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LOS ANGELES, Feb. 13.—The desert of Northern Arizona at 6 o'clock this morning presented an unusual appearance, no brilliant sun rising far back above the tracks. Instead, heavy clouds almost touching the ground. The desert soaked with rain, water pouring from the hills. Green filaree covering desert sands. Fresh green cactus, sagebrush and greasewood. Rain has been falling in all the desert region and heavy snow in the mountains promises good crops.

Interesting sights inside the train, if you tire of looking through the window at Nature. In her stateroom sits Ina Claire, who acts. Now on her way to the movies, she plays backgammon with Mr. "Harpo" Marx, who also acts.

The Los Angeles Examiner, boarding the train early, tells you that Ina Claire says she is living apart from her husband, John Gilbert, also a screen actor, because "there is something fascinating about separation," and, says Miss Claire: "We are both stars and temperament. Two such persons in the same house is bad for happiness in marriage."

Astronomers will tell Miss Claire that there are in the firmament stars even bigger than any in Hollywood, "double stars" that travel through infinite space and time together happily.

On the train also is J. O. Jernigan, first class flier who drove the plane that towed Captain Hawkes, today's best flier in America, from San Diego to New York, Hawks sitting in a glider.

Mr. Jernigan, who has been flying ever since he entered the war, believes that aviation is on the verge of something new and entirely different from anything ever seen before. Undoubtedly he is right. Men do not solve problems by imitating birds or other animals. They develop ideas of their own, invent new things surpassing anything that Mother Nature can do. The present airplane is only an imitation of an eagle and does not work as well.

The boy in "Excelstor," whose eye beneath shone like a falcon from his sheath, was a pale imitation of Paul Block of New York. Toledo, Pittsburgh and points east, west, north and south. "Harpo" extends his newspaper chain to the Pacific, purchasing the Los Angeles Examiner, entrenched like two "old men of the mountain," will give Block a fight. But Block will make money. It is as natural for him to do that as it is for the rolling mercury to carry along small particles of gold with it. What the magnet is to iron, Block is to business and profits.

Hundreds of millions listened to the pope broadcasting yesterday. Protestants will note with deep interest, and Catholics with great pride, the fact that the papacy reigns through the centuries.

A great German emperor crossed the Alps in the dead of winter in the middle ages and stood pent in the snow day after day below the window of the pope begging forgiveness. The pope could not have addressed the world in tones of greater authority than those used by Pope Pius yesterday.

The pope spoke "in the name of the Prince of Apostles by divine command" and most impressive was the pope's invocation "Hear, and listen, oh earth, to the words of my mouth."

To the "bishops and priests and

SENATE TO PASS VETS LOAN BILL

Mellon, Smoot, and Hawley See Taxation War In Wake—Fear Wall Street Protest—Couzens Plans Tie-Up—Hoover Veto Looms.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Running contrary to administration wishes a majority of house Republicans and Democrats plan to pass the fifty cent veterans loan proposal Monday.

Word that quick action is desired in the senate came from Senator Couzens, Republican, Michigan, in blocking a proposal to consider the nomination of Eugene Meyer as governor of the federal reserve board next Saturday.

Couzens said he would object to all unanimous consent requests for the remainder of the session pending disposition of veterans relief legislation. Previously he said he understood there was a move toward holding up the legislation and subjecting it to the chances of a pocket veto. In the brief time remaining, the Michigan senator can virtually tie up legislation until a vote is taken on soldiers' relief.

The stand of house proponents was unchanged materially by Secretary Mellon's denunciation of the Bacharach proposal. They went forward with plans while the opposition appeared without a leader. The formal ways and means committee report urging passage was filed by Representative Bacharach, Republican, New Jersey, proponent of the compromise plan.

Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee and Chairman Hawley of the house ways and means committee, however, issued warnings that the funds to finance the estimated outlay of \$700,000,000 would have to be raised either by a bond issue or increased taxation. Both said the country faced a \$300,000,000 deficit by June 30.

