

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday fair. Not much change in temperature.
Highest yesterday 73
Lowest this morning 42

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

THE League of Nations tells Japan to get her armed forces out of China, immediately. Then it tells BOTH Japan and China to get together and settle their differences by negotiation.

We are about to see history made, but at this moment no one can say just what kind of history it will be.

THIS much CAN be said:

If the Japanese heed the command of the league, to get out of China, and if Japan and China then get together and settle their differences without war, the faint beginnings of the dawn of a new and more hopeful day in world affairs will be apparent.

PRESIDENT Hoover, on his way to the Yorktown victory celebration pauses at Fort Monroe and makes a speech, in which he says:

"This nation passed through Valley Forge and came to Yorktown."
A lot of gloomy people are trying to tell us that this country is in a terrible way right now. Is it in any more terrible way, do you suppose, than during the winter of Valley Forge?

Of course not.

AS the President says, this nation passed through Valley Forge and came to Yorktown.

Sometimes in the next few months it will pass out of the dark valley of economic discontent and into the bright sunshine of sound prosperity.

HERE is a rather interesting suggestion made to this hopeless optimist by another hopeless optimist the other day:

"I hear a lot of talk about impending distress here in Oregon this winter. But as I look about my neighborhood, where I know all the people, I don't seem to see many more THAN USUAL who aren't going to have enough to eat."
Of course; there will be unfortunate this winter. But I seem to remember that back in 1927 and 1928, which we look upon now as tremendously prosperous, there were ALSO unfortunates who didn't have enough to eat and wear."

THIS man may be an exception. His neighborhood may be an unusually fortunate neighborhood. But suppose you look around YOUR neighborhood. See how much more real distress you find than in normal, average years, remembering that in ALL years there are distressed people.

You might learn something that would surprise you.

THIS isn't intended to minimize the importance of relief of those who are in need. That is always important—SUPREMELY IMPORTANT.

In a great, rich country such as this, simply bursting with clothing and with food and with fuel, it would be an indictment of our civilization if we should knowingly permit anyone to go hungry or cold.

But let's not lose sight of the fact that here in fortunate Oregon needy people are not going to be so numerous this winter that we can't take care of them.

We always have before, and we will now.

THOMAS A. Edison, we are told by his physician, no longer cared to live after he realized that complete recovery of his health was improbable.

That is to say, if he couldn't go on working he didn't care to go on living.

It was this complete absorption in his work that made Edison great. Work, you see, is the big thing in the lives of big men.

PERFECTION of the telephone for commercial use was one of Edison's many achievements, which recalls a story told to this writer by a hale and hearty man in his late seventies the other day:

"When I was a youngster, just getting started in business, I went into the office of a friend and found him talking into a funny little instrument. I asked him what he was doing, and he said he was talking to his wife.

"I said: 'Take hell you are,' and he handed the thing over to me and told me to see for myself. Sure enough, his wife's voice spoke into my ear. I nearly fell over."

"I GOT all steamed up. My father and I were running a little mill, and every day we had to talk to the station agent about shipments. It was a lot of bother to drive over to the station with a horse and buggy, so we fixed up a little

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LIMITED HOIST SUGGESTED ON FEW PRODUCTS

I. C. C. Denies Request for Flat 15 Per Cent Increase — Suggestion Fails to Exempt Fresh Pears

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP) The Interstate Commerce commission today denied the railroads' request for a flat 15 per cent increase in freight rates, but suggested the roads might apply for specific increases on designated commodities upon certain conditions.

The suggested specific raises would be for a limited period and would be primarily to enable the roads "to meet their fixed interest payments as they mature."

The commission attached to a list of products suggested for increases a condition that in no event should the increase levied on any carload be in excess of ten per cent of the carload charge which is assessed in the absence of the increase.

The suggested plan of the commission provides for exemption from any increases of wheat, corn, oats, barley and rye, rice, grains not otherwise specified, flour and meal of all kinds, hay, straw and alfalfa, cotton in bales, cotton lint, oils and tins, cottonseed, fresh apples, fresh berries, fresh grapes, fresh peaches, potatoes other than sweet, dried peas and beans, flaxseed, sugar beets, livestock of all kinds, logs, wood for fuel, railroad ties and wood excelsior and sawdust.

