

Today

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That Strange Death. Capone Will Arrive. Another War? Unberufen! Wise-Wise Mr. Coolidge.

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Mysterious death, carried by the fog and killing scores in Belgium, worries the British. Reassuring words, to the effect that it only injured those that were already ill, or very old, not convincing.

In Yorkshire, near Groomont, ten cattle are found mysteriously dead in the fog, with symptoms that look much like those of the Belgian death fog, which also killed cattle.

Could it be, one guess is as good as another, that the recent shower of meteorites brought with it, from distant space, some poisonous substance that, reduced to power by contact with the atmosphere, floats, about in the fog, and is carried into the lungs? Meteorites bring us iron, copper, gold. Why not arsenic, or a worse, unknown poison, from some vicious inter-stellar neighbor?

The great Capone, at whose name the average gangster turns pale, is to visit Chicago. There is power in such a man. The Chicago American's city editor should escort him to Chicago's art museum and have his photograph taken beside the equestrian statue of Colloombi, who was the Capone of his day. And while Capone is in town the city fathers might ask him "What would you charge to make this town peaceful and make rackets only a memory?" He might pacify Chicago as Mussolini pacified Sicily, when he killed the Mafia, and the Black Hand, by the power of his will and the terror of his name.

Washington thinks there is a probability of war in Europe in the next three to five years. It might come sooner. We learned in 1914 that the crack of a pistol and the foolishness of rulers can start a war as quickly as a match can start a fire.

There may be another pistol shot or something like it.

Business asks: "What would be the effect on the United States?"

This country, we hope, would not send ten billion dollars to help along Europe's fighting, and would not ship three million men to join a fight that is not started by us.

The war would produce the usual temporary boom here, top

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Abe Martin



"The dumbest thing about depression is getting used to walking." Complains Hon. E. A. Editor Cale Elphinst. There's nothing as risky as a sure thing.

PORK RAID DISGUISED AS RELIEF

President Warns Some Organizations Playing Politics at Expense of Human Misery—Burden Will Fall On Farmer, Worker.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—The house and senate sped unemployment and drought relief legislation down the path to final enactment today, while President Hoover warned against too liberal appropriations by congress.

The \$110,000,000 public works construction bill was passed by the house a short while after senate passage of a measure devoting \$40,000,000 to a loan fund for drought-stricken farmers.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—President Hoover declared today efforts were being made to impose greater financial burdens upon the government than its financial position would permit.

Prosperity cannot be restored by raids on the public treasury, he warned. Noting that pending legislation would impose an additional burden of \$4,500,000,000 above the sums he asked for in his budget message, he said the budget contained the maximum expenditure the government could make without increasing taxes.

And taxes, he continued, would fall on the farmer and worker. Mr. Hoover said some organizations were playing politics at the expense of "human misery."

"People Awake. The American people will not be misled by such tactics," he added. President Hoover's statement, in part, said: "I observe that measures have been already introduced in congress and are having advocacy which if passed would impose an increased expenditure beyond the sums which I have recommended for the present and the next fiscal year by a total of nearly \$4,500,000,000 and mostly under the guise of giving relief of some kind or another."

"The gross sums which I have recommended to carry on the essential functions of the government include the extreme sums which can be applied by the federal government in actual emergency employment relief, and are the maximum which can be financed without increased taxes.

"No matter how devised, an increase in taxes in the end falls upon the workers and farmers, or alternatively deprives industry of that much ability to give employment and defeat the very purpose of these schemes."

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Better service to the district south of Klamath Falls, to Malin and adjacent territory and to Klamath valley and the Tule lake area, is given by the Great Northern Railroad company as the reason for change in the route of its proposed line in Klamath county, Oregon, and Siskiyou and Modoc counties, California. Its application to the interstate commerce commission for a certificate of convenience and necessity authorizing the construction has been amended accordingly and a copy of the amended application has been received by the state public service commission.

The proposed change is all in Klamath and Modoc counties where, it is claimed, the residents are practically unanimous in favor of the new route.

