

The Weather
Forecast: Tonight and Saturday rain.
Moderate temperature.
Temperature
Highest yesterday 53
Lowest this morning 50

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ASTORIA HOOP STAR PROTESTED

Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

A DISPATCH by Universal news service, printed in many newspapers, informs us that Governor Roosevelt's victory in North Dakota really set his hopes back pretty seriously.

Alfalfa Bill Murray's North Dakota defeat, according to the same authority, sets him up in business as a troublesome menace to the Roosevelt hopes. But both Roosevelt and Murray, we read further, are really out of it, already.

Some dark horse like Garner will arise and run off with the Democratic nomination.

SOUNDS silly, doesn't it? But Universal news service is a Hearst service, and Mr. Hearst is industriously beating the drum for Garner.

SPEAKING of politics, Herbert Sharp, of Stayton, up in the Willamette valley, starts a "McNary for President" boom and immediately announces that he is going to collect a campaign fund of \$5000 in Salem and \$25,000 in Portland.

Senator McNary may be President someday. Fortunately, his hopes do not rest upon so slim a foundation as the raising of \$5000 in Salem and \$25,000 in Portland in this particular year of politics.

SPEAKING of Portland, her elephant, Tusko, has crashed the front pages again—this time with a case of amnesia, which is a nice, high-brow word meaning loss of memory.

Wouldn't it be nice if Portland could get interested in something deeper and more significant than elephants and whales—the difficult but exceedingly important task of financing the production of this year's farm crops in Oregon, for example?

THE news of this particular day seems to run heavily to the Willamette valley, where the police of the city of Albany arrest transient negro as a suspect.

SPEAKING of suits, your grandfather bought ONE, probably of black broadcloth, when he was married, and expected to wear it for at least the next ten years. He referred to it as his "Sunday" suit.

WE THINK times now are TERRIBLY hard, and we cry and wail and wring our hands and lament and carry on generally as if the end of the world had come.

PALMBERG OVER TOURNAMENT AGE, IS PORTLAND WORD

Board Refuses Action Until Concrete Evidence Is in Hand—Parents and Players Refute Allegation

SALEM, March 18.—(AP)—Two slow games featured the morning's session of consolation contests in the state basketball tournament today, but eliminating from consideration both Astoria and Silverton high schools.

The two winners will play tomorrow morning for fifth and eighth places in the final lineup. During this afternoon's games two more squads will be declared out for further consideration.

The Marshfield-Silverton game started slow and never speeded up during the game until the final two minutes, with the score tied at 14-14. Then with a minute left to play, McClean, Marshfield's star shot, who hadn't clicked so far, hurled one from the middle of the floor and it went through without touching a thread. This was followed by another fast basket, and the game ended.

Silverton took the lead in the first quarter by 6 to 3, but at the half Marshfield managed to hold the Marion county group to a free throw, and the period ended 9 to 7. Third quarter activities brought the score 13 to 10 in favor of Marshfield, at which point the Coos Bay boys were literally stopped until the final minutes.

McClean added eight more points to his total while Pettysjohn added four to his on the fifty scoring list.

SALEM, Ore., March 18.—(AP) An informal protest was made to the

BANK FAILURES SHOW DECREASE

OGDEN, Utah, March 18.—(AP)—The decreasing number of bank failures was cited here today by Dr. Julius Klein, assistant secretary of commerce, as an evidence that the tide of business is turning. He passed through here enroute to California to make a business survey for his department.

"The last figures on bank failures in the United States show there are fewer institutions closing at present than at any time since 1918," he said.

Olcott, Singer of Irish Ballads Dies in France

PARIS, March 18.—(AP)—Chauncey Olcott, whose sweet Irish tenor won the hearts of millions nearly half a century ago, died today at Monte Carlo at the age of 72.

His adopted daughter, Jeanette Clarke Olcott, who was born in Monte Carlo, was with him. He has been ill for a long time and yesterday his friends learned that the end was near. His wife and son had been caring for him in his sickness.

Badgers Want Him



Clarence W. "Doc" Spears, football coach at Oregon, has been offered the head coaching job at the University of Wisconsin.

