

Today

By Arthur Brisbane

E. B. McLean Says No. Queer General Smuts. Some Good, Some Bad. What We Think, We Are.

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 26.—Edward B. McLean told the court here this morning that he did not wish to sell his Washington Post. That, for the time, settles the talk of a sale, which requires Mr. McLean's consent, under his father's will.

Mr. McLean looked well and cheerful, having his photograph taken, outside the courtroom, arm in arm with Mrs. Eleanor Patterson, editor of the Washington Herald, and his rival in Washington's morning newspaper field.

They seemed friendly rivals, none of the old feeling that made the Washington Post call the New York World a yellow dog, long ago, when McLean was a little boy, and Mrs. Patterson had not been born.

Some of that fighting rivalry might be good for circulation. General Jan Christian Smuts of the South African republic, a British dominion, appreciates the suggestion that South Africa may stop paying interest on her debt to Britain for one year, under the moratorium, but says NO.

"We are able to pay our debts, and therefore we shall do so," says General Smuts. South Africa he says does not propose to "climb down" on its debt.

Very eccentric person, General Smuts. Uncle Sam can name for him great nations able to pay, but willing to "climb down" with a swiftness strictly in accordance with Newton's law.

The news of each day is like an old fashioned layer cake or a slice of Neapolitan ice cream, one layer better than the other. Immigration to this country is now lowest in sixty-six years, which means that ambitious men and women, with courage and new ideas, the sort that made this country, are shut out. That is BAD news.

The American Library association, in conference at New Haven, completed with ease, a one million dollar endowment fund and will get another million from a foundation, not named. The money will be used, largely, for "adult education," which is important and neglected. Millions of men and women past thirty, and past fifty, long for education, and would make good use of it. That is GOOD news.

Washington believes that President Hoover plans to help, financially, our neighbors in South America. Conditions there are bad, because of the drop in commodity prices. Argentina suffers from the low price of wheat. Chile is hurt by the drop in metals, and Brazil by demoralization of the coffee market.

The coffee that we once bought from Brazil for two hundred million dollars, we now buy for forty-five millions, same amount, same quality.

American business, which has greatly increased in South America, and away from Europe, will be glad to know that South America will have help.

Some modern teachers, healers, orientalists, etc., tell you man is nothing but his own thought. WHAT YOU THINK YOU ARE. It does not work out 100 per cent, unfortunately. You cannot think yourself out of a cold in the head, or into a job.

But a general mental condition is important. For instance, Ger-

M-TRIBUNE EXPANSION ANNOUNCED

\$35,000 Duplex Tubular Press Purchased — Job Plant To Be Enlarged—New Mechanical Equipment Installed—Offices To Be Enlarged.

Papers were signed yesterday which call for an extensive expansion program of the Mail Tribune, the enlargement and improvement of its plant and equipment, and the addition of a multitude of up-to-date and modern features.

These preparations have been going on for many months, and when news of some of them leaked out, the rumor was started that the Mail Tribune was to be sold.

The Mail Tribune has not been sold, nor has its personnel been radically changed.

It. W. Ruhl, present editor and publisher retains the same position and control, he has held for 29 years; S. Sumpter Smith, who has been associated with him all this time as part owner and business manager, also retains a stock interest, but hereafter will have exclusive charge of the Mail Tribune job department.

This change has been necessitated because of lack of adequate space, and the desire for more efficient mechanical service. The job department will be moved to the Mail Tribune building on North Grape street directly back of the newspaper plant and will also be improved and enlarged by installing a linotype and other machinery and equipment.

Mr. Smith's place in the newspaper department will be taken by E. L. Knapp, secretary and treasurer of the Southern Oregon Publishing company of Eugene, who has already moved to this city where he will make his permanent home.

Associated with Mr. Knapp in the Southern Oregon Publishing company are Frank Jenkins, president, and E. R. Gilstrap, vice president, well known and experienced newspapermen, who will assist Mr. Knapp in the business administration of the property.

Herbert Gray who has been advertising manager of the Mail Tribune for many years, will continue in that capacity with a trained corps of assistants, under his direction.

This transfer will also allow more space for the business offices which will be enlarged, remodeled and fitted with new and attractive furniture, as will the news and advertising possible in short space by the Mail Tribune mechanically what its owners believe it has always been as a newspaper—one of the very best on the entire Pacific coast.

