases by President Coolidge, serving with Alton Pomeroy of Ohio. To Roberts has fallen a heavy share of the long task of gathering evidence in the criminal and civil suits and presenting it to the courts.

The nomination is expected to be sent today to the senate, which two days ago rejected John J. Parker of North Carolina for the same place.

Senators Roberts, Mr. Hoover consulted, among others, various members of the senate. By virtue of the close connection between the senate investigation and the litigation which followed Roberts has followed Roberts' activities as all counsel with particular care.

Roberts is a Republican. He has just passed his 55th birthday. He has practiced law in Philadelphia since 1898.

Thirty years ago he first entered the public service as assistant district attorney of Philadelphia county. He served for several years as professor of law at the University of Pennsylvania.

During the world war he was a deputy attorney general, representing the federal government in espionage cases in Pennsylvania.

If the president's latest selection is confirmed—and no immediate dissent was heard—the result will be to shift one place on the court from the south to the north. Justice Sanford, who died in March, was from Tennessee.

ANTI-SALOON LEAGUER CALLED SACRELIGIOUS

WASHINGTON, May 9.—(AP)—A statement before the senate today by F. Scott McBride that the Anti-Saloon league was "born of God" was described by Senator Blaine as "sacreligious and outrageous."

Will Rogers Says:

BEVERLY HILLS, May 8.—Did you read that Beverly Hills census? For the past year or so every little buffalo wallow that was afflicted with a chamber of commerce has claimed that they was "the fastest growing town in the U. S." From 674 prolific souls (of which I happen to have been one) in 1920 we now have 17,428, a gain of 2500 per cent, and not a grave yard in the town and the jail is empty. And incidentally I never was able to get in this census. I used every known influence, but they never come to see us. There must have been thousands of others here just as unimportant, so if they had gotten all of us, why we would have been bigger than any.

Yours, WILL ROGERS.

Jane Addams of Hull-House, Celebrates 40 Years Reign

CHICAGO, May 9.—(AP)—For James Addams, today brought an observance of twice "twenty years at Hull-House."

Mackenzie King, premier of Canada, messaged Miss Addams he would be unable to be here. Others, however, had accepted invitations to return to the settlement center where they once lived, the list including William L. Cheney, editor of Collier's Weekly, Walter Gifford, president of the American Telephone and Telegraph company, Gerard Swope, head of the General Electric, Julia Lathrop and Dr. Alice Hamilton.