The Mellon statement that the proposition would increase the difficulties of the treasury in finance operations was assailed from several quarters.

It was interpreted by some members in both houses as laying the ground work for a White House veto. Proponents pointed out, however, that the adjusted compensation certificate plan was granted in 1921 over President Coolidge's disapproval.

Speaker Longworth maintained this attitude for the Bacharach proposal was unchanged, and majority leader Garner said Mellon's statement had not materially influenced house membership against the proposal. Garner said that on the best authority the financing of the loan would not affect the stock and bond markets.

Senator Vanderberg, Republican, Michigan, and Representative Rankin, Democrat, Mississippi, also attacked the Mellon statement.

A complete scale of increases in personal income taxes was proposed in a bill by Representative "Prear," Republican, Wisconsin, a member of the house ways and means committee, to meet the prospective deficit forecast by Hawley and Smoot.

It would add one per cent on surtaxes on incomes up to \$100,000. Between \$100,000 and \$200,000 the rate would be 21 per cent, increasing to 25 per cent on incomes of \$200,000.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Both houses of congress and the White House gave the \$20,000,000 drought loan compromise the final approving pat on the back today.

Originating as a proposal to give the Red Cross \$25,000,000 to care for the needy unemployed and drought sufferers, after much haggling, the measure wound up on the floor with \$20,000,000 added on to the \$15,000,000 seed and feed loan fund for drought-stricken farmers. The senate had been assured, however, by Secretary Hyde that loans from the \$20,000,000 might be used for purchasing food.

PORT COMMISSION MEASURE SIGNED

SALERS, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Governor Meier today signed the Port of Portland bill appointing four commissioners of the port and calling for election by the district after the terms expire in 1932.

The commissioners are: Harry L. Corbett, Kenneth D. Dawson, Rufus Holman and William Lunderman.

SHE CHARMED PRINCE OF WALES



A pretty American girl with dark hair and brown eyes won the attention of the Prince of Wales for most of the evening at a dance given in his honor at Panama City. She is Eleanor Nichols of Newport, N. I., daughter of Com. Newton Lord Nichols, in charge of Espionage radio.

CHINESE AWAIT HOOVER BOARD NEW YEARS TO FILES PUBLIC PAY ALL BETS LAND REPORT

Quaint Custom of Orient Recommend Transfers To Put Quietus on Depression In Chinatown of Frisco—No Financial Distress There.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Ages ago before the world heard of business depression, stock market crashes and mass production, Confucius bequeathed his disciples this ancient bit of wisdom: "Give no man, let no man owe you." From that developed the old Chinese custom of liquidating debts on the turn of their new year and because of this custom the bank of Chinatown here has transferred hundreds of thousands of dollars so funds will be available Monday for Chinatown's annual pay-off of obligations.

Despite the so-called business depression, orthodox Chinese prepared to open their purse strings and follow the dictates of the oriental philosopher and reformer. Chinatown hadn't heard of this depression. Do not the celestial gods forever smile on their devotees?

Take Sim Lung Lee, the busiest fruit vendor on Grant avenue. He has money in his bank; his ledger balances and shows a net profit over last year. Sim says he owes three merchants and three merchants owe him. And Sim, like hundreds of other Chinatown business men, awaits eagerly the cracking of fireworks opening the six-day new year's celebration Monday.

Police Sergeant John J. Manion, the unofficial mayor of San Francisco's Chinatown, whose years of service in the district has made of him an authority on Chinese habits, says the Orthodox celestial is never without funds.

WEDDED 77 YEARS WANT PLANE RIDE

ELIZABETH N. J., Feb. 14.—(AP)—After Mr. and Mrs. William J. Mitchell had celebrated their 77th wedding anniversary, Mitchell's 81st birthday and St. Valentine's day Mrs. Mitchell, who is 91, asked—of all things—for an airplane ride.

Her husband said the sprightly housewife is not likely to have her wish granted.

The couple were married in Allentown, Pa., 1860. Mitchell's grandfather fought under Washington in the American revolution.