Work on the new construction will start at once but it will probably be sometime in September before all the improvements have been completed and the new plant is in full operation.

'AIMEE'S MA' TO BE BRIDE TODAY

PORTLAND, Ore., June 27.—(AP) Mrs. Minnie E. Kennedy, mother of Aimee Semple McPherson, famous Los Angeles evangelist, announced here tonight she is to be married tomorrow "to the nicest man I ever knew."

LONGVIEW, Wash., June 27.—(AP)—Mrs. Minnie "Ma" Kennedy, mother of Mrs. Aimee McPherson, Los Angeles evangelist, and G. E. Hudson, New York City, are to be married here tonight.

The Rev. J. G. Gey, pastor of the Longview Mission and a personal friend of Mrs. Kennedy, confirmed the report. He said the marriage would take place on the banks of Lake Sacajawea, near here. The lake, he said, had long been a favorite haunt of Mrs. Kennedy.

The marriage license, it was reported here, was issued at Kelso, Wash., last Thursday. Mrs. Kennedy gave her address on the license as the Washington hotel, Seattle.

BULLETIN

BLAGOVESHCHENSK, Siberia, June 28.—(AP)—Wiley Post and Harold Gatty, continued their "round-the-world flight at 10:30 a. m. today (9:30 p. m. Saturday E. S. T.) Taking off from here for Khabarovsk, Siberia, 350 miles distant.

MAYOR ISSUES STATEMENT ON CITY GAMBLING

Asks Anonymous Phone Callers to Furnish Evidence, and Law Will Take Course — Women Complain of Husbands Losses

Mayor E. M. Wilson yesterday issued a statement following anonymous complaints against card games in this city, in which he promises the support of his own office, the city council, and the police department in the suppression of any illegal practices in this city.

"Several anonymous telephone calls have recently come to my office from ladies asserting that their husbands have lost hard-earned money in card games in this city. The ladies calling have declined to give their names. It is a difficult matter to prosecute an investigation of such conditions without the evidence and hearty support these people are able to give.

"Our laws govern professional gambling. All games of chance are a form of gambling and the aged card games will always continue. Those who cannot resist these games, and others who live by their wits at cards, will always find places behind locked doors where they think themselves in perfect seclusion. To what extent these places exist depends upon the ability of our police to detect their existence from any available evidence at hand. To the end that any irregularities be corrected I ask these ladies, and all other persons having knowledge of where they think themselves in perfect seclusion, to communicate with Police Chief C. McCredie who, under his oath of office and the desire of the council, will make such investigations as is possible to be made."

E. M. WILSON, Mayor, Medford, June 27th, 1931.

NO WORD FROM SOUTH YET ON MAN'S IDENTITY

A second wire was sent to Sacramento yesterday by Coroner H. W. Conger in a continued attempt to obtain a description of the man found dead in a box car at Antelope Thursday, who is thought to be a resident of this city, but no information had been received from the southern coroner up to a late hour last night.

Obstacles evidently arose concerning the investigation in Sacramento, Mr. Conger stated, which are delaying the information desired in this city.

The name of the local man, who has been missing for more than a week, was not divulged by Mr. Conger at the request of relatives, who still hope that he is living, although information obtained indicates that the body being held in Sacramento will be identified as his.

Police of the southern city maintain that the man, found dead in a bullet wound with a rifle by his side, in the box car shipped out from Medford, had been dead eight or 10 days when discovered at Antelope. If such were the case he entered the car in Medford prior to June 20, when it was sealed, and ended his life before the car was shipped south.

Railroad workers feel that he would have cried for help, when the car was sealed if he had been alive at that time.

Despondency, resulting from lack of funds, is named as a probable cause of the unknown man's supposed resort to suicide.

Relatives of the local man and Coroner Conger were anxiously awaiting information from Sacramento last night which will determine whether the body is that of the resident missing here.

STABILIZE WORK, CUT TAXES DEEP

Billion Dollar Slash Urged By U. S. Chamber of Commerce In Federal Cost—Favor Changes In Banking Rules and Anti-Trust Law.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—Stabilization of employment and opposition to any increase in federal taxes were given foremost positions today in a program for the coming year drawn up by the board of directors of the United States chamber of commerce.