GOLD HILL WINS FROM EAGLE PT. IN CAGE TOURNAMENT

In the fifth annual secondary school basketball tournament, in session at the Southern Oregon Normal school, Arago defeated Lakeview 25 to 10, this morning, to lead in the championship drive. Gold Hill also won over Eagle Point 22 to 17 in a game played this morning.

The tournament, which opened yesterday morning, will close Saturday, the finals in the championship and the consolation divisions being run off then.

PINE MILLS REPORT BUSINESS INCREASE

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—An increase of nearly 16 per cent in current net business was reported by the Western Pine association today, compared with the previous week.

AUTOIST DROWNS IN MYRTLE CREEK

ROSEBURG, Ore., March 18.—(AP)—C. L. Larson, 52, of Aurora, Neb., drowned in the flooded South Myrtle creek last night when a small automobile in which he and two other men were riding plunged over a bank and landed in the stream.

Larson, VanDell and Lott had been operating the Elliot mine in South Myrtle creek for the past two years. They were on their way back from the property last night.

NO. DAKOTA VOTE CARRIES COMFORT FOR ROOSEVELT

Politicians See Answer to Strength of 'Alfalfa Bill' and Warning to Republicans of Disaffection

FARGO, N. D., March 18.—(AP)—Nine delegates pledged to support Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt at the democratic national presidential convention continued to lead the field in the contest for North Dakota's ten seats as tabulation of Tuesday's primary vote neared an end today.

On returns from 1925 of the 2325 precincts one delegate pledged to Governor William Murray of Oklahoma, and the nine Roosevelt delegates topped the list in the favored positions. The Murray candidate leading was G. T. Murray, Berthold farmer, brother of the Oklahoma.

Roosevelt was assured of eight seats while the trend of the tabulation was toward increasing the lead also for the other two.

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—North Dakota's voice may count for less than one per cent in the electoral college, but near-complete returns today from Tuesday's primary showed she had spoken loudly enough to be heard from coast to coast on three important political questions of the hour.

So far as she herself is concerned, she affirmed overwhelmingly the oft-quoted ability of New York's governor, Franklin D. Roosevelt, to command the support of the rank and file of western voters; disposed of any surmise that "Alfalfa Bill"

HARRY F. POWERS, PUDGY BLUEBEARD, TO HANG TONIGHT

MOUNDSVILLE, W. Va., March 18.—(AP)—Harry F. Powers, who wooed women by mail and then killed them, is ready to die tonight on the scaffold.

While his attorney, J. Ed Law, sought a last minute stay of execution, the pudgy "bluebeard" said he didn't think the move would "do much good."

Last during the past few days, Powers has been frantically seeking to halt the hanging through various devices. Yesterday he telephoned Governor Conley to ask a stay to allow appeal to the United States supreme court.

The plea was denied. Governor Conley followed the state supreme court in saying every opportunity had been given Powers to present evidence which might save him and that nothing had been offered which would offset the verdict of the court which found him guilty of slaying Mrs. Dorothy Pressler Lemke, of Northboro, Mass.

Powers was also indicted for killing Mrs. Aeta Butch Eicher and her three children, of Park Ridge, Ill. All five bodies were found buried in a ditch near the Powers' Quiet Dell home. The condemned man maintains he is innocent that the killings were the work of two other men who have not been located.

DRY REPUBLICANS SILENT ON PLANK

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Republican prohibitionists were silent today on the prediction in Chicago by Secretary Hurley that the Republican national convention in June form on prohibition.

Senators Borah, Elish and Borah, Elish, who helped draw the right enforcement plank in 1928, refused to comment on the war secretary's forecast, but it was recalled that the Idahoan made a prophecy of his own a few weeks ago that the 1932 prohibition plank would be similar to that four years ago.

Warn De Valera on Suspension of Allegiance Oath

BIRMINGHAM, England, Mar. 18.—(AP)—Neville Chamberlain, chancellor of the exchequer, warned Eamon de Valera tonight that the British government would view with "grave concern" any suggestion that the new Irish free state government suspend the oath of allegiance to the British crown or the land annuities due Great Britain.

