

The Weather
 Forecast: Tonight and Wednesday, unsettled and cool; probably with showers.
 Highest yesterday 51
 Lowest this morning 40

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Comment on the Day's News

By FRANK JENKINS

CAPONE, jailed gangster, offers to obtain the return of the Lindbergh baby if Colonel Lindbergh will obtain his release from prison for that purpose.

Thus strengthening the suspicion that the baby was stolen by Capone's henchmen with the idea of trading it for Capone's liberty.

CHARLES G. DAWES tells the reporters in Washington that times are beginning to get better. Those joining company with a large crew of big men who have said the same thing.

All of them, and to say, had to eat their words later on.

THIS writer, speaking for himself alone, has more confidence in Dawes' opinions than in those that have gone before—largely, in all probability, because of faith that Dawes wouldn't say it if he didn't believe it.

UNDER the influence of the reconstruction finance corporation," he says, "bank failures have been checked. We, in our positions, are realizing that there is a marked change in the situation. The banks are beginning to make loans."

THAT, if true, is EXCEEDINGLY significant. If the banks, throughout the country, are beginning to make loans again, it is a sign that confidence is beginning to return. If confidence returns, business will improve.

PERHAPS you have asked yourself this question: "Why didn't business begin to improve as soon as the reconstruction finance corporation act was passed?"

Did you ever notice that after a long drouth the first rain has very little effect? It settles the dust for a few hours, of course, but by the next day the ground seems as dry as ever.

It is only after repeated rains have had time to soak the earth thoroughly that the grass begins to grow again.

THE reconstruction finance corporation act was the first rain after a long financial drouth. Its effects COULDN'T be immediate. Time has to be allowed for soaking up the parched ground of business. After it begins to get soaked up, the grass ought to begin to grow.

PERHAPS you have heard often, as this writer has, this statement: "Oh, the railroads and the big banks and big business generally will get all the reconstruction finance corporation money. It won't benefit the little fellow any."

That isn't a fair statement. It wouldn't be made by an intelligent person who took the time to think the situation out clearly.

WHEN the railroads get reconstruction finance corporation money, they are enabled to make extensions and improvements and repairs to their property.

Making extensions and repairs and improvements CREATES JOBS.

WHEN the big banks get reconstruction finance corporation money, they are enabled to extend credit to their customers, whereas if they HADN'T been able to get it they COULDN'T.

Extension of needed credits to sound business concerns makes it possible for these concerns to carry on their business on a more extensive scale, thus PROVIDING JOBS.

SO, YOU SEE, the reconstruction finance corporation, if it functions as it is intended to function, really WILL help us little fellows after all. It will help to make possible the providing of jobs for those who need jobs, and as more jobs are provided for those who have no jobs now, buying power will be increased and those who have things to sell, including the farmer, will find their markets improved.

TODAY'S VOTE TO BRING CLIMAX IN DEMOCRAT FEUD

Massachusetts and Pennsylvania Ballot to Determine Supremacy Between Gov. Roosevelt and Al Smith

MASHPEE, Mass., April 26.—(AP)—Roosevelt pledged candidates for delegates at large to the Democratic convention led Smith pledged candidates by margins averaging two to one in the primary vote cast today in this little Cape Cod town.

OKLAHOMA CITY, April 26.—(AP)—Oklahoma's 25 votes in the Republican national convention were tagged definitely today for the renomination of President Hoover and Vice-President Curtis.

The party's state convention here yesterday was of one mind in instructing its national delegation and in condemning the Democratic state administration of Governor William H. (Alfalfa Bill) Murray.

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—On the voting front in Massachusetts and Pennsylvania was tested today the bold challenge of Alfred E. Smith against Franklin Roosevelt's imposing bid for the presidential nomination.

Primaries in both states faced the voters with a direct choice between the two candidates. The balloting was the climax to a campaign which, many observers believed, held the fortunes of the entire movement.