In making this announcement, Silas M. Strawn, president of the chamber, said this organization's studies indicated at least one billion dollars could be saved in public expenditures during the next fiscal period.

"Any increase in the rates of federal taxes in the coming year will be stoutly resisted," he said. Other major subjects selected for the chamber's attention were: Banking; transportation; agriculture; commercial politics in foreign relations; problems resulting from over production in the natural resources industries; distribution problems and trade relations between government and business.

"American business has a vital interest in the stability of employment and in the possibilities of minimizing the disturbing effects of seasonal and cyclical fluctuations," Strawn said. "Employment regularization experiments have demonstrated unmistakably that the management of every type of business enterprise can exert some measure of control over the economic forces which produce intermittent employment."

"The special committee of the chamber now giving attention to this subject is exploring the possibilities of supplementing individual efforts at stabilization with a wide cooperative trade association effort. Unusually pleasant success in the past has shown that such a plan can be applied on a much wider scale and with much greater effect by whole industries."

Discussing taxation, Strawn said the increase in federal expenditures has become a question of "real and growing concern."

"The exactions of the federal government upon the revenues of individuals and of business firms are already too high," he said. "To tax that these taxes are too high is only another way of saying the government is spending too much. Any increase in the rates of federal taxes in the coming year will be stoutly resisted."

Strawn said the views of bankers and other business men would be sought on the need for modification in the national banking law, the federal reserve law and the banking laws of the states.

A chamber committee, Strawn said, is giving special attention to the "severe depression in the oil, coal and timber industries."

An important phase to investigate, he said, "is the extent of any, to which the anti-trust laws may be an obstacle to concerted action through agreements by the industries to stabilize their operations, particularly through control of production."

WINNIPEG, Manitoba, June 27.—(AP)—Crop conditions in the west have become distinctly worse in Manitoba and Saskatchewan during the last three weeks and the only material improvement has been confined to northern Alberta, according to the third general 1931 crop report of the Manitoba Free Press published today. Three weeks ago the Free Press report stated that conditions were the worst in 29 years.

Replies from correspondents, the report states, describes the length of straw as "pitiful." Only the most favorable districts have stands of 13 inches, but scores report four and five inches.

LYNN, Mass., June 27.—(UP)—Nine ducks drowned when heavy rain partly inundated their coop here, according to a report by Constable Ben Sears. The birds were only eight weeks old.

Fights Reds



Associated Press Photo
Chiang Kai-Shek, generalissimo of Chinese nationalist forces, plans to personally conduct the government campaign against communist revolutionary forces to the south.

TEXAS SHORES THREATENED BY TROPICAL GALE

Hurricane Warnings Fly—Small Crafts Seek Safety As Waves Run High—90 Die, Crops Hit in Mid-West.

CORPUS CHRISTI, Tex., June 27.—(AP)—The course of a tropical storm moving through the Gulf of Mexico along the Texas coast tonight kept weather observers, coast guardsmen and seafaring men guessing as to whether it would move inland near Corpus Christi or Matagorda bay or turn and spend its fury outward in the gulf.

Late today, weather reports from the bureau here and at Houston said the disturbance was a short distance off the coast opposite Port Aransas. It was expected to cause strong northeast winds and gales in that section tonight.

Unusually high tides were reported all along the coast, weather was squally and heavy ground swells were lashing great waves against the shoreline. Small craft and shipping had been warned to seek safety.

Rain drenched Corpus Christi throughout the day, and the temperature had dropped to 71. The barometer also was falling slowly. Little apprehension was felt but persons living in tents and campswells were lashing great waves against the shoreline. Small craft and shipping had been warned to seek safety.

The central valleys of the nation were parched again yesterday as a blistering sun kept steadily at work. Thermometers flirted with the 100 degree mark, serious damage was reported to crops and the number of deaths from the heat for the week exceeded 90.

The Missouri and Mississippi valleys suffered principally, but other isolated areas felt blasts almost as hot. Some sections in the Arkansas and lower Ohio valleys had temperatures of 100 or more.

A drizzle which the weather bureau had predicted might bring relief to the northwest sections started falling at Duluth Saturday afternoon and thermometers dropped to 70.

