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Forecast: Tonight and Saturday fair and mild.
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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

IT IS more than probable that you are reading this newspaper by the aid of artificial light. In order to get this artificial light, you turned a switch.

Your grandfather would have had to clean and fill a kerosene lamp, light a match, apply it to the wick, and after all that he would have had a light only fractionally as efficient as the one by which you are reading.

FOR all of this, thank Thomas A. Edison, who as these words are written, is lying at death's door, expected to cross the threshold into into the great unknown at any moment.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN, if we can believe the tales the historians tell us, saw the lightning in the clouds and became curious. So he tied a key to a kite, sent the kite up into the clouds and brought the electricity down along the kite string.

BY THE time Edison came along, this electricity that Franklin had brought down from the clouds on his kite string had been somewhat tamed, and was beginning to be applied to man's uses.

Edison noted that when a current of it was passed through a wire, the wire became hot. That started him to thinking, just as the sight of the lightning in the clouds started Franklin to thinking.

Out of this thinking of Edison's came the electric light of today.

YOU will remember if you are a reader of Greek and Roman mythology, that Minerva, the goddess of war, sprang full grown and fully armed from the brow of Jove.

Edison's electric light bulb didn't spring forth like that. Its development was a slow process. After he had noted that an electric current passing through an iron wire caused the wire to heat, he had to find a way to make the wire glow, and after that he had to find a substance that would stand up under heat.

PUTTING the wire in a vacuum solved the first problem, and a tiny little filament of carbon, fastened together with a binder so that it could be fashioned into the shape of a wire, solved the second.

Here is the point involved: If Edison hadn't become CURIOUS upon noting that the electric current heated the wire, we might not have the electric light now.

Curiosity has brought a lot of progress into this world.

LIGHTNING, which is one of the manifestations of electricity, is one of the oldest things in the world—much older than man himself.

For countless hundreds of centuries men looked at the lightning and either thought nothing of it, or were FRIGHTENED by it.

It was not until men with curious and active minds, first Franklin and then Edison, came along that electricity was harnessed and put to work making life infinitely more livable for human beings.

REMEMBER this: Electricity, which has totally revolutionized the world during the past century, is no new thing.

It has been present in the world ever since there have been men. It was merely waiting to become useful until some human brain bright enough to see its possibilities came along to develop it.

A FEW hopeless pessimists are trying to tell us that everything in the world worth doing has been done already, and that the future holds no great achievements, such as have made us great in the past.

DON'T BELIEVE THEM!

WHO knows but under our feet, being carelessly kicked around, may be some great natural principle whose discovery and development will as utterly revolutionize the world of today as electricity revolutionized the world of yesterday?

Electricity, remember, was overlooked by mankind during countless slow centuries. Yet it was present all the time.

All that was lacking was the BRAIN to grasp the fact of it.

IT ISN'T reasonable to suppose that we have learned everything there is to be learned—although we are inclined to think of ourselves as rather smart.

But the scholars of the middle ages thought of THEMSELVES as rather smart, and yet, according to OUR

INDICTMENT OF BISHOP CANNON AND AIDE FOUND

Conspiracy Violate Corrupt Practices Act In Handling Anti-Smith Election Funds Charged.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Bishop James Cannon was indicted today for conspiracy to violate the federal corrupt practices act in his handling of funds of the anti-Smith democrats committee in 1928.

Miss Ada L. Burroughs of Richmond, Va., who was treasurer of the



BISHOP JAMES CANNON JR.

committee headed by the southern Methodist clergyman, was indicted with him.

The two were ordered to trial by a District of Columbia grand jury on charges of failing to report contributions of \$65,300 by E. C. Jameson, New York capitalist and republican, as required by the federal statutes.

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JAPANESE VESSEL REPORTED SINKING IN ALASKA WATER

SAN FRANCISCO, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Attempts of the liner President Jefferson to communicate by radio at six o'clock P. M. this morning with the stricken Japanese freighter Yonon Maru failed, giving rise to the belief that the latter had gone down.