Klamath Falls.—Office rooms in Methase building being rented for occupancy by chamber of commerce.

CLEVELAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Reports that Dr. George W. Crite, noted Cleveland surgeon and scientist, has produced artificially a living one-cell organism, were categorically denied by the doctor today.

Dr. Crite said while experiments have been made, no definite result has been reached. "No statement has come from me or from the clinic on the work being done," he said. "Somebody gave

Two Little Pigs Going to Market Save Automobile

BELOIT, Wis., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Two little pigs went to market and there an automobile was saved. Mrs. A. J. Dibel journeyed to town in her car. She had two pigs in a crate in the rear seat. Suddenly the pigs squealed loudly and at length. She turned to see why all the noise. The car was on fire. Firemen extinguished the blaze. The pigs got no reward. They continued their ride to market.

MEDFORD ASKS STREET PERMIT ACROSS RAILS

City Files Plea With State Commission for Opening of Fourth and Eighth Streets.

It is now up to the public service commission to grant a public hearing on the question of constructing two new grade crossings over the Southern Pacific tracks in Medford, one at Fourth and the other at Eighth street, in accordance with the petition City Attorney F. P. Farrell has filed for such action, as a part of the city administration's plan inaugurated a long time ago to make additional through streets of Fourth and Eighth streets.

The petition was filed last Saturday at Salem with the public service commission, and the city officials think that there is no doubt but that it will be granted. The next step is for the commission to notify the Southern Pacific officials that Medford has filed the petition for a hearing, and then to set the date for such an early time as conveniently possible.

The city officials decided some months ago that the quickest way to bring the desired improvements about was not to deal directly with the Southern Pacific management, but to apply to the service commission for a hearing, at which the city administration will lay before that body the great need for two more arteries through the business section and construction of grade crossings over them.

The city administration has since then been engaged preparing statistics of general and business travel of fast growing Medford showing that the city's present needs and future development make such new through streets with grade crossings imperative.

It was not until last week that the gathering of all this information was completed, most of it done under supervision of City Attorney Farrell, and thus forearmed the city is ready now to lay down its cards before the commission at a public hearing, which the city fathers hope will be ordered very soon.

METHODISTS WILL FIGHT PROH POLL

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Dr. Clarence True Wilson, secretary of the Methodist board of temperance, said his organization in annual meeting today would decide unanimously against any move for a prohibition referendum thereby acting to prevent a split in the dry ranks on this subject.

Representative Fort, republican, New Jersey urged upon the council a plan in which "the wet and dry advocates in congress would join on some amendment to the constitution relative to prohibition in order to place the question before the people."

Oregon Weather. Cloudy tonight and Wednesday, probably rains in the northwest portion and local rains or snow in the northeast portion, normal temperature. Gentle variable winds on the coast.

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NEW CABINET MEMBER AT HOME



William N. Doak of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, who was recently appointed to President Hoover's cabinet as secretary of labor, is shown with Mrs. Doak at their home in Arlington county, Virginia.

1000 NAMES ON FOURTH HUBBY PETITION FOR SEEKS DIVORCE DAHACK PROBE FROM PAULINE

No Opposition Reported to Plan for Special Prosecutor and Grand Jury in Still Death.

It was reported today that "over 1000 signatures" had been secured to the petitions circulated the past week by Ernest Dahack of the Eagle Point district, asking for appointment of a special prosecutor and special grand jury, by the governor, for a special investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of Everett Dahack, during a raid on a moonshine still in the Reese Creek district a fortnight ago. Ernest Dahack is a brother of the deceased.

It is understood the petitions are ready for presentation to the chief executive, with a plea for early action. No opposition has arisen to the request. The regular grand jury, of which George B. Alden is foreman, spent a week hearing 28 witnesses, filed a report cautioning liquor raiding officers to exercise greater care in the use of firearms in the future.

If the request for a special prosecutor is granted, it is felt that the governor will make his selection from outside the bar of Jackson county, and in this connection the name of L. J. Liljeqvist is mentioned. He is a member of the attorney-general's staff, and completed several special investigations in this county, including the Bank of Jacksonville failure cases, and the 1922 nightriding cases. He is an experienced and fearless lawyer.