INDEPENDENCE FOR MANCHURIA HELD TOKYO MANEUVER

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—America today joined in invoking the Kellogg-Briand anti-war pact in Manchuria. Secretary Stimson dispatched identical notes to China and Japan reminding them of their obligations under the treaty to renounce war as an instrument of national policy and to settle all disputes peacefully. The action followed that taken by five European nations.

(By the Associated Press)
Launching of a virile movement for Manchurian independence from China was reported through Japanese sources today, shortly after Japan had shown a more conciliatory attitude at Geneva, where the League of Nations discussed the Sino-Japanese controversy.

The independence move also followed Japan's withdrawal of objections to American participation in the Geneva discussions seeking to bring about a peaceful settlement of the dispute between China and Japan over the latter's occupation of southern Manchuria.

Observers professed to see in various independence movements the hand of Japanese militarists and imperialists seeking Japanese domination of Manchuria without resorting to military force. The movement was headed by a Chinese general, however.

DOOLITTLE LANDS IN MEXICO CITY

MEXICO CITY, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Major James H. Doolittle landed at Valbuena field here at 3:15 p. m. Mountain standard time, completing a dawn-to-dusk flight from Ottawa, Canada.

Major Doolittle covered the 2,500 miles from Ottawa in 12 hours and 35 minutes, having left Ottawa at 4:40 a. m. Eastern standard time, with stops at Washington, D. C., and Birmingham, Ala.

GRAF ON THIRD BRAZILIAN VISIT

PERNAMBUCO, Brazil, Oct. 20.—(AP) The Graf Zeppelin, German dirigible, was in Brazil today for the third time this year.

RAIL RATE BOOST REJECTED

La Grande Bandit Pair Captured by Officer Posse

WOMAN FRIEND IS SOUGHT IN DOUBLE MURDER MYSTERY

Brother Admits Sister Guilty of Gruesome Crime — Suspect Makes Getaway at Railroad Station

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—(AP)—Search for the 27-year-old wife of a physician, sought for the murder of two women whose bodies were found in trunks at a railroad station here, ran against a blank wall early today when a woman suspect, questioned aboard a train in Arizona, proved her innocence.

Operatives of the Southern Pacific railroad took the suspect into custody at Yuma, Ariz., but on her arrival at Phoenix they announced that she was not Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd of Santa Monica, Cal., believed by police to be the slayer.

The collapse of this clue left police with a baffling hunt before them. The last trace of her was swallowed up last night in the heavy traffic along downtown Broadway, where her brother, B. J. McKinnell, said she left his automobile after fleeing from the station.

McKinnell, at first represented as confessing that Mrs. Judd had admitted the murder to him, later cried brokenly: "It's a lie." The bodies were identified tentatively as those of Mrs. Agnes Lerol, an X-ray technician at Phoenix, Ariz., and Miss Hedvig Samuelson, her roommate. Miss Lerol formerly lived in Portland, Ore., where she received medical training, and Miss Samuelson's home was in Fargo, N. D.

A baggage master, who saw what he believed to be blood seeping from one of the trunks, which had been shipped here from Phoenix where Mrs. Judd had lived with the two women, made the discovery of the crimes.

Mrs. Judd had arrived here from Phoenix on an earlier train and with her brother had gone to the station to claim the trunks, which had been shipped on a later train.

The suspicion of the agent put the woman to flight and she hurried from the station with her brother driving her. In the brief interval between the departure from the station and the time McKinnell set her for disappearance from his automobile, a confusion of reports was at hand on what transpired between the two, and police had no plausible motive for the crimes.

One detective announced that McKinnell had admitted that his sister confessed killing the two women. The body which was believed to be that of Miss Samuelson was dismembered and bore bullet wounds. The other body had only the fatal shot and was left unsevered. Portions of the mutilated body also were found in a suitcase.

Following the announcement of McKinnell's alleged statement of infirmation of his sister, Inspector D. A. Davidson denied that a confession had been obtained and McKinnell, in a direct statement to a reporter, cried out: "It's a lie."