BRIDE OF HOUR CRITICALLY HURT

FRESNO, Cal., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Within two hours after Mildred Wilson, 26, became the bride today of Morris G. Swan at a church wedding, she was fatally injured in an automobile collision. Swan was hurt.

RICH PAIR NABBED IN DRUG QUIZ

Daughter of Malted Milk King and Millionaire Britisher Questioned After Gold Coast Raids—Documents Seized By Agents.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—The Herald and Examiner says that agents of the United States and Canada, cooperating to track down an international narcotic smuggling organization, raided two Gold Coast hotels and seized for questioning today a millionaire Canadian and a woman who is heiress to millions.

At one hotel, the paper says, the agents invaded the suite of W. Perkins Bull, K. C. Toronto and London, owner of large estates over the British Empire. At the same time, it said, other government men entered the Lake Shore apartment of Mrs. Mabelle Morlock Sidley, daughter of William H. Horlick, Racine, Wis., multi-millionaire manufacturer of malted milk.

In both the houses, private documents and correspondence were seized and impounded by the agents, who carried out the raids almost to the minute like last night. The agents also visited the residence of J. J. Harrison, head of the private detective agency which bears his name. With Mrs. Sidley and Bull, Harrison and his wife were taken to the offices of the United States district attorney.

For six hours Bull, Mrs. Sidley and the Harrisons were questioned by assistants to George E. Q. Johnson, district attorney. It was not until dawn that the quartette was released.

Attorney John E. Kehoe, described by the Herald and Examiner as the lawyer whom Bull consulted after his release, said he believed the government "had assumed a harsh attitude." The Harrisons refused to discuss their experience.

The paper quoted Kehoe as saying: "Some sort of malicious innuendo is behind this. There is absolutely no basis for the seizure of Mr. Bull nor of his papers. The federal authorities gained nothing by the raid. Mr. Bull assures me they discovered not a single particle of incriminating evidence against him."

Retention by the government of rights in known mineral areas with the states to be given all rights in land not known to contain minerals.

Establishment of food control system.

Continuation of reclamation and federal aid highway projects.

Payment to the reclamation bureau of all receipts from power plants on reclamation projects instead of sharing revenues with the states, which the states had asked.

Reservation by the government of acreage that might be needed in the future for national forests, parks, power projects or other purposes, in addition to reservation of land now so allocated.

NEW YORK, Feb. 14.—(AP)—A promise of "greatly reduced" premature deaths in the United States was made tonight in a statement issued by the secretary of the Interior, Dr. Ray Lyman Wilbur.

He spoke as chairman of the committee on costs of medical care, which the cooperation of the American Medical association and the American Dental association.

Dr. Wilbur described the purpose of the committee as "the delivery of adequate, scientific medical service to all the people, rich and poor at a cost which can be reasonably met by them in their respective stations in life."

The studies so far made, taken as a whole, he said, "are expected to show the extent of sickness and disability in the United States and what is being done about it."

"Their tenor is optimistic, for they indicate that much more may be done than is now being done. There is no doubt the existing rates of sickness, of mental and physical disability and of premature death can be greatly reduced if we apply to them more thoroughly the knowledge we already possess."

OREGON JUDGE CONFIRMED TO CUSTOM COURT

Walter H. Evans, First Pacific Coast Jurist Ever Named to Post—Tenure Is For Life, at High Salary.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—The United States senate today confirmed the appointment of Walter H. Evans, residing circuit judge of Multnomah county, as one of the nine judges of the United States customs court at New York City.

Judge Evans, nominated by President Hoover, is the first judge to be appointed to that court from the Pacific coast. The position is for life and carries an annual salary of \$10,000.

Judge Evans said today he hopes to have until April 1 to clear the work now before his court. Mrs. Evans and their daughter, Mary, will remain here until properly interests are disposed of and Walter H. Evans Jr., a son, will remain in the west until he completes his work at the University of Oregon where he is a junior.

Judge Evans said today he felt much complimented upon the honor but that "I am considerably depressed over the prospect of leaving Oregon where I have enjoyed the friendships of twenty-eight years."

