

The Weather

Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday unsettled; no change in temperature.

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Today

By Arthur Brisbane. Defense Sidetracked. Two Pink Spots. Russia Will Nurse Babies. Prosperous Ireland.

Copyright King Features Synd., Inc. Republican chiefs are said to have "sidetracked" the naval construction program of \$74,000,000 to avoid discussion and risk of a special session.

The program would have provided one aircraft carrier, to cost, included armor, ammunition and 114 airplanes, \$27,650,000; also one flying-deck day cruiser, with 36 airplanes, costing \$20,780,000; four submarines costing \$17,600,000, and 130 planes for \$5,000,000 plus \$3,000,000 for experimenting with Diesel engines.

All this would have been strictly up to date defense, but it is abandoned to save the country from another session of its legislators.

On the other hand your wise gentlemen actually propose to spend \$30,000,000 to "modernize" three old battleships, New Mexico, Mississippi, and Idaho.

And when they are modernized they will simply be nothing but targets for bombing planes and pleasure strutting-decks for naval officers too old to accept a new idea.

Sometimes consumptive patients have bright pink spots on either cheek, deceitful, telling of hope not to be fulfilled.

Yesterday, Wall Street had a bright pink spot on each cheek, and looked remarkably well. Prices were up, from 2 to 15 dollars a share. Brokers bought and sold more than 4,000,000, nearly four times as many as on the same day of the previous week.

Hope springs eternal in the stock ticker, but nobody knows whether this is the pink spot of health, or gnawing financial tuberculosis.

In connection with Russia's plan to conscript women for industry, government taking care of the babies while their mothers are at work, you read that this is done because of "the present serious shortage of labor in Russia." You wish we had that shortage here and wonder how the Russians manage it.

Russia's plan to open gigantic government nurseries to care for babies, while mothers are working in mills, forests, fields, mines, or factories, will present problems that not even Stalin can foresee. Separating women from their babies may be a

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Abe Martin



Nothin' looks as funny as a ball full o' women all keepin' quiet while another woman talks. Joe Kite has accepted a fine position with an auto theft concern.

CHANGES IN HYDRO BILL NECESSARY

Proposed Law Will Bar Copco Construction of Big Plant in Klamath County Is Declaration of Reames at Salem Meet.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Amendments to the hydro-electric commission act were called for today by the joint utilities committee in an attempt to meet some objections voiced against the proposed measure as drawn and to eliminate conflicts between the proposed law and the federal power commission act.

This was the decision made at the hearing today following discussion of the measure. Another hearing on the same matter will be held tonight, at which time the committee hopes to conclude public sessions on the administration measure.

If the proposed law is enacted the California Oregon Power company will be unable to construct its four and half million dollar power plant in Klamath county, declared Evan Reames, of that company. The elimination of such a project for the state means more than \$100,000 taxes to Klamath county alone, and will force erection of the project 17 miles south in California.

Financing Obstacle. Reames declared the financing provisions of the bill prohibited their company from building this project. The firm has already spent \$153,000 in preliminary work and has the money ready to start work, employ 1500 men, and place the power project where power is needed, Reames states. The proposed bill would necessitate refinancing of private companies in order to construct within the state. He also stated that he believed the bill could be worked out to conform, rather than conflict, with the federal act, and secure the same objects which the present measure proposes.

SALEM, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The old age pension bill, which was listed for consideration in the house today, was placed on special order of business for 2:00 o'clock on Thursday afternoon. The measure was recently reported out of the committee with recommendation that it pass. The decision was reached after a public hearing on the proposal, providing \$30 a month for all eligible dependents past the age of 65 years. A debate is expected when the bill comes up for vote.

Motion to reconsider the Port of Portland commission bill had not been made by noon in the senate, but such actions was contemplated some time before adjournment. The Angell bill passed the senate yesterday but Moser, who protested the proposed selection of commissioners by the legislature and by election, moved it be held over for reconsideration.