A wireless from the stricken ship, intercepted 20 minutes previously to the futile attempt at communication, said: "We are now sinking—come quickly."

The 8,900-ton freighter, which carried a crew estimated at between 40 and 50 men, first called for help at 2:20 A. M. P. S. T. Later messages said her decks were awash and she was sinking rapidly.

The President Jefferson, with Colonel and Mrs. Charles A. Lindbergh among its passengers, was about 65 miles from the stricken vessel at 6:50 o'clock and expected to reach the scene about 10 A. M.

The Yonon Maru was enroute from Portland, Ore., to Shanghai with a cargo of lumber. She is a vessel of 423 feet in length. She left Portland September 30.

NOME, Alaska, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Airlines today aided in the "rescue" of a group of passengers aboard the steamer Baychimo, locked in the Arctic ice pack several hundred miles north of here.

Two cabin ships, flown by pilots Vic Ross and Chester Brown, arrived near the Baychimo, a Hudson Bay company ship, off Wainwright yesterday and preparations were made to fly the passengers to Kotzebue. The flight is between 250 and 300 miles.

Courage, Clear Vision By Press Needed Now

CHAMPAIGN, Ill., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Col. Robert B. McCormick, publisher of the Chicago Tribune, told Illinois newspaper editors and publishers today that only courage and clear vision of the press would save modern civilization from the danger of "political action leading to anarchy."

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"Amos" Ill in Bed Continues Nightly Wrangle With Andy

CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—(AP)—"Amos" is ill, but the fact hasn't kept him from going ahead with his radio act with his partner, "Andy."

The National Broadcasting company announced last night that "Amos" whose name in real life is Freeman S. Gosden, has been confined to his bed with an inflamed throat and fever, but that he has had the microphone placed in his room so that his nightly broadcast would not be interrupted.

AMERICA ACCEPTS BID BY LEAGUE TO AID ORIENT PEACE

Kellogg-Briand Pact Will Figure Prominently In Geneva Parley Is Word—Japs Are Unreconciled.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 16.—(AP) The United States today accepted an invitation to sit with the League of Nations council in an effort to prevent war in Manchuria.

The formal invitation, pointing out that the Kellogg-Briand pact to renounce war was probably would figure prominently in the league's efforts to conciliate the grievances between Japan and China, was received at the state department.

President Hoover in Geneva already had been authorized to accept the invitation.

GENEVA, Oct. 16.—(AP) The council of the League of Nations formally ratified over the objections of the Japanese delegate today its invitation to the United States to engage in arbitration of the Sino-Japanese conflict.

Chairman Aristide Briand, in summarizing the council's decision, said that the objections of a constitutional and judicial nature raised by Kenkichi Yoshizawa, Japanese delegate, remained in reserve.

Ratification at today's public meeting of the invitation to the United States was a formality giving effect to the action taken at yesterday's private session during which the invitation was voted.

Japan Only Opposition Supporting the invitation were the delegates of France, Great Britain, Italy, Germany, Poland, Spain, Norway, China, Peru, Ireland, Yugoslavia, Guatemala and Panama. Only Japan voted against it.

International observers regarded the council's action despite Japan's determined stand as evidence of the league's vigor and a good omen for the ultimate happy settlement of the Manchurian affair.

BODY DISCOVERED ON FOREST TRAIL

The body of an unidentified man, about 50 years of age, was found shortly after noon today on a trail in the Umpqua Divide country, 14 miles from Trail, by Joseph Row, 30, of the grower's find was telephoned to the sheriff's office from a forest ranger station. Sheriff Ralph Jennings and Deputy Vernon Walker left this afternoon for the scene.

Roe, while walking down the trail made the discovery and hurried to the nearest telephone. He made no investigation as to cause of death.

There is record of any missing persons in this section.

Mrs. Morrow Will Not Accept Seat

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 16.—(AP)—The News today said Mrs. Dwight W. Morrow would not accept an appointment by Governor Larson to the seat in the United States Senate made vacant by the recent death of her husband.