FIRE SHOT INTO HOME BECAUSE OF PORCH LIGHTS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Already sentenced on another shooting charge Charles Daniels today allegedly admitted to deputy sheriffs it was he who had week fired four or five shots into Mrs. A. Knoles home here because he "didn't like the way they left their porch light on."

Mrs. Knoles was entertaining guests when the shots were fired from a passing automobile. Some of the bullets passed through the house but no one was injured.

Daniels was arrested Monday night after he allegedly entered a downtown pool hall and fired several shots at random among the patrons. No one was hit.

Daniels was fined \$500 and sentenced to six months in jail.

ASTORIA SOVIET PAPER NO MORE

ASTORIA, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Announcement was made here today the Toveri, Astoria Finnish publication, had been combined with the Tyomies, of Superior, Wisconsin. Publication of the Toveri here will be discontinued.

The Toveri for some time has been considered by immigration authorities as having communist tendencies.

LOWLY SMELT TO GET PROTECTION

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Oregon and Washington legislative fisheries committees, meeting in joint session to discuss concurrent legislation for Columbia river fishing, decided to leave the royal salmon about where they are and give the Pelebeian smelt a little protection.

Few recommendations for changes in present regulations grew out of the meeting.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—Delegates from Oregon, Washington and Idaho will gather at Portland, Ore., next Monday for the annual meeting of the Columbia valley association.

BEND, Ore., Feb. 14.—(AP)—John Suttle was fined \$75 in justice court today after he was convicted of hunting deer out of season.

WALL OF WATER DESCENDS UPON ARIZONA TOWN

Tragedy and Humor Mingle In Sudden Maelstrom's Wake—Rail and Auto Traffic Hit—Tourists Marooned.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Feb. 14.—(AP)—A canyon, turned into a giant mill race by a cloudburst near Wellton, Ariz., carried a wall of water, 250 yards wide and six feet high, into the little cow town of the desert last night but only one person, a woman tourist, was unable to escape the flood and drowned.

Mrs. E. P. Llewellyn of Stockton, Cal., riding in a car with her husband and daughter, Francis, and J. R. Pennington, of San Diego, Cal., was caught in the maelstrom of water. The car was tossed on the crest of the flood a quarter of a mile west of Wellton.

The two women and men were swept out of the car. Llewellyn and daughter grappled frantically as a barbed-wire fence and although their hands and bodies were torn by the sharp wire, they clung on desperately until the flood had passed. Pennington caught hold of a bush and saved himself.

Shortly before noon today, her body was found, half buried in the silt washed down from the mountainsides. This was the only known death.

As the tide of water thundered down the canyon southeast of Wellton, alarmed residents climbed to the roofs of their homes to escape. A Mr. Templeton of Ontario, Canada, previously reported dead, was found perched in the branches of a tree.

Half a dozen small cottages were washed away and several automobiles wrecked. Three hundred tourists were reported marooned. Among them were George Artiss, noted actor, and his wife enroute to Hollywood.

Four transcontinental trains were delayed. Highway travel was at a standstill, the roads being blocked by silt and debris.

Wellton is on the main transcontinental highway through southern Arizona. It is a village of 300, cattle trading center of the particular section of the desert. Rain is infrequent but it usually occurs in flood-like proportions, the rush of water being aided by the barrenness of the hills.

BOY SCOUTS JOIN SAN DIEGO HUNT FOR ABSENT GIRL

SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 14.—(AP)—More than 200 Boy Scouts tomorrow will take up the hunt for Virginia Brooks, 10, mysteriously missing from her home since last Wednesday. The scouts were invited to join the hunt by Chief of Police Arthur Hill.

Throughout today police continued chaser down countless telephone "tips" in hope of finding some trace of the little girl. But police late today admitted they knew no more than when the search was begun Wednesday night.

Wednesday morning Virginia left her home for school, about a mile away. She was to have met a little girl friend about half a dozen blocks from the Brooks home, but never arrived there.

