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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

HERE is a statement that is really startling: Tourist expenditures in California amount to about SIX HUNDRED MILLION dollars a year.

THIS figure, which to Oregonians seems almost staggering, was named at Red Bluff the other day at the meeting of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association.

THIS six hundred million dollar expenditure was made largely in Southern California, with Central California coming next.

The Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association represents Northern California and Southern Oregon. Its central thought is this: "Tourists spend hundreds of millions of dollars every year in Southern and Central California, Northern California and Southern Oregon have EVEN MORE to give the tourist for his money than have the regions to the south.

"So let's go out and TELL THE TOURIST what we have that is worth his while."

WHY do tourists with six hundred million dollars to spend come to Southern and Central California? The answer is as simple as anything can be. They come because they have been told persistently and astutely of the attractions of Southern and Central California.

The way to get them on up into Northern California and Southern Oregon is to tell them with equal persistence and allure of the things that WE have to show them.

That is the business of the Shasta-Cascade Wonderland association.

THE meeting of the association was held in Red Bluff. Not far from Red Bluff is the now romantic "ghost" city of Shasta. The present population of Shasta is a hundred or so.

There was a time in those "days of old, those days of gold," when Shasta's population was in the neighborhood of ten thousand.

IN THIS old town of Shasta is the first Masonic hall to be built in California, housing the first Masonic lodge of the state. It is now abandoned.

On every hand are the remains of substantial buildings that in the days of gold hummed with an active life. The thick wooden floors many of these ancient buildings are worn deep by the hob-nailed boots of the miners.

IN THE old town of Shasta, they still show you photographs of the thrilling events of those early days. One of the photographs is gruesome. It shows two men dangling by the neck from the limbs of trees.

They were bandits—the gangsters of those days. They held up a stage and killed a couple of men. The vigilantes went into action and within less than 48 hours, so the story goes, the murderous bandits were dangling from limbs.

We hear a lot about gang outrages in our big cities in these days. If we copied some of the methods of those early vigilantes, the institution of gangsterism probably would not last long.

HERE is the real point in connection with these events in old Shasta: The California highway commission is planning a wide, straight road from Redding to this ancient "ghost" city.

California knows the value of romance in attracting tourists. Ten people will probably want to visit this romantic old town to each ONE that will be attracted by mere scenery.

THE historical background of Southern Oregon is as romantically thrilling as the historical background of Northern California, and the two together have a wealth of tradition that if properly capitalized will bring to this region by the thousands the tourists that in the past have been spending six hundred millions of dollars in Southern and Central California.

We have had much to say of our scenery, which is marvelous. But if we are shrewd, we will realize that the romantic story of our past has an even greater appeal to the tourist than our mere scenery.

Europe realized long ago the value of historical background in attracting tourist money and has profited heavily as a result.

TILLAMOOK—C. Christensen & Son leased a large cold storage building and equipment on West First street.

NEUNER TO COMPLETE VETS SITE TRANSFER

FORTLAND, Ore., April 2—(AP)—George Neuner, United States district attorney will go to Roseburg next week to complete transfer of deeds to the national soldier's home site west of Roseburg and to the present state soldier's home to the federal government.

Neuner intends to leave here tomorrow morning. He will be joined in Roseburg by Frank B. Hever, regional utility officer of the United States veterans bureau.

MISS EZELL INJURED IN AUTOMOBILE CRASH

Doris Ezell was injured in an automobile accident near the Firestone service station on South Riverside avenue late last night and was taken to the Sacred Heart hospital by state police.

The extent of Miss Ezell's injuries was not learned.

A. E. Linde of Portland was driver of the auto in which Miss Ezell was riding and which struck another car parked in the street. He is held in the county jail on an open charge.

CLIMAX WOMAN CHANGES MIND ON SUICIDE TRY

Throat Hacked With Razor—No Reason Given For Act—Blood On Bandages Discloses Serious Wound.