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QUESTIONED IN FRIEND'S DEATH



Mrs. Jessie M. Keith-Miller, Australian aviatix, and Capt. W. N. Lancaster, former British flier, were held by Miami, Fla., authorities for investigation following the death of Haden Clarke, aviator and freelance writer, who was fatally shot. Each expressed the belief Clarke had taken his own life. The three were living in the same house in Miami. Mrs. Keith-Miller and Lancaster are shown above.

Registered voters in Polk county number 17,328, according to figures compiled by the county clerk's office today. This is a 25 per cent increase over the registered vote for the 1930 general election, and the heaviest registration in the history of the county. The 1930 registration was 13,925.

The registration by party is as follows:

Republican	11,274	9,669
Democrat	5,626	3,654
The Democrats gained 1972, and the Republicans 1505 voters.		

The minor parties suffered losses in accordance with their strength in the registering. The Prohibition party here shrank from 36 to 23, a loss of 13, and the miscellaneous registrants from 805 to 334, a shrinkage of 471.

Before the books closed Democratic warhorses of these parts claimed a gain of 5000 votes, owing to the alleged deep disgust with President Hoover. It is estimated that the Bourbon increase is due to country and Ashland Republicans desiring to participate in the Democratic nominating primary for county offices. The Democratic vote is now nearly as large as when Woodrow Wilson ran for president on a "kept us out of war" platform.

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FRUIT SECTIONS JOIN IN SEEKING FREIGHT SLASH

YAKIMA, Wash., April 26.—(AP)—A petition for a reduction of freight rates on apples and pears to 81 a hundred pounds, with the loadings on the same minimum, is under consideration by western railroads, following a meeting here Monday of fruit growers and shippers of Oregon and Washington with railroad representatives.

Showing a determined front, the fruit men declared a cut in rates could save the industry from "wreck and ruin." The Great Northern, Northern Pacific and Union Pacific said the petitions will be taken under advisement.

The four great fruit regions of Medford and The Dalles, Ore., and Yakima and Wenatchee, Wash., were represented at the meeting.

The fruit men endorsed a northwest rate committee composed of the chairmen of committees representing the four districts, and a Seattle man connected with the industry. This committee was directed to use all speed in contracting tonnage and pushing efforts for a rate cut.

BASEBALL RESULTS

American	5	7	1
Washington			
New York	6	10	1
Crowder, Ragland, Burke, Marberry and Berg, Spencer, Pennock, Ruffing and Diekey.			
National	10	10	0
Boston			
Philadelphia	2	5	2
Durham and Berry; Grove, Rommel and Cochrane.			
Cleveland at St. Louis; Chicago at Detroit, postponed; cold.			
National	All games postponed; rain and cold.		

PATRICIDE DENIES MOTIVE FOR DEED

PHOENIX, Ariz., April 26.—(AP)—A thorough investigation of 33-year-old Bobby Merrill's story that he "must have been dreaming" when he shot his father to death and wounded his mother and younger brother, was made by officers of his court, Juvenile Judge J. C. Niles said today.

The elder Merrill was killed and his wife and 11-year-old son, Charles, wounded Sunday night when Bobby can amuck with a revolver in the Merrill home. After the shooting, Bobby saddled his pony and came to Phoenix, being found here yesterday near the stockyards.

"I must have been dreaming," he told County Attorney Lloyd J. Andrews. "I wouldn't have done anything to hurt them. I must have been asleep. I don't know why I did it."

HUSKY SPORT FUNDS ENTIRELY EXHAUSTED

SEATTLE, April 26.—(AP)—Earl Campbell, graduate manager of the University of Washington, announced today that unless financial relief can be obtained immediately the Husky baseball team will be unable to open its playing season this week in the Pacific conference and other spring sport schedules at the school will have to be temporarily suspended.

He indicated his idea would involve large factories distributing their workers over farm lands, or providing food within reach, or having reached his 70th year.

The announcement was made last night by Union Pacific operators of the G.-W. R. & N.