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JACKSON COUNTY ASSESSED VALUE NOW \$28,284,220

Public Utility Worth Not Included—Deflation Cuts Figure Under Previous Year Amounts Quoted.

The valuation of Jackson county for 1931, according to figures compiled by the assessor's office, is \$28,284,220, a decrease of \$375,190 over last year, when it was placed at \$28,659,410.

The above figures do not include valuations of public utility corporations, which last year were \$7,538,037.17, which are expected to be practically the same, or slightly in excess, due to the Red Bluff construction work of the California-Oregon Power company. The corporation's figures are compiled by the state and will not be available until December 1.

The decrease amounts to about 1.4 per cent decline in the taxable valuation of the county, and will have no appreciable effect on the tax millage. The decline is on a par with other counties of the state.

The decline, according to Chief Deputy Assessor Linnie Hanscom, is due to less dairy cows and stock on the ranges, and less merchandise on the shelves of merchants, who in the present times have reduced their stocks.

There was also a drop in personal property valuation, and slight increase in soldier exemptions. The 1930 merchandise and stock valuation for the county was \$1,401,930; this year, \$1,177,500, or \$224,430 less, a high figure compared with other counties of the state.

Stock cattle this year were valued at \$317,520, last year at \$405,020, a decrease of \$87,500, largely due to depletion of herds and market declines. Dairy herds showed a valuation decrease of \$33,360. The 1931 valuation is \$238,000, the 1930 valuation was \$271,360.

According to the figures there are 832,441 acres of land in the county, taxable and non-taxable, valued at \$19,439,030. The per acre value is fixed at \$16.14 for tillable land, and \$9.33 for non-tilable.

Record shows 14,468 stock cattle, 15,415 sheep, 1715 swine, 1969 goats, 16,911 domestic fowls, 550 rabbits, 304 foxes, and 913 hives of bees in the county.

Farm implements, wagons, carriages and autos are given a value of \$207,350.

The soldiers exemptions, deducted from the valuations, amount to \$139,660.

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The corporation was fined \$100 on each count. Albert E. Brunatt, formerly Kansas City manager of the company and a co-defendant, was fined \$40 each on five counts charging sale.

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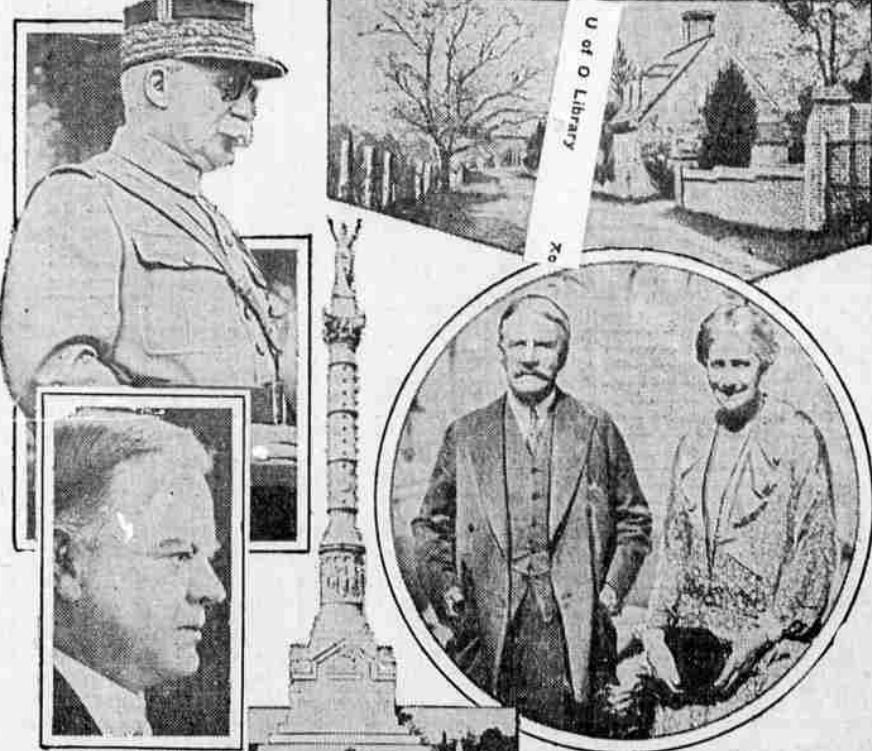
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BANK CASHIER GETS LONG PRISON TERM

VANCOUVER, Wn., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Ordin Him, cashier of the Clarke County bank at Washougal, was sentenced to from two to 10 years in prison when he pleaded guilty today to violation of the state banking laws. The bank was closed yesterday by order of the state superintendent of banks.

