

The Weather
 Forecast: Tonight and Saturday
 fair; no change in temperature.

MEDFORD MAIL TRIBUNE

Temperature
 Highest yesterday 43
 Lowest this morning 34
 Precipitation—
 To 5 p. m. yesterday .10
 To 5 a. m. today .02

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**A Dangerous Embargo.
 Can Uncle Sam Afford It?
 Billy Sunday Says No.
 Four Things You Need.**

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 LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—A gasoline price war holds public interest for the moment here. Standard Oil of California's cut of two cents, made to meet erratic price cutting, will be followed by deeper cuts by other companies. The oil situation is bad, and an elimination process will gradually weed out weaker sisters. Then consumers that have been buying gas too cheap will even up matters by paying too much.

The antiquated Sherman act preventing common sense business arrangements make conditions worse. Some American companies demand an embargo on oil from foreign countries. Powerful companies that own inexhaustible supplies of oil "lakes of oil" in Venezuela and elsewhere oppose the embargo.

They want to bring in their cheap foreign oil. They are protecting this country's interests, perhaps without knowing or caring. An embargo would hasten the exhaustion of American wells, putting consumers and the mother industry at the mercy of foreign well owners. What that would mean the country learned when Britain controlled rubber and regulated the price.

President Hoover's veto of the soldiers bonus bill expressed his sincere conviction that the bill would be harmful to the country and the men. Repassage of the bill over the veto will, perhaps, decide whether the president and Mr. Mellon or congressmen and service men were right.

Many believe that making it possible for three million men to spend a billion and a half of dollars quickly will help business and not ruin Uncle Sam. He found ten billions, quickly enough, when foreign nations wanted the money and survived that, although many of the billions will never come back from Europe.

Bill Sunday, at whose name Morgans and Chimeras dire, yes, even Satan himself, shiver and shake, refuses an enormous sum offered for moving pictures work. He makes a mistake, neglecting to put conversation and saving of souls on a production basis. His speeches lash sinners, and describe hell in a way to keep you awake, searching your conscience. But

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Abe Martin



A next 't' bein' immensely rich—'n' a democrat 'th' funniest combination is bein' amiable 'n' immensely rich. There's no excuse for Dan Capid missin' a girl's heart these times.

EX-SOLDIER LOAN BILL BECOMES LAW

FUND FLOW OPENS WITH FINAL VOTE

Senate Follows House in Overriding Hoover Veto—Bureau Ready to Make First Loan in Five Minutes—Vets at Window.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—A thousand checks were scheduled to be on their way to veterans before dark tonight. Veterans Administrator Hines revealed this within an hour after the senate vote today to override the president's veto of the loan bill. Orders went forth immediately to start lending. Within five minutes after the senate had voted the central office of the veterans bureau released the first loan check.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—President Hoover announced today he had ordered the veterans bureau to give complete priority to veterans in need in the administration of the loan bill enacted today over his veto. "Although I have been opposed to the bonus bill," he said, "now that it has passed we propose to facilitate its working in every way."

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The veterans loan bill was enacted into law today over the veto of President Hoover. The senate vote was 76 to 17. Sixteen republicans and one democrat voted to sustain the veto. Thirty-six republicans refused to support Mr. Hoover's veto and joined in passing the measure. Veterans Administrator Hines was at the White House when the senate acted. As he left, he said the bureau could make the first loan under the bill within five minutes.

Vets in Line
 At the veterans bureau some ex-soldiers were in line to apply hours before the vote. Although General Hines has not given an official opinion on the question, it was said at his office the "accepted opinion" was that the certificates would have to be two years old before being eligible for loans, as under regulations governing loans heretofore. This would affect numbers of holders. Word of the new law went forth quickly to the 54 regional offices of the bureau so applications could be accepted at once.

To Mail Checks
 Checks for the loans will be mailed as rapidly as possible, with the first expected to be on their way tonight or tomorrow to applicants whose requests for loans were mailed in. After the rush starts, however, checks will be issued from within ten to twenty days of receipt of loan requests.

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Borrowed Books Appear On Threat Of Lie Detector

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(AP)—There's power in the lie detector. The other day Prof. Rodney Mott of the University of Chicago said to his class: "I will give you just 24 hours to return to the library five valuable books on constitutional law, taken obviously by some of you. If the return is not made within the time specified, I shall have each of you subjected to a test of the lie detector." Yesterday the five books were back where they belonged. So, too, were five others missing from the previous semester.

AL CAPONE SENTENCED TO PRISON

Must Serve Six Months Term for Contempt of Court—Affidavit On Illness Glaringly False, Declares Federal Judge.

CHICAGO, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Al Capone was convicted of contempt in federal court today and sentenced to six months in county jail. Judge Wilkerson in announcing his decision declared it was evident the affidavit which attempted to show Capone was ill and in bed when he was wanted by the government two years ago, was "glaringly false."

