

Today

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Living to One's Self. New-Born and Puzzled. Like Cromwell, Like Hoover. The Ubiquitous Ticker.

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HEARST RANCH, SAN SI-MEON, Cal., Feb. 14.—This is real California, and if "wide open spaces" interest you, this place would interest you. The owner has added 200,000 acres to a "small" ranch of 40,000 acres that his father bought here long ago. Two hundred and forty thousand acres, running 50 miles along the Pacific and back over two mountain ranges, make room for privacy, "living to one's self," and the making of interesting agricultural and other experiments.

Driving from the nearest railroad station, San Luis Obispo, 50 miles away, through the early morning fog, you notice a fine new building on high ground.

"That," says Steve Zegar, who drives the car, "is the new public school. I have two little daughters in that school. It cost \$120,000, and we have half a dozen other fine schools in this little city."

Steve, who was not born here, and has given two dollars' worth of good work for every dollar the country has given him, appreciates the public school that educates his children. Not all Americans do that as they should.

The innumerable hills of intensely brilliant green, covered with wild oats sprouting under recent rains, feed innumerable herds of fine cattle.

One new born calf, close by, is full of scientific interest. He gallops down the steep hill on his shaky little legs, rejoicing in his freedom, then starts to gallop up again, to his mother, and is amazed at the difficulty each time.

You cannot explain to him that an eternal law, of gravitation, makes it easy to go down, hard to go up. He will die, in about two years without knowing that.

As for the questions that we, two legged, ask ourselves, why am I here, what becomes of me? he is mercifully free from curiosity. Just now he is here to drink milk, later to eat grass. That he will become shoes on the feet and meat in the stomachs of the creatures that own him, is mercifully forever beyond his knowledge.

But as to ultimate cosmic truths, causation and purpose, that new born calf knows as much as Einstein. And he has

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Abe Martin



The 'headin' mystery in ever' little town is why some couple don't get married. 'Ter hain't nothin' that looks as triflin' as someboddy talkin' a good-fer-nothin' little bow-legged dog out for a constitutional.

VETERANS LOAN BILL VOTED IN HOUSE

SENATE TO HURRY BILL TO HOOVER

Measure Giving Compensation Certificates Loan Value of 50 Per Cent Passes By Wide Margin — Republicans Split.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The house today passed the \$12,500,000 hospital bill to provide additional facilities to care for disabled world war veterans.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The house today passed the veterans' loan bill. The measure, which now goes to the senate, authorizes loans up to 50 per cent of the face value of veterans' adjusted compensation certificates—instead of 22 1/2 per cent as now. Interest would be 4 1/2 per cent.

The treasury estimated it would cost \$1,720,000,000 but its house advocates place the figure at from \$275,000,000 up to some \$700,000,000.

The final vote was 363 to 39, giving a wide margin of victory to the proponents of the measure. A two-thirds majority had been required for passage.

When the motion was put by Representative Basharah, republican, New Jersey, to suspend the rules and pass the bill, there was a rousing shout of "ayes."

Passage was virtually assured, but Representative Garner of Texas, the minority leader, demanded a record vote.

Hawley Opposed. Speaker Longworth, a proponent, recognized Representative Basharah, republican, New Jersey, who sponsored the bill in the face of administration opposition.

Representatives Treadway of Massachusetts, Ramseyer of Iowa, and Chalmers of Illinois, other committee members who voted against it, also opposed its passage. Representative Fort, republican, New Jersey, a strong administration follower, joined in the opposition.

Mellon to Appear. Chairman Smoot of the senate finance committee has called a meeting of the committee for Wednesday to take up the house measure. He will ask Secretary Mellon to appear.

While senate administration leaders are seeking to hold hearings, a determined movement is on foot in the senate to get the measure to the White House before Saturday, ahead of the 10-day period before adjournment during which the president might exercise a pocket veto without returning the legislation to congress.

MADRID, Feb. 16.—(AP)—King Alfonso today asked Jose Antonio Sanchez Guerra, leader of the movement for a constitutional convention to determine whether Spain should remain a monarchy or become a republic, to form a new government.