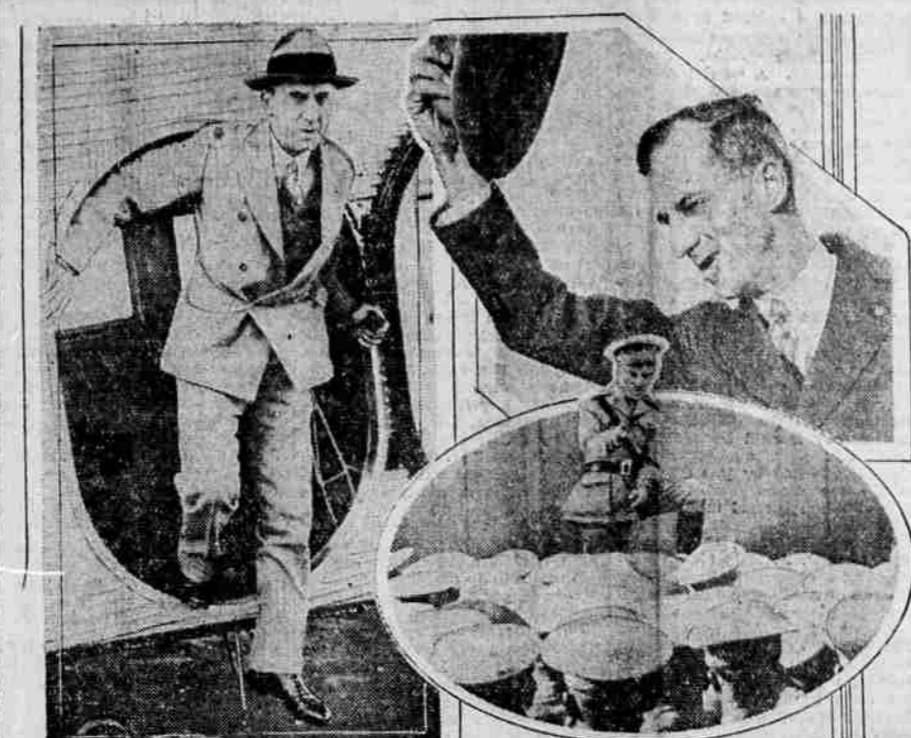
Change Text Book Bill. The house education committee was considering a change in the free-text bill for public school students. The change would eliminate high school students from its provisions. Final action will be taken during the afternoon and a favorable report of the committee is expected later in the day. Consolidation of city and county government, involving Portland and Multnomah county, is proposed in a joint resolution signed by all but one of the Multnomah county delegation. The resolution, which provides for a constitutional amendment, specifies that a charter consolidating the two governments may be proposed by a vote of the people.

Warehouse Code Aim. A uniform warehouse code with Washington and Idaho is sought in a move for appointment of a legislative committee to confer with similar groups from these two states to draft such regulations. The resolution was adopted by the house. The senate indefinitely postponed a resolution calling for the appointment of circuit judges by the governor.

With Mrs. Lota Smith of the Marion county delegation leading the fight for excision of high schools from operation of the free

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Butler Will Not Face Court Martial



A general court-martial was ordered for Maj. Gen. Smedley D. Butler of the marine corps as the result of an address at Philadelphia in which the officer made references to Premier Mussolini which Italy protested. At the left is Major General Butler stepping from a plane after an air trip. Below right shows him addressing marines when he started a campaign to dry up Quantico, Va., and upper right is a closeup.

SCHOOL BOARD ASKED TO SET LIVING WAGES

Central Civic Council Urges Minimum of 50 Cents Per Hour On New School Buildings.

Information concerning recommendations made by the Central Civic council to the Medford school board as to minimum wage scale on the construction of the new school buildings was released today from headquarters of the Central Civic council. The council made these recommendations to the school board at a recent meeting of the civic group, but this is the first public announcement of the suggested scale.

In order that common labor might not be imposed upon by being forced to accept wages lower than a living wage, the Central Civic council has recommended that a minimum scale of 50 cents per hour be established in the construction of the new buildings. It was felt by members of the council that common labor should be at least entitled to this minimum, and that a great portion of the wages received by labor will almost immediately be returned to local merchants and taxpayers through the regular channels of trade.