EUGENE, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Appointment of Captain Harry Niles, chief of the bureau of investigation of the Portland police department, as assistant to Chas. E. Bray, state police commissioner, was announced at a meeting of the Southern Oregon Law Enforcers' association here tonight.

Chief of Police L. V. Jenkins, Portland, presided as toastmaster at the meeting. Sheriff Ralph Jennings, Jackson county, president, and Sheriff Jackson, Douglas county, secretary, were called upon to speak.

PENDELTON, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Old times were relived again last night when the river steamer Umatilla landed a cargo of 140 tons of wheat sacks here for wheat farmers of the Inland Empire.

CONFIDENCE MARKS DEBT PLAN TALK

French Premier Agrees to Parley With German Aide — President Optimistic Watches Paris Meet Closely—Tedious Details Main Obstacle.

PARIS, June 27.—(AP)—Andrew W. Mellon, American secretary of the treasury, and Premier Laval spent two and one-half hours conferring this afternoon in an effort to iron out the issues raised by President Hoover's war debt moratorium proposal and the French government's reply.

The first tangible result was an invitation, issued as soon as the conference was over, to Chancellor Bruening and Foreign Minister Curtius of Germany to come to Paris. The invitation came from the French premier.

The conversations will be resumed, probably on Monday.

WASHINGTON, June 27.—(AP)—Tedious details tonight stood in the way of a Franco-American reparations moratorium settlement. President Hoover postponed his departure for his Rapidan fishing camp to a late hour and kept in close communication with his emissaries, Secretary Mellon and Ambassador Edge, at Paris.

Confidence of an ultimate agreement expressed by Secretary Stimson before sailing from New York for conferences with European leaders, was reflected throughout the day by his subordinates at the state department.

Acting Secretary Castle interpreted the vote of the French chamber of deputies as one of confidence in the government itself. It was not, he said, an expression of parliamentary support for an unalterable stand on the French reparations proposal.

President Hoover's proposal for a one year suspension of inter-governmental debt payments.

Sir Ronald Lindsay, British ambassador, expressing a similar view, said he was optimistic over the Paris negotiations.

Meanwhile Washington officials turned their attention to the economic situation in Latin America with the disclosure that Bolivia and Peru have defaulted on a total of \$154,000,000 in loans. These included federal, state and municipal bonds, most of which were absorbed in the United States.

The federal reserve board in studying the whole situation with a view to action by private bankers. One suggestion advanced in reliable circles tonight involved a temporary extension of credits to Latin America.

White House officials denied that President Hoover had pressed the Latin American issue, but it is known the president has been concerned for some time with the growing acute-ness of the financial problem there.

LOS ANGELES, June 27.—(AP)—A revamped code of individualism to form a fundamental society unit within itself was offered the national council of education today as a possible solution to a complex social puzzle out of which illiteracy grows.

Twenty thousand national educators, here for the annual convention of the National Educational association, Monday will train their heavy artillery on the stamping grounds of ignorance.

Double Wedding of Mother and Girl

PORTERVILLE, Cal., June 27.—(AP)—A mother and daughter, both of Stockton, walked to the altar together here today in a double wedding. The mother, Mrs. Carrie Hunting, 41, married J. Almar Evertzen of Stockton. The daughter, Annabelle Hunting, 16, married Melvin More of Stockton.

OKLAHOMA JURY FREES SLAYER, MEXICO ROILED

Zealous Officer Slew Mexican Students as Rum Suspects — Acquittal Scored By Foreign Minister as 'American Injustice'.

MEXICO CITY, June 27.—(AP)—News of the acquittal at Ardmore, Okla., today of former Deputy Sheriff William E. Guess, who shot and killed Emilio Cortes Rubio, nephew of the Mexican president, and Manuel Garcia Gomez on June 8 was received here tonight with indignation.

Genaro Estrada, foreign minister, but not available for comment, but attaches of the ministry described the news as "terrible." There was considerable comment in which the verdict was described as a "demonstration of American injustice."

COURTHOUSE, Ardmore, Okla., June 27.—(AP)—W. E. (Bill) Guess, erstwhile Oklahoma peace officer, was acquitted tonight by a jury of slaying Emilio Cortes Rubio, 20-year old kinsman of President Ortiz Rubio of Mexico.

