

Today

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Machines, Money, Men.
A Great Fight.
Strange Russia.
Does Baby Laugh?

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Congressmen will introduce recently bills for road building requiring \$350,000,000 in 1931. If the states should pay an equal amount, it will mean spending more than \$700,000,000.

No wiser expenditure could be made, or better way found to put money into circulation. The number employed, unfortunately, would be small, since modern road making is done by machinery, spreading the path of cement, as truck-batter is spread on hot griddle.

We have the money, the men and the machines, and they ought to be kept moving.

Did you see the New York prize fight between Kid Petrolle, Italian, and the plucky fish lad, Jimmy McLarnin?

If not, you missed what spectators called "a wonderful fight."

McLarnin was knocked down twice in the fourth round, his arm and broken in the second round. His face was covered with blood from the start, his mouth, nose and eyes cut and bleeding. Once he took a count of nine. The referee and his partner waited McLarnin to get up and stop, before the fourth round ended. He would not, and fought through, bloody and battered.

You read: "The audience was delighted, men and women around the ring screamed and yelled enthusiastically."

One prosperous citizen from out of town dropped dead. He'll have something interesting to tell the angels.

When the greatest city in the world legalizes that kind of morality, politicians taking their share of profits and men and women add that kind of "sport" to their amusement, you need not wonder that crime and racketeering have become important business enterprises.

Russia's government may nib and exars come back with grand dukes, to take from peasants the land they think they now own.

But some things that the Russians are doing, whether they fail or succeed, should stir in useful thought in other countries, that think themselves superior, including this country.

For instance, Mr. H. R. Knickerbocker, investigating Russian affairs for Cyrus H. K. Curtis, describes "the largest farm in the world," owned and run by the Russian government. It covers 42,000 acres, more than 1,000 square miles.

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COLD SWAY OVER EAST AREA EBBS

Frozen Streams Increase Water Shortage Gravity—Tolls With Rain Near—Mid-West Gets Relief From Winter.

(By The Associated Press)
Bitter winter weather abated today from the middle west to the Atlantic ocean. In its wake, record low temperatures for November gave way to rain, light snow or cloudiness which promised precipitation by tomorrow or Monday.

At Edkins, West Va., it was eight below this morning and at Arcanum, Mass., the temperature was two degrees under zero. They were the coldest towns. In Chicago icy rain had turned to a warmer drizzle, and generally throughout the wintry area the thermometric tendency was upward.

Farmers rode into Chardon, Ohio, on horseback through six-foot drifts to get food for families snowed out since Thanksgiving day. Motorists caught in the vicinity in 25 inches of snow sought refuge in farmhouses; one such farm house held 21 persons.

Air mail was resumed westward from Cleveland. Two Great Lakes steamers, storm-tossed yesterday, found their way toward port and a distressed British vessel off the New Jersey coast resumed its journey unaided.

The Susquehanna river and the Potomac were frozen over, and small streams were frozen to the bottom in Pennsylvania and Maryland, making graver a water shortage already serious because of last summer's drought. Baltimore restricted use of city water with only 10 days' supply in the reservoirs.

Deaths attributed to the cold mounted the three-score mark. William Griffin, Berea, Ohio, slipped and fell into a hillside from Buffalo Monday, was unaided.

Fog and rain and sleet moved in where bitter cold and snow had chilled the central states and blocked highways in many sections.

Sleet and rain sheathed the highways for 200 miles around Chicago with a perilous film of ice whose menace to traffic is likely to be enhanced by the rain, snow and colder temperatures predicted for Sunday. Rail and bus transportation was hampered seriously, and the relaxing of zero's toll in misery and death to the homeless found a new claimant of human life in treacherous pavements.

Three persons were killed in Indiana and one in Chicago in traffic accidents and a score of injuries broken bones and other injuries in fall.

Two men met death when their truck skidded in front of a train at Mchawaka, Ind., another when a truck skidded from the highway at Brazil. A pedestrian who sought more certain footing on a Chicago boulevard, was killed by a motor bus that slid into him.

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OREGON GRIDDERS IN ACTION



Associated Press Photo. Five Oregon men stopping Bill Bessley of St. Mary's for no gain in the Thanksgiving Day game at San Francisco, which St. Mary's won from the University of Oregon 7 to 6.