EMPIRE CO. AGENT FOUND GUILTY OF FRAUD PLAN TO DEFAUD

DALLAS, Ore., April 26.—(AP)—Frank J. Keller, Jr., ex-officer of the Empire Holding corporation, was found guilty this afternoon on a charge of devising a scheme with intent to defraud. The jury debated from 10:25 o'clock until shortly before 3 o'clock.

Keller was indicted with four other ex-officers, O. P. Coahow, former justice of the state supreme court; Dr. W. R. Adams, I. H. Petty and Jay Stockman. Coahow's trial is scheduled to start next Monday with witnesses called for Tuesday. The trial was in its 13th day.

DALLAS, Ore., April 26.—(AP)—Reading the full indictment and giving no special instructions, Circuit Judge Arlie G. Walker placed the fate of Frank J. Keller, Jr., before a Polk county jury at 10:25 o'clock today on the 13th day of the proceedings brought against Keller and four other ex-officers of the Empire Holding Corporation who are charged with devising a scheme with intent to defraud. Reading of the indictment occupied nearly an hour. It was expected the jury would not return a verdict today.

Trial of O. P. Coahow is scheduled to start next Monday with the selection of a jury. All defendants are being tried in Polk county upon a charge of venue from Marion county where the original indictments were returned. Others facing trial, all on the same charge, are W. R. Adams, I. H. Petty and Jay Stockman.

The jury in the case is expected to be out a number of hours due to the large amount of testimony which was offered. Since the charge of devising a scheme to defraud is a crime and punishable by a prison sentence, a unanimous verdict of the 12 jurors will be necessary for conviction. Two extra jurors have heard the case throughout and it was proposed to the court yesterday that if one of the jurors was disqualified, one of the extra jurors could be asked to ballot on the guilt or innocence of the accused.

17,328 VOTERS OF POLK COUNTY LISTED AS REGISTRY CLOSES

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SCREEN BIG SHOTS FACING VACATION

HOLLYWOOD, Cal., April 26 (AP)—A possibility that three of the first names of Hollywood, Deltrich, Von Sternberg and Cagney, may be eliminated from the screen arose today in a battle of contracts between the celebrities and two of the major producers, Paramount and Warner Bros.—First National Studios.

This drastic probability was raised as a deadlock grew between the studios and the screen personalities over questions of salary and the rights of actor and director to interfere with story material.

Well-informed film authorities pointed out that if neither side relented, the conclusion would be reached the trio had broken their contracts, making them ineligible for the screen until the contracts had expired.

DANIA BEACH, Fla., April 26.—(AP)—A gun fight on the beach with men believed by authorities to have been rum runners trying to land a boat load of liquor resulted in the death today of D. A. Romberger, a federal customs border patrolman. Three men were arrested for questioning.

ALLOT FUNDS TO COAST HARBORS

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—The war department today appropriated allotments for river and harbor improvements in Washington, Oregon and California totaling nearly \$100,000. The allotments included:

Willapa river, harbor development, Washington, \$35,000; Yaquina bay, harbor, Oregon, \$20,000; Humboldt bay, California, \$25,000.

Hand Severed in Fall Under Train

PENDLETON, Ore., April 26.—(AP)—Harry Edwards of La Grande, a Union Pacific brakeman, suffered the loss of his left hand today at Thorn Hollow when he attempted to board a train after flagging it down. He slipped and fell under the wheels.

Ford Plans Combination Factory and Farm Work

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—After a surprise call at the White House, Henry Ford said today he had advocated to President Hoover a plan of combining farming and industry under which factory workers could save \$500 a year by raising part of their own foodstuffs.

The automobile manufacturer, surrounded by newspapermen in the White House lobby, said he had been working for three months to smooth out details of such a plan. He added, however, he was not ready to announce its details in full.