Sanchez Guerra accepted the king's invitation and started to work immediately to get together a government. The king's action constituted a great concession, Guerra, who was imprisoned for rebellion during the Primo de Rivera regime, having refused to participate in a cabinet which was not based upon the convocation of a constituent convention to write a new Spanish constitution.

HUNT CONTINUES FOR GIRL IN SAN DIEGO. SAN DIEGO, Cal., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Although an intense search by more than 1000 men and women and 200 Boy Scouts yesterday failed to yield a trace of Virginia Brooks, missing 10-year-old school girl, police entered the fifth day of the hunt today determined they will find her.

Malheur County Wants New Name to Lure Settlers

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Representative C. H. Oxman believes that nobody wants to move into a county with a bad luck name. For that reason he has introduced a bill in the state legislature which would change the name of his county from Malheur to Sinnott and would make a like change in the name of Malheur river.

AIR MAIL COSTS U.S. TOO MUCH

Postmaster Warns Contractors Huge Deficit May Force Congress Reduce Expenditures — Military Sneers at War Value.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Postmaster General Brown today predicted a postal deficit of more than \$150,000,000 for the next fiscal year.

Speaking at a conference of air mail operators, he said they would have to demonstrate they are doing something for business, for the rapid movement of mail, and for the flying art if they are to continue to receive governmental support.

The postoffice department has reached the maximum figure in appropriations from congress for the domestic air mail service.

"There are a number of distributing factors in the operation of the air mail service," said Brown, "which will have to be reckoned with by operators throughout the country. The gross deficit of the government will no doubt reach a total of half billion dollars."

May Force Reduction. "Congress, therefore, will be forced to do one of two things—either increase taxes or reduce expenditures. Air mail operators should inform themselves of these conditions and of the problems that confront the postoffice department."

The military branches of the government, Brown said, were "not at all enthusiastic about the part of civil aeronautics may play in any preparedness program being devised by army or navy."

ILLINOIS PONZI FACES FRIENDS. BELVIDERE, Ill., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Albert W. Benham, the shipping clerk who turned financier, came home today to face the hundreds of fellow townsmen who had invested their savings in his get-rich-quick scheme.

He had left Belvidere five days ago after proclaiming himself bankrupt. He declined to say where he had been in the interim, nor would he discuss the single legal action brought in that time to recover the principal of three of the judgment notes Benham had given, paying 19 to 50 per cent interest.

DROUGHT REGION ENJOYING RAINS. KANSAS CITY, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Rain described as sufficient in volume to be of decided aid to agriculture, fell today in Missouri, Kansas, eastern Oklahoma, Arkansas, the lower Mississippi valley and parts of Texas.

The rain which in many sections of the midwest broke droughts of long standing, failed to reach into the Texas panhandle and western Kansas.

BANKER'S SON WEDS ACTRESS



Roger Wolfe Kahn, 23, son of Otto Kahn, prominent New York banker, and Hannah Williams, 20, actress, were married secretly at the Kahn mansion at Cold Spring Harbor, N. Y., on January 26.

MAJOR BUTLER MOORE PLANS TO ENJOY REST FROM DUTIES

Stormy Petrel of Marine Corps Quits Quantico Post Tomorrow On Week's Furlough. Assistant Attorney General Expects Health Will Permit Resumption Within Ten Days.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Major General Smedley D. Butler of the marine corps tomorrow will begin a seven-day furlough from his duties as commandant of the Quantico marine post.

Butler recently was reprimanded by Secretary Adams for alleged derogatory remarks about Premier Mussolini which brought an American apology to Italy.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr., today followed the Italian foreign office's statement that he had not been with Premier Mussolini on an automobile ride with a reiteration that he had.

AIMEE SECLUDED IN HOTEL ROOM

SHANGHAI, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Aimee Semple McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, and her daughter, Roberta, arrived here today from the United States. The daughter said the evangelist was suffering from a nervous breakdown and was on a voyage around the world for her health.

