

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Tuesday
cloudy; no change in tempera-
ture.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
Highest yesterday 61
Lowest this morning 32
Precipitation—
To 5 p. m. yesterday .00
To 5 a. m. today .00

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane

Another Edison?
He Leaves His Millions.
Gen Butler's Mistake.
Lower Fares, Higher
Profits.

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Washington believes that a special session is unavoidable. Congressmen won't go home as high finance wishes they would, and relief measures to which the president is opposed, including the soldiers bonus payment, will probably be passed over the president's veto. Such is the prediction.

If all that happens, it will be the beginning of a new chapter in our "depression" problem.

Sir Basil Zaharoff, born in Constantinople eighty years ago, now one of the richest men in the world, perhaps the very richest, is dangerously ill at Nice.

During the war he gave his money indiscriminately to the allies, French, British, etc. He is said to have given \$2,500,000 a year to Greece, during the Balkan war. His mother was a Greek. The story of that life, beginning in poverty on the Bosphorus, ending with hundreds of millions accumulated all over Europe, would be interesting, but it will never be told.

The next chapter in the story, the man at eighty, leaving his earthly millions and going on to the next stop, would be interesting also, but the story of that last journey won't be told either.

General Smedley Butler, one of the best fighting men in Uncle Sam's forces, the only living man twice honored by congress, made an unfortunate speech about the Italian prime minister Mussolini, accusing him of cowardice.

His statement was that Mussolini killed a child with his automobile and drove on, saying that one life doesn't count in the affairs of state.

As General Butler is in active service this government immediately and properly apologized for the irresponsible statement, that General Butler doubtless regrets.

It would not please General Butler, if some active officer of the Italian army and navy should accuse him, General Butler, of similar cowardice, and he would have expected an apology had such a charge been made, as was General Butler's on hearsay and without knowledge.

Eight railroads have reduced passenger fares to two cents a mile, in some cases a cut of fifty per cent. Automobile omnibuses have forced the reduction, and in this

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Abe Martin



When you see one of them in interpretive dances you see 'em all—or nearly all. What keeps the average consumer guessing is how some fellows kin live a double life.

DEM. VOICES BITTERNESS OVER RELIEF

Caraway Accuses House Leaders of Contradictory Stands On Issue — No Break in Deadlock Seen — Conference Tomorrow.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Senator Borah, a leader of the Republican independents, today joined with the senate Democrats in their battle on relief.

In reply to the "no compromise" statement of Representative Tilson, house Republican leader, he said: "I accept the challenge—let us have it out."

By Frances M. Stephenson. WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Attacking the administration's opposition to the \$25,000,000 Red Cross relief appropriation, Senator Caraway today accused Republican house leaders of contradictory stands on this issue.

The Arkansas Democrat named Representative Tilson, the majority leader; Chairman Snell of the house rules committee, and Chairman Wood of the house appropriations committee.

Exposed in 1919. He said that in 1919, when Herbert Hoover asked \$20,000,000 for the starving Russians, Representative Wood moved to expend the fund under the Red Cross.

Caraway said Hoover was "first a Democrat, then a Republican and God knows what he is now, but not a good American."

"Representative Tilson who now says this appropriation would stab the Red Cross in the heart, voted in 1919 to stab the Red Cross in the heart," he shouted.

"So did Snell. When did Tilson lay aside his dagger? Let him tell the starving American women and children whether he was telling the truth then or now. One of these statements did not reflect the truth and he knew it."

Rules Near Break. The Arkansas trod close to the unwritten rules of the senate and house in his condemnation of the leaders of the other branch, as he struck at the ultimatum of the house Republican leaders that they would not compromise on the \$25,000,000 fund.

Meanwhile, there was no sign of a break in the deadlock between the administration and Democrats on the relief dispute.

A conference for tomorrow between the senate and house was called.

BEST DRESSERS REQUIRE \$5,000 WORTH OF DUDS

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Feb. 2.—(AP)—The well dressed man of 1931 should have a wardrobe worth \$5,000.