The special grand jury would be drawn from jury body of the county.

BLACKFACE RUINS BARRYMORE PLAY

NEW YORK, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Ethel Barrymore's Broadway engagement in "Scarlet Sister Mary" will be terminated next Saturday night after a run of less than three weeks. "My friends in New York are determined not to come to see me in blackface," Miss Barrymore said, explaining the short run of the negro drama in which she stars and in which her daughter, Ethel Barrymore Cobb, made her debut.

TRIO TAKE SAFE FROM WALDPOR POSTOFFICE

COVALLIS, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Officers were on the lookout today for three men who yesterday robbed the Waldport postoffice and carried away the safe in their car. Later they were reported seen 45 miles west of here, along the highway, opening the safe and taking what they wanted from it. The men have not yet been apprehended.

A hardware store at Waldport also reported theft of four high-powered rifles and a large amount of ammunition.

FINGERPRINT OF BOWLES ON WEAPON

Prosecutor Announces Important Link in Portland Case—State's Star Witnesses Threatened By Unknown Man On Phone.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—Two developments marked the progress of the Bowles murder case today. One was the announcement by the district attorney's office that a fingerprint found on the blade of the knife which pierced the heart of Mrs. Leone Bowles, society matron, was made by the little finger of the right hand of Nelson S. Bowles, her millionaire husband. The other was the report from the prosecutor's office that several important state witnesses have been threatened in telephone calls by an unidentified man.

Bowles and his former secretary, Irma Loucks Paris, are charged with the murder of Mrs. Bowles. Police say the pair admit clandestine relationship over a three-year period.

Silent on Delay. The district attorney today would make no comment on the circumstance that only now does completion of fingerprints made three weeks after they were taken reveal Bowles' mark on the knife. Previous comparisons, officers declared disclosed no similarity.

Detectives today were working on the mysterious telephone calls by which state witnesses are alleged to have been threatened. Mrs. H. W. Howard, 67, said by the prosecutor to be an "extremely important" state witness, was beaten in her home last week by a man who threatened her with death if she testified. Stanley Myers, district attorney, said today Mrs. Howard will, when called as a grand jury witness, reveal the name of the man who threatened her life.

JAIL 2 SUSPECTS IN DISAPPEARANCE

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP)—While police of two states are seeking Thomas E. Lawrence of Portland, mysteriously missing for two weeks, two men were being held in the city just here charged with the theft of his automobile. Friends notified Portland police of Lawrence's disappearance after he was said to have quarreled with two men on the east side.

Portland Bakers Give Free Bread

DEMURRER FILED IN LIBEL ACTION

A demurrer was filed in circuit court today in the \$50,000 libel action of Roy Parr, deputy game warden of Ashland, against Earl H. Vehn, publisher of the Pacific Record Herald, Medford weekly newspaper. The demurrer stated the complaint filed by Parr failed to state sufficient facts to constitute a cause.

Parr charges that his reputation was damaged by an editorial appearing in the weekly, attacking him personally, in connection with a moonshine raid in the Reese Creek section where the officer happened to be present in connection with the report that a deer poacher was in the vicinity.

SPEARS DECLARES HE'S STILL COACH

Mrs. Hoover Christens Largest American Ship For Robert Dollar Line

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Meet "Al Smith"



Oklahoma democrats call this 15 months youngster their mascot. He is Al Smith Tinsley and the original of this picture was sent to the former New York governor.

HIGHWAY CRASH MAY COST LIFE ASHLAND YOUTH

Glenn Head, Edgar Stillwell and Sheldon Page in Collision Near Jackson Hot Springs.

Glenn Head, Ashland high school boy, is in a serious condition and has small chances for recovery following a car crash on the Pacific highway early this morning near the Jackson Hot Springs. The crash also resulted in injuries to Edgar Stillwell, Medford, and Sheldon Page, Ashland.