Husband shocked. "If she did it," he added, "she must have been insane." Dr. W. G. Judd, husband of the missing woman, confessed and unnerved at the horrible act, said she had lived with the two women, but that he had not seen his wife for some length of time. He claimed he could not understand why she might commit the atrocity, although Phoenix police found a letter in Mrs. Judd's room there from her husband in which he said he "supposed you thought much of those two girls that you would be perfectly happy with them . . ." and closed with the statement: "I am not at all surprised at what you tell me." Like the other tangled and mystifying aspects of the case, this statement went unexplained, the physician offering to throw no light upon it.

LIFE SENTENCE FOR SLAYER OF RANCHER

LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Willard Sullivan, convicted slayer of Homer Bidwell, prominent North Powder rancher, was today sentenced to life imprisonment. Sentence was passed by Circuit Judge J. W. Knowles, in line with the recommendation of the trial jury.

Bidwell was shot to death in a field near his home last June.

PARENTS POSITIVE DAUGHTER VICTIM IN TRUNK SLAYING

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—There is little doubt, Mr. and Mrs. Alex A. Imlah of Portland said today, that the body of one of the murdered women found in trunks at Los Angeles, is that of their daughter, Agnes.

Stricken with grief, the parents of the former Portland girl were unable to talk over the telephone. A friend spoke for them.

The Imlahs said their daughter had been living in Phoenix, Ariz., with Mrs. Hedvig Samuelson who has been reported missing from Phoenix, and Mrs. Ruth Judd who is sought for questioning in connection with the slayings.

Agnes Imlah, whose married name was Agnes Lerol Smith, left Portland last month to do research work in a clinic railroad, the suspect into custody at Yuma, Ariz., but on her arrival at Phoenix they announced that she was not Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd of Santa Monica, Cal., believed by police to be the slayer.

Mr. and Mrs. Imlah said they were unable to account for the tragedy or to name anyone who they might suspect. The girl's last letter held no hint of trouble.

The girl's husband's name was Dow Lerol Smith but he is said to have used "Lerol" as his last name. They were separated.

Miss Imlah was born in Cloverdale, Tillamook county. She studied nursing here from 1924 to 1927, later nursed in a hospital at Albany, and then going to Wrangell, Alaska, and from there to Phoenix.

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Dr. William C. Judd, husband of Mrs. Winnie Ruth Judd, the woman sought in connection with the slaying of two girls at Phoenix, resided at Salem during his boyhood and after graduating from the Willamette medical school in 1905, went to Mexico where for 11 years he was the physician for a large mining company.

He is the younger brother of Ed C. Judd, former county judge of Clatsop county, now practicing law in Astoria.

His father, E. C. Judd, was one of the best known and most prominent farmers of Marion county. He lived near Turner.

BOWERMAN'S SUB SUFFERS INJURY

PORTLAND, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—Lawrence Winter, University of Oregon football player, suffered a broken knee in Saturday's game against the Trojans of Southern California Saturday, X-ray pictures taken revealed, according to word received here.

The injury to Winter spoils the plan of Coach Spears to shift Bowerman to the quarterback position. Spears contemplated playing Winter at Bowerman's end and using Bowerman in the signal-calling job.

Signs of Better Times

CHICAGO, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The biggest month's sales in three years was reported today by the American Washing Machine Manufacturers' association.

The September sales exceeded the best month of 1929 by 2 per cent and the best month of 1930 by 9 per cent. There were 115 per cent above September 1930, and 18.9 greater than in August, 1931.

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The American Federation of Labor believes that "unquestionably underlying factors in the business situation are gradually improving."

CASHIER, BANDIT KILLED IN RAID WISCONSIN BANK

Hurried Check Shows \$10,000 Taken by Four Robbers Armed With Machine Guns — Youth Wounded

MENOMINEE, Wis., Oct. 20.—(AP) An assistant cashier and a bandit were killed today as four machine gun raiders looted the Kraft State bank here of an undetermined sum of money.

James Kraft, 19, son of W. P. Kraft, president of the bank, was kidnapped and slain by the bandits while W. R. Kraft, 22, another son, was wounded, perhaps seriously, because he could not point out where more money was.

The robber was killed by shots fired at the car in which the quartet sped out of town after spraying the street near the bank with machine gun bullets.

Bank officials said a hurried check indicated the robbers took about \$10,000 after terrorizing 16 persons in the bank, including six customers. All were forced to lie on the floor.