Out almost exactly 22 hours, a fagged jury of middle aged men who had been docketed 11 to 1 four hours this afternoon, returned the verdict 20 days after Emilio and his student chum, Manuel Garcia Gomez, 23, fell dead before the deputy's gunfire beside a residential street here.

Pale, trembling with emotion, Guess thanked the jurors and declared he still felt justified "in what I did." He remains under bond for the slaying of Gomez and his fellow deputy, Cecil Crosby, still stands charged with the murders. Guess took sole responsibility for the actual slayings.

BOY CELEBRANT REDUCES IOWA TOWN TO ASHES

SPENCER, Iowa, June 27.—(AP)—A lighted sparkler in the hands of a small boy ignited a fireworks display in a corner drug store today starting a fire which razed 30 buildings, virtually wiping out the business section of Spencer, a city of 5,000 persons.

Swept up the block and across the street by the wind, the blaze encouraged by occasional bursts of fire works in other stores, razed four blocks of business buildings, causing damage estimated at \$2,000,000 by L. O. C. Duley, secretary of the commercial club.

The store in which the fire started was located below the telephone office. Several operators were endangered, but firemen hoisted ladders and carried three to safety, while others raced through the flames on the staircase to the open air.

The water supply gave out as seven fire companies joined with the regulars and volunteers of Spencer. Little Sioux river water was pumped to the scene and dynamite was used to blast a clear space between the fire and adjoining buildings.

Two persons were burned, neither seriously.

Assessed \$5 Census Fine LONDON, June 27.—(UP)—Constance Stanhope was fined \$5 for refusing to give information for the completion of the census return.

LOCAL MEN NAMED ON MEIER BODY

Governor Picks Local Banker, Ashland Resident as Members Tax Survey to Reduce Local Taxes — Hopes To Attract New People and Industry.

SALEM, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—Governor Julius L. Meier announced today he had appointed a committee of prominent Oregon citizens to make a survey and report recommendations for a "rigid retrenchment program" in all local tax levying subdivisions.

The committee has been called to meet here July 8 to organize and to lay plans for its work.

The governor proposed that the committee cooperate with local tax levying bodies in their study of local taxes, investigate legislation enacted by other states for control of local budgets and tax levies, and formulate similar legislation for Oregon, if advisable.

In a statement accompanying his announcement Governor Meier called attention to the fact the bulk of taxes is levied by local bodies and not by the state. He said the annual tax levy approximates \$50,000,000 for state, county, municipal, school district, road district and port purposes and of this amount, he said, less than \$7,000,000 is used for strictly state purposes.

"It is apparent," his statement said, "that if any appreciable reduction in tax levies is to be made in Oregon, a rigid retrenchment program must be inaugurated in each and every one of our local tax levying subdivisions. It is for the purpose of devising ways and means to launch a program to accomplish this end, and formulation of legislation that will, in the future, control local expenditures in the state of Oregon, that a meeting of the committee to which I have referred is called."

"Let us join to make Oregon's tax levy the lowest in the United States and thereby attract to our state new population and new industries."

Members of the committee and the counties they represent include: Jackson county—William H. Gore, Medford, and Fred Holmes, Ashland.

Lane county—Dean James Gilbert, Eugene; Senator H. C. Wheeler, Goshen.

Marion county—James Smith, St. Paul; William S. Walton, Salem.

BAKER, Ore., June 27.—(AP)—With the exception of testimony to be offered by Wayne Gurdans, deputy sheriff of Umatilla county, relative to finding torn bits of paper in Pendleton following the detention of Mrs. Emma Fowler, the prosecution rested today in the retrial of the former treasurer of La Grande. She is charged with failure to account for public funds in the amount of \$10,925.13. Mrs. Fowler was treasurer 12 years.

The bits of paper, pasted together on another sheet of paper, were offered in evidence by A. A. Smith, representing the city of La Grande.

The defense waived identification of the exhibit, admitted the figures on the bits of paper were written by Mrs. Fowler, but objected to their admission as evidence.

The torn pieces pasted together were said to bear the same figures as did a piece of paper discovered in the city treasurer's safe in La Grande after Mrs. Fowler left the city.