Head had not regained consciousness up until late this afternoon. He sustained a fractured skull. Stillwell, a stage driver, driving his personal car toward Medford, collided with a light touring car driven by Head, at a curve. State Traffic Officer Herb Moore stated the Head machine rounded the curve on the wrong side of the highway. Stillwell, in an attempt to avoid the Ashland car, swerved to the opposite side of the highway. At the same time, Head swerved back to his own side, colliding with Stillwell's head.

Stillwell sustained numerous cuts and bruises and a badly injured knee. Page, riding with Head, received sufficient injuries to cause him to be rushed with Head to the Ashland hospital, where he was reported to be showing some improvement this afternoon. The Ashland boys are said to have been returning from an inspection of a line of traps they had placed along Bear creek.

In addition to a fractured skull, Head sustained a badly lacerated scalp, numerous cuts and a broken nose. He is 18 years of age and is a junior in high school. He is a football player and is well known in Ashland. Page is 16 years old and is a student at the Ashland junior high school.

Stillwell has been a stage driver out of Medford for some time, and is 38 years of age. He was driving a heavy Hudson sedan. Head's machine, a Ford touring car, was overturned as a result of the impact and the machine, while Page was thrown clear, a report from Ashland this afternoon said.

PARDON FOR BANKER DENIED BY NORBLAD

SALEM, Ore., Dec. 9.—(AP) Governor Norblad today denied a pardon to J. V. Burke, former president of the Bank of Kenton, Portland, who is serving a seven-year sentence in the state penitentiary for misappropriation of the bank's funds.

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Mrs. Herbert Hoover washed a bottle of wine collected from the seven seas against the prow to start the huge vessel toward the sparkling waters of the James river. R. Stanley Dollar, president of the Dollar Steamship lines, owners

HUGE SHARE ROAD FUNDS FOR OREGON

State Allotted \$1,320,287 for Highway Aid in Federal Move to Make Jobs—River, Harbor Funds Will Swell Total.

By Cecil B. Dickson WASHINGTON, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Speeding to act on relief legislation the house received from its appropriations committee today the unemployment emergency construction bill providing \$110,000,000 for highway aid and river and harbor improvements.

The sum of \$80,000,000 was stipulated for advance to states for highway construction, so they might go on with building despite inability to meet federal aid obligations. The fund will be returned over a period of five years, where the states cannot meet federal funds on a 50-50 basis.

River and harbor work was allocated \$22,500,000; flood control on the Mississippi and its tributaries \$3,900,000; roads and trails for national forests \$2,000,000, and roads and trails in national parks \$1,500,000.

Reduce Request. Reporting the bill, the committee reduced President Hoover's requested \$150,000,000 lump sum to be allocated by him by \$40,000,000 and required that definite allotments be made for use of the \$110,000,000.

The highway aid allotments included the following: California, \$3,108,233; Idaho, \$1,008,036; Oregon, \$1,320,287; Washington \$1,270,933. Funds for roads and trails in forests would be allocated as follows: Montana and Idaho, \$600,000; Utah, southern Idaho, part of western Wyoming and Nevada, \$225,000; Wyoming, \$600,000; Washington and Oregon \$600,000.

The north Pacific division was given \$1,555,000 allotted as follows: Coquille river, Ore., \$100,000; Coos Bay, Ore., \$125,000; Columbia and lower Willamette river, \$250,000.

Willamette River between Oregon City and Portland, Ore., \$167,000.

WILDCAT FACES TRIAL ON LIBEL AGAINST MOUNT

PORTLAND, Dec. 9.—(AP)—Robert Gordon Duncan, radio speaker and self-termed "Oregon Wildcat and chain store nemesis," will go on trial here December 11 on a charge of criminal libel. He was indicted by the grand jury last July 2. A motion for change of venue was denied.

Duncan is charged with having libeled Robert M. Mount, manager of the Better Business Bureau here, in a trade publication edited by Duncan.

The "Wildcat" was recently convicted in Medford on charges of using profane and indecent language over a radio station.

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