Queen of Big Top Defies Death Once Too Often In Feats High Above Ground

COPENHAGEN, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Lillian Leitze, queen of the big top and the sawdust ring, lay still today in death—the price she paid for having attempted her breath-taking feat whirl high in the air once too often.

The end came late yesterday in the midst of delirium brought on by head and spine injuries received Friday night when an iron ring broke, letting her plunge downward in a music hall with only a rubber mat to break the impact.

CHICAGO, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Samuel R. McKelvie, wheat member of the federal farm board, will retire from his post with expiration of his term June 15, he announced last night. He made the announcement while discussing the projected retirement of Chairman Alexander Legge next month.

SOLONS ASK TESTIMONY IN DRY QUIZ

Request Wickersham Commission Furnish Evidence and Reports of Experts Upon Which Prohibition Findings Based.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—The senate today adopted a resolution asking the Wickersham commission to submit the testimony on which it based its prohibition report.

The resolution passed by Senator Tydings, democrat, Maryland, excluded testimony which the commission received in confidence.

The commission was asked to furnish not only the testimony of witnesses but the evidence and reports of its experts and members of its staff.

Tydings said he thought the senate should have all the information available on the subject of prohibition.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—Democratic differences over prohibition were aired in the senate today as southern senators gave notice that any effort of their national committee officers to commit to the party against prohibition will be bitterly resisted.

The attack of the southerners turned on Chairman Haskett of the democratic national committee, and Joseph Shouse, executive director.

Senator Morrison of North Carolina, the national committeeman for his state, finally told the senate that if Haskett or "those responsible to him undertake to insouciantly fix the policies of the democratic party instead of leaving these for the national convention, they will be defeated."

WIFE HACKED BY CRAZED HUSBAND

LAWRENCE, Mass., Feb. 16.—(AP)—A crazed man today inflicted nine lacerated wounds on his wife when she went to the aid of their 18-year-old son, who had been scalded by boiling water hurled by his parent. He was captured only after he had plumed through a second story window and tripped on an icy pavement, breaking his arm.

The man was Joseph Stolorz, 45, an allegedly deranged weaver. He was placed in a hospital, charged with attempted murder.

DALLES RESIDENT HELD IN MURDER

THE DALLES, Ore., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Formal charges were to be placed here today against an aged man for a killing which he says was done to protect himself from a vicious assault.

George McCluskey, 76, was arrested yesterday when officers called to his home by neighbors, found Joe Trarney, 42, dying as blood spurted from a severed artery in his groin. A bullet from a 25-20 rifle had cut the artery. The room showed evidence of having been the scene of a violent struggle.

Trarney had been drinking, McCluskey said.

Drug Store Bandit



Lucille Walker, 19, was arrested and charged by police with participation in 26 Los Angeles drug store robberies.

SCHOOL BONDS ARE SOLD FOR GOOD PREMIUM

Board Announces Sale to United Oregon Corp., of \$265,000 Issue — Ready Disposal Noted.

Sale of the \$265,000 issue of school bonds to George H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, Inc., United Oregon corporation, for \$109.17 for each \$100, and an interest rate of 4 1/2 per cent, was announced today by Dr. J. H. Green, chairman of the Medford school board.

There were five bidders for the bonds advertised, allowing the bidders to name their own rate, not to exceed 5 per cent.

The price received by the board would be equivalent to a premium of \$6668 if the board had elected to sell at 5 per cent.

Dr. Green, in speaking of the bond sale, said this morning that the board felt it would be better for the community at this time to get along without the additional premium money in favor of giving the district the benefit of the very low rate of interest.

The sale, according to R. E. Harder, president of the First National bank, is one of the best made in the state. "I think they got a very handsome price for the bonds," he stated this morning. "As a result, any district in the state has received. It was a very favorable bid."

The ease with which the bonds were sold at this rate is considered a favorable reflection of the confidence the business world has in the city of Medford.