Him was sentenced to from two to 10 years on each of three counts but the sentences will run concurrently.

NOTABLES WHO'LL ATTEND YORKTOWN PAGEANT



The celebration of the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the surrender of Lord Cornwallis will be held at Yorktown, Va., Oct. 16-19. Among notables who will participate are President Hoover (left), Marshal Pétain of France (upper left) and Lord and Lady Cornwallis (lower right). Lord Cornwallis is a descendant of the British leader who surrendered to Washington and his allied American and French forces. A street in Yorktown and the Yorktown monument are shown.

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COUNTRY NEEDS CARRIE NATIONS

ATLANTA, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Bishop James Cannon, Jr., says thousands of "Carrie Nations" should rise and smash speakeasies in New York and other cities where state officers have told local officers they were not obliged to enforce the prohibition laws.

Speaking at a prohibition mass meeting here last night, the bishop said "it cannot be ignored that the Roman Catholic church from the Pope down through the hierarchy is 90 per cent opposed to the prohibition laws."

CARDIFF JOBLESS RIOT ON DOLE CUT

CARDIFF, Wales, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Three thousand jobless men gathered in the public square here today to protest cuts in the dole and there was riotous fighting when police with drawn clubs directed the mob to disperse.

The gathering was held against police orders.

When it was over several were in hospital with broken heads, half a dozen of the leaders were arrested and the police had seized a red banner.

CAPONE PAINTED AS SAINT AND SINNER BEFORE JURY

By Victor Hackler
CHICAGO, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Two portraits of Al Capone were painted today for the jury that must decide his income tax evasion trial.

He was first portrayed as a sinister gang leader, who tried to cheat his government, and then as an open-handed but unfortunate man, persecuted to satisfy public clamor.

"Even a child could not doubt from the evidence that this man is guilty," said federal prosecutors.

"If his name were not Al Capone, there would be no case," said defense lawyers.

The jury was told by the government a guilty verdict would "put a stamp of disapproval" on the activities of gangland, that acquittal would induce honest men to cover up their assets and keep no books, so that they too could defraud the government.

AMERICA MARKS ANNIVERSARY OF YORKTOWN FLIGHT

YORKTOWN, Va., Oct. 16.—(AP)—The nation's four day observance of the battle which made its existence possible opened here today with dedication of a monument to the defeated British commander, Lord Cornwallis, and the reception for Marshal Henri Pétain, of France.

Lord Cornwallis voiced his belief that the memorial to his distinguished ancestor further cemented the bonds of friendship between the English speaking people.

A salute of seventeen guns announced the approach of the noted French leader sent by his nation to represent its people in the one hundred and fiftieth anniversary of the battle of Yorktown where French arms swung the tide to Washington and his continental.

Bands blared, cavalry units pranced and soldiers stood at attention as the "savior of Verdun," accompanied by General John J. Pershing, entered the stadium.

MORROW'S ESTATE TWENTY MILLIONS IN WIDOW'S HANDS

NEW YORK, Oct. 1.—(AP)—The American, quoting "an informed source," says the late Senator Dwight W. Morrow of New Jersey, left an estate of "close to twenty million dollars."

Only half of the total, according to the American, is subject to inheritance taxes, the rest of the fortune being in the form of accounts carried in the names of members of his family and others. These accounts estimated at \$10,000,000 are technically not part of the estate.

The newspaper understands Mrs. Morrow is named sole executrix, and to her will go a life interest in the estate after bequests to friends, servants and charities are taken out.