Changing her mind after attempting to commit suicide Friday night by cutting her throat with a razor, Mrs. Watt Hurst, middle-aged lady of Climax, Ore., was reported out of danger following the discovery of the act last night by her husband and son, Tom.

Mrs. Hurst gave no reason for the act, according to information received from there, and the attempt was not revealed until blood was discovered on the bandages she wore about her neck. Yesterday she claimed to have a sore throat.

Finding of the bloodstains caused Mr. Hurst and his sons to question Mrs. Hurst, who told them of her action during the night Friday. Mrs. Hurst will be brought into Medford this morning to receive medical treatment.

LIGHTS, NOT GANG LEADER CAUSE OF AUTO INSPECTION

State police were busy Friday and Saturday night stopping cars going south of South Riverside and aroused the curiosity of residents of many sections of the valley with the procedure, which it was revealed tonight was only for the purpose of testing lights.

A rumor adding much more excitement to the occasion, however, traveled about the city yesterday. The report was that state police were looking for a professional gangster, two gun racketeer, en route from Vancouver, B. C., to California, and stopping all cars in hope of halting his journey. The gangster car, the story stated, was followed by another in which three men were traveling to protect their leader. As many home folks prepared to hear the music of a machine gun, the police announced they were testing lights.

BLIZZARD VICTIMS STILL UNLOCATED

Search for the bodies of Edwin C. Brown and wife, Dead Indian homesteaders who lost their lives in a blizzard that raged over the area January 11, was under way yesterday when the direction of the sheriff's office.

A party headed by A. R. Cooley, a neighbor, who was last to see the ill-fated couple alive, Thursday and Friday found snowshoe tracks that indicated the Browns at one time had passed within 100 yards of their cabin but were blinded by the fury of the storm, only to wander on into the night and perish.

Discovery of the bodies is expected soon, as the melting snows make easier the grim task. Telephonic communication with the Dead Indian district is crippled so no advice on the progress of the hunt Saturday was received.

LINDY INTERVENOR DROPS FROM SIGHT

NORFOLK, Va., April 2—(AP)—John Hughes Curtis, whose negotiations for the return of the kidnapped Lindbergh baby have carried him twice on mysterious trips from this city, could not be located in Norfolk tonight after an apparent all day absence from his home and office.

Rear Admiral Guy H. Burgess, retired, and the very Rev. Dean H. Dobson-Peacock, serving with Mr. Curtis as intermediaries, both said they did not know of any contact trip that Mr. Curtis might be making. Both said they believed Mr. Curtis was in the city, but they had not seen him during the day.

It could not be learned from his office or his home whether Mr. Curtis had left the city.

LONG LOST PLANE LOCATED ON PEAK

ASH MOUNTAIN, Sequoia National Park, Cal., April 2—(AP)—At the end of a frozen snow-pack trail, half a mile from a shelter cabin, forest rangers tonight sought further trace of Lieutenant Edward D. Hoffman, whose army airplane was found dashed to pieces against a towering Sierra Peak.

The trail gave evidence of a struggle against the snow, packed deep on the ground, and of efforts to survive a blizzard which was raging when the flyer vanished February 1.

DEFENDER AND PROSECUTOR MEET



Clarence Darro, (left) special attorney for Mrs. Granville Fortescue and three co-defendants charged with slaying a native in Honolulu, discussing technical details of the trial with Public Prosecutor John C. Kelley.

SOCIETY MATRON ON TRIAL MONDAY IN HAWAII COURT

HONOLULU, April 2—(AP)—In a temple of justice encircled by palm trees and armed policemen, Mrs. Granville R. Fortescue, society matron and three men of the United States navy will go on trial here Monday for the slaying of a young Hawaiian.

Although whatever racial feeling may have existed over the case and its far-reaching ramifications apparently has subsided and there has been no hint of disturbance, the police guard was ordered to be on duty during the sessions of the court.