The bodies of James Kraft, and the bandit were found on the highway six miles from here by possemen, who followed the raiders out of town. The younger Kraft had been shot. Officers believe he was slain in reprisal, after pursuers' bullets killed their companion.

INTANGIBLES TAX REFUNDS MAILED BY HOSS OFFICE

SALEM, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP)—The secretary of state today mailed out 1500 warrants totaling \$47,000 as the first of the 1929 intangibles tax refund of about \$930,000, including interest. The warrants issued ranged from 4 cents to more than \$3000 each.

The secretary of state's staff is busy at the present time computing interest and issuing warrants. About 19,000 taxpayers are entitled to refunds of this tax, which was declared unconstitutional by the Oregon supreme court and whose action was upheld by the United States supreme court.

The work of issuing warrants has delayed for several weeks Secretary Hal E. Hoss' plan to further reduce his clerical staff. On November 1 he announced about 10 more would be cut off his payroll. Hoss announced that a saving of more than \$3000 a month was effected during September this year, as compared with a year ago. His staff now consists of 90 employees, compared to 114 a year ago.

SLAYER LINDSAY COMING IN PLANE

LOS ANGELES, Oct. 20.—(AP)—An airplane carrying Everett Frank Lindsay, alleged wife slayer, left here at 10:02 a. m. today for Seattle, where he is accused of killing Mrs. Elizabeth Lindsay. Lindsay was accompanied by two deputy sheriffs.

The airplane carrying Lindsay is expected at the Medford airport late this afternoon, according to Phil Sharp, local superintendent.

THE BATTLE OF BATON ROUGE



"You can't have the Louisiana state capitol," said Gov. Huey P. Long to Paul N. Cyr (left) as he verbally shook his fist under the nose of the lieutenant governor. Cyr had himself sworn into office as governor on the grounds that Long, having been elected to the United States senate, could not be governor at the same time. Long ordered state troopers at the capitol to resist any attempt on the part of Cyr to take over the duties of chief executive.

JACKSON COUNTY BUDGET DRAWERS MEET TOMORROW

The Jackson county budget committee, composed of B. E. Harder, Medford, W. H. McNair, Ashland, and E. T. Newberry, Phoenix, with the county court, will hold its first meeting tomorrow afternoon. The principal business will be the selection of a chairman.

Estimates compiled by the county clerk show decreases ranging from \$300 to approximately \$4000 in the conduct of the various offices, with the heaviest decrease falling on the water master's department, with a slash of \$3824.02. The county clerk's office is next with a cut of \$2012. All county offices are cut to the bone for the 1932 operations.

Offsetting this and other retrenchments will be heavy increases in allotments for the care of the poor, schools, care of the unfortunate, widows pensions and the general fund.

Head Funds Cut. There will also be, according to preliminary estimates, substantial reduction in both the general road and the market road fund.

Stress of the times is given as the cause of a \$6009.42 increase for the care of indigents and the poor and \$2000 for emergency relief work. The widow's pension fund is boosted from \$7500 to \$9000.

The largest increase comes from the care of the unfortunates, and amounts to an estimated \$15,000, due to the "economy program" of the state administration shifting the cost from the state to the counties.

Another item, not embodied in the last election, is \$8000 for the holding of a primary and general election, and mayhap a special one. This year the election fund was \$1000.

General Fund Grows. The general fund estimates for next year provides for \$212,107.96, against \$196,848.74.

The general fund fund decrease estimate totals \$21,596.53, and the market road fund calls for \$10,481.91. Road operations are cut to the limit, though frequent petitions are filed for improvements.

A total of \$115,520.80 is sought for grade schools the coming year. In 1930, \$109,519.30 was asked. High schools seek \$66,500, against \$52,187.60 in 1930. The school increases are mandatory under the Oregon law, and not subject to heavy slashing.

The budget committee, at its first meeting will make ready for consideration of every item, and will probably follow a policy of "constructive economy, and judicious spending."

MOURNING THROUGH FILES PAST BIER IN EDISON'S HOME

WEST ORANGE, N. J., Oct. 20.—(AP)—To their comrade, Thomas A. Edison, who turned his inventive genius to his nation's problems of national defense during the world war, members of the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars paid tribute today.

Thirty representatives of both organizations filed through the softly lighted library where the dead inventor lay in state, stood at attention, and saluted as two of their number draped the casket with an American flag.