Style creators here for the 51st annual convention of the International Merchant Tailors Designers association say garments in such a wardrobe would range in price from \$150 to \$250 each and would include:

Two tuxedo suits, one full dress suit, one opera cape, one frock for afternoon wear, one Chesterfield overcoat, a fitted and loose top coat, a great coat for motoring an ulster for bad weather, two kidney suits for golf, two jacket and flannel trouser ensembles, a riding habit, two lounge suits and nine business suits. None of the latter should be worn more than four times in the same month.

LEGISLATURE ATTACHE SUICIDES IN PORTLAND

SALEM, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Information reached here today that Joseph Hanley, an employe of the state legislature, had committed suicide in the Imperial hotel, Portland. He is reported to have taken poison. Hanley was employed in the bill room. He was absent the latter half of last week when he was confined to his rooms in Salem by illness. His home was in Portland.

INDIANA STANDARD OIL REDUCES DIVIDEND RATE

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Standard Oil Company of Indiana today placed its stock on a \$2 annual basis, against \$2.50 previously paid, by declaring a quarterly dividend of 50 cents.

Buttercup's Jump Leads To Night In Old Eugene Well

EUGENE, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—There was, of course, the cow that jumped over the moon. This one fell in a well.

Buttercup, owned by Fred Schroder, wandered from her pasture late yesterday and took a header into an abandoned well. Schroder and his neighbors worked all night to get her out.

When they had the cow within a few feet of the top the rope broke and Buttercup hit the depths again. A truck driver latched on and the rescue was effected.

SLAYER IS INDICTED IN 1ST DEGREE

Grand Jury Finds First Degree Murder Charge for James Kingsley, Assassin of Traffic Officer — To Plead Tuesday.

The grand jury at 3:30 this afternoon returned an indictment against James C. Kingsley, alias J. C. Adams, charging him with first degree murder, for his admitted slaying of Sam Prescott, Ashland policeman.

Kingsley was arraigned, and will enter a plea in the morning before Circuit Judge H. D. Norton. Herbert Hanna was named to act as defense counsel.

The Jackson county grand jury, J. J. Skinner, foreman, this morning started its investigation into the slaying of Sam Prescott, Ashland police officer, January 24, by James C. Kingsley, alias J. C. Adams, who in a signed statement admits the crime.

A first degree murder charge—the first in this county in four years—was sought by the district attorney, Kingsley, a malfeasant since boyhood, according to his own version, hopes for a less penalty than the gallows. His sole extenuation for his particularly ruthless deed, is that no premeditation or malice was intended.

Among the witnesses called will be Dr. J. C. Swedberg of Ashland, who performed an autopsy; Mrs. L. R. Bachelor of Ashland, an eye-witness to the shooting; "Chick" Farlow, Ashland service station owner, and Earl Remington, 19, Wenatchee, Wash., youth, who rode with Kingsley in his stolen sedan from Cottage Grove to Ashland.

May Face Jurors. If the grand jury requests it, Kingsley under heavy guard will be taken to the grand jury to give his version of the murder. Kingsley, twice an escapee from reformatories and several times from county jails, will be given no chance for another dash for liberty.

Circuit Judge H. D. Norton in instructing the jury, requested that they return an indictment, for or against Kingsley as soon as possible.

District Attorney George A. Coddin said that six, and possibly seven witnesses would be called, including a civil engineer to testify to location and measurements connected with the murder. Herbert Moore, state traffic officer, who captured Kingsley will also be called as a witness.

The circuit court will probably take speedy action in the Kingsley case and it will have the right-of-way over other pending cases in order that the prisoner will be in the state penitentiary without any delay.

It was expected that an indictment would be returned against Kingsley late this afternoon.

RED CROSS DROUGHT FUND IS HALF-RAISED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The Red Cross drought relief fund today passed the half way mark, the total being \$5,969,969. The goal is \$10,000,000.

NAB KLAMATH PAIR WITH RUM SUPPLY

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Jim Sumpter and W. E. Brantner were arrested, and a 20-gallon liquor still seized when prohibition officers raided a hide-out near Olney. Eight gallons of liquor and 100 gallons of mash were found. It was the second large still capture in two days.

Roseburg—Sixteen men were arrested here for the proposed \$2,000,000 branch of National Soldiers' Home for northwest.