Accused of abducting and slaying last January 8, Joseph Kahahawai, one of the five men held on charges of attacking Mrs. Fortescue's daughter, the society matron and her co-defendants, Lieutenant Thomas H. Meese, E. J. Lord and Albert O. Jones, will pin their faith in an array of counsel headed by Clarence Darro, noted Chicago attorney who came out of retirement to lead the defense.

The public will be excluded from the little court room in which the quartet, indicted on a charge of second degree murder, will be tried.

STIMSON SAILING FOR ARMS MEET

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Secretary Stimson will sail for Europe next Friday and join the American delegation at the Geneva disarmament conference.

He will be accompanied by Norman H. Davis, a member of the American delegation to the conference who has been here for a week conferring with President Hoover and the secretary of state.

Announcement of Stimson's trip to Geneva was made at the White House today after he had talked with the president.

Mrs. Stimson will accompany the secretary to Switzerland. Allen T. Klotz, special assistant to the secretary and Captain E. A. Regnier, aide to the cabinet officer also will go.

HEARING ON BONUS OPENS APRIL 11TH

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Acting Chairman Crisp of the house ways and means committee, today fixed Monday, April 11, to open hearings on legislation for full cash payment of the soldiers bonus.

"The committee wanted a week's rest after the tax bill, and I am going away for a short vacation over that period," Crisp said.

"Personally I am opposed to paying at this time the 50 per cent unpaid on the veterans' certificates, but I promised advocates of such bills a hearing and they will be given an opportunity to present their case."

Famed Indian Fighter to Happy Hunting Grounds

COOKSTOWN, N. J., April 2—(AP)—A famous old Indian fighter—Brigadier General Edward S. Godfrey—is dead today after an attack of heart disease in his old colonial home filled with relics of his thrilling battles. He was 88 years old.

The noted veteran of the Indian wars who fought in the battle of Little Big Horn, escaped the fate of General Custer and his troops in that famous massacre by temporarily ignoring the orders of his superior officers. He drove the Indians to cover and fell back, saving the lives of his men.

The illness which caused the general's death had kept him in bed for several weeks in the house which had been in the possession of Mrs. Godfrey's family more than 200 years. After funeral services next Tuesday

BI-PARTY DRIVE TO AID TAX ACT IS SENATE PLAN

Hope to Put Through Fiscal Program Before June Conventions—New Sales Tax Move Looms Is Talk.

By FRANCIS M. STEPHENSON
 Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—A bi-partisan drive to push the billion dollar revenue raising bill through the senate was mobilized today as Secretary Mills gave qualified endorsement to the measure approved by the house.

The treasury head spoke of some "serious defects and discriminations" in the legislation but gave it endorsement as a victory for some financial principles.

Senate leaders added their pledge to balance the government's income and outgo by next year but the dispute on what is necessary to bring this about developed further today. Tentations of the decorous leadership of the Democratic leadership that a \$200,000,000 saving in government expenditures next year can be made by congress—this saving is counted on by the house to balance the budget with the aid of the revenue bill.

Senate Republican leaders did agree with Speaker Garner, however, that a determined drive can put through the fiscal program in time to permit final adjournment of congress before the June political conventions.

Triple attack gets going next week in the senate to wipe out the

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EX-CROWN PRINCE THROWS SUPPORT TO HITLER PARTY

BERLIN, April 2—(AP)—Former Crown Prince Friedrich Wilhelm today pledged his support to Adolf Hitler, presidential candidate of the national socialists, who would repudiate the Treaty of Versailles.

Friedrich Wilhelm, hitherto more closely allied with the nationalist party than with the Hitlerites, announced his position as all political Germany was prepared for a week of strenuous campaigning for the runoff election a week from tomorrow in which the chief contenders are Herr Hitler and President Paul von Hindenburg.

"As I believe a closed nationalist front is absolutely necessary, I shall vote for Adolf Hitler," he said.