RUCH-PROVOLT ROAD WILL BE OILED IN 1931

Beall Lane Also To Be Improved—All Road Districts But Oak Grove Vote Special Road Levies.

One of the major road oiling projects for Jackson county coming year will be the oiling of the Aplegate road from Ruch to Provolt, or to the Josephine county line.

At a special road levy meeting held at Ruch last week a five mill levy netting \$7100 was voted and \$5000 of the amount was set aside for oiling. It will give an oiled or paved highway from Medford to Provolt.

Central Point last week also voted a special road levy of 2.5 mills netting \$6000, and a portion of this sum will be set aside for the oiling of Beall lane, one of the heaviest traveled rural routes of the county.

The Valley View district has also announced its intention of oiling a mile of the Wagner creek road.

It is expected that Eagle Point will appropriate a considerable portion of its special road levy of \$4250 for oiling.

The oiling fund of the county this year is cut to the bone and all oiling will be done by special road levies.

The 12 road districts all held special elections the last 10 days to fix special road levies. Oak Grove district, near Medford, was the only district to fail to approve a levy.

The lower Soda Springs district south of Ashland was the last to vote and Friday they passed a one mill levy which will yield about \$3900.

The amount of the millages and estimated sums to be raised are as follows: Eagle Point, five mill levy, \$6350. Prospect, six mills, \$18,000. Butte Falls, 10 mills, \$18,800. Sam's Valley, three mills, \$6000. Winter, 2.5 mills, \$6000. Arato, 2.5 mills, \$5000. Ruch, five mills, \$7100. Central Point, 2.5 mills, \$6000. Valley View, 2.5 mills, \$7800. Lower Soda Springs, one mill, \$3900. Lake Creek, 2.5 mills, \$2300.

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BILLS PLAN TO RELIEF FOR CITY FUNDS

League of Oregon Cities Shape Measures for Cut of Auto Fees, and State Care of Streets, Part of Highways—Urge Change in Tax Law.

PORTLAND, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Several measures designed to improve the financial conditions of Oregon cities may be submitted to the next state legislature by the legislative committee of the League of Oregon Cities.

The committee concluded a two-day conference here today. The proposed measures will be drafted, copies sent to other members and another meeting called in about two weeks to consider the final forms.

One of the proposed measures would enable the cities to get a share of the automobile license fees. Another would have the highway commission maintain city streets that are part of state highways.

Permission for cities to sell blocks of property on which the cities hold liens, instead of having to advertise one piece at a time, would be provided by another proposed measure.

Another measure would relieve the city of the burden of paying unpaid taxes when it taxes over property. The measure would provide that the city pay the taxes when it resells the property for its own liens.

The committee proposed to change the law governing street vacation. Under the present law all of the abutting property must consent to the vacation. The proposed measure would change this to two-thirds.

Underworld vengeance was advanced by officers as the motive for the slaying today of Deputy Sheriff Louis Olivero, for nearly 20 years a leader in law enforcement for the city, county and federal governments in the northside Italian colony here.

For many years threats resulting from his vigorous work as an officer had hung over the life of Olivero, a native Italian. As long ago as 1918, when he was a city detective, his superiors despaired of his life.

Today as Olivero walked to work a small enclosed automobile drove by and a man shouted.

Olivero turned and a charge of shotgun slugs fired by one of three men in the car tore away his lower jaw and pierced his throat.

Half a dozen persons witnessed the slaying and rushed to his aid but he was dead.

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STATE FORCED TO TRY FOSTER OR OPEN CELL

Chicago Gangster, Suspect In Lingle Murder, to Face Jury—Illinois Sought Delays to Gather Evidence—Juror Near Death Spot.

CHICAGO, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Time forced the state's hand today and a battery of prosecutors denied their last effort to delay the event, placed Frank Foster on trial for his life as the alleged murderer of Alfred "Al" Lingle, Tribune crime reporter.

Nearly 25 months has intervened since the robbing of a single revolver shot in the crowded Illinois Central pedestrian subway under Michigan boulevard, started the nation over the climate assassination of a newspaper reporter.

Lingle was later found to have had connections with gangsters as well as with politicians.