75 Cents for Artisans. While taking no definite action with regard to the establishment of a scale of wages for skilled labor, it was the general opinion of members of the Central Civic council that no less than 75 cents per hour should be paid for this kind of work, and from that figure up to the prevailing wage scale should be used, according to the supply and demand for skilled workers.

The Central Civic council has taken this action because of its program of assisting in alleviating the unemployment situation in Medford, having strongly endorsed the bond issue for the construction of the new school buildings, and feeling that local labor should be protected insofar as possible. The council also recommended to the school board that local labor and local materials be used exclusively in the building program.

Hill Improving. PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Samuel Hill, famous good roads advocate, who was stricken by a severe cold yesterday, spent a good night at the hospital and was improving today, attendants said.

RUSS LUMBER UNDER BAN IF CONVICT MADE

Washington, Feb. 10.—(AP)—Lumber and pulp wood from four localities of Russia today were barred from the United States by the treasury unless the shippers can prove they are not produced by convict labor.

The action was taken under the tariff law, which prohibits importation of convict made goods, and under authority of treasury regulations issued three months ago placing the burden of proof that convict labor does not enter into manufacture of imports upon the shipper.

The order is the first taken under the new regulations.

GRANGERS PLAN SQUIRREL WAR TO SAVE CROPS

Poisoned Barley Will Be Spread Throughout Jackson County—County Agent Co-operating.

An organized war on the rodents of Jackson county was decided on last night at a meeting of the county agriculture committee of the grange with Fred Goff of Roseburg, chairman of the state grange agriculture committee. The meeting was the monthly one of the county agriculture committee which is composed of three members from each of the eleven subordinate granges. There was a full attendance and then a few more, every section of the county being represented, thirty-eight persons being crowded into the county agent's office.

The subject of rodent control was the chief one discussed and the fact that the state agriculture committee of the grange is endeavoring to interest all subordinate granges of the state into cooperation in rodent control explains Mr. Goff's attendance at the gathering.

Worse in Dry Season. Because of the great lack of normal rain and consequent dry weather the rodent nuisance will be greater than ever before unless curbed, the ground squirrels coming down from the hills and out from their dug outs this year earlier than ever before.

In fact they are out in great numbers already and have been since last fall, whereas in former years they were just beginning to come out by this time; besides this is the breeding season.

Hence the recognition of the need to get busy at once in an organized campaign to exterminate the rodents, otherwise the fast multiplying pests would do great damage to crops.

Cooperation Planned. The county granges will cooperate with County Agent R. G. Fowler in this campaign. More ground will be covered in the extermination efforts than in past years, and the campaign will even take in unoccupied lands of the county, to make it more effective.

The program is to scatter poisoned barley, which County Agent Fowler will mix with poison, and sell to the various communities at cost. Last year Mr. Fowler mixed between 6000 and 6000 pounds of poisoned barley, but because of the organized grange campaign he will probably mix up twice as much this year.

PLANE HITS LIGHT ON NEVADA FIELD

WELLS, Nev., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Louis Norton, field manager of the Boeing airport at Elko, Nev., was killed and Burr Winslow, pilot, was hurt yesterday when a Boeing eastbound air mail plane crashed into the beacon here while trying to land from Elko in a heavy fog.

The plane was trying to reach Wells ahead of an eastbound train to contain mail, as it had reports of bad weather ahead.

PORTLAND UNIONS HIT POLICE PLAN

PORTLAND, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The Portland Central labor council at a meeting last night lodged an unanimous protest against the proposed establishment of a state police force, recommended to the legislature by Governor Meier.

Michael Rovo, president of the council, in explaining the protest, said: "The state police, in states where such plans have been adopted, have been used against the workers and this is the principal reason for the council's protest."

BIG CANNERY GOING UP IN VANCOUVER

VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 10.—(AP)—Construction of a \$25,000 cannery here was assured today by announcement from Washington, D. C., that the federal farm board had approved a loan to Washington co-operative canneries for construction of the plant to handle prunes.

Killed at Curve. VANCOUVER, Wash., Feb. 10.—(AP)—George Middle, 22, was seriously injured last night when their automobile failed to take a curve near Ridgefield and overturned several times.