ITALY PROTESTS BUTLER SPEECH



Italy, through Ambassador Giacomo De Martino (left) protested a speech made at Philadelphia by Maj. Gen. Smedley Butler (right) of the marine corps in which Butler is charged with making "untrue and slanderous" remarks about Premier Mussolini.

TEN POISONED BY PEAS FROM HOME CANNING

Salad at Party Believed Cause of Death—Four in One Family Victims of Deadly Germs.

GRAFTON, N. D., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Ten persons, including four members of one family, were dead here today, victims of botulism, a form of food poisoning.

Home-preserved peas served in a salad and which are believed to have contained the poison, caused the deaths, physicians said.

The dead: Mr. and Mrs. Edward Hein, at whose home near here the salad was eaten during a party Thursday night; their children, Elizabeth, 20, and Edward, Jr., 15; Mrs. Thomas Chapiewski and her son Harry, 15; Mrs. Elmer Stokke, Mrs. Margaret McWilliams; Arthur Jorandy and Arthur Lessard. All lived in this vicinity.

Two May Die. Genevieve Hein, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hein, and Joe Leach, who also attended the gathering and partook of the salad, were in a critical condition at a hospital and were not expected to recover.

Dr. G. W. Glaspel, public health officer, who investigated, said all 12 of the persons were first afflicted with dizziness and numbness and all suffered a paralysis of the throat.

The victims became ill late Friday. Three of them died Saturday and seven died yesterday.

CANNON TO FACE HEARING TUESDAY

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., was in a hospital here today on the eve of hearings to be conducted by his church into charges against him, but his family said he would leave tomorrow to defend himself.

The Southern Methodist dry leader recently returned from Texas, where he recuperated from an illness which had confined him to bed for two months.

SUNNYVALE BALL COIN BASE IS AUTHORIZED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The house today passed the free bill for the establishment of a dirigible base at Sunnyvale, Calif.

Wise Old Horse Balks Plan For Adventure of Young Chicago "Cowboy"

CHICAGO, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The adventures of Tom Sawyer and Huckleberry Finn might have paired into insignificance in comparison with those of Joseph Timorek, 14, if it had not been for the horse sense of his horse. Joseph, attired in chaps, spurs and a saratoga, strode into the lively stable of Henry Burns and for \$2 rented the horse without telling Burns that he intended to ride him to Montana. Neither did Burns mention the fact that "Red Charley" had been seventeen years of service, first on a mail wagon, then on a mail truck and finally on a hearse. "I put the spurs on him," said Joseph, "but he would only trot. Then after turning down the second alley we came to, he would just walk and stop at every house. Night came, I figured he would be fooled in the dark. I put the spurs on him and he galloped all night. When daylight came we stopped—in front of a mail box." For the next two days Joseph spent his time pointing "Red Charley" to neighborhood boys at ten cents a ride and then headed south everything going along well, until they came to a cemetery. "Red Charley" stopped at the gate and refused to budge. A policeman found Joseph asleep. "He used to haul a hearse out there," observed Henry. "He never forgets. Good old Charley." "The stable can have him," said Joseph after mulling his first square meal in several days, from the mantelpiece in his home.

BUTLER TRIAL OPENS FEB. 16 AT NAVY YARD

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The court martial of Major General Smedley D. Butler, of the marines, will begin at 10 a. m., Monday, February 16 at the Philadelphia navy yard.

Secretary Adams made the announcement today after a visit to the White House.

He also had conferred with Judge Advocate General Sellers of the navy.

Upon leaving the president's office he said he called to talk about "naval affairs."

Asked if he had discussed the Butler court martial, his reply was that it was "against principles to talk about such matters."

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 2.—(AP)—Cornelius Vandebilt, Jr. may have "a good many things to say" concerning the difficulties between General Smedley D. Butler of the marine corps and Premier Mussolini. If circumstances "change sufficiently."

Vandebilt, credited in some quarters with having supplied the material for General Butler's recent charge that the Italian premier was guilty of a hit-run motoring offense, made this known late last night.

AMPUTATE ARM ASHLAND YOUTH

ASHLAND, Ore., Feb. 2.—(Special)—Stanley Burka, 10-year-old boy underwent the amputation of an arm this forenoon, as the result of a fall from a horse several days ago. The boy was riding in the Siskiyou mountain district when thrown from the horse, sustaining a broken arm. The break severed an artery, which necessitated the amputation.