The republican "iron front," supporting the president for reelection, is ready for a whitewash campaign. Ten thousand mass meetings will be held. Fleets of motor trucks and airplanes will spread throughout Germany countless handbills urging the vote for Hitler.

turn-out so impressive that Hitler will be decisively smashed.

SUBPOENA LOCALS IN EMPIRE TRIAL

Subpoenas were served yesterday afternoon by the sheriff's office on nine local people, to appear in Ore. county court April 11 at Dallas, Ore., to testify in the case of the State of Oregon versus Frank Keller, Jr., of the Empire Holding corporation.

From here subpoenas were served Harold Parker, Dr. Jud D. Rickert, E. M. Wilson, Chas. Leonard, Ernest Scott, Harry Moore, Tom Fuson, Miles Stuart and W. S. Bolger.

Wildcat Stage Is Halted Here

State police Saturday arrested L. Bruin, 517 Leavenworth street, San Francisco, on a charge of operating a "wildcat stage." The authorities say Bruin had collected about \$50 from five passengers, destined for various points in the Willamette valley. A preliminary hearing is scheduled for Monday.

As an officer in the seventh cavalry, General Godfrey rode the plains for 12 years, fighting the Indians almost continuously. Previously, as a youth of 17, he saw active service during a short enlistment in the Civil war and later participated in the Cuban campaign of the Spanish-American war.

Upon his retirement from the army in 1907, General Godfrey came home here to spend his time gardening and writing an account of the battle of the Little Big Horn. He was chairman of the National Custer Memorial association.

TARIFF AND M ON IN SPOT POLITICAL STAGE

Twain Troublemakers Develop In Week—Smith Resents Rumor He'll Support Roosevelt For Job.

By D. Harold Oliver
 Associated Press Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Old man Tariff and the comparative youngster—Prohibition—are strutting forward in presidential politics as Franklin D. Roosevelt and President Hoover corral most of the nominating delegates to the Chicago conventions.

Developments of the last week brought out these twin troublemakers, while Alfred E. Smith furnished a week-end high spot with a statement denying he would withdraw his name from the democratic convention and resending reports he would support Gov. Roosevelt in return for a cabinet appointment.

Gerard Quits

Simultaneously, the democrats lost their national committee treasurer, James U. Gerard, who resigned after handling the party's finances for eight years because he said the job required more time than he could give to it. Chairman Raabok will appoint a successor to conduct the party's "victory" fund drive.

Republican leaders long ago accepted the democratic challenge to lock horns on the Hawley-Smoot tariff act in the coming campaign. The senate's passage Friday of the democratic measure to revoke the president's power to make flexible rate changes broadened the issue.

The democrats are ready to make

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ST. LOUIS FIRM LOW BIDDER ON ROSEBURG HOME

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Murch Brothers, construction company, St. Louis today submitted to the veterans administration the lowest bid \$544,000 for the construction of six buildings of a national soldiers home at Roseburg, Ore.

K. R. Parker, San Francisco, submitted the second lowest bid, \$555,700. The third lowest bid \$557,000 was offered by A. W. Kutsche & company, Detroit.

The Roseburg soldiers home will contain 150 hospital beds and 450 domiciliary beds. When completed, and fully equipped the first unit of the new structure will cost approximately \$1,000,000.

Murch Brothers low bid was for building construction only. Other bids were asked for electrical wiring and equipment, plumbing, heating, refrigeration and sewage disposal.

Seventeen bidders submitted proposals on the general construction. The six lowest, including the Murch firm were A. W. Kutsche of Detroit, \$555,900; Madsen company of Minneapolis, \$560,385; Moris Construction company of Kansas City, \$561,900; MacDonald-Kahn, Ltd., San Francisco, \$566,000; and L. H. Hoffman, Portland, \$566,200.

TAX RETURN NEAR LAST YEAR TOTAL

SALFEM, April 2—(AP)—Personal income and intangibles taxes for 1932 will equal the returns from 1931, the state tax commission estimated today following the receipt of returns when the time for filing closed last night. The returns from corporation excise taxes may exceed 1931, although the difference will be slight the commission announced.