Accounts totalling \$1,600,000, the newspaper was told, were carried in the names of Morrow's four children.

The will probably will be filed for probate next Wednesday or Thursday.

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BRUENING CABINET GIVEN CONFIDENCE REICHSTAG BALLOT

BERLIN, Oct. 16.—(AP)—Chancellor Heinrich Brüning's cabinet was sustained this evening on a vote of confidence in the reichstag.

The vote was 294 to 270.

Thus, by a margin of 24 votes the chancellor again turned back the threat of Adolf Hitler's national socialist who had combined this time with the nationalist party headed by Alfred Hugenberg.

These two, the government's most bitter enemies, combined forces after the recent overturn in the Brüning cabinet and recently at a joint meeting in Harzburg announced they would turn the chancellor out of office if they could.

METHODIST HEADS WILL TALK NEEDS

ATLANTA, Ga., Oct. 16.—(AP)—Leaders of Methodism from all over the world converged here today for the sixth ecumenical conference of the church to study its problems of service under modern developments.

The gathering includes 550 delegates, among them 200 from over the seas. The conference has no legislative power but constitutes a forum for an exchange of world ideas on church matters. It will be called into session tonight at 8 o'clock (C.S.T.)

Pre-conference interest centered on reports from the British and oriental delegations.

POSTPONE SENTENCE ON ARSON QUARTET

Passing of sentence upon Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Robbins, scheduled for this morning, for their confessed participation in the firing of a Buckshot Hill dwelling last September, to fraudulently collect insurance, was postponed until tomorrow morning, by Circuit Judge Brand, upon the request of the district attorney's office. The reason advanced was the securing of the records of the quartet, if any.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 16.—See where Mrs. Morrow has been offered her husband's seat in the senate if she wants it. Now in most cases those positions are offered the wives just out of courtesy but Mrs. Morrow is just about as unusual a woman as her husband was a man. She was a tremendous item in Mr. Morrow's Mexican success. She learned Spanish and became a great favorite with the Mexican people. If she goes in there she will know what the senate is all about. Well of course not exactly, but as near as it can be found out.

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EVERETT LINDSAY LONG SOUGHT AS SLAYER, ARRESTED

Pacific Coast's Will-O'-The-Wisp Run To Earth By Amateur Sleuth—Confession Obtained, Claim.

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 16.—(AP)—The Pacific coast's will-o'-the-wisp criminal suspect, Everett Frank Lindsay, wanted for the murder of his wife, and a Washington state farmer, army desertion and criminal attacks on three young girls and who was arrested in Los Angeles late last night through the efforts of a restaurant man, today confessed, police said, and announced he would waive extradition to Seattle, Wash., to face a charge of murdering his wife.

For more than a year and a half police throughout the Pacific coast states had been on the trail of Lindsay, whose christened name is said to be Charles E. Murphy. His trail extended from Seattle to Los Angeles.

Confession Obtained
Trapped by two detectives last night on information furnished by William Sanborn, 25-year old restaurant man for whom Lindsay at one time worked as cook when a fugitive, Lindsay confessed to the various crimes charged to him, police said.

Behind the arrest of Lindsay is the story of Sanborn's methodical detective work. Sanborn first met Lindsay six months ago while operating a restaurant, Lindsay being employed as a cook. A short time later Lindsay left Sanborn's employ, the latter not then having an inkling that Lindsay was a man with a \$3,000 reward on his head.

In the meantime, Sanborn started reading detective magazines and noticed a story about the notorious Seattle Lindsay, which detailed the man's personal habits. He readily recognized the same traits in the man who had been in his employ.

Before giving his information to police, Sanborn went about getting further evidence. He renewed his acquaintance with the suspect and finally tricked him into leaving his finger prints on a postal card. These confirmed his suspicions when taken to police.

Lindsay is charged with murdering his wife, the former Audrey Elizabeth Reid, in Seattle. Her body was found in a shallow grave April 29, 1930. She had disappeared on the 19th inst. and when friends had inquired for her, Lindsay reported she had gone to Canada.

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