For five months Foster had been in the county jail, denied freedom, while the state prayed for postponements and went on gathering evidence. Failure to bring him to justice today would have meant automatic discharge and a last minute move to grant the gunman liberty on bail in exchange for another continuance was vetoed by defense attorneys.

The serial numbers on the snub-nosed weapon found on Lingle's body were the state's first index to the trail of the assassin.

Through gun dealers his purchase was traced to Foster, who was later captured in California, indicted, despite his protest that he had long since disposed of the tell-tale revolver, and brought back for trial.

Examination of venemen by James McShane, assistant state's attorney, as to their attitude toward the penalty of death was interrupted and the trial deferred until Monday when a prospective juror, John S. Durante, said he had been a few feet from the tunnel when Lingle was slain. He insisted, however, that he had not seen the killer and told the court he wanted to serve on the jury.

The defense immediately asked adjournment for the week-end.

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KAY SHOWS DEBT GAIN FOR OREGON

Total Net Over 185 Millions Or \$195 Per Capita, and 16.5 Per Cent of Property Valuation—Schools and Towns Increase Obligations.

SALEM, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The total bonded and warrant indebtedness of the state of Oregon and its subdivisions on July 1, 1930, was \$280,200,948.12, or \$218.153-.345.71 in bonds and \$12,047,600.41 in warrants and other obligations, says a report by State Treasurer Kay today.

Against this indebtedness the state and the municipal corporations had sinking funds of \$450,000 in farm credit bonds, but these are fully secured by mortgages and not listed as part of the net debt.

A summary of the net debt follows: State—irrigation and drainage district interest bonds, \$2,117,740; Oregon state highway bonds, \$28,457,564.57; veterans' state aid bonds, \$897,507.28. In addition are \$450,000 in farm credit bonds, but these are fully secured by mortgages and not listed as part of the net debt.

Cities and towns—\$6,151,847.50; Port districts—\$9,556,117.03; Irrigation districts—\$17,637,927; Drainage districts—\$2,094,827; Water districts—\$1,148,139.96; Highway improvement and bridge districts—\$214,073.79.

The net debt is an increase of \$2,582,053 over the net of July 1, 1928, and \$10,720,375 over the same date in 1926. Compared with 1928, however, it is claimed that the increase is actually only about \$400,000. The reason for this, the treasurer says, is that in compiling the figures for 1928 the certificates of indebtedness of irrigation districts to the state, representing interest advances to such districts, were considered as an offset to Oregon district interest bonds issued against such certificates.

On account of enactment in 1929 of the law authorizing the state to waive its claims against irrigation districts whose bond interest obligations were guaranteed by the state for five years under authority of the state constitution, the certificates are no longer considered an offsetting asset against state bonds issued in behalf of the districts in the aggregate amount of \$2,172,750.

The treasurer shows that the state itself had outstanding on July 1, this year, a total of \$5,877,010 in bonds compared with \$4,363,210 on the same date in 1928 and \$61,560,080 on October 1, 1926.

Counties had outstanding bonds and warrants totaling \$24,460,729 as against \$23,432,829 on July 1, 1928. During the same period school district indebtedness increased \$593,608, and cities and towns increased their debt \$1,997,629. Irrigation districts increased their obligations \$825,597. The indebtedness of drainage districts increased \$33,923, but water districts decreased \$51,936. The net debt of highway and bridge improvement districts increased \$95,926.53.

The net debt of the state and its subdivisions is about \$195 per capita and about 16 1/2 per cent of the assessed valuation of all property in the state.

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DEATH IN WAKE OF CORVALLIS BOOTLEG FUSS

Convicted Liquor Vendor Fatally Wounded, While Entering Auto—Slayer Throws Gun in River, Then Surrenders to Police

CORVALLIS, Nov. 29.—(AP)—E. B. MILLS, about 42, Corvallis, was shot and wounded fatally here tonight by W. L. Henderson, police said.

Mills, who police said was a convicted bootlegger, died en route to a hospital.

Police said they believed the shooting was the culmination of a bootleggers' war.

Witnesses to the shooting told police Mills was about to enter his automobile which was parked in front of a theater when Henderson approached him and fired a revolver point blank at a distance of about six feet. Miss Emma Stabeno was waiting in the car for Mills.