Up to last night about \$1,000,000 was paid into the office, and today's mail brought in about \$250,000 more. By the time the mails are cleared, and considering the extensions and second payments due, the total collections should approximate \$3,000,000 for 1932.

BALLOTS OUT FOR C. OF C. ELECTION

Ballots for the nomination of seven new directors to the chamber of commerce board to fill the expired terms of those who have served for two years, were prepared yesterday. They carry the names of all members of the Chamber of Commerce, 14 of whom are to be recommended by each voter.

The fourteen members receiving the highest number of votes will be carried as candidates for election. Ballots must be turned into the tellers not later than April 7. Only members in good standing are entitled to vote. The election committee is composed of Harvey Fields, John Moffatt and A. J. Hawk.

Playmate Shoots Portland Youth

PORTLAND, Ore., April 2—(AP)—Edward A. Pike, 15, was shot in the left side late Friday by a small rifle in the hands of a playmate. He is expected to recover. Gordon McPherson and young Pike were hunting in the woods near Brightwood when the accident occurred.

Buy Automobile Aid Prosperity Hoover's Advice

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—Want to help the country towards prosperity? President Hoover suggests that if you are thinking of buying an automobile this year, you place your order now. It will be a big help, he believes, to the industry, and "there is nothing that provides widespread employment more than automobile construction."

INSANE TRANSIENT CREATES SCENE IN LOCAL POOL HALL

Eric Olsen, 24, transient, was yesterday declared violently insane and will be transferred from the county jail to the state hospital at Salem today. It was announced by local authorities.

Saturday morning about 8 o'clock the young man entered Bill's Place on East Main street, knocked the cigar lighter to the floor and threatened to jump on it and break it if he was not given food, according to reports at the police station. Olsen was carrying a large pack on his back and carried a suitcase.

When forced from the pool hall, Olsen went to Henry's Billiard parlor on the corner of Main and Front streets and requested Bessie McConochie, clerk, to call the police. When she went to the phone, according to her report, Olsen drew a small pocket knife and threatened to strike her.

Mrs. McConochie went to the police station and reported Olsen, who was arrested and lodged in the county jail.

Papers in Olsen's pockets showed that he came into the United States from Vancouver, B. C., in 1928, and went to Portland, Ore., several months ago by auto stage. A card in his coat indicated he had received unemployment aid from the Salvation army at Portland during the past two months.

NININGER NEARING DECISION TO JOIN RACE FOR SHERIFF

Polk Nininger, pioneer resident of Ashland, well known in the southern part of the county, will decide Monday morning whether or not he will enter the crowded primary race for the Republican nomination for sheriff. Acquaintances say that he is expecting to file, "but may change his mind." Nininger was among the first in the county to be mentioned for the post last winter but later declined. Since then he has undergone a slight change of heart.

Nininger will make the tenth Republican candidate, the others being W. T. Berry, Medford; C. J. Han, Medford; J. H. Hughes, Medford; Phil Lud, Medford; Fred McPherson, Medford; Ben Moller, Medford; Chas. Talent, Medford, and Everett Beeson, Talent, Ralph G. Jennings, incumbent, and Gordon Schermerhorn are the Democratic entrants.

With a dozen sheriff candidates, Jackson county leads the state, but not the nation. A great primary race week there were 19 aspirants in a Kansas county.

Filings will close next Tuesday for the primary election, May 20, and it is expected that candidates for all offices who have been resisting the urge to run, will come forward on the two final days.

This is a good year for candidates. Even aspirants for precinct committeemen, the lowest form of political office, is the liveliest in history with some precincts having three candidates for the berth.

Carl Culy of Watkins filed for precinct committeeman from the Watkins precinct on the Republican ticket.

FULLER FILES FOR COUNTY JUDGESHIP

J. H. Fuller of Ashland, former secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and a widely known resident, Saturday filed for county judge on the Democratic ticket.