De Valera pledged himself to effect both those changes in the campaign which ended with his election as president of the free state.

Mr. Chamberlain asserted that any such action by the Irish dail or president would revise the bitterness which both England and Ireland had hoped they had removed forever.

LINDBERGH HOLDS SECRET CONCLAVE WITH POLICEMEN

Officers Heading Hunt for Stolen Child Gather at Estate—Mexico City Clue Gives New Direction

HOWELL, N. J., March 18.—(AP)—Fresh from a secret conference at Col. Charles A. Lindbergh's home, police pressed on today in their search for his 20-month-old child.

The conference, held last evening at the close of a day that brought only disappointment, was attended by most of the police officials at the head of the hunt. While it was on, all automobiles except those occupied by police were turned back at the road to the Lindbergh home, Mexico City Clue.

Meanwhile, from Mexico City, came a dispatch indicating belief that the kidnapers of Charles A. Lindbergh, Jr., may possibly have escaped the country by airplane.

Mexican officials announced that 10 crack secret service operatives were en route to the Mexican border, Eight were sent to the Mexican-United States line and two to the Guatemala border and they are all instructed to check airplane movements carefully.

PEACE PARLEY PROSPECT SEEN WITH RETREAT

SHANGHAI, March 18.—(AP)—A more definite prospect for a Sino-Japanese peace parley arose on the horizon today at the same time that three Japanese transports, crowded to the rails, steamed down the Whang-poo carrying the first contingent of troops back to Japan.

Japanese peace negotiators received instructions from Tokyo saying the government decided to forego "certain conditions" which thus far have held up the peace parley and was anxious to see the conferences proceed.

What these conditions were was not revealed, but Youke Matsuoaka, representative of the Japanese government here, said he expected a formal conference to be held Sunday or Monday.

The 3000 soldiers who left for Japan were members of the twenty-fourth mixed brigade.

FORBRA CAPTURES AINTREE CLASSIC AT 50 TO 1 ODDS

Young Horse a Rank Outsider, Shows Heels in Steeplechase—Egremont Second Shaun Golin Third

AINTREE, Eng., March 18.—(AP)—Once again a rank outsider carried off the honors in the grand national as the seven-year-old Forbra, one of the youngest horses ever entered in the race, defeated a field of 18 of the best jumpers of the two continents in the third running of the steeplechase classic at Aintree today.

Owned by W. Parsonage and quoted at 50 to 1 in the betting Forbra finished the trying four and one-half miles three lengths in front of Mrs. Ireland's Egremont, another long shot. W. H. Minwood's Shaun Golin, winner in 1930, but 40 to 1 shot for today's race, was far back in third place.

Nine finishers. Only nine horses finished the course. Heartbreak Hill, carrying the silks of Mrs. C. S. Bird, Jr., of New York, and co-favorite with Grakie at 8 to 1, was the first American horse to complete the long journey over the 32 obstacles of water, brush and stone, in sixth place.

Sea Soldier, a son of the mighty Man o' War, owned by a Chicago syndicate of 10 wealthy sportsmen, was eighth. Sea Soldier was the only American-bred horse in the race. He ran an even race, but lacked speed on the flat.

Heartbreak Hill was well up with the leaders for the first part of the trip, but jumped badly at the treacherous

JUDGES ANNOUNCE 3 ESSAY WINNERS

WASHINGTON, March 18.—(AP)—Unless somebody gives him a suitable job, Dr. Fred T. Wolters, 37-year-old scholar, maintains he will starve himself to death in protest.

To prove that he means business, Wolters has eaten but one peanut, which he said he picked up in a store, since beginning to fast on Feb. 28. To avoid being clapped in an asylum, the scholar took the precaution of having himself declared sane by alienists before announcing the hunger strike. They pronounced him abnormal in some respects.

Wolters is an expert at hunger strikes, having undertaken them before, both here and abroad. He was on the Library of Congress staff once but resigned in 1926 because other employees were promoted over his head. He has tried unsuccessfully since then to be reinstated.