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Antique Temple Of Eleven Domes Found Neath Ash

ISTANBUL, Turkey, April 26.—(AP)—German archaeologists, looking for the ancient Greek theatre at Smyrna, have excavated an antique temple with 11 domes and many marble columns buried deep in the ashes of volcanic eruptions.

They called specialists from Germany to identify the edifice. The German professor, Weygant has offered to finance extensive excavations at Smyrna, one of the greatest of the ancient cities of Asia Minor.

FIREBUG'S TORCH ALSO THREATENS PLANT IN SALEM

SALEM, April 26.—(AP)—Quick action late last night averted what was believed by officers as an attempt to repeat the fire disasters recently experienced by Eugene and Medford. Fire, declared of incendiary origin, was discovered at the large Starr Fruit Products company's plant here by the night watchman. Flames were extinguished before great damage was done or before the flames got out of control.

The fire was started in the rear of the plant on the outside in a pile of boxes and old receipts. City and state police began an investigation. Fire department officials here have been on their guard because of the incendiary fires at Eugene and Medford last week.

FLAMES SWEEP PAPER COMPANY

PORTLAND, Ore., April 26.—(AP)—Flames swept through the plant of the Pacific Paper Materials company here today and 30 minutes after the fire was discovered, it appeared to fill the entire quarter block building. Flames shot 50 feet into the air as the paper stock burned.

The building, a two-story corrugated iron structure, was jammed with waste paper, picked up from all parts of the city. Fred Schulze, manager, said it was possible a match had been picked up with the waste paper and had ignited. Eight men were employed at the plant, packing waste paper. The paper, when baled, was used in a mill at Longview.

Gregory Warner, fireman, suffered a severe cut on one arm when glass from a falling window struck him. He was taken to a hospital.

SEEKING RECALL WALLAWA JUDGE

ENTERPRISE, Ore., April 26.—(AP)—Petitions bearing more than 700 names, asking the recall of Edgar Marvin, county judge of Wallawa county, were filed at the county clerk's office here Monday.

General extravagance and lack of business ability, particularly in settling controversies over rights of way, are alleged, and it is declared that Marvin, as president and manager of the Joseph State bank, permitted county funds to remain in the institution when he knew the bank was below its cash reserve.

NEW YEAR PROJECTS DISCUSSED BY LEGION

Program of activities for the coming year interested members of the Medford post, American Legion, in session last night. Several projects to be undertaken in the near future were discussed and met with approval of the membership. Guy Applewhite, district commander, who was expected to make the address of the evening, did not arrive from Ashland.

FIGHT NOT ENDED FOR LUMBER PROTECTION

SEATTLE, Wash., April 26.—(AP)—The fight for a tariff on lumber, logs, shingles and pulp wood is not over, Colonel W. B. Greeley, manager of the West Coast Lumbermen's association, now in Washington, D. C., telegraphed headquarters here today, although the senate finance committee has turned down the tariff proposal.

Wade in Hospital For Hand Injury

Lawrence Wade of this city underwent an operation at the Sacred Heart hospital this morning for severe injuries to his left hand, sustained in an accident at his home yesterday.

COIN OF BROKERS SWAYED WRITERS' FINANCIAL GOSSIP

LaGuardia Charges Scribes Paid for 'Ballyhoo' On Certain Stocks—Bull Market Forecast Is Claim

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—The use of publicity to misrepresent stocks in drives by brokerage pools to inflate their values was charged before the senate banking committee today by Representative LaGuardia of New York.

The fiery little Republican produced from two trunks, numerous checks he said had been paid to some writers of financial topics for New York and other newspapers to "ballyhoo" certain stocks. He also brought literature he said had been circulated forecasting bull markets.

LaGuardia said Richard Whitney, president of the stock exchange, knew of market irregularities. In referring to one stock—Kreuger—which he said was handled by Lee Higginson and company, LaGuardia said: "Why, senators, if Whitney had been president of a grocery exchange and Higginson was selling canned beans and conspired to misrepresent as they have in their present occupation, both would be under indictment at this time."