The five bids submitted were as follows: First Seattle Dexter-Hexton Securities, a per cent rate, \$109.23 premium; Armstrong & Davidson, 5 per cent rate, \$2355 premium; Blythe & Company, 5 per cent rate, \$190.47 premium; George H. Burr, Conrad & Broom, United Oregon Securities, 3 1/2 per cent rate, \$109.17 premium, and the fifth, which was an unsigned bid, Armstrong Davidson Company, 4 1/2 per cent rate, \$109.17 premium.

WIFE WITNESSES DEATH OF FLIER

WASHINGTON, Feb. 16.—(AP)—A little tool spin in a new flying boat over the Potomac river yesterday cost the life of Donald Stevens, radio engineer of the department of commerce.

A friend, who was taking the plane south, asked him to give it a try. Stevens sat in her car on the river bank while he took it up for 15 minutes of maneuvering. The engineer started to land and at about 300 feet the machine went into a slow spin and splashed into the river. Mrs. Stevens saw it all strapped in, Stevens was all drowned.

FAMED PRIMA DONNA IN GRAVE CONDITION

PENNINGTON, N. J., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Dame Nellie Melba, famous Prima Donna, was said by physicians to be in a grave condition today. She suffered a relapse last night. She has been ill for several weeks and was thought to have improved.

LAW WISHES OF GRANGE REITERATED

Members Still Favor Power Bill, Meier Proposals and Higher Oleo License — Protest Any Increase in State Salaries.

SALEM, Ore., Feb. 16.—(AP)—The State Grange legislative committee, after reviewing communications from 180 subordinate granges, has issued a statement concerning measures before the state assembly, and other suggested proposals. The committee, consisting of Chas. C. Hulet, master, P. J. Toozie and M. S. Shrock, announced the following recommendations, as out-standings of the 7 proposals received.

"It is not necessary to repeat our approval of the grange measures provided for at the last election. We expect our representatives to carry out the mandate of the people.

"All the communications received indicate that the grange members are still 100 per cent for the grange power bill for the so-called administration bills and for a higher license on oleomargarine as a butter substitute.

Protest Salary Boost. Present reports from the United States bureau of agriculture indicate a very slow recovery of agriculture during the coming biennium. In view of this situation and the very heavy tax rate on real property in Oregon and the state debt and deficit, the grange protests strongly any increase in salary for any state employees at this time. We call attention to the fact that all wage earners have now received automatically a salary increase in the lowered cost of the products on the farm.

"The grange has been advocating tax on incomes, as a source of relief from the high tax on property for a quarter of a century. The returns from the granges now indicate that there is no change in this attitude. Any weakening of the law on incomes will meet with decided disfavor from the grange.

"The grange advocates the introduction of a resolution urging the legislative assembly to adopt a memorial to congress asking that body to grant independence to the Philippine islands, as such independence was promised more than 30 years ago when the Philippines had developed a staple form of government. Such a government has now been established in the islands.

"The grange opposes legislation that would appropriate any funds for the purpose of attracting additional farmers to Oregon.

"The grange looks with disfavor upon the proposals for retiring allowances with state contributions. The grange believes that the people of Oregon do not desire to create, outside the penal and charitable institutions, another permanently dependent class.

"In the new game code the property owners want protection against trespass on private property, suggesting a written permit.

Protection Needed. "Practically all bird hunting is done on farm property, and private property must have some protection from hunters. There is a strong demand for a \$1 county hunting and fishing license.

"The grange resents the use of the emergency clause except in a real emergency.

"The grange believes the emergency board should be abolished or curtailed.

"The grange strongly disapproves any attempt to change the industrial accident commission."

DR. PEARE HEADS OPTOMETRIC ASSN.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 16.—(AP)—Dr. William M. Peare, La Grande, Ore., was chosen president of the Oregon Optometric association at the closing of their convention here Saturday night. Other officers chosen were Dr. C. O. Anderson, Jr., Corvallis, vice-president; Dr. H. Carpenter Staples, Portland, secretary, and Dr. A. R. Miller, McMinnville, and Dr. Carl Wanner, Portland, directors.

Oregon Weather. Cloudy tonight, with rain in the west portion. Tuesday, rains in the west and snows and rains in the east portion. Normal temperature. Fresh southerly winds offshore.