The doctor is a German by birth, a naturalized American, and a graduate of the University of New Zealand. His protest, while specifically directed at his own joblessness, is also against general unemployment.

He walks a short distance daily, against weaker but, he says, feeling no hunger. Already he has lost enough weight for his clothing to hang baggily on the Wolters frame.

GAMEST KID IN AMERICA LOSTS BATTLE FOR LIFE

WASHINGTON, N. Y., March 18.—(AP) Clarence Hastings, whose friends called him "the gamest kid in America," is dead.

The 14-year-old boy whose case was known in all parts of the country, after spending 177 days in a respirator that prevented his moving any part of his body but his head, died at city hospital today of infantile paralysis complicated by the shock of an operation Tuesday for an abdominal obstruction. The infantile paralysis had paralyzed his respiratory organs so that he depended for life upon the hospital's respirator.

Almost to the end, freckle-faced Clarence smiled. While nurses and doctors stood this morning around the breathing apparatus and watched his life ebb away, he turned his head and said: "Please shut off the machines. They're making too much noise." He had just died when a telegram was received from Bert Acosta, transatlantic flier, and Townsend McAllister, an aviator, who had taken an interest in the case. It said: "You will be all right. I mean in good health. When you recover look me up at Roosevelt flying field and I'll take you for a good flight for being so brave."

Mystery Man



Morris Rosner, former government agent who is supposed to have wide connections in gang circles, is believed to be aiding in negotiations seeking the return of baby Lindbergh. Rumor has it that Rosner caused the naming of two gangster "go-betweens" to act in the case.

HUNGER STRIKE THREATENED IF JOB IS DENIED

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CHURCHILL MAY BE TRANSFERRED BY SCHOOL PLAN

Asland Normal Head Slated for Director of Elementary Training and Head of Monmouth Normal School

PORTLAND, Ore., March 18.—(AP) Reorganization and realignment of the personnel of deans and directors of Oregon's institutions of higher learning was recommended to the board of education here today by the unification committee of the board.

Several changes will have far-reaching results. Among other things the committee proposed J. A. Churchill, president of Southern Oregon Normal school at Ashland, as director of elementary training, and president of Oregon Normal school, with a transfer to Monmouth.

The committee recommended that the tenure of office of the deans be at the pleasure of the board and that the dates of appointment be in accordance with the report of the curricula committee submitted last week.

List Twelve Prospects. The committee disclosed it has narrowed down to twelve men its list of possibilities for the position of chancellor of the Oregon system of higher education, comprising the University of Oregon, Oregon State college and the three normal schools.

The chancellor's salary should be \$15,000 annually, the committee recommended, and suggested that this figure should be the maximum.

FOUR CHILDREN BURN TO DEATH

PAULSBORO, N. J., March 18.—(AP)—While their frantic mother fought to rescue them, four children were burned to death by fire which destroyed their home here early today.

The dead: Theresa Bell, 15; Mary Bell, 8; Ruth Bell, 6, and William Bell, 8 months.

The father of the children, John Bell, was working in a factory near when the fire started and was held back when he tried to enter the burning building.

FLOODS MENACE LA GRANDE AREA

LA GRANDE, Ore., Mar. 18.—(AP) Heavy rains combined with warmer weather yesterday and today created near flood conditions here this morning. The Grande Ronde river was up four feet overnight and is still rising, menacing lowlands.

In La Grande, hillside streams overflowed this morning, sending water to a depth of several inches into the business sections, with storm sewers over-burdened.

The rain was continuing this morning and city crews were hard-pressed to handle the situation.

WILL ROGERS says:
BEVERLY HILLS, Cal., March 18.—Yesterday I finished my little poem, "The wets have a handful of drinks and the dries think they have a handful of votes." Well I meant to put (but forgot it) the words "or visa versa," but I don't want to get mixed up in that argument.

No person has ever convinced another on prohibition. People's minds are changed through observation and not through argument.

John Hays Hammond, but through somebody's oversight never became president, was out to see me today, he and the author of that great book, "Scouting on Two Continents." We talked of South Africa, where we had all prowled about at one time or another.

Will Rogers
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