The effect of the affidavit, the judge declared, was to "hamper the administration of justice," and that "this court is not to be tampered with." The contempt consisted of Capone's failure to appear before a federal grand jury in 1929. He sent an affidavit accompanied by a doctor's certificate from his Miami, Fla., home that he was too ill to risk a trip to Chicago. Later, the federal attorney charged, it was learned that Capone had been at the races and had made a trip to Bermuda during the time of his alleged illness.

During the hearing Capone produced two physicians and two nurses who testified the defendant was really ill at the time he refused to come to Chicago. In addition, the gang leader returned to Chicago Friday secretly and kept himself secluded until the case was called. He slipped into the federal

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Mrs. Coolidge Names Ship



The new Dollar liner President Coolidge was launched at Newport News, Va., Saturday with Mrs. Calvin Coolidge as sponsor.

ROAD WORK FOR PROSECUTION IN LOCAL JOBLESS BOWLES' CASE ENDS IN MARCH CAUSES TANGLE

Emergency Relief Provision Will Be Unneeded As Spring Employment Begins, Is Belief. Another Change of Venue Looms With Refusal of Washington District Attorney to Act.

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP) With the trial date only four days away, the possibility was seen today of a second venue change in the murder case against Ned C. Bowles, capitalist, and Irma Loucks, his former secretary. They are charged with killing Bowles' wife. The newest complication had as its basis an opinion by the attorney general, handed down in 1922, and applying in the present case to E. H. Tongue, Washington county prosecutor, who has asked to be relieved of active prosecution of the Bowles case. The trial was taken from Multnomah county to Washington county on a defense motion for a change of venue, although Multnomah county officials expected to represent the state. Tongue told the Multnomah county prosecutor he was not disposed to enter the case actively because of a lifelong friendship with attorneys representing Bowles and Miss Loucks. Then it was announced Tongue's brother, T. H. Tongue, Jr., Hillsboro attorney, had joined the defense forces.

WILDCAT ATTACKS RADIO REGULATION

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 27.—(AP)—An attack on the radio act of 1927, made by Robert E. Duncanson, free-speaking radio campaigner of Portland, was before the United States circuit court here today. Duncanson is appealing from his conviction and sentence for using indecent language in a radio campaign. Through his attorney John A. Jeffrey he argued that the act is unconstitutional in that it attempts to regulate language used in broadcasting. He was convicted in Portland and sentenced to six months imprisonment and fined \$500.

DAISY LOSES PLEA FOR BAIL RELEASE

LOS ANGELES, Feb. 27.—(AP)—Daisy De Hon lost another fight for freedom today when the district court of appeal denied an original application for release on bail. Mrs. De Hon is serving a term of 18 months in the county jail for theft of \$225 from the actress, Clara Bow, and sought liberty pending decision on an appeal.

EXECUTE SIX NEGROES IN S. CAROLINA

Two Hours Required for Electrocutation—Four Women Witness Doings in Death Chamber—Mother of One Refused Admission

COLUMBIA, S. C., Feb. 27.—(AP)—Six negroes were electrocuted in the South Carolina penitentiary early today for the murder of two Lexington county white men. They went to their deaths calmly and with prayers on their lips. Almost two hours were required for the executions, each of which was watched by 15 persons, in addition to newspapermen, physicians and penitentiary officials. Tillman Poozer died as the confessed murderer of C. D. Mills, Cayce night watchman. The motive was robbery. The other five, Robert "Greasy" Eldredge, Landree Cantrell, alias John Ackwright, James "Snow" Hickman, George Bird and Ernest "Toe" Thomason were convicted of the murder of B. W. Hendrix, Lexington county merchant, who was shot in an attempted holdup. Four of the five were arrested in Bluefield, W. Va., where they had fled.

Set New Record.
 Electrocutation of six men at one time set a record for South Carolina, the greatest number previously being five in 1916. Four women were admitted as spectators. One of them was the widow of Hendrix. She showed no emotion as Cantrell, her husband's slayer, died. Two others, daughters of Mills, saw their father's slayer electrocuted. The fourth woman was Mrs. Gray Raines of Hartsville, who saw George Bird executed. Colonel James Pearson, superintendent of the prison, said he had refused a request of Bird's mother that she be allowed to see her son die.

BABY BEATER IN JAIL 4 MONTHS

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP) Convicted of beating his seven-month-old baby, James Leroy Jones was today sentenced to serve four months in the county jail. Jones was convicted on a charge of assault and battery. He was arrested when neighbors investigated after hearing the child scream. Witnesses testified at the trial that Jones told them he "tapped" the baby when its crying annoyed him.