W. E. Phipps, a lawyer of this city, and J. F. Wortman of Phoenix, farmer, have filed for county judge on the Democratic ticket. Earl H. Fehl, Medford; Earl C. Gaddis, Medford; C. A. Thomas, Ashland; A. H. Willett, Talent, farmer, and C. B. Lamkin, incumbent, are the Republican entries.

James Styart filed for the position on the Democratic ticket.

Charles Hamilton, Rich; N. J. Wiley, Medford, and J. H. Bowen of Rogue River filed for Democratic precinct committeemen.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: BEVERLY HILLS Calif.

April 2—When congress turned down the sales tax claiming that it was unconstitutional, undemocratic and even unhealthy, that it was a tax on the poor in favor of the rich, then they turned yesterday and put a tax on matches.

Well I never saw a poor man that didn't at one time during his life, no matter how poor, have to light a match.

Got a tax on candy but not on crude oil from Venezuela. You see these things they are taxing now they are not a sales tax? No! No! Entirely different, this is just a tax on things you have to buy.

WILL ROGERS SAYS:

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INSIDE STORY OF CAPONE TRIAL IS REVEALED IN QUIZ

Gangster Chief In Agreement With Judge For 21-2 Years In Prison Until Boast Newspapermen.

By Nathan Robertson
 (Associated Press Staff Writer)

WASHINGTON, April 2—(AP)—An astounding story of the power of Al Capone and his Chicago gangsters, told in the words of the man who finally made them surrender before the strong arm of the federal government, was made public today by a senate committee.

It was the inside story of the government's long battle against Capone and his gang as told by District Attorney George F. Q. Johnson, at Chicago, to the judiciary sub-committee considering the nomination of Judge James H. Wilkerson to the circuit court.

Pact Overturned

Wilkerson sentenced Capone to 11 years in the penitentiary after overturning an agreement by Johnson to recommend 2 1/2 years if Capone would plead guilty. In his sensational testimony at an executive session of the committee Tuesday, Johnson revealed what he said were the true circumstances of that agreement for the first time.

He said Judge Wilkerson approved of the agreement but later overturned it after Capone himself had shown his "unbelievable arrogance" by making the terms of the agreement public.

Johnson testified that the agreement was "embarrassed" when the agreement was rejected but had begun to believe himself that it was a "mistake" and felt that Wilkerson had "not done anything judicially improper."

Power of Gangland Told

The most amazing part of Johnson's testimony was his description of the power of gangland, the intimidation of witnesses, and the forces the government had to overcome in administering justice against the powerful racketeers.

Witnesses called to testify against the gangster had a "stock phrase," he said, which was:

"If you want to send me to prison, all right, but I will not talk, because you know I will be taken for a ride."

"That is true," Johnson commented, as he told of a man who "gave evidence which was very helpful to the government," about the "Juliano mob" which was credited with many murders.

"Just before Christmas, 1929," Johnson said, "I took him before the grand jury and talked about 11 o'clock. He was getting ready to return an indictment but that night he was murdered before 9:30 o'clock. I have had many experiences of that kind."

Conspiracy Revealed

The district attorney told of a conspiracy case against 21 men in which six of them were murdered before the case went to trial and eight of their associates, including some witnesses, were killed.

Turning to the Capone case, Johnson testified how the government had finally gotten him by first working on his associates and putting them in jail.

"First we convicted Ralph Capone, then Frank Nitti, who was a partner in these gambling enterprises," Johnson said. "Ralph Capone's work was in prostitution and in selling beer, and in gambling. Nitti was on the alcohol side of the racket."

"I might add their overturn was very large. We tracked about \$500,000 to Nitti, nearly \$2,000,000 to Ralph Capone. In the Jack Jank case we proved over \$1,000,000.

"Of course, it is the money that gives these people the power.

"This process of breaking down these partners was a plan to reach Al Capone. In nearly every case we prosecuted we got some leads and some evidence."