In the executive session following the LaGuardia hearings, the committee took over the trunks of evidence submitted by him and presented to the senate. Four of these were drawn on the Central Union Trust company of the New York and were all signed by A. Newton Plummer.

The first was dated December 3, 1924, for \$800. It was endorsed by Plummer and by Herbert J. Dotterweich.

The second was dated December 3, 1924, for \$184, and was endorsed by Charles T. Murphy.

The third was dated December 12, 1924, for \$200, and was endorsed by William J. Gombler.

The fourth was dated December 20, 1924, for \$200, and was endorsed by W. F. Wamsley.

HEFLIN SEEKING BANKHEAD OUSTER

WASHINGTON, April 26.—(AP)—In a lengthy appeal to the senate to oust Senator Bankhead of Alabama as his successor, former Senator Heflin said today he had "leads" that indicated more than a million dollars were spent in the campaign against him in 1930.

"Two have a lead that Mr. Pettis, the state chairman, came to Washington to get some money from Jouett Shouse," Heflin said, "referring to the chairman of the democratic executive committee."

SUMP OIL SMEARED ON RADICAL ORATOR

LONG BEACH, Cal., April 26.—(AP)—Using sump oil in place of tar and the stuffing of a mattress in lieu of feathers, four men kidnaped James Lacey, 35, and released him about midnight after covering his body with the mixture.

Police believed the unidentified abductors were fired to revenge against Lacey because of alleged radical tendencies and a speech which he made in the city hall Saturday night, eulogizing soviet Russia.

WILL ROGERS SAYS: SANTA MONICA, Cal., Apr. 25.—

This fellow Gray has brought investigations back on the front page. Some of that rich bunch will hire him. Wall Street will live this down, for the more we find out about anything the less we ever do about it. But they will never live down Charley Dawes calling 'em a "peanut stand."

A bunch of women are after Mellon because he is going to give the Britishers a drink. Most of American's don't care how many he gives 'em, just so he don't take enough himself so he will cancel the debt.

Will Rogers
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Williamson Given 5 Year Pen Term

TACOMA, April 26.—(AP)—Ray Williamson, 33, fisherman of the Winchester bay section in Oregon, was sentenced to five years in prison and fined \$1100 in superior court here yesterday after he had been convicted of robbing the Lebam. Wash. postoffice of \$250.

FIVE LOSE LIVES IN TORNADO PATH

NASHVILLE, Ga., April 26.—(AP)—Five persons were killed today as a tornado wrecked three homes in a farming district seven miles southeast of Nashville.

Those dead, all whites, are: Mrs. Everett Gaskins and two young sons.

The young son of Clarence Padgett, the son of Joe Harrell, the 10-year-old son of numerous barns and uprooted trees.

The tornado did not strike Nashville, although there was a high wind and heavy rainstorm here.

FINCH BECOMES CHIEF OF O.-W. RAILROAD CO.

PORTLAND, April 26.—(AP)—Frederick N. Finch, for the past 11 years general superintendent of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation company, will succeed James P. O'Brien as general manager of the line May 1, when O'Brien retires under the Union Pacific pension plan here yesterday after he had been convicted of robbing the Lebam. Wash. postoffice of \$250.

FIRE MARSHAL WILL CONTINUE PROBE HERE

CLYDE WARREN AND ALLEN LINDSEEN, state deputy fire wardens, led Medford yesterday for the north, and plan to return the latter part of the week to continue their investigation of the blazes here Saturday morning, according to the state police office.

The two deputies are working on several clues, and will check their information.

BILL CODY'S SADDLER DIES AT RIPE AGE

SAN MATEO, Cal., April 26.—(AP)—Alfred Dalton, 74, who as a youth made saddles for Colonel "Buffalo Bill" Cody at Cheyenne, Wyo., died here today. Dalton came to the United States from England in 1881.

ROUSEBY—MURCH BROS., Construction Co., St. Louis, received \$669,000 contract for construction of soldiers' home at this place.