DAISY DE BOE DENIED NEW TRIAL ON THEFT

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Superior Judge William Doran denied a motion today for a new trial for Daisy De Boe, who was convicted of the theft of \$325 from Clara Row, Blindom's Dapper queen.

MAY OFFER NEW BONUS PEACE PLAN

Compromise Discussed by Administration — Followers Would Give Vets 50 Per Cent Increase Loan Value of Certificates.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the National City Bank of New York, predicted today that "hundreds" of small bank failures would follow a \$3,500,000,000 federal bond issue to defray the cost of cashing soldier bonus certificates.

The financier's warning was given in response to a question in the senate banking inquiry whether the bonus bonds should be accorded the same treatment as other government securities in banking operations.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Representative Patman told today of compromise offers having been discussed by some administration followers as a settlement of the issue over cash redemption of veterans' bonus certificates.

The Texas democrat, one of the original sponsors of the cash redemption plan, named Senator Vandenberg. He said the Michigan republican had expressed a belief that an increase by fifty percent on the loan value of the certificates and a reduction in the interest would meet administration approval.

"While most of the compromise advocates have discussed it quietly," Patman said, "I have definite information that they would be only too willing to accept such a compromise."

World Please Mellon. "It would please Secretary Mellon and the administration," he added, "if the proposal had been discussed with nearly all of us who are advocating a one hundred per cent cash bonus."

Senator Vandenberg has proposed a measure allowing loans up to 50 per cent face value of the certificates. This ultimately would involve a total outlay of \$1,700,000,000 if all veterans took advantage of it. The government already has a \$700,000,000 fund for this purpose.

Senator Harrison, leading the democratic forces in the senate dispute over the cash bonus, said he would urge Chairman Smead to call an early meeting of the finance committee to go ahead with legislation. The republican forces expect the house to finish on starting the legislation, however.

WOMAN BANDIT IN PORTLAND HOLDUP

PORTLAND, Feb. 2.—(AP)—A woman bandit and her male accomplice robbed Gus James, cafe manager, of \$134 and left him bound hand and foot in a hotel room here today.

James was working in his restaurant when the woman came in and ordered that a meal be sent to her hotel room above the cafe. As he entered a tall man with a large revolver stepped from a closet. The woman bound the victim. James said \$135 of the currency they took from him was restaurant money and \$5 was his own.

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FEDERAL BUILDING MONEY ALLOTTED

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The allocations of \$68,794,000 for construction of public buildings of which \$49,515,000 is for cities and towns outside of the District of Columbia, was reported to congress today by Secretary Mellon.

The allotment included: Marshfield, Ore., post office, \$140,000; Oregon City, Ore., post office, \$115,000; St. Johns, Ore., post office, \$65,000; Welsch, Idaho, post office, \$110,000.

APPROVE EXPANSION IN PUBLIC BUILDINGS

WASHINGTON, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The senate public buildings committee today ordered a favorable report on the administration's measure authorizing expansion of the public buildings program by \$100,000,000.



Mavis King, cigarette girl in Club Abbey, New York, couldn't give police a satisfactory reason for taking a wounded gambler to the hospital after a gun battle in the club.

DRAIN PROBLEM TO BE SCANNED BY SOIL EXPERT

Prof. King of O. S. C. in Valley for Conference—Dry Winter Has Reduced Water Level.

Prof. Arthur King, soil expert of the Oregon State college, arrived this morning for a conference with County Agent L. P. Wilcox, Archie Work, resident engineer of the Department of Agriculture, and valley growers, on drainage problems in orchards. Prof. King is a recent addition to the extension service of the State college.

Prof. King will also look over the local drainage situation from all angles.

Between Mother Nature and Old Man Depression, the drainage question in this section is at a low ebb. Nature has reduced the water table to a low point and depression has the finances of the state, nation and county at a point where rigid economy is the cry.

The moisture situation has two more angles. Four years ago February 29, came the "big flood," which filled the reservoir and storage places of irrigation full, all streams to overflowing, and all spots high and low were flooded. There was ample moisture. Those interested in the weather are expecting something like that to happen again this season. The other hope is June rains. There have been none to speak of for seven years, and summer showers of no more than passing size are overdue.