Policeman Lobbyist Finds Salem Legislators Enjoy Little Joke During Labors

He might have thought himself a second Jethro Bass, hero of "Coniston." But he didn't wear a coneykin cap and he learned he parted with his cash that lobbying is not for policemen—so the captain went home. And the legislators laughed. The Policemen and Firemen's Pension bill has had the strongest lobby of any bill in this session of the Oregon legislature, according to the letter received yesterday from one of the captains, which tells the story of the episode. Policemen and firemen crowded Salem and pulled all the ropes they could. And that's how the captain got into the situation of which the legislator writes home. Acting as ringmaster for his followers in trying to sway passage of the bill, a member of the police squad took the initiative and endeavored to inform himself as to what would happen in case there was a tie on this bill. Some sympathizer in a peculiar manner told the policeman, the sergeant-at-arms had the deciding vote. The captain took the matter seriously. Word was then passed around among members of the legislators to back up the statement. Everybody told him the sergeant-at-arms had the deciding vote. He then made inquiries as to how much it would cost to swing the vote. Joe Singer, the sergeant-at-arms, according to the story, is an "end man" in any good show. He was tipped off as to what was going around and named his price at \$2500. The policeman went into a huddle and came up on the line with a compromise—\$1500. The play went on until a few days ago in the dining room of the Marion hotel a committee waited on Joe and he took a very decided stand. He would accept \$1500 in cash—no checks. The situation was progressing well until by accident the captain mentioned the matter to one of the senators, who wasn't in on the joke—he spilled the beans and the captain pulled up and went home, convinced that he's a better policeman than lobbyist.

Sandy Smelt Run Waiting Flood to Start Up Stream

PORTLAND, Ore., Feb. 27.—(AP) Hundreds of thousands of tiny fish milled in the waters of the Columbia at the mouth of the Sandy river today, waiting for a rise of water on the Sandy bar. As soon as this rise takes place an annual Sandy smelt run will be on. Unhindered by the usual conveyer of screaming, wheeling gulls, the run was discovered by a deputy game warden who had just confiscated seven short sturgeon from a group of fishermen. The great stomachs of the fish were filled with smelt.

\$85,000 PO IN MEDFORD REQUESTED

Postmaster General Shows Allocation of Funds in Public Buildings Measure—Ashland Will Get Like Sum By Action.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—How \$84,000,000 of the public buildings fund is to be spent was shown in allotments forwarded to congress today by Secretary Mellon and Postmaster General Hovest.

The report showed the specific limits of cost authorized and appropriated for individual projects, the amounts allocated to projects not yet submitted to congress for appropriations, and the amount set aside as a reserve to meet contingencies. Oregon: Ashland \$85,000, Eugene \$200,000, Grants Pass \$150,000, Hillsboro \$50,000, Hood River \$50,000, McMinnville \$85,000, Medford \$85,000, Tillamook \$85,000.

Postmaster W. J. Warner was without definite information as to what the \$85,000 item was for. He said the treasury department had two plans in view, "one for another federal building of two stories to be used as a classified station of the local postoffice." The other plan considered was for an addition to the present federal building.

Confirm Croisan.
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The senate today confirmed the nomination of Edward M. Croisan for reappointment as collector of customs at Portland, Ore.

Rogers Confirmed.
 WASHINGTON, Feb. 27.—(AP)—The senate today confirmed James Grafton Rogers of Colorado as assistant secretary of state.

FIRE TAKES FIR-PINE CO. BOX PLANT

Damage Estimated at \$10,000 Results of Hot Box Explosion—Immediate Rebuilding Planned By Operators.

Damage of approximately \$10,000 resulted this forenoon from a fire which destroyed the box factory of the Fir-Pine Lumber company on Chestnut street. The factory was located in a wing adjoining the main sawmill building which suffered no damage from the flames, placed under control quickly by the fire department, which burned five lines of hose on the burning structure, sending up a thick black column of smoke visible from all parts of the city. An explosion from a hot box was blamed for the fire. The flames spread so quickly that box factory workers had no opportunity to fight them. The entire wing was burning in less than five minutes.

The small fire department pumper was dispatched to the scene but a call was soon made for the big Stutz, which pumped water at high pressure, beating the flames into early submission. However, the firemen spent an hour at the blaze before large pipes of box stock were extinguished. The department is credited with good work in placing the threatening situation under control. Flames were endangering the entire mill. Work is to begin immediately to rebuild the box factory and it was thought today by S. L. Brown and Walter Inch, operators, the factory would be in operation in a month. The loss was covered by insurance.

HUNGRY CHILDREN FAINT IN SCHOOL

VENTURA, Cal., Feb. 27.—(AP) Two children, attending school at El Rio, a village near here, fainted in their classroom today. School officials said they were under-nourished and a subsequent investigation disclosed that at least 15 other children were suffering from a lack of food. The little tots fell from their seats at a morning class. Mrs. G. S. Harris, a physician, rushed to their aid and after she had revived them with dashes of cold water on their heads, they told her they had not eaten for two days.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Feb. 27.—The stock market is picking up so that makes the rich boys feel a little better. Lot of appropriation bills for government expenditures have been passed. Business in general in the last four or five weeks looks better, but all that has nothing to do with the folks that the Red Cross has to feed. U. S. Steel can go to a thousand and one, Auburns to a million, but that don't bring one biscuit to a poor Negro family of 15 in Arkansas who haven't got a chance to get a single penny in money till their little few bales of cotton are sold away next fall. That some places haven't reached their Red Cross quota just don't seem possible. Just because it's getting warm, that don't help these folks' appetite any.

Will Rogers.
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