Mrs. Edison, who stood silently by, was visibly impressed. At her side were her son, Theodore, Mrs. Habert Kellogg Hitchcock, her sister, and John F. Miller, her brother.

More than 10,000 persons—school children, Edison plant employees, relatives and curious—had waited in a long line throughout the day yesterday to file into the little room.

The inventor will be buried in West Orange tomorrow. Final arrangements have not been announced, but it was thought that the Rev. Arthur H. Brown, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Orange, would officiate. Final services will be at the grave in Rosedale cemetery, here. The funeral service hour is 2:30 p. m.

President Hoover was still undecided today on his plan to attend the funeral. It was indicated by the White House secretary that Mr. Hoover would reach a decision by tonight.

HOOVER FAILURE TO MAKE A BOW IRKS ANNAPOLIS

WASHINGTON, Oct. 20.—(AP)—President Hoover's failure to greet the mayor of Annapolis last Saturday night while en route to Yorktown was explained at the White House today as a misunderstanding.

It was said at the executive offices that neither the president, his secretaries nor any of his immediate aides knew of plans to greet the Annapolis mayor as they passed through his city.

One of the secret service men had gone ahead of the presidential party to make police arrangements, it was said, and he had talked with Mayor Walter E. Quenstedt.

It was explained he understood the mayor would meet the presidential party at the naval academy dock, where he was given a salute of 21 guns and other presidential honors.

Work of widening grade on Corvallis-Waldport highway completed and new grade graded.

NO RESISTANCE OFFERED WHEN POLICE APPEAR

Men Sought for Wounding Constabulary Member Found Near Gibbon—Surprise Forestalls Battle

LA GRANDE, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP) Keith Crosswirth, 30, and John Owen, 19, both of Springfield, Mo., were in the Union county jail here today, heavily guarded. Officers said, to have shot Ames Helms, state policeman, here Sunday, Helms was critically wounded.

PENDLETON, Ore., Oct. 20.—(AP) John Owens and Keith Crosswirth, sought for the shooting of Ames Helms, state policeman, at La Grande Sunday, were captured shortly after noon today near Gibbon.

The men were surprised and had no chance to resist. The capture was made by Jesse Breshears, sheriff of Union county; Dick Robertson of state police, and Tom Gurdane, Umatilla county sheriff.

Owens, 19, and Crosswirth, 20, escaped Sunday after shooting and critically wounding Officer Helms. A sixteen-year-old girl, Orlean Woodhouse of Idaho Falls, was with them. She was taken into custody after she left their company and is held at La Grande as a material witness.

Helms was shot as he and Captain Lee Noel of state police attempted to question the men after receiving word they were wanted at Idaho Falls for robbery.

Gibbon is 25 miles directly east of Pendleton on the Umatilla river. The bandits after deserting their stolen car at Kamala, near the summit of the Blue mountains, apparently continued down the north side of the slope, following a creek to the junction of the streams at Gibbon.

COURT UPHOLDS RED'S SENTENCE

SALEM, Oct. 20.—(AP)—The Oregon supreme court, in an opinion by Justice George Roseman today affirmed the conviction of Ben Boloff by the Multnomah circuit court of the crime of criminal syndicalism, Justice Roseman and Belt dissented, while Chief Justice Bean and Justices Brown, Campbell and Kelly concurred with Roseman's opinion.

Boloff was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment in the state penitentiary for "unlawfully and feloniously helping to organize and assembling the communist party of the United States of America, and as a member of such society." The circuit court charges also involved teaching and advocating the doctrine of communism and criminal syndicalism.

The Oregon supreme court will hold its regular October term at Pendleton next week.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., Oct. 20.—Best Edison joke I know was one on me. He and Mrs. Edison used to always come to Ziegfeld Follies and I played directly to him with my little jokes for four years before I knew he was deaf. Owen D. Young was making a flowery speech about him at Ford's great dinner at Dearborn. We all got to laughing. Young was mystified. It was Edison making faces and pantomiming that what Young was saying was "hokey." Ford moved his old invention shop at Dearborn, even brought the red New Jersey slay. When Edison first saw it he also noticed the clay. "G—d, Henry, where'd you get this?"

He'd a been a great old man even if he never invented anything.

Will Rogers
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