If neither happens, it will be necessary to conserve the irrigation water supply, and use it scientifically and sparingly.

SHORT SHRIFT FOR GANGMEN IN ARGENTINA

BUENOS AIRES, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Summary justice was dealt today to Paulino Searfo, lieutenant of the Argentine's executed gangster king and confessed co-author of the bomb attempt against the branch of the First National Bank of Boston in 1927.

Searfo, who yesterday called out "Viva La Anarquia" as the shots ending the life of his chief, Severino di Giovanni, rang out, was put before a firing squad today.

Searfo, one of Buenos Aires' leading anarchists, was arrested Friday after a raid on his apartment in which a policeman and two gangsters were killed. His chief, Di Giovanni, was arrested Thursday after a street fight in which a 13-year-old girl was killed. Their activities were similar to gangster activities in the United States.

PRINCE MAY WED MAID OF CHOICE

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Feb. 2.—(AP)—King Gustave's crown has cast a shadow upon the romance of Prince Lanhart, his grandson, and Fraulein Karin Nissavand, the daughter of a Swedish industrialist.

The king issued a communique today announcing that he would withhold his consent to the wedding but it was understood the prince was ready to abide by the consequences and marry the girl of his choice. Should he do so, he would lose his title of highness.

ROGUE BILL DEBATE SET FOR HOUSE

Committee to Report Measurements Out Without Recommendations — Argument to Open in House Tuesday, is Present Plan.

SALEM, Feb. 2.—(AP)—The house committee on fish and game will report out senate bill No. 1, providing the closing of the Rogue river to commercial fishing, without recommendations.

The report of the committee will be made to the house later today. It followed a short hearing this noon at which several interested parties were heard. The measure will come up for debate in the house tomorrow. It passed the senate last week by a 17 to 13 vote.

SALEM, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier, in a statement to the press today, declared the public utilities bill, introduced in the house and which was the subject of a public hearing last week, was in accord with the platform upon which he was elected executive. The message further states that reports to the contrary were erroneous.

The governor, in his statement also reiterated advocacy of repeal of the certificate of necessities act, which measure comes up for final passage in the senate today, adding that the Lawrence utilities bill again provides for the repeal of this law. A debate on the issue is expected in the senate.

Start Final Half. The legislature started its final half of the limited 40-day period at 11 o'clock today, with many new bills presented in both houses. Reports were current that the new compromise sought on the Port of Portland commission members' choice failed and the Crawford bill, providing for the appointment of the members whose terms expire this year by the governor and election thereafter, would be reported out favorably by the senate Multnomah delegation.

The administration measure providing for a new state police system was expected late today or tomorrow.

Senator Bailey of Multnomah county introduced an affirmative order from the public service commission before any new utility rate schedule could become effective.

At the present time new rates become effective in 10 days after the schedule is filed with the commission unless there is a protest.

Meier's Statement. The statement of the governor is as follows: "Recent statements that the public utilities bill introduced in the house by Representative Lawrence is not in accord with the platform on which I was elected governor are erroneous."

"On the contrary," the measure is fully expressed in my platform and enunciated in my opening radio speech in the gubernatorial campaign.

"I advocated the abolition of the public service commission as now constituted charging, among other things, that it had ceased to function as an investigational body leaving the people just as they

WORKERS GET CHEERY WORD FROM BOSSES

NEW YORK, Feb. 2.—(AP)—Twenty-five corporations employing several hundred thousand workers pledge steady jobs to them all.

The welfare council coordinating activity is an unemployment board, headed by Alfred E. Smith, has announced these pledges, supplementing similar assurances already received from the Consolidated Gas company, the Metropolitan Life Insurance company and the McCall Publishing company.

Fifteen of these concerns permitting the use of their names were:

The Standard Oil company of New Jersey, The Bethlehem Steel Co., Travelers Insurance Company, Equitable Life Assurance Co., American Surety Co., New York Casualty Co., Guardian Life Insurance Co., Bank of Savings, Seaman's Bank for Savings, Hamlin and Co., Appleton and Co., Allied Di-Casting Corporation, New York Life Insurance Co., Home Life Insurance Co., American Fence Construction Co.

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