After the shooting Henderson ran around the corner of a building. To Police Officer Thompson's command to halt he replied "I'll be back in a minute." He continued to the river a short distance away, hurled his revolver into the water and returned to give himself up.

Police said Henderson admitted the shooting but that he had not given a reason for his act.

Mills is survived by a daughter in Ventura, Calif., his father in Spokane, Wash., and a brother somewhere in Idaho. Police said they did not know the names of the relatives.

An inquest will be held Monday, Coroner A. L. Keeney said.

SALEM PRISON A FIRE HAZARD AND RIOT SPOT

Conditions Similar to Ohio 'Big House' Says Minister Who Tells of Dangers And Over-Crowded Conditions—Urges Modern Buildings.

PORTLAND, Ore., Nov. 29.—(AP) Branding the Oregon state penitentiary a "fire trap," Vincent J. Steffen, Presbyterian minister, today warned that Ohio's prison break and fire may be duplicated in Oregon unless something is done to eliminate the fire hazards at the penitentiary.

Rev. Steffen, who is said to be a former convict, visited the penitentiary this week.

"The Oregon state penitentiary is a fire trap," he said. "Because of its housing facilities it is in danger of a repetition of the tragedy at Columbus, O., for that fire was started by convicts on a definite plan for a break—which failed at the expense of 329 lives."

"The cell blocks in the Ohio penitentiary were of wood just as they are in Salem. The same overcrowded conditions existed there as at Salem."

Steffen expressed the opinion Oregon would benefit in the end by appropriating money to build modern houses for the state penitentiary. He paid high tribute to officials and guards at the institution.

Expansion of the public buildings program and federal aid construction work by \$10,000,000 is contemplated for the unemployment legislation. The loan of \$50,000,000 for farmers in the drought stricken states to be used for the purchase of seed and fertilizer for next year's crops also will be proposed.

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COURT PLAN VOTE THORN FOR SOLONS

Congress Convenes Tomorrow With Drouth and Jobless Aid to Fore President's Decision Augurs Extra Session Many Matters Vex.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—Surprised by President Hoover's decision to put the world court issue up to the senate at this time, senate leaders failed today to make headway in negotiations for the agreement he suggested to consider it under circumstances which would not lead to an extra session.

Senator Swanson, of Virginia, ranking Democrat on the foreign relations committee, who is a leader of those supporting American adherence, is prepared to propose that the question be deferred by the senate until a year hence.

But Chairman Borah of the senate foreign relations, an opponent of the court, is going to bring up the court protocol before his committee as soon as the president sends it to the senate.

Because of this muddled situation, expressions were forthcoming in all senate factions today that Mr. Hoover's decision to inject the world court into this session would lead to the extra session he is so anxious to avoid.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—(AP)—The congressional hosts returned to the capital today to begin Monday the work of completing their legislative tasks in a limited session ending next March with a political trade in prospect for immediate consideration of an employment and drought relief measure.

President Hoover's decision to put the world court issue up to the senate brought additional lead to an extra session.

Once more both the republican and democratic leaders in the senate and house today declared themselves for completion of business within the three months of the present meeting to avoid an extra session but new controversies persistently arose to threaten the program.

Senate republican leaders did not favor injection of the world court issue into the session, but they prepared to go ahead in the effort to complete the emergency domestic business.

Speaker Longworth in an appeal against an extra session announced he would favor action by the house on both the Muscle Shoals bill and the Morris constitutional amendment to abolish meetings of congress after the members have been displaced by a newly elected congress.

Senator Norris of Nebraska, a leader of the republican independents, who hold the whip hand on the question of an extra session, has demanded action of these propositions as the way for avoiding one. Longworth's announcement was hailed as forecasting a break in the deadlock between the senate and house over this legislation.

The exact form of the unemployment and drought relief legislation awaited the recommendations of President Hoover which will be put before congress in his message Tuesday.

To immediate disposition of these bills, both democrats and republicans have pledged themselves. They have pledged to drop party differences in the effort to enact legislation which may aid in the economic restoration of the nation.

Announcement today by Chairman Hawley of the house way and means committee that no attempt would be sanctioned to continue for another year the emergency reduction in income tax rates put aside any tax legislation. The permanent and higher schedule of rates goes into effect automatically next year.

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