SLAYER IS SENTENCED FOR APR. 3

Kingsley Hears Doom Without Emotion—Leaves for Death Cell in Salem at Once—Defense Moves May Delay Execution.

"I have made peace with my God," said James E. Kingsley, sentenced in circuit court this forenoon to die on the gallows April 3 for the murder of Sam G. Prescott, Ashland police officer, as he was about to board the Shasta this forenoon en route to Salem. He had little further to say but added that he was hoping for the best. A smile on his unshaven face failed to express hope—but rather indicated he was resigned to his fate.

He was handcuffed to Oscar Dunford, jailer, and was accompanied from the county jail, where he had been held the past two weeks, by Sheriff Ralph Jennings, Policeman Joe Cave and District Attorney George Neilson. He was dressed in a natty brown suit, wore a new necktie matched with a light shirt and had a new brown felt hat on his head.

James E. Kingsley, confessed and convicted slayer of Sam G. Prescott, Ashland policeman, without a tremor of emotion, stood in the circuit court this morning and heard Judge H. D. Norton pronounce the death sentence. Execution date was set for Friday, April 3 next.

"In accordance with the verdict of the jury and the law as provided for in the statute, I hereby sentence you to be hanged by the neck until dead, in the state prison at Salem, Ore., on Friday, April 3, 1931, and may the Creator of the universe and all things, have mercy on your soul in my hope," were the fateful words of the court, as he read from a typewritten document. Kingsley, unshaven and wearing a black shirt open at the throat, black trousers, and a coat of brown, stood erect and listened to the words of doom unflinchingly.

To Salem Today. With the pronouncement of sentence, the sheriff's office made hurried preparations to take the prisoner to the state prison at Salem, on the Shasta limited, departing at 11:15. Kingsley will sleep tonight in the death cell.

The court granted the defense 20 days in which to perfect an appeal to the state supreme court and prepare a certificate of probable cause for the filing of a motion for a new trial.

The filing of the appeal will automatically act as a stay of execution. In the ordinary course of supreme court routine, a final decision on the appeal will be handed down in a year or 18 months.

The court, before pronouncing sentence, made a lengthy review of the case in which he declared: "The verdict was a just one, made by a jury in accordance with the law and evidence." He commented there was no alternative for the court except to impose the extreme penalty.

No Extension. The court, in its remarks, observed that the case contained no extenuating circumstances and "did not possess any element of circumstantial evidence. And if it did, I would be inclined to feel differently about it."

The court declared that the defendant though without funds, had been "ably and competently defended, by as strong a counsel as money could have provided." He also declared, "that in view of the circumstances, the defense interposed the only defense that was possible—an arraignment and indictment of society, for its administration of the laws."

Judge Norton commented upon (Continued on Page 6, Story 2)



Kathleen Key, former screen actress, was accused of beating Buster Keaton, comedian, in his dressing room in Hollywood.

AUTO HOTEL FIRM TAKES LOCAL SITE

Frank Earhart Property On South Riverside Purchased—Building May Rise This Season—Will Include 97 Guest Rooms.

Papers have been signed for the purchase of the Frank L. Earhart property, located at the corner of Earhart street and South Riverside avenue by the Motour Hotel system, it was announced this afternoon by Glenn B. Hite, general manager, who is in this city from Portland in interests of the company.

The property, 280 feet by 326 feet, is considered an ideal location by the local officials, including H. R. Malott and J. Bruce Murray also of Portland, who are in Medford. A system of these structures is planned for the Pacific coast with temporary plans to locate in Eugene, Ore., and Chico, Calif.

A definite date has not been set for starting construction work, but the impression was given that an attempt would be made to complete the hotel in time for the coming tourist season.

All hotels of the system will be located on the Pacific highway, and will have a 70-car garage, coffee shop, beauty parlor and barber shop. There will be 97 guest rooms, all having a shower or bath. Standard prices for all rooms is one of the plans, with a small garage fee.

The hotel will be a frame structure with stuccoed exterior and standard plaster and wall paper finished interior. Mr. Hite stated that he expected the entire system to be completed within a period of five years.