A report gained circulation this afternoon that a girl answering Virginia's description has been seen with a man and woman in the heart of the Italian section of the city.

Rewards totaling \$3400 today were posted by three newspapers and the San Diego Press club.

2 LIFE TERMS TO SPOKANE BOMBER

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Branding Henry A. Ise as an "outrageous criminal," Superior Judge Lewis Harris today sentenced him to five consecutive terms in prison for the attempted dynamiting of the Cowles Publishing company buildings in Spokane, Wash. On each of two counts Ise was sentenced to from one year to life imprisonment, and on the other three from one to five years.

Thomas Boyle, convicted with the former Spokane fireman of the attempted dynamiting, will have his case set for March 29 when the court will receive a report on his application for probation.

Ise appeared to be unperturbed either by the sentence or the court's expression.

LEGGIE WILL QUIT FARM BOARD JOB

Harvester Corporation To Again Require Services Next March—Private Grain Traders and Farmer Both Criticised Policies—He Insulted Kansas.

CHICAGO, Feb. 14.—(AP)—Alexander Legge will retire from the chairmanship of the federal farm board shortly after March 4, to re-enter the International Harvester company.

It had been reported Mr. Legge would resign before many months, but this action was not generally expected to occur so soon after the end of the present term of congress.

Mr. Legge became chairman of the board July 1, 1929. At that time, it was stated he probably would not retain the post more than a year, as the International Harvester company, which loaned him to the government, desired his return to its service. Mr. Legge then felt a year was all he could devote to the chairmanship.

Frequent attacks on Mr. Legge's handling of the wheat situation have been made by representatives of farm groups and others. To all critics, he was polled vigorously, but many of his associates believe the attacks influenced his decision to retire from public service, which, in his opinion, does not always receive merited popular support.

Until Mr. Legge accepted the farm chairmanship which threw him into violent controversy with former close associates of the grain trade, his native tactfulness had shrouded him almost completely from the public eye. He was adverse to interviews, glad enough to meet his callers, but liked to question rather than be questioned. To photographers he said a firm "no."

A new Alexander Legge came to existence as guiding genius of the United States government's first venture into buying and selling on the commodity markets. His position stripped from him the mask of silence, drove him to the front pages of the press and forced him to swing around the great American farm community in a speaking campaign to enunciate the policies and solicit co-operation for the farm board.

The board's market activities under his leadership engaged him in sharp conflict with the private grain trade, and its advocacy of diversification of crops and smaller wheat acreage mingled encountered opposition and co-operation of agriculture. His utterances were uncompromising, for the night, determined.

During his stay through Kansas, the principal wheat state, he incurred the hostility of Max and Louis Lovand, publishers of the Wichita Beacon, who demanded his resignation and asserted he had insulted Kansas with the statement:

"The biggest hog lies in the trough; Kansas is now in the trough; Mr. Legge, replying to their charge, said he had merely questioned 'Is Kansas in the trough?' and added:

"You may tell Max and Louis to go to hell."

When Mr. Legge gave up the presidency of the International Harvester company for the farm board post that might last a year, he forewore a \$100,000 yearly salary for \$12,000.

It was not his first public service. It has been related that Bernard Baruch, chairman of the war industries board, had never heard of Legge when his name was suggested during the war to head the allied purchasing commission. An associate of Mr. Baruch is said to have pointed to Legge's name on the roster of eligible men and said:

"There's your man, but you can not get him. He knows Europe, he knows human nature, he is a very shrewd trader, he is as straight as a die and an unbeatable fighter. His is the best head in the international leadership and gentleness." He became vice chairman of the war industries board.

HOME PRODUCT IS FATAL TO POULTRY

RITZVILLE, Wash., Feb. 14.—(AP)—What a tough break it was for the chickens, especially since they came through Friday the 13th without a scratch!

Ganny Mrs. Roy Woody opened a jar of home preserved beans today and they seemed to be tainted. She threw them out to the chickens.

The Woody family is alive, but the flock of 20 chickens isn't.

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