CHILQUIN BANKER ADMITS STEALING

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore., Feb. 10.—(AP)—James G. Nichols, former cashier of the Chilquinn State bank, waived indictment and pleaded guilty to a charge of grand larceny by embezzlement when he appeared in circuit court here today. He admitted looting the bank of \$3,500. He took the money, he said, locked himself in the vault, sounded an alarm and fled. Nichols had held him up. The time of sentence was continued by the court until Friday.

Dolly Joins Alice In Grin At Press Club High Jinks As Social Hatchet Buried

WASHINGTON, Feb. 10.—(AP)—There was a funeral here last night at which the spectators, decorous ladies all, laughed loud and long. Even Alice Longworth and Mrs. Dolly Gann gave way to mirth.

A solemn cortege, wearing deepest mourning, was carrying a black casket to its resting place when the first giggles broke through the somber noisium of a funeral dirge. The box was placed under a headstone, bearing the simple epitaph: "Hello Dolly; Hello Alice!"

It contained a hatchet—the hatchet, in fact, none other than the symbol of the capital's famous Gann-Longworth feud over social precedence. The funeral was conducted by the national women's press club. The two principals sat at the same table, guests of honor at the newspaper women's merry making.

Alice and Dolly met for the first time in ages in the center of the ball room. "Hello, Dolly!" "Hello, Alice!" Of course, everybody heard, and word went forth the controversy was so more.

HOT DEBATE ON DRY POLL FOR OREGON

Opinions Voiced at Public Hearing in House Grow Personal—Senator Upton Authors Bill for State Referendum On Law.

By Clayton V. Bernhardt. SALEM, Feb. 10.—(AP)—The prohibition referendum again held sway in official Oregon last night. Five hundred people crowded into the Hall of Representatives to listen and applaud for more than three hours to debating by men and women, lawyers and laborers, preachers and laymen, on the liquor question. Opinions, pertinent to both wet and dry causes and many times involving personalities were expressed, but no vote was taken.

The alcoholic traffic committee of the Oregon state senate holds in its hands the fate of the second attempt during the present state legislature to refer the Oregon dry law to a vote of the people.

First Attempt Failed. The first attempt failed in the house on a referendum to repeal the state dry law. This time the matter was taken into the senate on a referendum for substitution of the Volstead act for the Oregon law. The debate on the part of the public was held before the group which has the measure for consideration.

At the close of the hearing, after vainly attempting to curb applause during addresses for and against the bill, Senator J. E. Bennett, chairman of the committee, announced "the evidence is all in and we will do our duty." The verdict was not announced, but will come in the form of a report of the committee. Whatever the report, a demand on the senate floor for a roll call will be made and the members placed on record on the measure.

Upton Is Author. Senator Jay Upton, author of the bill, opened the discussion with the statement there was no organization back of his bill, and that it was introduced for the purpose of giving the people of the state a chance to express their perogative on a question which leads all others in the nation.

"The substitution of the Volstead law would give recognition to the man who considers his home his castle. The right to make wine and beer in the home and to drink it "without pulling the blinds" is a man's inherent right, which the supreme court has upheld, he stated.

The opposition was led by L. P. Putnam, who declared himself the floor leader of delegations from 12 of Oregon's 36 counties. He stated moves of this kind were "manufactured by liquor men and the wet press." He called upon A. L. Veazy, Portland attorney to define the Volstead act and compare it to the present Oregon dry law.

A Step Backward. "Such a move is a step backward," Veazy said. "It doesn't move one step closer to a solution of the problem of enforcement than the law we now have." Provisions in the Volstead and the Oregon law are identical, he declared, except the state law taxes (Continued on Page 6, Story 3)

WILL ROGERS SAYS

FT. SMITH, Ark., Feb. 9.—Say that Tulsa is a bear. We played there Sunday night to exactly \$30,000 at one single performance, making \$100,000 the state of Oklahoma paid in the one week. It wasn't the attraction, it was the cause. These people down in these states know that there is folks that are hungry, and they are going to feed 'em as long as they are able, and say, they go a great gag down here. They don't just open up a soup kitchen and feed a lot of professional bums, they make 'em work and then give 'em the money to buy some food. Played my wife's town, Rogers, Ark., Monday and Ft. Smith Monday night.

